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2016 Midseason Newsletter

No Ballot This Year

The following have qualified for officer elections and are uncontested and will start their terms on January 1, 2017:

2nd Vice President: Barry Goree

Secretary/Treasurer: Don Hathcock

There were no other issues presented at this time, so there will not be a ballot at this year's AHPA State Meeting. The 2016 state meeting will be held at 8:00am before the state singles tournament. The AHPA annual state awards (Hall of Fame, Highest Percentage, etc.) will also be presented at this time.

State Singles will be held August 27 @ Moragne Park in Gadsden. Entry Fees must be in to an officer or tournament director no later than Sunday, August 14. Each participant must be a current AHPA/NHPA member and have pitched in at least four sanctioned tournaments, three of which in Alabama, since last year's cut-off. The Hazel Green Tournament on Aug. 14 and the NHPA World Tournament can count toward your qualification for the AHPA State Singles. Start time 9:00am, must check in by 8:30 am. Championship classes play 40 points, all other class play will be determined after the deadline for entry.

Entry Fee is \$20.00. Make checks payable to AHPA.

2016 Membership

Our membership currently stands at 90 with the current breakdown of members:

Mens 30'	27
Womens	11

Boys	2
Mens 40'	47
Cadets	3

World Tournament

The AHPA will be well represented at the world tournament in Montgomery, AL. July 25 – August 6. We have 48 members entered.

The AHPA will be selling 50/50 raffle tickets during the world tournament. There will be 3 shifts per day and we will be having 3 drawings each day. We need volunteers to sell raffle tickets during the shifts that they are not pitching. Please help out and give your name to one of our officers so that we can schedule ticket sales. Go to <http://www.horseshoepitching.com> and keep up with the action.

2016 AHPA State Doubles Championship Tournament

We had a great doubles tournament this year. We used the same format that we used last year for putting the teams together and it made for another exciting doubles tournament with a lot of very close games.

2016 Doubles Results

**1st Place and AHPA State Doubles
Champions:**

Jason Sharp and Johnny Lashley

2nd Place:

Steve Franklin and Tammy Floyd

3rd Place:

Joan Garrison and Don Mangum

4th Place:

Laura Schlecty and Dallas Ricker

5th Place:

Blake Hauge and Jim Ellison

6th Place:

Billy McBroom and Karen Sanford

7th Place:

Tim Segrest and Danny Floyd

8th Place:

Allen Bickerstaff and Orville McElroy

We have been having a great year of pitching and let's have a great finish with the best State Singles Tournament ever!! We have a few members who still need 1 or 2 tournaments to qualify and there is still time. If you have any questions about how many tournaments you have, you can look them up on <http://www.horseshoepitching.com> and go to the NATSTATS search or contact me.

A WORD FROM 1st VP DANNY FLOYD

I would like to thank all of you this year for your patience as I was learning and I still am about being a Tournament Director. I would like to get your opinions or suggestions on tournaments. What we would like to know:

1. Do you like mixed classes or the 30 & 40 ft. split.

2. Would you like bigger class sizes so we can pitch more shoes.

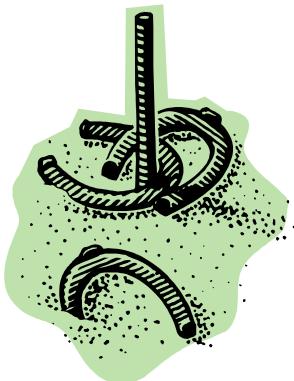
3. Maybe have a higher entry fee for more prize money.

4. Would we like to have an annual big tournament we do around the same time each year ex. (The Carolina Dogwood Classic and others). These are a few examples of what we are looking for to bring more excitement and members to our tournaments. If any of you have suggestions or ideas on any of these subjects, I would definitely like to know.

I would like to inform all AHPA members of a new award for the 2017 pitching year. We have looked and studied different ideas and came up with Pitcher of The Year and Rookie of The Year. Both awards will be based on a points system. Example: 1 point for tournament entry and points for winning your class). They will be a cash reward and plaque presented to each winner. I will have all official rules and information written up before our state tournament date deadline. We are looking forward to this award to help bring in new members, tournament entries, and bring even more competitive pitching.

For tournament results or other association news, check out www.alhorsshoes.com

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