

COURT CHATTER

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE LSHPA

OCTOBER, 2021

For the second year in a row, the virus and hurricanes have devastated our State. Many of our players were affected by both and the State is still reeling from Hurricane Ida, especially in our southern coastal parishes. Some of our players in the southwest portion of the State are still recovering from 2020's storms.

The virus affected us all, but especially the Bayou Horseshoe Club. They had to postpone the completion of their League and cancel their remaining Tournaments due to the virus and later Ida. There were eight cases of the virus in that Club and sadly to say, one member was lost and another is still recuperating after over two months on a ventilator.

Please keep Bryan Phenix and his family in your prayers. Bryan, a retired firefighter from Baton Rouge, joined the BHPA and LSHPA in 2015, and although he didn't participate in many Tournaments, was a regular League player and a cherished member of the Club. He will be sadly missed.

Jason Percle, son of Jimmy and Angela Percle, has been fighting Covid now for over two months and although he still has a long rehab process to face, he's finally off the ventilator and hopefully on the road to a full recovery.

Also pray for a successful recovery for Danny Navarre, who was in a severe motorcycle accident and sustained multiple injuries. Get well soon, Danny.

Steve Rotach from Minden and a member of the Shreveport Club has suffered a massive stroke and is paralyzed on his left side. There will be a benefit for him on Nov. 20, 2021, at the Moose Lodge in Shreveport to help with his medical expenses. It will include an open horseshoe tournament, a pool tournament and possibly a cornhole tournament. Contact Marie Stump (318-489-3400) for more details.

Please keep all these people in your prayers.

We did manage to hold our State Mixed Doubles and Doubles Tournaments this year, but the Singles and Louisiana Open were canceled. This was due mainly to Covid protocols that were in place.

The following officers were due for reelection this year: 1st Vice President C.J. Bertrand and Secretary/Treasurer Al Dodson. Since we didn't hold our State Singles Tournament and annual meeting, they will hold their position until further notice

Let's get to some positive news now.

There was one new member elected into the Hall of Fame. Congratulations to C.J. Bertrand. We will induct him officially at our next State gathering.

The World Tournament was held July 19 to July 31, 2021, in Winnemucca, Nevada. Six players from Louisiana did make the trip and compete, and we're happy to report, we have a new World Champion in our midst.

Larry Pertuit, playing in the Elders E-2 Class, took top honors. Way to go Larry !!

Others who participated were:

Dwain Arceneaux	Mens Senior C	3 rd
Mike Fonseca	Mens Senior E	4 th
Pat Pertuit	Womens C	8 th
Eddie Guidry	Mens C-2	12 th
Ron Smith	Elders C-2	15 th

Next year's World Tournament will be held in Monroe, La. And we look forward to a record turnout by our local players.

There were enough active players and enough events played that we could award our Most Improved Players of the Year. Congratulations to our winners:

Women:	Amanda Lyons	(NE Six Pack)	+ 7.2 points
Men:	Dale Pearce	(BHPA)	+ 12.5 points
Elders:	Danny Navarre	(CHPA)	+ 6.8 points

These players will receive plaques for their achievement and their 2022 dues will be paid by LSHPA.

The official 2022 season began on October 1, 2021. Players may submit their application and dues to Al or as some did last year, sanction on line. Annual dues are still \$30.00. A reminder: Any male player who will reach the age of 70 before December 31, 2022, is eligible to change category from Mens to Elders. (from 40' to 30').

Even though we couldn't complete the season as planned, we did see an increase in membership. We had 117 sanctioned members in 2021 as compared to 104 members in 2020. This is very encouraging since, our membership has dwindled over the past decade.

Members by Club:

BHPA 32 CHPA 29 SHPA 24 HHPA 19 NE 13

Eddie Guidry and Al will need input from ALL Clubs concerning their proposed schedule of Tournaments. The NHPA is already questioning Eddie about our schedule, so please respond ASAP. We can only assume that we will not be interrupted this coming year, so include all events you intend to host.

