

COURT CHATTER

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE LSHPA

MARCH, 2020

Hello to everyone. The 2020 season is about to begin, and once again we are anxious to get started. It should be a busy year with 33 scheduled Tournaments in Louisiana, including the World Tournament in Monroe. We urge all our State players to participate, since we may never again get a chance to play at this level so close to home.

Last year we had an all time low as far as number of sanctioned players in the State is concerned, so we can only emphasize that all Clubs should try to get the word out and recruit new players in your respective areas. The World Tournament could be a drawing card.

The dates for the World Tournament are July 13 to July 25, 2020. The deadline for entries is May 13, 2020. Don't forget that you need four sanctioned events on record before the deadline to be eligible. All new players and some of the existing players without four events will have to be very active in the early Tournaments to beat the deadline.

See Ron Smith's comments later in this issue concerning eligibility for World.

Entry forms for World can be found on the LSHPA website (lshpa.com) or the NHPA website (horseshoepitching.com).

The State Officers held their annual meeting in Baton Rouge on Feb. 9, 2020.

Items discussed included membership, World Tournament and support of the NHPA Junior program. It was decided to contribute \$200.00 to NHPA for the Junior Program.

There will be no inductions into the Hall of Fame in 2020 since this is an off-year. Anyone wishing to nominate someone for 2021 must submit it to C.J. Bertrand before Dec. 31, 2020 for consideration.

Offices up for(re)election this year are that of President and 2nd and 3rd Vice President, currently held by Ricky Richard, Larry Pertuit, and Tim Gilmore. Anyone wishing to be considered or to nominate someone for these offices should notify the President by Aug. 1, 2020. This is also true if you wish to have any subject discussed at the annual meeting, especially if it concerns our Constitution or Bylaws.

A special message from Ricky:

"After 25 years as a State Officer; 15 years as 2nd V.P. and 10 years as President, I hereby announce that I will not seek re-election as State President. Anyone interested in running for this office should announce their intentions to me before Aug 1st."

On a sad note, we lost two long time members of LSHPA in December, and in both cases unforgettable characters, on and off the Courts. We will sadly miss Dudley Michel and A.J. Duplantier. A tribute to both is included later in this issue.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on the Courts this year.

Ricky Richard
LSHPA President

Al Dodson
LSHPA Sec/Treas.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR REGIONAL DIRECTOR

By now every Club should have received this year's Tournament patches. Please take time to check that the number you have received coincides with your Tournaments. If you feel you need more, please contact me ASAP.

This year's World Tournament will be in Monroe (which will probably be the last time it will be held in Louisiana for many years). If anyone doesn't have enough events on record to qualify for World, contact me or your Club President and we can see about scheduling an additional Tournament, even if it is on a small scale, as long as you throw at least 100 shoes. I can issue a sanction number and provide patches. The results will have to be turned in to AI immediately after the Tournament in order to get them submitted to Natstats before the entry deadline.

We need to get as many Louisiana players entered as possible to erase the poor showing Louisiana made in 2011.

See you on the Courts,

Ron Smith
Louisiana NHPA Regional Director

2019 TOP TEN AWARDS

The NHPA has just posted the Top Ten award winners for 2019 on their website. Louisiana had one recipient:

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| <u>ELDER'S DIVISION:</u> | <u>TIM GILMORE</u> |
| 8 th – High Point Game | 104 Points |
| 6 th – High Point Average | 85.58 |

2019 LOUISIANA OPEN

| <u>Sanction #27-19-020</u> | <u>Patterson, Louisiana</u> | <u>Saturday, 8/24/2019</u> | | |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------|---------------|
| Class "A" | | Won | Lost | Rgr. % |
| First | Tim Gilmore | 4 | 1 | 59.0 |
| Second | Wanda Lantz | 3 | 2 | 49.0 |
| Third | Burnie Williams | 2 | 2 | 38.8 |
| Class "B" | | Won | Lost | Rgr. % |
| First | Mary Begnaud | 5 | 1 | 42.5 |
| Second | Al Dodson | 4 | 2 | 37.1 |
| Third | Nancy Woods | 3 | 2 | 36.5 |
| Class "C" | | Won | Lost | Rgr. % |
| First | Glenn Miller | 5 | 2 | 26.4 |
| Second | Louis Gaudet | 4 | 3 | 26.4 |
| Third | Clyde Landry | 4 | 3 | 23.6 |
| Class "D" | | Won | Lost | Rgr. % |
| First | Artie McMullen | 4 | 1 | 33.5 |
| Second | Glenn Caillouet | 3 | 2 | 21.5 |
| Third | C.J. Bertrand | 2 | 2 | 18.8 |
| Class "E" | | Won | Lost | Rgr. % |
| First | Calvin Johnson | 4 | 0 | 10.6 |
| Second | Travis Bourdier | 2 | 2 | 19.4 |
| Third | Julius Lovell | 2 | 2 | 4.4 |
| Class "F" | | Won | Lost | Rgr. % |
| First | Ryan Fryou | 4 | 1 | 21.0 |
| Second | Ruby Navarre | 3 | 2 | 3.0 |
| Third | Matt Lyon | 2 | 2 | 6.9 |

