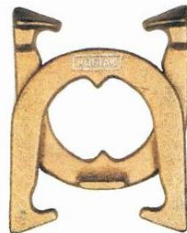


## Winter Pitching At Shorty's Indoor!



Class C Winners- Stan The Man Classic  
Jason Gentry- Derrick Vaught- Zach Hankins



Class B Winners- Stan The Man Classic  
Jarrett Keith- Eugene Brown- David Johnson

Eugene “Shorty” Brown’s long-time dream of holding sanctioned horseshoe tournaments in his very own horseshoe building has come to fruition this 2017 season. Eugene has scheduled three tournaments held at the courts this winter; The Stan The Man Classic, named for Somerset Gang member Stanley Roberts, was the inaugural event held at Shory’s courts on January the 28<sup>th</sup>. This event drew 14 pitchers and the Class A was won by Johnnie Jones of Waco. Johnnie averaged 58.0% going undefeated at 5-0. Class A1 was won by Randy Hankins who was 3-2, averaging 54.4%. Class B & C winners are pictured above. The second event, The Rooster Classic was held on February the 25<sup>th</sup> and drew 18 pitchers. Class A was won by Tyler Howard who went 4-0 and averaged 49.5%. This was Tyler’s second tourney in the Men’s Division pitching from 40ft. Class B was won by his Dad, Omer Howard. Omer was 4-0 and averaged 35.2%. Eugene Brown took care of business and won Class C going 4-1 and averaging 33.6%! I bet Eugene is hard to beat on his home court! Kevin Stevens was undefeated at 6-0 for and average of 29.0% taking the Class D victory. There will be one more sanctioned tournament held at Shorty’s on the Winter Schedule, to be held on March 25<sup>th</sup>.

Shorty and the Somerset gang pitch weekly on the Somerset Indoor courts on Tuesday nights, Saturday nights and Sunday afternoons. If you are in the Somerset area and would like to join them for a night of pitching, give Shorty a call at 606-305-4204. I’m sure they’d love to have you join in!

## Horseshoes On TV!

Horseshoes has a brief appearance on the TV series “Home Improvement” in the episode entitled “From Whom The Belch Tolls” which aired in January of 1992. Tim the “Tool Man”

Taylor’s neighbor Mr. Wilson has forged his own set of horseshoes and pitches a few at the stake while he dishes out advice



on life. Mr. Wilson comments that his new horseshoes have the perfect weight, perfect balance and are aerodynamically correct. Mr. Wilson says “Oh I tell you Tim, I love this game!” Mr. Wilson



says what it is (about pitching), “It is all in the wrist.” This episode can be found on the Home Improvement

Season 1 DVD set. It is episode 14 of the series.

## Did You Know...

...what the rulebook says about pitching “out of turn”? If, during an inning, it is discovered that your opponent has pitched out of turn, then those shoes must be re-pitched, only IF the final two shoes have not been pitched by the othe player. If all 4 shoes have been pitched before this is discovered, then they shall be scored as they lie. Original rotation is then re-established for the rest of the game.

## Toll Of Time: Aaron Goodson



The KHPA lost Aaron Goodson on January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Aaron was a first year member last season and pitched with the Madison County Club in Richmond. Aaron was 47 years of age and was laid to rest in Anniston Alabama.

Aaron pitched from

30ft. last season due to his health issues and was a frequent player on the circuit. In 2016, Aaron pitched in 10 events, including the State tournament in Richmond. Aaron won 5 regular season classes and was the State Class D Elder Men’s Champion. Aaron’s time in horseshoes was cut way too short but we enjoyed having him for the 2016 season. Rest in peace Aaron Goodson.

## Membership Push!

I have thought a lot about membership lately but the plain truth is that we need to make a joint effort to push for new members this season. I challenge all long-time members to put your thinking caps on! Think of any past member or horseshoe enthusiast that lives in your area. Look’em up online or in the phonebook! Give Janclay or myself a name and address so that we can send them a comeback invitation! Think! They are out there! Let’s stir their interest!

