

COURT CHATTER

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE LSHPA

MARCH, 2017

President's Message

Hello to everyone and welcome to the 2017 season of horseshoe pitching. The annual state officers' meeting was held on Feb.19, 2017 in Baton Rouge. Thanks to all the officers and regional director, Ron Smith, for attending. With a schedule of 42 tournaments throughout the State, it will be a busy season. A copy of the schedule is available on our website, www.lshpa.com.

Discussions were held on the topic of increasing the entry fee for the four State-run events to \$25.00. The current entry fee of \$20.00 has been in place for the last 18 years. An increase would help the host club, mainly due to the steady increase in the price of plaques. Also discussed was the problem with late cancellations, after the deadline, in these events. When late cancellations occur, the host club is penalized simply by the fact that a full Class of plaques has been purchased and a short Class doesn't cover the expenses for that Class (Plaques, scorekeepers, state fees). In the early years of State events, if there were cancellations after the deadline, the players were still responsible for their entry fee.

I request that all Club officers discuss these items with their members. These subjects will be on the agenda at the State meeting in September, and we will ask the delegates to consider both these issues.

State offices up for Election this year are Secretary/Treasurer and 1st Vice President, currently held by Al Dodson and C.J. Bertrand, respectively. Anyone wishing to be considered for these positions must announce their candidacy by August 1. The election will take place at the Annual Meeting in Patterson in September.

Congratulations to Tim Gilmore on being elected to the LSHPA Hall of Fame. The induction ceremony will be held at the State Singles Tournament in Patterson

A special congratulations to a very good friend, long time LSHPA member and Hall of Famer, Ken Stewart, on having the Moose Lodge courts renamed in his honor. This is a well-deserved honor to a great friend and promoter of horseshoes.

The 2017 World Tournament will be held in St. George, Utah, from July 17 to July 29. Entry forms are available on the LSHPA and NHPA websites.

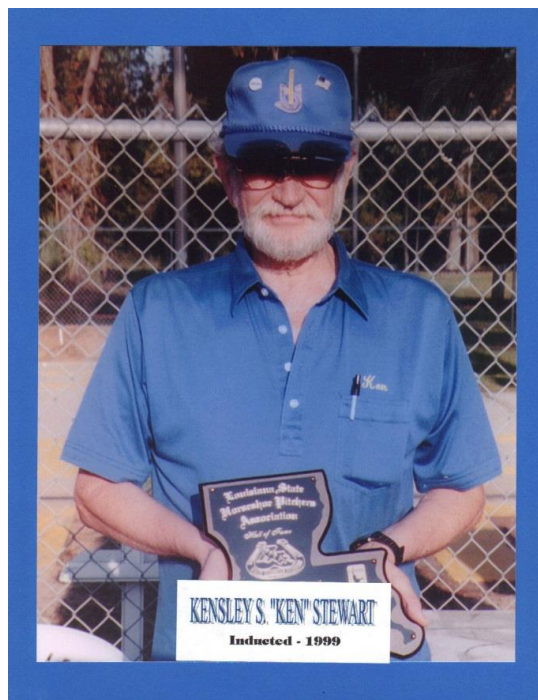
Reminder to all Club Officers and Tournament Directors that all pitchers must be resanctioned to participate in sanctioned Tournaments and Leagues, Sanction Applications were sent out and are also available on our web site. Please make them available to your members. At the time of this writing, only 95 players have been sanctioned.

Looking forward to the 2017 season!

Ricky Richard
LSHPA President

Visit www.lshpa.com
Our State website

All Clubs are urged to use their Club's link



KEN STEWART COURTS

Congratulations Ken – A Great Honor

State Singles Tournament

<u>Sanction #27-16-030</u>	<u>Welsh, Louisiana</u>	<u>9/26/2016</u>		
Men's Class "A"				
	Won	Lost	Rgr. %	
First	Ricky Richard	5	1	47.9
Second	Junior McCowin	4	2	34.6
Third	Alois Habetz	3	2	35.5
Men's Class "B"				
	Won	Lost	Rgr. %	
First	Ryan Fryou	5	0	28.0
Second	A.J. Duplantier	4	1	32.5
Third	Charles Savoy	2	3	24.5
Men's Class "C"				
	Won	Lost	Rgr. %	
First	Mack Thibodeaux	5	1	27.5
Second	Tim Hayles	4	2	26.3
Third	Eddie Guidry	3	2	29.0
Men's Class "D"				
	Won	Lost	Rgr. %	
First	Louis Gaudet	5	0	22.0
Second	Roosevelt Morse	4	1	22.5
Third	James Breedlove	2	3	20.0
Men's Class "E"				
	Won	Lost	Rgr. %	
First	Terrell Stevens	5	0	18.5
Second	Ivory Hilliard	3	2	17.0
Third	Hilton Rhodes	3	2	13.5
Men's Class "F"				
	Won	Lost	Rgr. %	
First	Mike Fonseca	3	0	7.5
Second	Cliff Hartley	2	1	10.8
Third	Danny Navarre	1	2	12.5