2019 STATE SINGLES

Sanction #27-19-022 Shreveport, Louisiana Saturday, 9/28/2019

| Class "A" Men | | Won | Lost | Rgr.% |
|----------------------|-----------------|------------|-------------|--------------|
| First | Ricky Richard | 5 | 0 | 40.0 |
| Second | Mike Ricardo | 3 | 2 | 36.5 |
| Third | Glenn Caillouet | 2 | 3 | 26.0 |

| Class "B" Men | | Won | Lost | Rgr.% |
|----------------------|-----------------|------------|-------------|--------------|
| First | Hilton Rhodes | 4 | 1 | 11.5 |
| Second | Roosevelt Morse | 3 | 2 | 10.0 |
| Third | Whit McMullen | 3 | 2 | 9.0 |

| Class "C" Men | | Won | Lost | Rgr.% |
|----------------------|--------------|------------|-------------|--------------|
| First | Robert Mayes | 5 | 1 | 11.3 |
| Second | Joe Primeaux | 4 | 2 | 4.6 |
| Third | Clay Weaver | 4 | 2 | 12.9 |

| Class "A" Women | | Won | Lost | Rgr.% |
|------------------------|--------------|------------|-------------|--------------|
| First | Mary Begnaud | 5 | 1 | 45.4 |
| Second | Marie Stump | 4 | 2 | 47.5 |
| Third | Wanda Lantz | 4 | 2 | 44.6 |

| Class "B" Women | | Won | Lost | Rgr.% |
|------------------------|--------------------|------------|-------------|--------------|
| First | Rhonda Smith | 6 | 0 | 35.0 |
| Second | Jennifer Breedlove | 4 | 2 | 6.7 |
| Third | Belinda McClain | 3 | 3 | 20.5 |

| Class "A" Elders | | Won | Lost | Rgr.% |
|-------------------------|-------------|------------|-------------|--------------|
| First | Tim Gilmore | 5 | 0 | 51.0 |
| Second | Al Dodson | 3 | 2 | 40.5 |
| Third | Jack Caudle | 3 | 2 | 39.5 |

| Class "B" Elders | | Won | Lost | Rgr.% |
|-------------------------|---------------|------------|-------------|--------------|
| First | Junior Jones | 3 | 1 | 11.9 |
| Second | C.J. Bertrand | 2 | 2 | 15.0 |
| Third | Doug McDaniel | 1 | 3 | 5.0 |

NE CLOSER

Sanction #27-19-023 Monroe, Louisiana Sunday, 10/6/2019

| Class "A" | | Won | Lost | Rgr.% |
|------------------|----------------|------------|-------------|--------------|
| First | Nancy Woods | | | 41.5 |
| Second | Erica Noblit | | | 15.0 |
| Third | Artie McMullen | | | 26.2 |

| Class "B" | | Won | Lost | Rgr.% |
|------------------|----------------|---------------------|-------------|--------------|
| First | Matt Lyon | TOURNAMENT CHAMPION | | 9.5 |
| Second | Steve Rotach | | | 6.9 |
| Third | Robert Woodall | | | 13.1 |

