

# TENNESSEE RINGER ROUNDUP

Tennessee Horseshoe Pitchers Association

TNHPA website: [www.tnhorseshoepitching.com](http://www.tnhorseshoepitching.com)

## July-Aug 2022

**MESSAGE FROM President:** First I want to congratulate all our members who competed in the 2022 World Tournament in Monroe Louisiana. Seems that covid effected a number of all competitors forcing some to leave early during or before even playing. But the tournament must go on. I hope all competitors had a great time and enjoyed the experience.

Due to my medical issues I will have to step down and resign my position for the remainder of my term thru 2023. The first Vice President will be accepting this appointed position by Jan 1, 2023 or sooner. The president position will to open for election on the next 2 year cycle.

**Message from Anita Evans:** I have enjoyed working with everyone the last few years. With that being said I will be resigning at the end of this year. Family members are needing my immediate help with long term medical difficulties. I will not be running for re- election this year .

**SAD TIMES:** Loss of a long time member. Melvin Cooper Jr. pitched last in 2017 with 32 years. He will be sadly missed. Always fun to pitch with at Soddy Daisy.



Chattanooga Funeral Home - North Chapel & Hamilton Memorial Gardens

August 23 at 7:07 AM

Melvin Cooper, Jr. age 92, of Signal Mountain, passed away on Sunday, August 21, 2022.

Melvin was born in Winifred, West Virginia and has been a longtime resident of the Chattanooga area. He served our country in the United States Marines during the Korean War where he attained the rank of Sargent. Melvin was retired from Combustion Engineering. He was a member of Mount Carmel Baptist Church, Signal Mountain. Melvin was a former member of the Masonic Lodge, Alhambra Shrine Temple where he was very active in the Bus Ministry. He was an accomplished Horseshoe Pitcher and Bowler where he was active in the World Tournaments. Melvin also loved baseball and football.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Reverend Melvin and Stella Kemplin Cooper; brothers, Donald and Wilber Cooper. Melvin is survived by his wife of 41 years, Pauline "Polly" Cooper; children and step-children, Sandy Cooper, Pat (Doug) Burley, Chuck (Mary) Cooper, Cynthia Wells and John Roden, Jr. ; 14 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends from 10:30 am until 12 (noon) on Friday, August 26, at the North Chapel of Chattanooga Funeral Home.

A Celebration of Melvin's Life will follow at 12 pm on Friday, at the North Chapel with his Pastor Rocky Bradford officiating. Burial will be in Chattanooga National Cemetery. **Memorial contributions may be made in Melvin's name to Hospice of Chattanooga, 2030 Hamilton Place Blvd., Suite 320, Chattanooga, TN 37421 or [www.hospiceofchattanooga.org](http://www.hospiceofchattanooga.org) Please share your thoughts and memories at [chattanoogaorthchapel.com](http://chattanoogaorthchapel.com)**

## 2022 State Singles Tournament

The situation is: current Tournament Director Ronnie Boyd is scheduled for cataract surgery in both eyes during the entire month of September. Ronnie Boyd has asked to move the date to October 15, 2022. The tournament will still be in Clarksville and he will be the tournament director. Your officers have voted to approve this request. The new date will allow pre registration cut off date to be Sep 24<sup>th</sup>.

An option is to keep state singles at Clarksville and to keep the date of September 24<sup>th</sup> but we will need at least 1 or two tournament directors to volunteer to run the tournament. Two are necessary if both intend to play in the tournament so each can play while other does not. If there are any tournament directors wanting to volunteer please contact: Alan Pepper cell#. 615-663-7700 as soon as possible but no later than Sept 9th , leave a text or message.

### 2022 World Tournament Preliminary Class Results

#### Women A

Max Griffith	3 rd	12.5 – 2.5	79.17%	trophy + \$200.00
Mar Ray	5 th	11 - 4	77.50 %	\$150.00
Joan Elmore	13th	3 - 12	74.00%	completed one day 3-2 then out with covid forfeit 10

#### Women C

Tracy Zegarzewski	7th	9 - 6	38.5%	
Joyce Manis	3rd	12- 3	45.33 %	trophy + \$200.00

#### Women E

JoAnn Stanford	1st	11 – 2	37.88%	trophy + \$500.00
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#### Elder D1

Merle South	1 <sup>st</sup>	11 - 2	47.88%	trophy + \$500.00
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#### Elder F1

Ervin South	11 <sup>th</sup>	5 - 10	24.17%	
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#### Elder F2

Bobby South	10 <sup>th</sup>	7.5 - 7.5	23%	
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#### Men D-1

Alan Gauger	9 <sup>th</sup>	7 - 6	26.92%	
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#### Elder A-1

James Cooper	15th	2-3 first day then drop out due to covid. 10 game forfeit		
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Charles Gray	12th	5- 10	54.50%	
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#### Elder A-2

Doug Farnsworth	15th	3-7 2 nd day then forfeit due to covid 5 games	45%	
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#### Elder B-1

James Sizemore	7th	9-6	57.17%	
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Robert Smullen	15th	1-9 2nd day forfeit 5 games drop out due to covid		
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## Elder B - 2

Bill Brand 2nd 11 – 4 53.33% trophy + \$275.00

## 2022 CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

### Women A

Maxine Griffith 2nd 12 – 3 78.73% trophy + \$2100.00

Marlene Ray 11th 6 – 9 74.31% \$300.00



2<sup>nd</sup> WT Finals



Bill Brand WT 2<sup>nd</sup> Prelims



Merle South WT 1<sup>st</sup> Prelims



JoAnn Stanford WT 1<sup>st</sup> Prelims



Joyce Manis WT 3<sup>rd</sup> Prelims

**REMINDER:** Yearly charter meeting will be before any competition at the State Singles. Any proposals to be voted upon must be in writing and be received by sec/treas by pre registration date.

