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2018 Pre-Season Newsletter

Winter 2018

We had a great meeting January 20th! The new schedule for the 2018 season has been set and is attached to this newsletter. I will also be putting it on the website as soon as possible.

The dues for 2018 are \$35.00 for adults and \$7.00 for juniors. New members can join for FREE! Let's get the word out and boost our membership! This is a great time to promote our organization and introduce people to organized horseshoe pitching! A family membership is available for \$70.00. Family memberships are for a husband and/or wife and their dependent children who would otherwise qualify as juniors.

This year's state singles tournament will be a 2-day event. This will allow us to have the larger, more competitive classes and not be so late getting out on Saturday evening. Class play will be held on Saturday followed by the awarding of class prizes. The annual state meeting will be held immediately after. The championship classes will play Sunday morning and the championship award ceremony will follow. The junior's and cadet's entry fee for the state singles will be \$5.00.

It has been debated and talked about for more than 10 years. We now have a great method of representation of our members according to geographical location. Members whose zip code begins with 356 thru 358 will be in the northern region, members whose zip code begins with 350 thru 355, 359 and 362 will be in the central region and members whose zip code begins with 360, 361 and 363 thru 369 will be in the southern region. We are also removing the 1st, 2nd and 3rd from the titles of our vice-presidents to be replaced with northern, central and southern. The vice-president in line to replace the president in his absence will be the vice-president representing the region with the most members.

The new AHPA Hall of Fame rules and nomination form has been approved! I truly believe that we have the best, most fair and unbiased method of inducting new Hall of Fame nominees of any charter in the NHPA! The new rules and nomination form will be published on the website as soon as possible. The Hall of Fame Committee has done a tremendous job in putting this together.

I would like to thank Jim Ellison for taking on the position of President of the AHPA. It has been a tumultuous few months for our AHPA officers. Chuck Garrison has accepted the position as Central Vice-President and Joe Waggoner has taken the position as Southern Vice-President. The positions of Northern Vice-President (currently held by Barry Goree) and Secretary/Treasurer (currently held by Don Hathcock) will be on the ballot this year. Any member wishing to run for these positions must notify the President or Sec. /Treas. no later than June 1st. The North region nominee should reside in that region and will be elected by the members of that region. The position of Sec. /Treas. is a state wide nominee.

It is sad that we will not be having any tournaments held in Huntsville this year. Gus has put a lot of work into keeping it going the last few years and has decided to limit his activities to helping Dan Watson run the tournaments at Hazel Green. Hopefully, someone will pick it up and run with it. We always hate to lose a venue, but the other clubs in the state have taken up the slack. We kick off our season in Gulf Shores on the 24th of February. Dan Watson will be hosting 12 tournaments this year at his courts in Hazel Green.

Our state doubles tournament will be held at the TNT Courts in Eclectic this year on June 16th. The entry fee for the doubles is \$20.00 per pitcher and you must pre-register 2 weeks before the tournament.

The Gadsden tournaments will be held at the same facility on the corner of North 5th Street and Locus Street to start. It is hopeful that sometime during the year the Gadsden Parks and Recreation will have the Moragne Park facility ready. Wayne Cate said that they would like to have a grand re-opening of the park and schedule a horseshoe tournament at that time. It may be possible that the facility will be ready for our state singles tournament. I will keep everyone updated as much as possible on this issue.

We want to thank Cindy Sanders for taking on the position as our Public Relations Director. Cindy will be working hard to promote the AHPA through the use of the media and through sponsorships with local companies and organizations. Cindy is a great asset and will be instrumental in helping the AHPA grow and move forward.

Jim Ellison is working on a patch for all AHPA members to wear on their pitching shirts. He brought a couple of designs to the meeting for us to look at. The AHPA has never had an official patch, although we have had a patch that is given out to the members once they participated in their first state singles tournament for several years. He also is looking to get some pins that the AHPA members who go to the world tournaments can hand out and trade.

James "Sonny" Conaway has been a member of the AHPA for almost 40 years. He has a nomination in to be inducted into the Calhoun County Sports Hall of Fame and the AHPA has drafted a recommendation letter to be added to his file for this consideration. Sonny is and has been a great asset to the AHPA and is a man of great character and someone that the Calhoun County Sports Hall of Fame should be proud to have as an inductee.