The State events in 2022 are scheduled to be hosted as follows:

Mixed Doubles	Monroe
Doubles	Patterson
Louisiana Open	Shreveport
Singles	Welsh

Unfortunately, the Harahan Club is still playing in Waggaman, and that venue is not suitable for State events. In fairness to their Club, we should consider letting them host an event in one of the other locations. Patterson and Welsh would seem to be the most obvious location for this, due both to proximity to Harahan and the fact that both these Clubs haven't had a State event cancelled throughout the past few seasons. If Club Officers would comment to the State Officers before we finalize the schedule, we can make a decision.

Eddie Guidry also reports that the plans for new courts in Port Allen are still going forward. Everything was postponed due to the Covid and the storms.

Let's pray that our lives go back to some sort of normalcy soon, and we can all get together again on and off the courts as we look forward to a safer, healthier and more successful 2022 season.

Ricky Richard
LSHPA President

Al Dodson
LSHPA Sec/Treas.

2021 STATE MIXED DOUBLES

Sanction #27-21-008 Patterson, Louisiana Saturday, 5/01/2021

Class "A"		Won	Lost	Rgr.%
First	Wanda Lantz/Randy Giroir	5	1	37.5
Second	Tim Gilmore/Patpertuit	4	2	47.8
Third	Al Dodson/Linda Dodson	2	3	32.0

Class "B"		Won	Lost	Rgr.%
First	Edie Corso/Larry Pertuit	5	1	30.0
Second	Ricky Richard/Bobbie Richard	4	2	23.6
Third	Rene' White/Steve Rotach	3	2	12.3

Class "C"		Won	Lost	Rgr.%
First	Larry Nulty/Marilyn Nulty	5	0	8.3
Second	Nicole Thomas/Brad Thomas	3	2	5.0
Third	Hilton Rhodes/Amanda Lyon	3	2	13.3

2021 STATE DOUBLES

Sanction #27-21-013 Welsh, Louisiana Saturday, 6/12/2021

Class "A" Men		Won	Lost	Rgr.%
First	Burnie Williams/Tanner Pousson	4	1	39.0
Second	Ricky Richard/Alois Habetz	3.5	1.5	38.3
Third	Ron Smith/David Reed	3.5	1.5	32.0

Class "B" Men		Won	Lost	Rgr.%
First	Glenn Caillouet/Jimmy Caillouet	5	1	21.7
Second	Danny Navarre/Joe Primeaux	4	2	14.4
Third	Larry Pertuit/Mack Thibodeaux	4	2	26.9

Class "C" Men		Won	Lost	Rgr.%
First	Johnny Flores/Julius Lovell	5	0	14.3
Second	Joseph Thomas III/Charles Benoit	3	2	8.0
Third	Justin Morvant/Matthew Strickland	3	2	6.7

Class "A" Women		Won	Lost	Rgr.%
First	Wanda Lantz/Bobbie Richard	6	0	33.3
Second	Mary Begnaud/Rhonda Smith	3	3	33.3
Third	Pat Pertuit/Sharla Fontenot	1.5	4.5	32.5

Class "B" Women		Won	Lost	Rgr.%
First	Nancy Woods/Tina Stanley	6	0	25.8
Second	Hannah Gibson/Amanda Lyon	4	2	15.0
Third	Belinda McClain/Rene' White	1	5	15.0

MARCH OPEN

Sanction #27-20-036 Welsh Louisiana Saturday, 3/7/2020

Class "A"		Won	Lost	Rgr.%
First	Mary Begnaud	5	0	40.5
Second	Charles Savoy	3	2	38.5
Third	Sharla Fontenot	3	2	39.5

Class "B"		Won	Lost	Rgr.%
First	Louis Gaudet	5	0	37.5
Second	Ron Smith	3	2	31.5
Third	Tanner Pousson	2	3	34.0