Women's Class "A"		Won	Lost	Rgr.%
First	Pat Pertuit	5	0	54.9
Second	Edie Corso	4	1	47.0
Third	Elisha Adkison	2	3	25.5

Women's Class "B"		Won	Lost	Rgr.%
First	Marie Stump	4	1	38.5
Second	Mary Begnaud	3	2	35.5
Third	Bobbie Richard	3	2	34.0

Women's Class "C"		Won	Lost	Rgr.%
First	Rene' White	5	0	33.5
Second	Erica Noblit	4	1	24.0
Third	Cheryl Matt	3	2	27.0

Women's Class "D"		Won	Lost	Rgr.%
First	Benita Williams	5	0	5.5
Second	Gaylin Habetz	4	1	11.9
Third	Jennifer Breedlove	3	2	7.5

Elders Class "A"		Won	Lost	Rgr.%
First	Tim Gilmore	5	0	55.0
Second	Jack Caudle	4	1	57.5
Third	Al Dodson	3	2	43.0

Elders Class "B"		Won	Lost	Rgr.%
First	Roland Bertrand	3	1	28.6
Second	C.J. Bertrand	2	2	16.7
Third	Bill King	1	3	18.9

Junior Champion: Justin Habetz	5	0	23.5%
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CHPA HIGHLIGHTS

The Cajun Horseshoe Pitchers held their Awards Banquet for the 2016 season on Feb. 12, 2017, in Churchpoint. The following awards were presented:

PERCENTAGE PATCHES:	30%:	Danny Navarre Cheryl Matt
HIGH GAME RINGER %:	40':	Ricky Richard 57.5%
	30':	Loren Williams 47.5%
HIGH RINGER % AVERAGE:	40':	Ricky Richard 50.1%
	30':	Bobbie Richard 30.6%
HIGH GAME OVER AVERAGE:	40':	Danny Navarre 35% Game +21.5
	30':	Loren Williams 47.5% Game +20.9
LEAGUE CHAMPION:	MARY BEGNAUD	14 wins/1 loss
SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD:	Male:	Danny Navarre
	Female:	Bobbie Richard
MOST IMPROVED:	40 Ft.:	Terrell Stevens (19.1 to 22.0) +2.9%
	30 Ft.:	Cheryl Matt (13.5 to 25.5) +12.0%
PITCHERS OF THE YEAR:	30'	MARY BEGNAUD
	40'	DANNY NAVARRE

Clayton Iles Memorial

Sanction #27-16-036

Welsh, Louisiana

Saturday 10/22/2016

Class "A"		Won	Lost	Rgr.%
First	Al Dodson	4	1	48.0
Second	Ricky Richard	3	2	48.0
Third	Pat Pertuit	3	2	58.5

Class "B"		Won	Lost	Rgr.%
First	Charles Savoy	5	1	46.3
Second	Bobbie Richard	4	2	29.2
Third	Mary Begnaud	3	2	39.0

Class "C"		Won	Lost	Rgr.%
First	David Reed	5	0	37.5
Second	Larry Pertuit	4	1	31.0
Third	Cheryl Matt	2	3	38.0

Class "D"		Won	Lost	Rgr.%
First	C.J. Bertrand	5	0	21.0
Second	Danny Navarre	3	2	16.0
Third	Benita Williams	3	2	4.5

BHPA HIGHLIGHTS

Singles for Dollars

Sanction #27-16-031

Patterson, Louisiana

Saturday 10/1/2016

Class "Clubs"		Won	Lost	Rgr.%
First	Edie Corso	7	3	48.3
Second	Al Dodson	4	3	40.0
Third	Sharla Fontenot	4	3	39.6

Class "Hearts"		Won	Lost	Rgr.%
First	Bill Seither	6	4	46.4
Second	Bobbie Richard	5	2	34.2
Third	Jimmy Perce	5	2	31.7

Class "Diamonds"		Won	Lost	Rgr.%
First	Dale Pearce	8	2	35.0
Second	Mike Fonseca	5	2	14.6
Third	Gerald Prados	4.5	2.5	44.2

Class "Spades"		Won	Lost	Rgr.%
First	Alex Carson (Ariz.)	10	0	47.8
Second	Cheryl Matt	4	3	31.3
Third	Clyde Landry	4	3	29.2

Championship Class		Won	Lost
First	Alex Carson (Ariz.)	3	0
Second	Dale Pearce	2	1
Third	Edie Corso	1	2
Fourth	Bill Seither	0	3