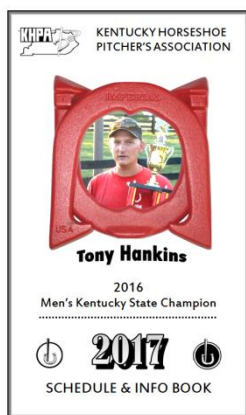
## 2017 Season: Trophies



Wayne Belcher has been hard at work planning the trophy arrangement for the 2017 horseshoe season. Wayne plans to order all of the trophy supplies and build the trophies himself and will have extra trophies on hand at the events this season to eliminate the problem of having a class added to a tournament and winners not having a trophy to take home. At right, is a sample of the trophy style Wayne plans to

build for the regular season events. Wayne & Vicki are very dedicated to this task and I'm sure they will do a great job this season!

## 2017 Schedule Books



The 2017 Schedule Books are in the mail! If you did not receive a book or if you know of a potential member that could use one, please notify Janclay. The schedule books are a great tool for horseshoes. If you don't use it, pass it on to a potential member. The schedule book is also a great tool for history preservation. Hang on to 'em

for your horseshoe library to keep as a record of the previous horseshoe season.

## ECHPA Winter League



The ECHPA has been running a short winter League over the past few weeks at Charles Browning's horseshoe building and at the Chalybeate Courts when warm weather

permits. Participating in the league are: Charlie Meredith, Karen Meredith, A.B. Webb, Ben Webb, Ronnie Adwell, Jimmy Adwell and Pete Clemmons.

Charlie Meredith currently holds the league lead after five weeks of play. Ben Webb has stepped up to run the league this winter. I appreciate your enthusiasm Ben! Keep it up!



## Thoughts & Well Wishes For Our Horseshoe Family

I just wanted to mention a few of our horseshoe family members that may could use a few prayers sent their way. Definitely keep them in your thoughts. Ivan Bault has been having some serious health issues over the past few months and is currently in the hospital. Bobbi Sharp had an injury over the winter and we want to wish her the best in her recovery. Also, keep Sue Kemper in your

thoughts and prayers as she continues to battle an ongoing health issue. Dale Snellen had shoulder surgery at the end of January and may be out of action for the early part of the season. We wish Dale a speedy recovery.



## 2017 Cadet Division

All of our Cadet players from the 2016 horseshoe season will be graduating into the Junior Boy's and Junior Girl's Division's in the 2017 season. This will leave our Cadet's Division wide open for a newcomer to come in take on the challenge. The Cadet Division is for boys or girls that are 12 years of age for the entire calendar year. If they turn 13 in 2017, they would be in the Boy or Girl's Division. If you know a girl or boy amongst your club, family or friends that would like to pitch this season, it would be a great time to do so. The State Championship Cadet title that goes with it will be up for grabs!! Think about a junior that fits the bill and that would like to win that big state trophy!



## Photo Flashback



From the Bell Photo Archive! Third from the left, it is Ricky Bell during the 1970's at an out of state tournament!

## Updated Contact Info

All KHPA pitchers: Make sure to Update any contact information With the State Secretary, Janclay Peavley. It is very important that Jan has all of the up to date names, addresses and phone numbers for her records. If you have had a number, email or address change, please notify Janclay!



## 2017 New Members

I want to recognize three new members for the KHPA early in the season that have joined in and participated already in the Shorty's court events!

*David Johnson Jr.*  
*Destinnie Wilke*  
*Gene Smith*



Welcome aboard in the KHPA! We are glad to have you! Have fun this season!

## History Files



### Ron Powell's 1996 State Tourney

Odd things sometimes happens in horseshoes. In the 1996 State Championship, Ron Powell had the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest overall average in the class, yet finished 2-5, 7<sup>th</sup> out of 8 contenders. His opponents were on fire! Here is the score card for the odd moment in State history!

Opponent	W/L	R	SH	Per. %	Opp. %
Tony Hankins	W 42-5	35	38	92.1%	57.9%
Johnnie Jones	L 36-42	34	52	65.4%	71.2%
Forrest Cooper	W 44-13	31	44	70.5%	50.0%
Walter Mullins	L 28-40	36	60	60.0%	68.3%
Charlie Meredith	L 33-40	42	56	75.0%	78.6%
Matt Guy	L 23-40	40	58	69.0%	77.6%
Randy Hankins	L 20-41	34	54	63.0%	75.9%