

## Charlie Meredith Captures 7th Men's Title!

Two great Kentucky State Horseshoe Champions squared off Sunday in Chalybeate for the 2012 title. Charlie Meredith & Tony Hankins have both won the Men's State Championship six times each and only the legendary Bill Henn had more with seven. Coming into the final game Tony and Charlie were 8-0 and would face off for the final game, one of which would join the late Mr. Henn with seven titles. Charlie had carved a



superior path through the competition leading up to that final game: 42-10 vs. Taylor, 41-3 vs. Culver, 40-8 vs. Bell, 45-5 vs. Robinson, 41-17 vs. Phelps, 45-15 vs. R. Hankins, 44-6 vs. Neagle, and 40-17 vs. Mullins. Tony's road to the final game saw more challenge from his competitors and longer battles which led to Hankins having had pitched ninety-eight more shoes than Meredith. Tony's victories went as follows: 41-16 vs. Culver, 45-15 vs. Bell, 42-14 over Taylor, 40-35 vs. Phelps, 40-35 vs. R. Hankins, 41-23 vs. Robinson, 42-20 vs. Mullins, and 42-29 vs. Neagle. The final game began with Charlie Meredith missing his first four shoes and Tony Hankins scoring back to back one ringer threes. Meredith would then settle himself down and get back into his normal rhythm hitting nine ringers out of his next ten shoes to pull an 18-7 lead. Hankins came back with four straight ringers, scoring six points to pull back to 13-18 but after that little spurt, Meredith would begin to scoot away from him. At the 28 shoe mark Hankins was only averaging a 50% pace to Meredith's 64% run. Tony just never could seem to get his game back on

track, having pitched up in the 60's or above all of his previous matchups. Meredith went on to take the record-tying 7<sup>th</sup> Men's Championship 45-18 with an overall tournament percentage of 71.77%. Meredith's final game percentage was 66.7% to Hankins' 45.2%. When asked what this title meant to him, Meredith responded by saying "It means just as much or more than the first time I won it." Charlie and Tony both are great champions and we look for more exciting matchups in future state tournaments.



## Sally Mullins Defends The Women's State Title!

Sally Mullins successfully defending her Women's State Title Sunday morning. Sally went undefeated in the four player double round robin. Not without challenge, Sally was extended to A lengthy 74 shoe match against Laurie Ritchie in the opening game. Mullins defeated Ritchie 43-30. Mullins would win her



next three games handily; 40-15 over Julie Thompson, 42-10 over Becky Kemper and 40-10 in the rematch against Ritchie. The last two games were pretty tight! Julie Thompson put up a good fight against the Champ in the fifth game. Thompson rallied to take the lead



in the game 24-22 after 40 shoes with six straight ringers. Thompson was able to hold the lead for the next ten shoes but was unable to keep the pace as Mullins overtook her to take the game 40-30. The final game was a good back and forth battle with former 11-time Champ Becky Kemper with Mullins prevailing 40-36.

The Women's box score:

Player	W	L	R	SH.	%
1. Sally Mullins	6	0	179	314	57.01
2. Becky Kemper	3	3	146	280	52.14
3. Laurie Ritchie	3	3	144	294	48.98
4. Julie Thompson	0	6	121	300	40.33

## Bob Hudnall wins his first Elder's Championship!

Bob Hudnall competed in his first Elder Men's State Championship Saturday at the Chalybeate courts and took home his first title with some solid pitching!

Hudnall was undefeated in his quest, taking on a very tough field of challengers. Each player was a former Champion. Hudnall defeated Cecil Cook 41-21 in his opening game, took down Jim Baker 41-11, Johnnie Jones 45-22, Ted Sauer



40-19 with an 80% game. Next up was Bill Garrett and Bob pitched 76.3% to win that match 43-25. Only one game remained to claim the title but it would not be an easy one. Bob would face off against the defending champion, John Irvin. John had lost a close game earlier in the day against Johnnie Jones 33-40. Irvin need to defeat Hudnall in the final game of the day to force a playoff. This game would not disappoint. It was a hard



fought battle by two great players! Irvin opened up with a 3 ringer 3 but Hudnall grabbed the lead back at 6-3 and never let it go again but he had to fight hard to hang on from the challenge that Irvin would mount. Irvin threw a stretch of 13 ringers out of 14 shoes with which Bob killed 10 of them. Irvin would make another run. Down 19-36 Irvin would pitch 23 ringers for his last 26 shoes but Bob would get a two dead one during that run and a final 3 ringer 3 to end it. Bob covered 19 of those ringers during Irvin's run to hang on to the game. Hudnall pitched 75.68% for the game to Irvin's 71.62%. Bob averaged 74.36% for the tournament, the highest overall percentage pitched since 1997.

## Award Winners!

**Hall Of Fame-** Sue Snyder

**Golden Horseshoe Award-** Charlie Meredith

**Horseshoe Pitcher Of The Year-** Randy Wade

**Sportsmanship-** Fred Nalley

**Most Improved-** Mike Clark

**High Game over Average-** Mike Clark

**Rookie Of The Year-** Floyd Washer

