

# TENNESSEE RINGER ROUNDUP



Tennessee Horseshoe Pitchers Association Newsletter  
TNHPA website: [www.tnhorseshoepitching.com](http://www.tnhorseshoepitching.com)

## July – August 2021

**President Message:** Once again our Tennessee pitchers did very good at the World Tournament . They all need a big Congratulations!!! Joan Elmore picked up her 10<sup>th</sup> Title for Women’s Champion.

We picked up some new and returning pitchers from Tracy City, TN. Don’t forget 2021 State meeting will be before any pitching and we need members to nominate for Hall of Fame in writing and any proposals to change our bylaws etc. These must be written and sent to our sec/treasurer by the cut off date to register to play (Sep 11).

### 2021 World Tournament results :

#### Class Round:

Name	Cat.	Class	Results		
Alan Gauger	M	F2	6- 9	9th Place	18.33%
Jim Cooper	E	A1	11-4	5th Place \$150	67.83%
Maxine Griffith	W	A	10.5 -4.5	4th Place \$175	73.67%
Joan Elmore	W	A	9 -6	7th Place	69.00%
Marlene Ray	W	A	11.5 -3.5	2nd Place \$275	72.00%
JoAnn Stanford	W	D	6.5- 8.5	10th Place	35.17%

#### Championship Round:

Elder: James Cooper 5th Place 10 & 5 Won \$500 \$650 Total 68.08%

#### Women:

Joan Elmore	1st Place 13 & 2 Won \$4200	75.16%	10 <sup>th</sup> World Champion Title
Max Griffith	7th Place 10 & 5 Won \$400 \$575 Total	72.67%	
Mar Ray	8th Place 9 & 6 Won \$375 \$650 Total	68.78%	

## Sad News about our members and their families



## Cynthia Mulligan of Deer Lodge, TN

October 12, 1959 ~ June 26, 2021 (age 61) Cynthia Mulligan, age 61 of Deer Lodge passed away on Saturday, June 26th, 2021 at Methodist Medical Center of Oak Ridge. Cynthia was a cosmetologist for many years and a long employee of Life Care of Morgan County. She is preceded in death by father James Harold Bilbery and brother Jimmy Bilbery. She is survived by her **husband Martin Mulligan** Mother Eva Bilbery Daughter Lindsay McIntosh and Josh Carter Son Brendan Michael Mulligan Grandchildren Jimmie Hall, Josh Mulligan, Kyla Mulligan Aunts and Uncles Cherri Barnett, Lena Barnett, Tracie Addabbo, Nolen and Margie Barnett, Charles Barnett, Fred and Marilyn Newport, and Garland Davis. Also surviving are best friends Michelle and Johnny Liss and many friends in Michigan and a host of other family and friends.

Marty Mulligan has been a member of TNHPA for 13 years, took a break to care for his wife.

## BILLY RAY THOMAS



Billy Ray Thomas age 60 of Alexandria, died Thursday, July 1, 2021 at his home. Born Aug. 31, 1960, he was the son of the late Joe Martin Thomas and Rebecca Mai Ray Thomas and was preceded in death by his sister, Shirley Clemons. Bill was a graduate of Dekalb Co. High School

and was a heavy equipment operator. He is survived by his sons, Travis (Brandye) Thomas and Cody Thomas; grandchildren, Zoey (Jennelle) Wood, Jordan Wood, Taylor (Jeremy) Bratcher; great grandson, Oliver Wood; **brother, Joe Larry (Mary Etta) Thomas**; nephew, Justin (Paige) Thomas and his children, Jaxon and Parker, Kristie (Stacey) Dixon and her son, Bailey; aunt and uncle, Jean and Frank Herman. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 8, 2021 at Hunter Funeral Home.

Sorry for your loss Joe and Mary prayers for you and the family.



## Bethel Rachel Cook Smith

Bethel Rachel Cook Smith, 101, passed away Sunday, August 8, 2021 at The Heritage Center in Morristown.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Fred; and daughter, Frances.

