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# 2016 Post Season Newsletter

We closed out another great season of horseshoe pitching for the AHPA, especially by having the NHPA world tournament in Montgomery this year. Our AHPA mens and womens champions, both finished in 4<sup>th</sup> place in the NHPA world championship tournament and the AHPA walked away with 5 world class champions! We had 48 out of 90 members enter the world tournament and 27 out of those 48 won cash awards and/or trophies!

Surprisingly, our total membership was down from last season and we did pick up several new members. I think that a lot of that was due to attrition and that's why we put together our juniors promotion program and our family membership. Diane Dorler is our junior promotions director and through her efforts and the family membership, we hope to bring more cadets and juniors into the AHPA. We would also like to say a special thank you to Lyle and Diane Dorler for the great job they did managing the 50/50 raffle ticket sales at the world tournament. The majority of the funds raised were used to give a great kick start to the juniors promotion program.

We are always looking for ways to make horseshoe pitching more fun and competitive. There have been some great ideas brought up by some of our members and I want to encourage all members to voice their opinions and bring those ideas to the table. Our tournament directors do a great job of making up the classes and formatting the tournaments that they run. It is a tough and sometimes thankless job so I want to take this time to thank them for the hard work that they do all season.

We had 47 members participate in our AHPA state singles championship this year. Unfortunately, there were some members that didn't participate for various reasons. A couple of the reasons were that they didn't feel that they could compete in the class that they would be in or that there wasn't enough pitching

time for a state championship. We have to follow the NHPA rules as they pertain to the state championship tournament. The championship class in any division cannot be handicapped and must be played to 40 points. We can however handicap the other classes in the state tournament. Then we could have more pitchers in each class and make the classes more competitive. We could also do move-ups into the championship class. This would make the tournament last a lot longer and trying to get our state convention and the tournament into a 1 day event will be difficult without changing back to a 2 day event as it was several years ago.

Our officers and tournament directors will be meeting in Eclectic at the TNT Courts this January 21, 2017 to set the new schedule and talk about these and other issues. All members are encouraged to come and participate or at least voice your opinion to an officer or tournament director so that your concerns can be heard. I also want to know what you thought about having the state meeting before the tournament. I was hoping that it would make it more convenient for the members and make things run a little smoother. We did run into some technical difficulties with the electronic scoring and I am working diligently on ironing those problems out.

3<sup>rd</sup> vice-president and By-laws and Constitution Committee Director, Jim Ellison has assembled his committee. Chuck Garrison will be the chairman and the other members are Joan Garrison, Danny Floyd and Tammy Floyd.

AHPA officer positions that will be coming up for election in 2017 are president, currently held by Ron Kindrick, 1<sup>st</sup> vice-president, currently held by Danny Floyd and 3<sup>rd</sup> vice-president, currently held by Jim Ellison. Ron Kindrick has announced that he would not be seeking another term. Danny Floyd has agreed to start a slow transition to the secretary/ treasurer position. With the health problems that I have, I think it is best for the AHPA to get someone in training to take this position as it involves a lot of responsibilities and Danny has shown the dedication and ambition that is needed along with some computer knowledge. With that being said, we will be needing members who are willing to take on the task and responsibilities of president and 1<sup>st</sup> vice-president.

There will be some sanctioned events played this fall and winter so keep a check on our webpage, Facebook page and your e-mail for information. I have the 2017 membership cards in hand. Your 2016 card is good for the rest of this year and now is the time to recruit new members as the 2017 cards will be valid for the

rest of this year and all of next year. All new and existing members must fill out a membership form and return it with their membership fees. Look for the winter 2017 newsletter in early February for the 2017 schedule. May you have a great fall and winter holiday season as we look forward to the upcoming pitching season!