Doubles for Dollars

Sanction #27-16-041

Patterson, Louisiana

Saturday 11/19/2016

<u>Championship Class</u>		Won	Lost
First	Al Dodson/Mary Chrismer	10	0
Second	Mary Begnaud/Gil Gerard	8	2
Third	Wanda Lantz/Linda Dodson	5	3
Fourth	Tim Gilmore/Jimmy Perle	4	4

2016 B.H.P.A. SUMMER LEAGUE AWARDS

TEAM CHAMPIONS:

THREE RINGERS 9

Tim Gilmore – Captain

Glenn Miller

Ryan Fryou

Greg Comeaux

HIGH AVERAGE:

DUDLEY MICHEL (30')

59.6% Ringer / 78.6 Point

CLYDE LANDRY (40') 51.0 Pts.

GLENN MILLER (40') 33.6%

HIGH SCRATCH GAME:

TIM GILMORE (30') 94 Points / 75.0% Ringer

DALE PEARCE (40') 77 Points / 60.0% Ringer

HIGH HANDICAP GAME:

DALE PEARCE 106 Points

HIGH GAME OVER AVERAGE:

MEN: DALE PEARCE

+ 29.7 pts over ave.

WOMEN: LINDA DODSON

+ 11.7 pts over ave.

BEST W/L RECORD:

TIM GILMORE

17.5-6.5 Record - 72.9 %

PERCENTAGE PATCHES:

60%: GERALD PRADOS

2016 BHPA CITY TOURNAMENT

SINGLES

CITY CHAMPION:

Julius Lovell

RUNNER – UP:

Dale Pearce

THIRD PLACE:

Linda Dodson

DOUBLES

CITY CHAMPIONS:

Tim Gilmore & Gerald Prados

RUNNER – UPS:

Al Dodson & Linda Dodson

THIRD PLACE:

Burnie Williams & Julius Lovell

2016 BHPA PLAYERS OF THE YEAR

30': AL DODSON

40': DALE PEARCE

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR:

TOMMY GIROIR

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARDS:

30': GERALD PRADOS

40': GREG COMEAUX

MOST IMPROVED:

30':

AL DODSON. + 9.6 (From 42.2 to 51.8 Ave.)

40':

GREG COMEAUX + 12.9 (From 5.8 to 18.7 Ave.)

HPA HIGHLIGHTS

Harahan Open

Sanction #27-16-032 Waggaman, Louisiana Saturday 10/8/2016

Class "A"		Won	Lost	Rgr. %
First	Bill Seither	5	2	46.1
Second	Barbara Carson (Ariz.)	3	3	45.8
Third	Pat Pertuit	3	3	55.4

Class "B"		Won	Lost	Rgr. %
First	Burnie Williams	5	1	44.6
Second	Alex Carson (Ariz.)	4	2	43.8
Third	Gerald Prados	3	2	49.0

Class "C"		Won	Lost	Rgr. %
First	Gil Gerard	4	0	23.8
Second	Greg Comeaux	3	1	18.8
Third	Troy Rigby	1	3	13.1

Class "D"		Won	Lost	Rgr. %
First	Warren Johns	4	0	14.4
Second	David Kieran	3	1	23.8
Third	Jeri Raziano	2	2	13.8

Jack Atchley Memorial

Sanction #27-16-040 Harahan, Louisiana Saturday 11/12/2016

Class "A"		Won	Lost	Rgr. %
First	Burnie Williams	4	1	46.0
Second	Wanda Lantz	3.5	1.5	48.0
Third	Edie Corso	3	2	51.0

Class "B"		Won	Lost	Rgr. %
First	Gil Gerard	5	0	19.5
Second	Junior McCowin	2.5	2.5	36.5
Third	Eddie Guidry	2.5	2.5	26.0

Class "C"		Won	Lost	Rgr. %
First	Connie Mendel	4	0	13.1
Second	Mike Fonseca	2	2	12.5
Third	David Kieran	2	2	14.4

The Harahan Association held their Awards Banquet on February 12, 2017

The following awards were presented:

Spring League Champions:

Captain Pat Pertuit, Tracy Fortune, Mike Fonseca, and Gordon Terrell

Fall League Champions:

Captain Pat Pertuit, Tracy Fortune, Mike Fonseca, and Gordon Terrell

Individual awards included:

Pat Pertuit

Spring League high game scratch points 101
Spring League high hdep. game points 125

Bill Seither

Fall League high game 89
Fall League high hdep. game 122

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR:

JERI RAZIANO

MOST IMPROVED:

JERI RAZIANO (+8 Points)

One of the highlights of the night was the raffle of new, and unused HHPA jackets and shirts donated by Elise & Lefty Atchley. These were awards won by Jack & Elise over the years. It was a fitting ending to a great night.