Class "C"		Won	Lost	Rgr. %
First	Angie Taylor	5	0	19.0
Second	Ruby Navarre	3	2	6.5
Third	C.J. Bertrand	3	2	20.5

DAY @ THE PARK - HORSESHOE MANIA

Sanction #27-21-003 Patterson, Louisiana Saturday, 3/14/2021

TOURNAMENT CHAMPION: Burnie Williams 37.5%
 Second: Jim Guzdial - 15.8% Third: Pat Pertuit 33.3% Fourth: Travis Bourdier - 15.8%
 DEAD ASS LAST: Randy Giroir (On His Birthday)

CAJUN CLASSIC

Sanction #27-21-004 Welsh Louisiana Saturday, 4/10/2021

Class "A"		Won	Lost	Rgr. %
First	Burt Logsdon (Iowa)	5	0	63.5
Second	Ricky Richard	3	2	42.5
Third	Tim Gilmore	3	2	54.0

Class "B"		Won	Lost	Rgr. %
First	Dale Pearce	4	1	26.5
Second	Alois Habetz	3	2	32.0
Third	Charles Savoy	2.5	2.5	34.5

Class "C"		Won	Lost	Rgr. %
First	Mack Thibodeaux	4	1	25.5
Second	Glenn Miller	3.5	1.5	29.0
Third	Clyde Landry	3	2	29.0

Class "D"		Won	Lost	Rgr. %
First	Benita Williams	5	1	5.4
Second	Gaylin Habetz	5	2	17.5
Third	Clay Weaver	4	2	15.0

Class "E"		Won	Lost	Rgr. %
First	Joe Primeaux	4.5	1.5	7.9
Second	Patrick Thibodeaux	4	2	7.9
Third	Charles Benoit	2	4	5.0

N.E. SPRING FEVER TOURNAMENT

Sanction #27-21-007 Monroe Louisiana Saturday, 4/24/2021

Class "A" and Tournament Champion - Amanda Lyon 10.0%

NE – MOTHER'S DAY TOURNAMENT

Sanction #27-21-009 Monroe Louisiana Saturday, 5/18/2021

Class "A"		Won	Lost	Rgr. %
First	Artie McMullen			19.5
Second	Junior McCowin			21.0
Third	Roosevelt Morse			0.5

Class "B"		Won	Lost	Rgr.%
First	Hannah Gibson			12.5
Second	Amanda Lyon			15.0
Third	Steve Rotach			16.5

TOURNAMENT CHAMPION - HANNAH GIBSON

ST. JUDE'S SPRING BENEFIT

Sanction #27-21-010 Patterson Louisiana Saturday, 5/15/2021

Class "A"		Won	Lost	Rgr.%
First	Tim Gilmore	5	0	58.0
Second	Shatla Fontenot	4	1	43.0
Third	Alois Habetz	3	2	37.5

Class "B"		Won	Lost	Rgr.%
First	Louis Gaudet	6	2	34.1
Second	Linda Dodson	4	3	27.9
Third	Hilton Rhodes	4	3	11.8

Class "C"		Won	Lost	Rgr.%
First	Jimmy Caillouet	5	1	24.6
Second	Ricky Pitre	4	2	5.4
Third	Charles Benoit	4	2	5.4

LOUISIANA GAMES

Sanction #27-21-014 Monroe Louisiana Saturday, 6/27/2021

Class "A" Champion: Johnny Flores

Class "B" Champion: Steve Rotach

TOURNAMENT CHAMPION - STEVE ROTACH

Singles for Dollars

Sanction #27-21-015 Patterson, Louisiana Saturday 7/10/2021

Class "Red"		Won	Lost	Rgr.%
First	Wanda Lantz	6.5	1.5	47.1
Second	Tim Gilmore	4	1	60.0
Third	Hilton Rhodes	3	2	8.1

Class "White"		Won	Lost	Rgr.%
First	Junior McCowin	6	4	29.3
Second	Joe Chivleatto	4	2	16.7
Third	Clyde Landry	4	2	30.4