She is **survived by her son, Freddie (Sandy)**; grandchildren, Lynn (Nichole) French, Stacy Smith and Lisa Hall; five great-grandchildren, Nolan (Anna), Mason, Parker, Travis, Nichole; and one great-great grandson, Asher.

Graveside interment services were held Tuesday, August 10 at Dandridge Memorial Gardens with Rev. TJ Burdine and Rev. John Cook officiating.

The family has requested in lieu of flowers donations may be made to White Pine First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 146, White Pine, TN 37890, or to a favorite charity.

Arrangements by: Farrar Funeral Home

Sorry for your loss Fred and Sandy Smith, Prayers with you and the family.

**REMINDER: 2021 State Singles Tournament** will be pre-registered , nominations for Hall of Fame, and entry is due on or before Sep 11,2021. It will be held at Crossville time to be decided by tournament director Doug Farnsworth. Our yearly meeting will be before any competition. Entry forms will be available online and one will be attached with this newsletter. We will select a Sportsmanship award winner and designate the rookie of the year.

WELCOME: we have 7 new members, some returning after 27 years from Tracy



City, TN

Pitched at Crossville 8/7/21 Henry Melton, Garrett Kinsey(cadet boy) Gary Melton, Tim Seagroves, David Meeks also not shown Aiden Melton (jr) and Michael Melton.



5-01-21 CR CL A 1<sup>st</sup> Farnsworth 2<sup>nd</sup> Robert Bilyeu 3<sup>rd</sup> Ronnie Boyd



6-19-21 CRYV CLA 1<sup>st</sup> A. Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> Smullen 3<sup>rd</sup> Bilyeu



6-26-21 TN DBLS Class A 2<sup>nd</sup> Brand & Gibbs III



6-26-21 TN DBLS Class B 1<sup>st</sup> Mcmillian & Adamczyk



6-26-21 TN DBLS 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Rosser & Pepper



6-26-21 TN DBLS CL A 1<sup>st</sup> M. South & D. farnsworth



6-26-21 TN DBLS Class B 2<sup>nd</sup> B. South & E. South





7-10-21 CLK CLA 1<sup>st</sup> M. Griffith 2<sup>nd</sup> J. Elmore  
3<sup>rd</sup> M. Ray



7-10-21 CLK CLB  
Shannon Foster



7-10-21 CLK CLC  
Bobby South



7-10-21 CLK CLD 1<sup>st</sup> M. Jones 2<sup>nd</sup> A. Pepper  
3<sup>rd</sup> A. Gauger



7-10-21 CLK CL A 1<sup>st</sup> Sizemore 2<sup>nd</sup> R. Smullen  
3<sup>rd</sup> M. Bouton



7-10-21 CYV CLB 1<sup>st</sup> A. Pinkston  
2<sup>nd</sup> G. Coleman



8-7-21 RS CL A 1<sup>st</sup> C. Gray 2<sup>nd</sup>  
S. Foster, 3<sup>rd</sup> Doug Sullins.



8-7-21 RS CL B 1<sup>st</sup> J. Manis  
2<sup>nd</sup> Mike Bouton



8-7-21 ALG CL A T. Zegarzewske  
2<sup>nd</sup> Mac Mcmillian



8-7-21 ALG CL B 1<sup>st</sup> Tim Seagroves, 2<sup>nd</sup> Henry  
Melton 3<sup>rd</sup> Merle South 4<sup>th</sup> Ronnie Boyd