Cajun Coast Horseshoe Tour

Sanction #27-19-025 Patterson, Louisiana Oct. 12 & 13, 2019

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|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------|
| 30' Class "A" | Tim Gilmore | 3rd | 64.2% |
| 30' Class "D" | Wanda Lantz | 2nd | 50.0% |
| | Burnie Williams | 3rd | 46.3% |
| 30' Class "E" | Pat Pertuit | 1st | 45.2% |
| | Jack Caudle | 2nd | 38.8% |
| | Sharla Fontenot | 3rd | 44.5% |
| 30' Class "F" | Dudley Michel | 1st | 44.3% |
| 30' Class "G" | Linda Dodson | 3rd | 40.4% |
| 30' Class "H" | Mary Begnaud | 1st | 40.7% |
| | Al Dodson | 3rd | 31.3% |
| | Eddie Corso | 3 rd | 33.3% |
| 30' Class "I" | Nancy Woods | 1st | 33.9% |
| | Bobbie Richard | 3rd | 30.7% |
| | Ron Smith | 3rd | 27.8% |
| 30' Class "J" | Belinda McClain | 1st | 27.3% |
| | Rene' White | 2nd | 26.3% |
| | Calvin Johnson | 3rd | 19.2% |
| 30' Class "K" | JuniorJones | 3 rd | 10.0% |
| Open Div. Mixed | | | |
| | Rhonda Smith | 1st | 36.7% |
| | Karl Vaughn | 2nd | 20.4% |
| | Robert Woodall | 3rd | 7.2% |
| 40' Class "B" | Ricky Richard | 1st | 46.4% |
| | Clyde Landry | 3rd | 32.9% |
| 40' Class "C" | Larry Pertuit | 3rd | 28.5% |
| | Dwain Arceneaux | 3rd | 28.3% |
| 40' Class "D" | Eddie Guidry | 1st | 25.2% |
| | Mike Ricardo | 2nd | 24.7% |
| | Artie McMullen | 3rd | 24.4% |
| | Mack Thibideaux | 3rd | 24.6% |
| 40' Class "E" | Junior McCowin | 1st | 24.7% |
| | Travis Bourdier | 3rd | 20.7% |
| 40' Class "F" | Jimmy Percele | 1st | 21.7% |
| | Roosevelt Morse | 3rd | 16.7% |
| 40' Class "G" | Clay Weaver | 1st | 14.9% |
| | Hilton Rhodes | 2nd | 13.3% |
| | Steve Rotach | 3rd | 8.3% |
| 40' Class "H" | Darrell Vance | 1st | 7.5% |
| | Tim Tedder | 2nd | 7.6% |
| | Joe Primeaux | 3rd | 6.7% |

CLAYTON ILES MEMORIAL

Sanction #27-19-026 Welsh, Louisiana Saturday, 10/19/2019

| Class "A" | | Won | Lost | Rgr. % |
|-----------|-----------------|-----|------|--------|
| First | Sharla Fontenot | 5 | 1 | 43.8 |
| Second | Pat Pertuit | 4 | 2 | 44.2 |
| Third | David Reed | 2 | 3 | 33.5 |

| Class "B" | | Won | Lost | Rgr. % |
|-----------|--------------|-----|------|--------|
| First | Nancy Woods | 5 | 0 | 36.5 |
| Second | Louis Gaudet | 4 | 1 | 33.5 |
| Third | Ron Smith | 3 | 2 | 32.0 |

| Class "C" | | Won | Lost | Rgr.% |
|-----------|---------------|-----|------|-------|
| First | C.J. Bertrand | 5 | 0 | 20.0 |
| Second | Danny Navarre | 3 | 3 | 12.5 |
| Third | Clay Weaver | 2.5 | 2.5 | 4.0 |

DOUBLES FOR DOLLARS

Sanction #27-19-030 Patterson, Louisiana Saturday, 11/16/2019

| Class "BLACK" | | Won | Lost | Rgr.% |
|---------------|-----------------------------|-----|------|-------|
| First | Dudley Michel/Larry Pertuit | 5.5 | 0.5 | 30.9 |
| Second | Edie Corso/Louis Gaudet | 5 | 1 | 29.7 |
| Third | Wanda Lantz/Karl Vaughn | 3.5 | 1.5 | 31.7 |

| Class "BLUE" | | Won | Lost | Rgr.% |
|--------------|-----------------------------|-----|------|-------|
| First | Danny Navarre/Hilton Rhodes | 5 | 1 | 19.3 |
| Second | Mary Begnaud/Mike Fonseca | 4 | 2 | 24.7 |
| Third | Pat Pertuit/Clay Weaver | 3 | 2 | 17.5 |

Michel & Pertuit defeated Navarre & Rhodes in the Championship Match to be declared
Tournament Champions.