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## 2016 AHPA State Singles Championship Results

Alabama State Singles Championship Mens A Championship Class ( Rank: W/L - H2H - Rgr% - Pts)

Pos	Name	Entry %	Hcp	Card#	St	Won	Lost	Pts	Rgrs	HToH	OvrAvg	Sh	R%
1.	Dan Watson	79.06	0	260084	AL	7	0	294	164	0	3.84-	218	75.23
2.	Jimmy Sisk	59.42	0	260090	AL	6	1	247	186	0	3.84	294	63.27
3.	Frank Billingsley	50.25	0	260028	AL	5	2	231	139	0	4.83-	306	45.42
4.	Roger Duke	40.54	0	260063	AL	4	3	219	131	0	2.90-	348	37.64
5.	Danny Floyd	52.70	0	260012	AL	2	5	221	153	1	9.97-	358	42.74
6.	Keith Poston	36.00	0	260018	AL	2	5	174	116	0	3.45	294	39.46
7.	Bill Coggin	37.40	0	260129	AL	1	6	133	104	1	2.27-	296	35.14
8.	Eddie Freeman	40.00	0	260051	AL	1	6	113	84	0	11.04-	290	28.97

### Mens B Class

1.	Gary Campbell	33.14	0	260108	AL	4	0	168	80	0	6.86	200	40.00
2.	Randal Light	33.28	0	260037	AL	3	1	158	81	0	7.22	200	40.50
3.	Larry West	34.45	0	260152	AL	2	2	120	54	0	7.45-	200	27.00
4.	Terry Miller	32.60	0	260025	AL	1	3	111	58	0	3.60-	200	29.00
5.	Joe Waggoner	34.69	0	260056	AL	0	4	112	65	0	2.19-	200	32.50

### Mens C Class

1.	Jody Light	30.62	0	260105	AL	4	0	182	73	0	5.88	200	36.50
2.	Wayne McGehee	25.98	0	260005	AL	2	2	149	53	1	0.52	200	26.50
3.	Jason Sharp	28.91	0	260159	AL	2	2	116	50	1	3.91-	200	25.00
4.	Hershel Foster	26.19	0	260029	AL	2	2	95	44	1	4.19-	200	22.00
5.	Trent Mangum	25.69	0	260200	AL	0	4	89	36	0	7.69-	200	18.00

### Mens D Class

1.	Adam Amos	25.59	0	260014	AL	4	0	126	60	0	4.41	200	30.00
2.	Steve Franklin	19.88	0	260126	AL	3	1	109	58	0	9.12	200	29.00
3.	Ricky Miller	24.16	0	260015	AL	2	2	90	57	0	4.34	200	28.50
4.	Ron Kindrick	21.16	0	260061	AL	1	3	95	34	0	4.16-	200	17.00
5.	Joeseeph Cate	18.63	0	260081	AL	0	4	39	32	0	2.63-	200	16.00

### Mens E Class

1.	William Pitts	16.84	0	260123	AL	5.5	0.5	156	37	0	1.43-	240	15.42
2.	Mike Watkins	18.17	0	260143	AL	3.5	2.5	138	39	0	1.92-	240	16.25

3. Neal Gartman	17.79	0	260067	AL	3	3	138	35	0	3.21-	240	14.58
4. Don Hathcock	8.16	0	260039	AL	0	6	79	12	0	3.16-	240	5.00

#### Elders A Championship Class

Pos	Name	Entry %	Hcp	Card#	St	Won	Lost	Pts	Rgrs	HToH	OvrAvg	Sh	R%
1.	Jim Ellison	69.84	0	260069	AL	5	0	208	139	0	1.71-	204	68.14
2.	Terry Brown	54.56	0	260053	AL	3	2	134	99	1	8.30-	214	46.26
3.	Dallas Ricker	61.45	0	260010	AL	3	2	185	136	0	9.55-	262	51.91
4.	Calvin Collier	58.55	0	260144	AL	2	3	156	109	1	6.65-	210	51.90
5.	Don Mangum	57.14	0	260140	AL	2	3	174	143	0	3.45	236	60.59
6.	Ottie Reno	53.73	0	360786	OH	0	5	47	32	0	36.15-	182	17.58

#### Elders B Class

1.	Barry Goree	49.45	0	260141	AL	6	0	223	131	0	4.68	242	54.13
2.	Chuck Garrison	39.80	0	260150	AL	3	3	178	105	1	3.95	240	43.75
3.	Johnny Lashley	37.92	0	260086	AL	3	3	126	97	1	2.16	242	40.08
4.	Mike Harrison	24.77	0	260038	AL	0	6	78	62	0	1.06	240	25.83