8-7-21 RKS CL C 1<sup>st</sup> Henry.  
Nease T. Freeman



8-14-21 WP CL A 1<sup>st</sup> Jim  
COOPER 2<sup>nd</sup> C. Gray



8-14-21 WP CLB 1<sup>st</sup>  
David Kell 2<sup>nd</sup> L. Osborne



8-14-21 WP CLC 1<sup>st</sup> Nease  
2<sup>nd</sup> Grady Coleman

### **2021 NHPA Annual Meeting July 25,2021 at Winnemucca, NV World Tournament**

1. Delegates present- 71
2. Progress report on 2022 WT at Monroe-West Monroe , Louisiana
3. Election of Officers:

President- **Gary Roberts**

NHPA replace 4<sup>th</sup> VP( recently deceased Wayne Callicoatte) voted in is **Barbara Carson**

**July 10-22, 2022 - The 2022 World Tournament** will be held in Monroe/West Monroe, LA. The Monroe Convention Visitors Bureau, Scott Bruscato and his staff will be at Winnemucca, NV. You can stop by their booth and get lots of information on the Facility, Area Maps, Airlines, Rental Car Companies, Uber, Lyft, Hotels, Shopping, RV and Camping Sites and Amenities, Restaurants, Casinos, and many sites to see and visit. Places to go and a few things to do and see will be Pecanland Mall, Duck Commander Shop, Landry Vineyard, Revolution Park Dirt Track Racing, Black Bayou Lake National Wildlife Refuge, and Surge Entertainment presented by Drew Bree's. We are also working on inviting "Duck Dynasty" and the "Swamp Guy's" to the Tournament as well. "laissez le bon temps rouler" (Let the good times Roll). Go to <https://www.monroe-westmonroe.org/> for more information.

**July 17-30, 2023 - Lansing Michigan will be the host of the 2023 World Tournament.** Take a walk along the Lansing River Trail, or nearby Michigan State University Campus, Arts, Theater, Breweries, Wineries, Distilleries and much more. Go to <https://www.lansing.org/visit-greater-lansing/request-a-visitors-guide>

**2024 Potential World Tournament Locations Showing Interest** We are currently working with several locations for the 2024 World Tournament. We have several interested parties Contact us such as, Casper



Wyoming, Hamilton, OH Cincinnati OH, Winston/Salem, NC, St. Charles MO, Green Bay Wisconsin, Indianapolis, IN. The deadline to submit their bid is December 31, 2022. Good luck to all

**2021 World Tournament Pics and Congratulations to all competing in the preliminaries and the Championships**



Event courts#1



Events courts #2



EVENTS COMPETITION BLDG



MENS ELDERS CLASS A PRELIMINARY (Jim Cooper)



Alan Gauger (TN) Mens Class F2



Womens A- Prelim winners Shalee Cason, Mar Ray, Theresa Howe



Womens Preliminary Class A (1-16)



JoAnn Stanford WMS CL D



Womens Championship Class (1-16)



Women TOP 3  
Elmore/ Heiden/ Cason



Womens Champion  
10<sup>th</sup> Championship



ALL CLASS Champions ElderRon  
Legrand, MensA. Fransis womens  
Elmore, Sr. Men Jacob Fimbres

**World Horseshoe Tournament 2021 Winnemucca, Nevada an" Observation" by Lois Cooper.**

The experience of Elders participant James Cooper got off to a slow start. Leaving home 8 days before his pitching time and traveling north to Ohio, where we picked up our daughter, then continuing our journey by sightseeing through Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Wyoming, Utah, then Nevada. We



arrived in Winnemucca on Friday afternoon, located the event center, enjoyed watching some of the Juniors pitch, then we checked into our hotel.

On Saturday we were honored to watch as a 14 year old young lady from Wisconsin pitch a perfect game. She was amazing and moved on to become our Junior Girls World Champion!! So exciting and motivational.

Jim started his qualifying round early on Monday morning bright and early, with a 6:30 am shoe check and meeting, along with group pictures. Pitch time started at 8 am, with 5 - 40 shoe games!! His first game was a loss with only a 52.50%. but he followed that with a win with 75%. Game 3 – was another loss with 57.50%. Game 4 – was another win with a 72.5%. Game 5 – a loss with 62.50%. He just never got in the groove for any real consistency on the first day. An overall 64% which was very low for him, but then again everyone was under their average. Condition of the clay was great, as it was Illinois blue clay. So, I really can't put my finger on why the low percentages, nerves, is a good possibility.