Corso & Gaudet defeated Begnaud & Fonseca to claim third place

2019 BHPA CITY TOURNAMENT

SINGLES

CITY CHAMPION: Al Dodson
RUNNER – UP: Tim Gilmore
THIRD PLACE: Clay Canty

DOUBLES

CITY CHAMPIONS: Tim Gilmore & Jimmy Percle
RUNNER – UPS: Clyde Landry & Karl Vaughn
THIRD PLACE: Clay Canty & Julius Lovell

2019 BHPA PLAYERS OF THE YEAR

30': TIM GILMORE
40': CLYDE LANDRY & HILTON RHODES (1st time Co-Champions)

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARDS: **30':** DUDLEY MICHEL
40': DWAIN ARCENEUX

MOST IMPROVED: **30':** CALVIN JOHNSON
40': RYAN FRYOU

2019 CAJUN HORSESHOE AWARDS

PLAYERS OF THE YEAR

FEMALE: MARY BEGNAUD **MALE:** RICKY RICHARD

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARDS: **FEMALE:** BOBBIE RICHARD
MALE: CLAY WEAVER

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| <u>MOST IMPROVED:</u> | 30': | MARY BEGNAUD +5.6 |
| | 40': | TRAVIS POUSSON +3.8 |
| <u>LEAGUE CHAMPION:</u> | MARY BEGNAUD: 17 wins / 2 losses | |
| HIGH GAME (RINGER %) | 30': | MARY BEGNAUD 57.5% |
| | 40': | RICKY RICHARD 62.5% |
| HIGH AVERAGE: | 30': | MARY BEGNAUD 42.2% |
| | 40': | RICKY RICHARD 43.2% |
| HIGH GAME OVER AVE: | 30': | LOUIS GAUDET + 18.4 |
| | 40': | DANNY NAVARRE +20.3 |
| PERCENTAGE PATCHES: | 20%: | CLAY WEAVER |
| | 40%: | EDDIE GUIDRY |

HARAHAN SUMMER LEAGUE AWARDS

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| <u>LEAGUE CHAMPION:</u> | EDIE CORSO | 14.5 WINS / 9.5 LOSSES |
| SECOND PLACE: | GORDON TERRELL | 14 WINS / 10 LOSSES |
| THIRD PLACE: | JOE CHIVEATTO | 13 WINS / 11 LOSSES |
| HIGH GAME: | PAT PERTUIT | 100 Points scratch / 173 handicap |
| HIGH OVER AVERAGE: | PAT PERTUIT | + 26 Points |
| HIGH AVERAGE: | PAT PERTUIT | 74 Point Average |

2019 B.H.P.A. SUMMER LEAGUE AWARDS

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| <u>TEAM CHAMPIONS:</u> | THE SLIDERS Linda Dodson – Captain Dwain Arceneaux & Calvin Johnson | |
| <u>HIGH AVERAGE:</u> | TIM GILMORE (30') 61.7% Ringer / 81.3 Point | CLYDE LANDRY (40') 29.2% Ringer / 50.6 Pts. |
| <u>HIGH SCRATCH GAME:</u> | TIM GILMORE (30') 102 Points / 80.0% Ringer GLENN MILLER (40') 66 Points / 45.0% Ringer | |
| <u>HIGH HANDICAP GAME:</u> | TIM GILMORE & BRYAN PHENIX 110 Points | |
| <u>HIGH GAME OVER AVERAGE:</u> | 40' : BRYAN PHENIX + 25.4 pts over ave. 30' : LINDA DODSON + 20.4 pts over ave. | |
| <u>BEST W/L RECORD:</u> | LINDA DODSON | 20.5-9.5 Record - 68.3% |
| <u>PERCENTAGE PATCHES:</u> | 20%: | KARL VAUGHN |

IN MEMORIUM



DUDLEY MICHEL



A.J. DUPLANTIER

DUDLEY MICHEL:

Dudley was the first and only President of the LA 70 Ringers, the first Club in the Morgan City area, and also a Charter member of the Bayou Horseshoe Pitching Association (BHPA). He was a sanctioned member since 1994, and was inducted into the LSHPA Hall of Fame in 2009. He was the first BHPA City Champion and ironically, was the Tournament Champion in his last Tournament, the Doubles for Dollars, held last November. He also had ten State Doubles Titles.

A.J. DUPLANTIER:

A.J. Duplantier was a long time member of the Harahan Horseshoe Pitching Association, having started in 2000. His antics on the Courts will always be remembered, whether he was singing while he threw, or just talking to the shoe.

His favorite saying: "You're killing me shoe!!" is a classic.

2019 was his first year as an Elder, something he had looked forward to, but really didn't get much of a chance to participate at. He earned many local awards in his Leagues and Tournaments over the years.

Both of these men will be sadly missed on the Courts and on a lighter note, we believe that Anheiser Busch will miss them also, since there will be less Bud Light and Budweiser consumed at our Tournaments.

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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