#### Womens A Championship Class

1.	Kathy Brazier	75.14	0	260082	AL	6	1	281	147	1	10.10-	226	65.04
2.	Tammy Floyd	49.35	0	260149	AL	6	2	281	162	1	1.91	316	51.27
3.	Logan Miller	46.63	0	260125	AL	5	2	248	147	0	2.37	300	49.00
4.	Karen Sanford	42.78	0	260151	AL	3	3	148	64	0	15.20-	232	27.59
5.	Sharlett Sharp	25.27	0	260170	AL	2	4	131	50	0	5.27-	250	20.00
6.	Diane Dorler	28.51	0	260113	AL	1	5	147	70	0	2.20-	266	26.32
7.	Joan Garrison	11.94	0	260146	AL	0	6	17	6	0	8.91-	198	3.03

#### Cadet A Championship Class

1.	Mason Schwab	25.00	0	260114	AL	3	1	139	40	1	12.81-	328	12.20
2.	Jesse Amos	17.53	0	260162	AL	3	1	146	28	1	5.96-	242	11.57
3.	Blake Hauge	5.00	0	260161	AL	0	4	49	9	0	2.17-	318	2.83

## 2016 AHPA State Meeting Minutes

1. Ron Kindrick called the meeting to order
2. Invocation given by Hershel Foster
3. Orville McElroy played the national anthem
4. Ron Kindrick congratulated all the AHPA Participants in the 2016 world tournament and the class champions and other prize winners.
5. State Awards were presented.
  - 5a. State Patches for 1st State Singles were given to Jesse Amos, Diane Dorler, Chuck Garrison, Joan Garrison, Blake Hauge, Don Mangum, Trent Mangum, Karen Sanford, Jason Sharp, Sharlett Sharp and Mason Schwab
  - 5b. most tournaments played and most improved: Danny Floyd
  - 5c. highest ringer percentage: Dan Watson
  - 5d. 20 year member patch: Don Hathcock
6. 2015 meeting minutes presented by Don Hathcock. Motion and second made to accept the minutes as read, all in favor
7. 2016 Financial Report given by Don Hathcock. Motion and second made to accept the financial report as read, all in favor
8. Officer Election Results: Don Hathcock to serve as sec/treas as ran without opposition. Term ends 12/18. Barry Goree to serve as 2nd VP north region as ran without opposition. Term ends 12/18
9. Officer Reports: President Ron Kindrick talked about the creation of the junior promotions program and announced Diane Dorler as its director.
10. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President and Grievance Committee Director, Danny Floyd gave a report on the grievance committee actions and announced the creation of a Player of the Year and Rookie of the Year Awards.
11. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President and Hall of Fame Director and Chairman Barry Goree gave a report of the Hall of Fame Committee. No members were nominated for induction.
12. 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice-President and By-Laws and Constitution Director Jim Ellison talked about the work being done to get the committee up and running.
13. Unfinished business: We are still working on the committees. We need members who may be interested in being a member of a committee to step forward. We are still working on regionalizing the state membership. We have a good balance now because of the areas of the state that our vice-presidents are from, but grouping the membership by voting bloc is more difficult.
14. New Business: No new business. A motion and second were made to adjourn the meeting. All in favor.

## 2017 AHPA Membership Form

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To join or renew membership in the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association (NHPA) and the Alabama Horseshoe Pitchers Association (AHPA), please print this form and complete the following information:

First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_, AL

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to receive my newsletter by \_\_\_ mail \_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_ neither (will get it on-line)

Category in which you expect to pitch (Circle One)

Men's 40 ft. Men's 30 ft. Women's Junior Boys' Junior Girls Cadet

If you otherwise qualify as a 40' pitcher:

Do you have a medical exemption to pitch from less than 40'? \_\_\_ YES \_\_\_ NO

Do you require a medical exemption to pitch from less than 40'? \_\_\_ YES \_\_\_ NO

Circle One: New Member Renewal

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Mail a check or money order for membership dues (\$25 adults -- \$7 juniors or \$50.00 for family\* membership)

payable to the AHPA along with this completed form.

\*Family membership is for husband and/or wife and any dependent children who would

Otherwise qualify as a junior or cadet pitcher. List all family members and their relationship, date of birth and category.

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