**Elections:** This year the first VP (currently Alan Pepper ) will be appointed to President for 1 year, to complete Harold Morgans last year, so someone needs to take his place. The 3<sup>rd</sup> VP (currently Alan Gauger) is up for re-election. The sec/treas position is up for election and Anita Evans will resign at the end of 2022. She will not seek re-election. Any one is eligible to run for these offices, you must be TN Charter member. Officers are important for voting on our committees and be another voice .

**Tournament Directors:** Our charter can always use tournament directors to help or to run tournaments. If you would like to help to see what it involves please contact any officer or TD to learn the process.

### Birthdays

Ronnie Boyd Aug 25

Doug Farnsworth Aug 13

Bobby South Aug 27

Doug Sullins Jr Aug 8

Mike Bouton Sep 4

Joyce Manis Sep 16

Alla Faye Monday Sep 6

Alan Pepper Sep 12

**2023 World Tournament in Lansing Michigan** is taking reservation for the hotels. Call direct to hotel and use Code for blocks of rooms at special rates : **2023 NHPA World Championship**. I have hotel list.



Henry Melton League 30%



Bob Ellis League 40% & 50% gm



5-21-22 WP CLA 1<sup>st</sup> Smullen 2<sup>nd</sup> Cooper 3<sup>rd</sup> Sizemore



5-21-22 WP CLB 1<sup>st</sup> V. Thomas 2<sup>nd</sup> Alan Pinkston



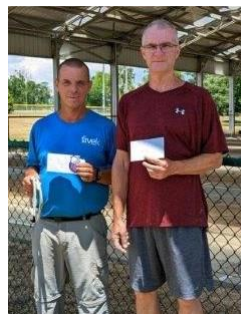
7-2-22 CLK CLA 1<sup>st</sup> J. Elmore 2<sup>nd</sup> Mar ray 3<sup>rd</sup> Max Griffith



7-2-22 CLK CLB 1<sup>st</sup> Mcmillian 2<sup>nd</sup> Barb Carson (OH)



7-2-22 CLK CLC 1<sup>st</sup> Rosser 2<sup>nd</sup> A. Carson, 3<sup>rd</sup> Gauger



7-2-22 CL D 1<sup>st</sup> A.B. Webb 2<sup>nd</sup> Alan Pepper



8-6-22 CR CLB 1<sup>st</sup> Tracy Zegarzewski 2<sup>nd</sup> Bob Ellis



8-6-22 CR CLA 1<sup>st</sup> Farnsworth 2<sup>nd</sup> Mcmillian 3<sup>rd</sup> Brand



8-14-22 WP CLA 1<sup>st</sup> Gray 2<sup>nd</sup> D.Sullins jr 3<sup>rd</sup> Robert Smullen



8-13-22 WP CLB 1<sup>st</sup> R. Bilyeu 2<sup>nd</sup> Alan Pinkston  
3<sup>rd</sup> Henry Nease



8-19-22 CLK CLA  
Mar Ray 1<sup>st</sup>



8-19-22CLK CLB  
1<sup>st</sup> Mac Mckillian



8-19-22 CLK CLC  
Tracy Zegarzewski



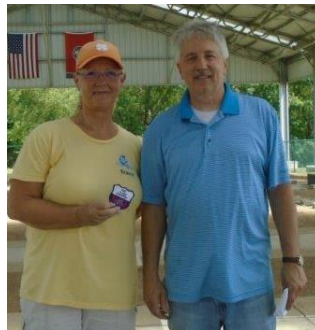
8-19-22 CLK CLD 1<sup>st</sup> H. Melton  
2<sup>nd</sup> Michael Randolph



8-20-22 CLK CLA  
1<sup>st</sup> Max Griffith



8-20-22 CLK CL B  
1<sup>st</sup> Bill Brand



8-20-22 CLK CLC 1<sup>st</sup> Tracy  
Zegarzewski 2<sup>nd</sup> Alan Gauger



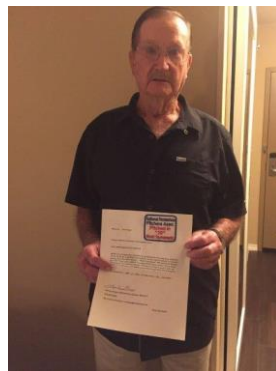
8-20-22 CLK CLD 1<sup>st</sup> Henry  
Melton 2<sup>nd</sup> Alan pepper



8-20-22 RS CLA 1<sup>st</sup> Gray  
2<sup>nd</sup> Cooper



8-20-22 RS CLB 1<sup>st</sup> Sizemore  
2<sup>nd</sup> Joyce Manis



Jim Cooper 20th  
WT Tournament



Tim Seagroves league  
30-40 & 50 High games