Class "Blue"		Won	Lost	Rgr.%
First	Linda Dodson	7.5	0.5	28.1
Second	Burnie Williams	4	1	46.0
Third	Glenn Caillouet	3	2	23.0

Class "Purple"		Won	Lost	Rgr. %
First	Jim Guzdial	6	2	21.6
Second	Randy Giroir	3	2	31.0
Third	Travis Bourdier	3	2	17.5

Final Championship Round:

Linda Dodson 2.5-0.5 / Jim Guzdial 2-1 / Wanda Lantz 1.5-1.5 / Jr. McCowin 0-3

Linda Dodson was the Tournament Champion

RINGER ROUNDUP - BRYAN TEXAS

5/29/2021

Several Louisiana players competed in this annual Texas event and placed as follows:

30' Class "C"	Tim Gilmore	3 rd Place
30' Class "D"	Wanda Lantz	2 nd Place
30' Class "I"	Pat Pertuit	1 st Place
30' Class "H"	Sharla Fontenot	1 st Place
30' Class "I"	Larry Pertuit	3 rd Place
30' Class "I"	Danny Naverre	3 rd Place
30' Class "K"	Bobbie Richard	2 nd Place
40' Class "C"	Ricky Richard	3 rd Place
40' Class *F*	Randy Giroir	3 rd Place
40' Class "G"	Clyde Landry	3 rd Place
40' Class "I"	Clay Weaver	2 nd Place
40' Class "I"	Hilton Rhodes	3 rd Place

FALL BLAST

Sanction #27-21-026 Patterson, Louisiana Saturday, 10/23/2021

Class "A"		Won	Lost	Rgr. %
First	Pat Pertuit	5	1	47.5
Second	Al Dodson	4	2	47.1
Third	Wanda Lantz	2	3	42.0

Class "B"		Won	Lost	Rgr. %
First	Mary Begnaud	5	0	41.5
Second	Louis Gaudet	3	2	33.0
Third	Ricky Richard	3	2	32.0

Class "C"		Won	Lost	Rgr. %
First	Jimmy Caillouet	4	1	15.5
Second	Travis Bourdier	3	2	17.0
Third	Randy Giroir	3	2	24.5

Class "D"		Won	Lost	Rgr. %
First	Bobbie Richard	5	0	21.9
Second	Hilton Rhodes	4	1	14.4
Third	Clay Weaver	3	2	9.4

Class "E"		Won	Lost	Rgr. %
First	Joe Primeaux	4	1	8.8
Second	Matthew Strickland	3	2	7.5
Third	Charles Benoit	3	2	1.9

SHREVEPORT SPRING LEAGUE

LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

Marie Stump, Rene' White, Steve Rotach, and Sallie King

Hi Average: MEN: Jack Caudle 35.2% WOMEN: Marie Stump: 29.8%

HARAHAN SPRING LEAGUE

LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

Eddie Corso, Gil Gerard, Ray Robicheaux, and dennis Thomas

Hi Average: MEN: Roy Wille 42.5% WOMEN: Pat Pertuit 45.3%

Hi Game: MEN: RoyWille 62.5% WOMEN: Pat Pertuit 77.5%

PERCENTAGE PATCHES

Nicole Thomas – 10% Larry Pertuit – 40% Neil Whitney – 50%

The following players will receive Membership Patches:

10 YEAR

Dwain Arceneaux, Eddie Guidry, Justin Habetz, Gary Verheide

20 YEAR

Roland Bertrand, Julius Lovell, Dale Pearce, Mack Thibodeaux

FINAL NOTES

The LSHPA website and The LSHPA HOF link is now on the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame website. Below is how to access the link.

With this recognition, yearly updates on HOF members should be updated yearly and uploaded on the LSHPA website. Please take time to update your accomplishments and forward them to C. J. Bertrand.

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