

TENNESSEE RINGER ROUNDUP

Tennessee Horseshoe Pitchers Association

TNHPA website: www.tnhorseshoepitching.com

Jan – May 2025

President's Message:

I hope you are doing well. We have scheduled a tournament almost every Saturday with only a few open dates. This is an exciting time of the year to take advantage of good weather and pitch in several horseshoe tournaments. A quick reminder that the cutoff date for the state doubles tournament is May 31. The entry form is online at tnhorseshoepitching.com, and Ronnie Boyd is the tournament director. We have several new members join in the last few weeks, and I want to welcome you to the Tennessee horseshoe pitching family. Hope to see you at the tournaments.

Good pitching to all!

Alan Pepper

Sorry for your Loss: Allen Pinkston has lost his wife suddenly was born on May 17th, 1962 and passed



away on May 11th, 2025 at the age of 62 Katherine Ann Pinkston
Katherine Ann Pinkston age 62 of Greeneville passed away Sunday, May 11, 2025 at the Johnson City

Medical Center. She was a member and very active at Hunts Chapel Church and a second mom and grandmother to many. She is survived by her husband of 40 yrs James Allen Pinkston, brother and sister-in-law Allen and Teresa Woods, several special friends who were like family, and cat Pearl. She was preceded in death by her parents Hugh Allen and Billie Ruth Woods. The family will receive friends from 4-6pm Wednesday, May 14, 2025 at Jeffers Funeral and Cremation Service Downtown. The funeral service will follow at 6pm in the funeral home chapel with Rev. John Ramey and Joel Burns officiating. The graveside service will be Thursday at 11am in Hunts Chapel Cemetery. Family and friends are asked to meet at 10am Thursday at the funeral home to go in procession to the cemetery. Pallbearers will be Scott Stapleton, Hunter Stapleton, Landon Stapleton, Hubert Buttry, Brandon Franklin, and Joshua Rodrigues. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the funeral home to defray funeral expense.

Rutledge Courts at Morgan's : have been closed indefinitely in fact they have already been dismantled just weeks ago. They were located in half of Harold Morgan's house and was a great place to practice or play sanctioned winter tournaments since 2008. Thank you for 10+ years as President and your family for all these years.

The second site is 12 courts at Crossville that were outside and removed by the Park for future plans. The Rock Springs courts needs a porta Potty and a Tournament director. No water is on site and no plans by the city to fix it.

Hello NEW Members 2025: Brian Howe, James Novak, Mike Black, Cindy Bellist.(rookies)
Russell Allen and Ray Gillette have moved to TN but have been pitching elsewhere.

2025 World Tournament: entries are finalized and 662 people will compete in July. Times and days will be posted soon. If anyone needs or wants the Sandy, Utah brochures contact me I have plenty. This site will also be the 2028 WT location.

TN Entries in Preliminaries are:

Max Griffith,& Marlene Ray&, Joan Elmore (Women's Class A)Jul 24-26 11:00 a.m.

Alan Gauger Men Class F(Jul 24-26) 8:00 a.m.

JoAnn Stanford Sr. women CL E (jul 24-26)2:00 p.m.

Any updates with times and if cameras will be used will be passed on ASAP. Online go to www.nhpa-eshoe.com click on features and Favorite events, select 2025 world tournament Prelims. This is the place for all info as tournament begins.

2024 League Awards

Thursday Winter League(12/28/23 -3/28/24) 40 Shoe CX

League Champion - Doug Farnsworth 31 Wins 60.78%

High Average - Tim Seagroves 65.58%

High Game Over Average - J.CF. Smith +26.9%

High Game - Merle South 67.5%

Thursday Spring League(4/4/24-6/28/24) 40 Shoe CtAll

League Champion - Doug Farnsworth 17.5 Wins 67.31%

High Average - Tim Seagroves 62.45%

High Game Over Average - J.C. Smith *22.21%

High Game - Merle South 70.0%

The 2025 TN State doubles Tournament is CANCELLED due to very very low entries. You will be notified if a new date is selected.

The white Pine tournament scheduled for JUNE 21 is being moved to JUNE 14th pre register with Robert Smullen

Please change your schedules.

DONATIONS: I am requesting for the Bend of the River BB rifle Classes and competitions any unwanted trophies. Those trophies or plaques are reused for the BB club which enables the club to travel for competitions. I will come get them.

www.Bendoftheriver.com

Practice Locations:

Crossville- Tuesday at Noon Thursday at noon (sanctioned –must have Charter card)
Results are sent to NHPA NatStats.