The NHPA World Tournament will be held July 9 thru July 21 in Florence, SC. The WT entry deadline is May 14, 2018. **Make sure you have the necessary tournaments in and get your entry in on time!**

I hope that everyone had a great winter and holiday season and is ready to get the new AHPA season going. I want to thank all of the members who help to make the AHPA better, especially the ones who donate their time and efforts by taking on leadership positions and taking on the task of being a tournament director. We all need to be giving these people a pat on the back and telling them how much we appreciate them, because without them, we wouldn't be much.

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2018 AHPA Pitching Schedule

Tournament	Location	Date
Gulf Shores #1	Gulf Shores, AL	24-Feb-18
TNT Open #1	Eclectic, AL	3-Mar-18
Oak Park #1	Montgomery, AL	17-Mar-18
David Sisk memorial	Dan's Courts	31-Mar-18
Gadsden Open #1	Gadsden, AL	7-Apr-18
Phil Bragg Memorial	Dan's Courts	14-Apr-18
Gulf Shores #2	Gulf Shores, AL	14-Apr-18
TNT Open #2	Eclectic, AL	21-Apr-18
Bobby Tidwell Memorial	Dan's Courts	28-Apr-18
Gadsden Open #2	Gadsden, AL	5-May-18
Gary Jones Memorial	Dan's Courts	12-May-18
TNT Open #3	Eclectic, AL	12-May-18

World Tournament Entry Deadline May 14, 2018

Gulf Shores #3	Gulf Shores, AL	19-May-18
Kathy Brazier Spring Classic	Dan's Courts	20-May-18

AHPA State Doubles Entry deadline June 2, 2018

TNT Open #4	Eclectic, AL	2-Jun-18
Gadsden Open #3	Gadsden, AL	9-Jun-18

AHPA State Doubles Tournament @ TNT Courts in Eclectic, AL June 16, 2018

Wayne McGehee Summer Classic	Dan's Courts	23-Jun-18
Gadsden Open #4	Gadsden, AL	7-Jul-18
Jimmy Sisk Classic	Dan's Courts	8-Jul-18

NHPA World Tournament Florence, SC July 9 thru July 21

Calvin Collier Classic	Dan's Courts	28-Jul-18
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AHPA State Singles Entry deadline Aug 11, 2018

Gadsden Open #5	Gadsden, AL	11-Aug-18
Oak Park #2	Montgomery, AL	18-Aug-18
Bridgett Collier Classic	Dan's Courts	19-Aug-18

AHPA State Singles Tournament in Gadsden, AL., Aug. 25, 2018 thru Aug. 26, 2018

Eddie Freeman Classic	Dan's Courts	9-Sep-18
TNT Open #5	Eclectic, AL	16-Sep-18
Terry Brown Fall Classic	Dan's Courts	23-Sep-18

Barry Goree End of Year Classic	Dan's Courts	7-Oct-18
TNT Open #6	Eclectic, AL	21-Oct-18
TNT Halloween Happening (NS)	Eclectic, AL	28-Oct-18
Gulf Shores #4	Gulf Shores, AL	3-Nov-18
Gulf Shores #5	Gulf Shores, AL	1-Dec-18
TNT Holiday Classic	Eclectic, AL	15-Dec-18

GADSDEN	ALL TOURNAMENTS 10am START	TD- WAYNE CATE	256-504-6721
GULF SHORES	ALL TOURNAMENTS 10am START	TD- JIM ELLISON	334-689-0635
DAN'S COURTS	ALL TOURNAMENTS 11am START	TD- DAN WATSON	256-656-2355
OAK PARK	ALL TOURNAMENTS 10am START	TD- RON KINDRICK	256-200-9546
TNT	ALL TOURNAMENTS 10am START	TD- DIANE DORLER	334-303-2239

AHPA STATE SINGLES TOURNAMENT IS A 9am START CHECK-IN BEFORE 8:30am
 ENTRY FEE IS \$20.00 FOR ADULTS AND \$5.00 FOR JUNIORS AND CADETS
 Juniors and cadets will be awarded trophies only

AHPA STATE DOUBLES TOURNAMENT IS A 10am START CHECK-IN BEFORE 9:30am
 ENTRY FEE IS \$20.00 PER PITCHER