

# TENNESSEE RINGER ROUNDUP

## Tennessee Horseshoe Pitchers Association

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

### January –APRIL 2023

#### President's Message:

I hope everyone is well. We have begun a new year of horseshoe pitching which always brings excitement. I would like to give you a few of my goals for this season. As we go through this year of pitching, please remember to show good sportsmanship while we compete. Please help the tournament directors after the tournament by picking up the shovels and watering the pits. Also, I hope to encourage others as we pitch. May we all raise our averages and always have fun as we pitch. Hope to see everyone at the horseshoe pits in the following months. Alan Pepper

I wish everyone great health, a great life, and great pitching!

**2023 WT ENTRY INFO** ( you can get info booklet from JoAnn Stanford for Lansing, Michigan July 17-29,2023. You can enter online or thru the mail by May 15,2023. Lots of info online at [www:horseshoepitching.com](http://www.horseshoepitching.com).

The council has decided to eliminate the formal Shoe Check as we know it today and implement a modified version beginning with the 2023 World Tournament in Lansing, Michigan. Your shoes will be measured and shirts and close-toed shoes will be checked on day 2 or day 3 when you pick up your Round Robin Card. On day 1 you will still need to arrive 1 hour before your scheduled pitching time to the designated room for class photos and announcements from the Shift Director. We hope to see all of you in Lansing, Michigan for the 2023 World Tournament.

Attention RD's. Just a reminder, the year 2023 is a Court Sanction year. I don't need a copy of your Court Sanction Certificates. I only need a list of your states court facilities that have been Sanctioned. When you have finished your court sanctioning, simply e-mail your list to me at [bcarson848@gmail.com](mailto:bcarson848@gmail.com). We will also be having a Charter/RD meeting during the World Tournament in Lansing, Michigan. I will let all of you know when that will be scheduled as soon as I have a date and time.

**Charter in need of Tournament Director/s for 2023 Rock Springs** Scheduled Tournaments. Shannon Foster will not be able to run these:

1. May 6, 2023 **No** Tournament Director no Portapotty on sight
2. June 3, 2023 **moved** to May 27, 2023 White Pine TD's Fred Smith/Robert Smullen
3. August 5, 2023 **No** tournament Director no Portapotty on sight
4. Sept 2, 2023 **moved** to August 26, 2023 White Pine TD'S Fred Smith/Robert Smullen.

**League and practice courts:**

Crossville: **Tuesday** noon no sanction card needed **Thursday** noon sanctioned League  
 White Pine: at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday non sanctioned. Call to see if time change due to heat .  
**THE HORSESHOE TOUR:** will be at Clarksville on May 20-21 . info on [www.thehorseshoetour.com](http://www.thehorseshoetour.com). It is  
 30 shoe games ringers only count. Music will be played. Lots of FUN!!!. This tournament counts as  
 NHPA stats and also our singles requirement amount (4).

**Longevity members 2023**



James Cooper 40 YR



David Kell 30 YR



JoAnn Stanford 20 YR

**THE HORSESHOE TOUR Hall of Fame 2023 Members** [www.thehorseshoetour.com](http://www.thehorseshoetour.com)



**Maxine Griffith  
&**

**Barbara Carson** have been inducted into THE Hall of Fame this year and have reached the required points of 12,500 for entry. The event was celebrated at Newberry, SC on April 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Birthdays:**

**April**

Steven Hurd  
 Henry Melton  
 Michael Randolph  
 Richard Rosser  
 Bobby Fields

**MAY**

Robert Bilyou  
 Mike Jones  
 Evan Randolph

**JUNE**

Joan Elmore  
 David Kell  
 David Meeks

**JULY**

James Mcmilluan  
 Robert Smullen  
 Jackie Smith  
 Gwen Thomas

TN CHARTER NEEDS A NEWSLETTER author, editor and distributor as soon as possible for the RINGER ROUND UP . I, **JoAnn Stanford** am filling in but a schedule of every two months is not possible. Please contact if you can help. Or want the position. Our first 2023 issue will be out this week and will only be

mail thru post offices for those members without an active email. Please let me know if you do not receive by end of month.

**NHPA**

Newsline Tid bits. Jan – Feb 2023

Tournament patches are free to charters. The price goes up and has, I am sure, done so periodically over the years. The patch orders are mailed out to the charters using our ever increasing US Postal Service and we know what those prices have done. I deal with many thousand league patches each year and I also use the US Mail. I am on a first name basis with postal personnel in all three of the states I have lived in since taking over leagues. I would guess postage has doubled in the last 10 years. The NHPA purchases the awards for the World Tournament each year and has absorbed price increases that has happened to the trophy industry over the last so many years.

The patch expense could and should be passed down to the users. How important are tournament patches? Let us know. The charters need to pay a reasonable fee for each patch (50 cents or a dollar) and they should decide whether they want to use them or not. Leagues should also pay for the patches they use. Again, 50 cents or a dollar per patch is very reasonable and puts the costs in the hands of those that get them. The WT trophies are available for sponsorship to individuals or business that want to help and/or advertise to the WT crowd.

### Use of Hand Signals for Cancellation Play










**Purposes and Use**

- To help ensure that calls are more fully understood by scorekeepers.
- To be made with one hand only.
- To be used in addition to verbal call.
- To be used in venues where it is more difficult to hear, such as inside arenas or where outside noises may interfere.
- To be used when scorekeepers may seem to have hearing problems.
- To be used when scorekeepers may ask pitchers to use them.

**History and Recent Development**

- Hand signals have been around for a long time.
- There may be several hand signals for the same call.
- A need for standardizing hand signals.
- Recommended hand signals from our members.
- Recommended hand signals by the NHPA .
- To be included in Guidelines Section of RGS Book and other printed information, of distribution to all members.

### HAND SIGNALS

1. NO RINGERS + NO POINTS = 	7. 1 RINGER EACH & NO POINTS = 
2. 1 POINT = 	8. 1 RINGER EACH & 1 POINT = 
3. 2 POINTS = 	9. 3 RINGERS 3 POINTS =  x 2
4. 3 POINTS = 	10. 4 RINGERS OR 4 DEAD = 
5. 4 POINTS = 	
6. 6 POINTS = 