The New Courts at the Harahan Playground are still in a construction area according to the Corps of Engineers. Until this is cleared, the courts cannot be completed. The Spring League will begin in March at the Waggaman courts. The Harahan Spring Classic, scheduled for April 1, 2017, will also be held in Waggaman.

SHPA HIGHLIGHTS

Spring Doubles League

LEAGUE CHAMPIONS:

ALAN & LISA BASS

	<u>Div. "A"</u>	<u>Div. "B"</u>
1 st :	Alan & Lisa Bass	James & Jennifer Breedlove
2 nd :	Mark & Brenda Richmond	Mabeth Johnson & Robert Mayes
3 rd :	Mike Ricardo & Tommy Zmek	Chasity Johnson & Shantel Cook

Summer Singles League

LEAGUE CHAMPION:

BRENDA JOHNSON

	<u>Div. "A"</u>	<u>Div. "B"</u>
1 st :	Brenda Johnson	James Breedlove
2 nd :	Ronnie Ellis	Darren Adams
3 rd :	Jack Caudle	Steve Rotach
	<u>Div. "C"</u>	
1 st :	Michael Waters	
2 nd :	Robert Mayes	
3 rd :	Cliff Hartley	

Fall Doubles League

LEAGUE CHAMPIONS:

JACK CAUDLE & GREG ELLIS

	<u>Div. "A"</u>	<u>Div. "B"</u>
1 st :	Jack Caudle & Greg Ellis	Jeff Brown & Darrell Vance
2 nd :	Mike Ricardo & Rob Woods	Tonya Palmer & Mabeth Johnson
3 rd :	Marie Stump & Laura Williams	Michael Waters & Paul Thompson

NORTHEAST SIX PACK CLUB

Congratulations to Nancy Woods and Elisha Adkison for their finish in their first World Tournament in Montgomery last year.

Nancy finished 2nd in Women's Class "F", shooting 36%

Elisha finished 6th in Women's Class "E" shooting 32.6%

The Louisiana Games, scheduled for May 20, 2017, will be hosted by NELA Six Pac Club. Entry fee is \$20.00 and includes a tee shirt to all entrants.

Go to www.louisianagames.com and click on "horseshoe pitching"

Looking forward to hosting the LSHPA Mixed Doubles on April 29, 2017.

Come visit us on Facebook.com/NELASixPac

CAJUN COAST HORSESHOE TOUR

Sanction #27-16-035

Patterson, Louisiana

Saturday 10/15-16/2016

30' Class "B"

2nd – Tim Gilmore

3rd – Edie Corso

30' Class "C"

2nd – Pat Pertuit

3rd – Sharla Fontenot

3rd – Jack Caudle

30' Class "D"

3rd – Bill Seither

30' Class "E"

3rd – Dudley Michel

3rd – Gerald Prados

30' Class "F"

1st – Al Dodson

2nd – Burnie Williams

3rd – Elisha Adkison

30' Class "G"

2nd – Linda Dodson

3rd – Nancy Woods

Open Mixed "A"

1st – Mary Begnau

2nd – A.J. Duplantier

3rd – Dwain Arceneaux

3rd - Cheryl Matt

Open Mixed "B"

1st – Tina Stanley

3rd – Glenn Caillouet

Open Mixed "C"

1st – Danny Navarre

2nd – Travis Bourdier

3rd – Ivory Hilliard

3rd – Hilton Rhodes

40' Class "B"

2nd – Ricky Richard

Go to www.thehorseshoetour.com for the 2017 schedule

LOUISIANA NHPA MEMBERSHIP PATCHES

10 year, 20 year, and 30 year membership patches were distributed to all the Clubs based on the records that exist at this time. Since the older records of the State are not available, it could only be based on the current data. If Clubs/Members have documentation that reflects more recipients should have been recognized, or that member's personal membership is incorrect, please submit to Al. As a reminder, the total years as a member do not have to be consecutive. We cannot and will not include past members who are no longer active. We cannot account for the numerous players in the past that would have been eligible when they were active. If any past members return, they will be given credit for their proven past years of participation.

NHPA TOP TEN AWARD RECIPIENTS

We have no report from NHPA at this point.

FINAL NOTES FROM AL DODSON, COURT CHATTER EDITOR

If there are any reports, stats, etc. not included in this issue, and you feel it should have been, I can only state that I will report only what information that I receive from each Club. I believe that I have requested info in a reasonable manner that will give each Club an appropriate timeframe to respond.

This issue is the first one since Aug., 2016. Any activities in your Club since that publication should be in this issue.

There are still members in our organization that do not have access to E-Mails and/or the web site and this may be their only source of State News. Please distribute hard copies to those members in your Club. I can mail them hard copies upon request.