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2017 Midseason Newsletter

A Word from our President

It has been another great year of pitching, thus far. We have had 483 total tournament entrants as of this writing. I want to thank all of our tournament directors for the hard work that they put into getting these tournaments set up. It is mostly a thankless job.

Our Hall of Fame committee is still working on putting together a better system to use for our nominations and inductions.

We still need to put together an appropriations committee to see how we can best invest our funds into the future of the AHPA. I believe this committee should be made up of the AHPA officers and tournament directors. Other ideas being floated around are to pay a new members first year dues and to lower entry fees for our state singles and doubles tournaments for juniors and cadets.

One other thing that I want to mention is that I am not a spring chicken anymore and Don Hathcock has had a few close medical calls. We are going to have to have some members to step up to learn and take over these positions. It would be nice for it to be some of our younger and healthier members and it would be better now than to wait until the need becomes an absolute necessity.

Y'all keep throwing them shoes!!

Ron Kindrick

On Ballot This Year

The following have qualified for officer elections and are uncontested and will start their terms on January 1, 2018:

President

Ron Kindrick

1st Vice President:

Steve Franklin

3rd Vice President

Jim Ellison

The only other issue presented at this time, is a proposal to make the AHPA State Singles Championship Tournament a 2 day event. The details are on the ballot included in this newsletter.

The 2017 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 26 in Gadsden in their new venue on the corner of North 5th Street and Locus Street. Wayne Cate, Jimmy Sisk, Roger Duke and Danny Floyd have done a great job setting up the new venue for play. I want to thank each and every one of them. Your \$20.00 entry Fee must be in to an officer or tournament director no later than Saturday, August 12. 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 NHPA World Tournament can count toward your qualification for the AHPA State Singles. The TNT #4 tournament on Aug. 19 will count toward the 2018 AHPA State tournaments. 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.

2017 Membership

Our membership currently stands at 88 (including Ottie Reno) with the current breakdown of members:

Mens 30'	26
Womens	15
Boys	4
Mens 40'	41
Cadets	2

2017 World Tournament

The AHPA will be well represented at the world tournament in St. George, UT. July 17. We have 13 members entered. Jim Ellison will be representing the AHPA as our delegate to the convention.

Go to <http://www.horseshoepitching.com> and keep up with the action.

2017 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. I want to thank Dan Watson for letting us use his facilities for the doubles.

2016 Doubles Results

**1st Place and AHPA State Doubles
Champions:**
Calvin Collier and Ron Kindrick

2nd Place:
Roger Duke and Adam Amos

3rd Place:
Kathy Brazier and W.T. Pitts

4th Place:

Logan Miller and Trent Mangum

5th Place:

Chuck Garrison and Billy McBroom

6th Place:

Danny Floyd and Jason Sharp

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.

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I want to add one other thing. There was a motion made several years ago to include more pitchers into the championship classes. That's why we have been placing the top 8 pitchers in each division into the championship class. I want and need input from you, the members, especially those of you who would be a 5th, 6th, 7th, or 8th seed in the championship class. I have heard some say that they can't compete in that position and would do better in the B class and I have heard some say that it was an honor to make the championship class and you can't win it if you're not in it. If need be to make it more fair and fun, I can place the top 4 or 5 in each division into the championship class and have them pitch a double round robin and make the other classes up from there. Some members complained about being in a 5 man class at the AHPA State tournament

did not provide enough play for the entry fee. I can make the other classes larger, but I have been trying to make them as competitive as possible without using a handicap.

I, as tournament director can do pretty much anything within the confines of the NHPA rules. The NHPA allows the handicapping of classes in a state championship tournament, except for a division championship.

Please call me at 334-558-2118 or e-mail me at donhathcock@yahoo.com.

You can also mail me your thoughts with your entry fee.

I wish for everyone to have a great time and feel that they were treated fairly. Thank you.

Don Hathcock,

AHPA Sec/Treas



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2017 AHPA BALLOT

Please circle your selection

President	<small>Candidate A</small> <input type="text" value="Ron Kindrick"/>	Uncontested
1st VP (Central)	<input type="text" value="Steve Franklin"/>	Uncontested
3rd VP (South)	<input type="text" value="Jim Ellison"/>	Uncontested

Amendment 1: Proposal: To have a set format for the AHPA State Singles Championship Tournament

1. Make this a two day event.

Reason: This would give more time in this tournament to allow larger numbers of people in a class.

Playing a 5 man class only affords 4 games of play which seems inadequate to be considered a state champion.

2. Make classes larger. (Either 7 or 8 players per class).

3. Announce a set schedule to all participants 1 week prior to the State Singles Tournament.

Reason: This affords people the opportunity to make plans ahead of time.

4. Schedule all Championship A Classes to pitch on Sunday afternoon following the AHPA State meeting.

5. Make all championship A classes as close to 8 players as possible, except when there is a ringer % difference between the the high and low player greater than? (a set amount)

Amendment 1:

If submitting your ballot before the AHPA State Singles tournament or as an absentee ballot, you must include your name and/or member number.