White Pine - Wednesday around 9 or 10 A.M. call Robert Smullen to verify Non Sanctioned

2025 Tennessee State Singles : scheduled for Sep 27th **REGISTRATION:** The State Tournament is pre-registered. Entries must be postmarked by two Saturdays before the tournament. The NATSTAT ENTRY FEE: \$25.00 (voted in 2015)

FORMAT: Games for Championship Classes will be 40 points. All other classes will be 40 shoes. Play-offs for first place ties will be 20 shoe games - except for Championship Classes which will be 40 points. Regular tournament rules will apply for all other ties (2nd, 3rd, etc.)

TROPHIES: Trophies or Plaques (to be determined by TD) will be given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in 8 person classes. 1st, 2nd and 3rd for 6 person classes. 1st and 2nd in 4 person classes.

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR: The winner of this Honor will be announced at the State meeting. The winner will be a pitcher who has a natstat avg at the State Singles cutoff entry date that is most improved from their qualifying % and has pitched in at least 4 TN tournaments

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD: During the State Tournament, each registered member may get a ballot and vote for the pitcher who they think has shown the most sportsmanship throughout the season. The winner will have their next year's NHPA Card paid for. Award may be won 1 time every 3 years.

Birthdays: Sorry for missing Birthday wishes from January- April 2025. I wish you all a wonderful 2025.

<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>
Robery Bilyeu	Joan Elmore	Gwen Thomas
Buster Williams	David Kell	Jackie Smith
	J.C. Smith	



1-18-25 Rut CL A
1st Tim Seagroves



1-18-25 RUT CLB
1st Alla Faye
Monday



1-18-25 RUT CLC
1st Larry Warren KY



1-18-25 RUT CLD
1st Gene Broles KY 2nd
Alan Pepper



2-1-25 CRS CLA 1st Brand, 2nd Alan
Russell



2-15-25 Rut CLA 1st D. Sullins
2nd Sizemore



2-15-25 Rut CLB Buster
Williams 2nd A.F. Monday



3-15-25 Rut CLA
1st Seagroves



3-15-25 Rut CL B
1st B. Williams



3-15-25 rut CL C 1st Smullen 2nd
H. Culbert 3rd H. Nease



3-22-25 CRS CL A 1st Z. Goggin 2nd Joan
Elmore 3rd Jim Muller



3-22-25 CRS CLC 1st Farnsworth, 2nd J.C. Smith
2nd J.C. Smith 3rd A. Pepper



3-22-25 CRS CL B 1st Williams
2nd Pinkston, 3rd Smullen



3-29-25 CLK CL A 1st Elmore
2nd J. Muller



3-29-25 CLK CL B 1st Stanford
Culbert
2nd R. Allen 3rd Rosser



4-19-25 WP CL B 1st D. Sullins Jr
2nd A. Pinkston



4-19-25 WP CLC 1st Smullen 2nd
3rd Joyce Manis



4-5-25 CRS CLA 1st
S. Hurd 2nd M. South



4-5-25 CRS CLB 1st Buster W.
2nd Alan Gauger 3rd H. Nease



4-5-25 CRS CL C 1st J.C. Smith
3rd Mike Jones



5-03-25 CRS CLA 1st B. Williams
2nd J. Stanford



5-03-25 CRS CLB 1st Alan Pepper
2nd Robert Bilyeu



5-10-25 CLK CL A 1st Max Griffith
2nd J. Muller 3rd Mar Ray



5-10-25 CLK CL B
Stanford 2nd R. Allen



4-26-25 CLK CLA 1st M. Griffith
2nd M. Ray 3rd Muller



4-26-25 CLK CLB
1st Alan Gauger



4-26-25 CLK CLC 1st
Pepper 2nd R. Boyd



5-17-25 CRS CLA 1st Goggin 2nd Pepper
Elmore, 3rd M. South



5-17-25 crs CLB 1st A. Gauger
2nd C. Garrison(AL) 3rd E. South



5-17-25 CRS CLC 1st A.
2nd R. Allen 3rd Brian Howe



5-24-25 WP CLA 1st J.
Muller 2nd Sizemore



5-24- 25 WP CLC 1st
Houston Culbert



5-24-25 WP CLB 1st B. Williams
2nd Doug Sullins jr.



KY winter tourn. 1st Alla Faye Monday
3rd Allen Pinkston



KY winter tourn. Tim Seagroves
Sizemore



Horseshoe Tour 1st Newberry
Elmore 2nd Seagroves 3rd Muller



Horseshoe Tour Newberry 30FT 2nd Sizemore



Horseshoe Tour Newberry 30 ft 2nd JoAnn
Stanford