Day 2 – started with a loss and 67.50% in game 1. His final loss, thankfully!!! He was the next 4 games with the final game being an 82.50%, and an overall 67%.

Day 3 – Finally he started looking like the Jim Cooper that we all know. He won all 5 games, with an overall percentage of 67.37%. Finishing in 5th place and moving him on to the Championship round.

Day 4 – The start of the Championship round, started with another shoe check, meeting, and pictures, and then about 15 minutes of warm-up. Game 1 was a very close game throughout, but resulted in a loss, and 64 shoes pitched and a 59.38%. Game 2 resulted in a win, 70 shoes pitched and a ringer percentage of 73.86. Game 3 - a win, with 68 shoes pitched and a 64.71%. Game 4 another win with 56 shoes pitched and 58.93%. Game 5 – a win, 60 shoes pitched, and 61.67%.

Day 5 – He started game 1 with a win, only 28 shoes pitched and a 78.57%. Game 2 – a win with 40 shoes pitched and 80%. Game 3 – a win with 40 shoes pitched and 82.50%. Game 4 – a loss with 44 shoes pitched, we called this his slump game at 56.82%. Game 5 – a win with 46 shoes pitched, for a 71.74%.

Day 6 – Game 1 started with a loss, another battle with 76 shoes pitched and 67.11%. Game 2 – another loss, with 68 shoes pitched and a 73.53%. Game 3 – pulled out a win, with 54 shoes pitched, and a 62.96%. Can you believe losing with a 73.53% and winning with a 62.96%? Game 4 – a win with 58 shoes pitched, and a 67.24%. Game 5 – a win with 30 shoes pitched and a 80.0% for an overall percentage of 68.08%. He finished once again in 5th place, and made family, friends, and Tennessee proud.

If you have never experienced a World Tournament, we hope you put it on your calendar for next year in Monroe, Louisiana, July 11-23, 2022, there is a class for everyone.

I would also like to Congratulate all our Tennessee pitcher for a job well done!!

**RULE AND BYLAW CHANGES 2021:** new edition of NHPA Rules/REGULATIONS GUIDELINES SPECIFICATIONS January 1, 2021

1. Pitching Divisions: rule Junior cadets- added wording: Section A – cadets(see requirement 6 for exceptions and additional information. Boy or girl- May pitch from any place on the extended or full distance platforms and shall observe the 20FT foul line. Boy or girl may choose to move to the junior girl/boy prior to the age guidelines but cannot return to cadets once that declaration has been made.

2. Requirement 3 Charter/State Information Section A #2.Mixed classes are not allowed at the World Tournament, but in Championship Classes of State tournaments, within the same3 pitching distance, mixedcd divisions that have fewer than 4 entries may be mixed.

## 2021 TN State Singles Entry

Where: Crossville ( Yearly Meeting before any competition)

This is a TN charter members tournament only: Pitchers must have pitched in a minimum of four (4) sanctioned tournaments in Tennessee prior to the registration deadline date to be eligible to pitch in the State Singles Tournament. 200\* shoes pitched in sanctioned league play shall count as one (1) tournament. (voted in 2015)  
\*Requirement 2 Section F in the RGS

Time: for meeting

Time: playing begins after the state meeting

Entry Fee: \$25.00 cash or check made out to Doug Farnsworth at 67 Gislornes Circle Crossville, TN 38555

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ TN Sanction card # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Contact # \_\_\_\_\_ ( cell # preferred )

Check one: Men \_\_\_\_\_ Elder \_\_\_\_\_ Women \_\_\_\_\_ SR WOMEN \_\_\_\_\_  
Cadet Boy/Girl \_\_\_\_\_ JR Boy/Girl \_\_\_\_\_