

Eddie Salleng Takes The #1 Spot For League Champion!



Eddie Salleng had been League Runner-up, “how many times?” I was often asked, well it was four times in that spot but at the end of the 2015 Summer League, Eddie held on to claim League Champion for the first time. Eddie put together a solid 25-11 record with an increase in his average to 34.44%, up from his spring effort of 27.10%. We never thought we’d see the day but ‘ol switcheroo Eddie finally settled down with one pitch, one set of shoes this time around. Eddie went with his flip shoe, using the Snyder Flip Grips to get it done. Eddie had a good year this year, winning his first State Class Championship taking Men’s Class C with an average of 37.7%. Charlie Meredith placed 2nd in the league with a nice 81.82% average and 22.5 wins. John Neagle was third with 16.5 wins, averaging 54.61%. A.B. Webb & Robert Taylor were in good position after the first two thirds of the league but were plagued with some nagging health issues. A.B. was really making a run up the ladder! We’ll get ‘em next year! How about it A.B.? Pete Clemmons was also pitching steady early in the league but health issues sidelined Pete also. Pete, if you are reading this, hang in there and make a comeback next season! It was Eddie’s League this summer though, good job Eddie! The Summer Horseshoe League had 17 total participants and the Spring League had 21. We were down a little from last season.

Our league patches awarded this year were as follows:

League Champion- Eddie Salleng
High Average- Charlie Meredith
High Game (Tie) – Bob Hudnall & Charlie Meredith
High Game Over Average- Ronnie Adwell
Sportsmanship- Jimmy Adwell
Rookie Award- Jimmy Adwell
Most Improved- Jimmy Adwell

Those receiving percentage level patches were Jimmy Adwell- 30% & Karen Meredith- 50%.

2015 Membership List

Our list of paid sanction card members
For the ECHPA pitching season are:



Ronnie Adwell
Jimmy Adwell
Charles Browning
Mike Clark
Bob Hudnall
Joie Meredith
Robert Taylor
Charlie Meredith
Karen Meredith
A.B. Webb
Ben Webb
James Webb

Hanna Neagle
John Neagle
Sarah Neagle
Tammy Neagle
Eddie Salleng
Pete Clemmons
Leslie Washer
Floyd Washer
Bobby Brooks

We need to get out and beat the bushes and try to get in a few new members for next season. Most successful memberships come from family and friends, people you know and know well. Think about these two areas and see who you know that might fit these criteria. Invite them out next season to give horseshoes a try!

League Dinner

Another fine league dinner was held on our last Thursday night, October 8th. A.B. did a fine job with the smoked Boston Butt! We also had green beans, a Mac 'n cheese dish, potato salad, blackberry cobbler and much more. The food was great! Good job guys and gals!



'Ol Tater Skin!



The Special K Club. Members Kathy & Karen.



Ben, what did you do to Charles this time?



"I can eat more than you Greg!"

MORE SIGNS FOR THE RAFTERS!

The Chalybeate Complex will need three more signs under the roof as our Club took home three more state singles championships this year. Charlie Meredith was the 2015 Men's State Champion, his 10th overall. Bob Hudnall was the Elder Men's State Champion, his 3rd overall and Sarah Neagle won the Junior Girls State Championship for the first time! Chalybeate also took home the 2015 State Doubles Championship with the team of Charlie Meredith & Ben Webb.



Bob Hudnall, Sarah Neagle & Charlie Meredith.

ECHPA'S BLITZ DOUBLES

Our 3rd annual Blitz Doubles was pitched once again this year after the dinner. The Blitz Doubles was done by a high low random draw and by luck Charles Browning and his teammate from last year, Ronnie Adwell, drew partners again. I thought they were in trouble this year though, when I saw that John Neagle & Eddie Salleng were paired up and also Charlie & Karen Meredith. With the Blitz format though, really anyone can win. Robert Taylor and A.B. Webb were sitting in the catbird's seat after winning the first three of five games. We got



upended in Game 4 versus John & Eddie by the Snyder horseshoe. We had hopes of making a comeback in the last game against Jimmy Adwell & Kathy but about halfway through Jimmy shut the door on that idea by throwing a double with the Hilfing Grabbit. How did he do that? Charlie & Karen Meredith were trying to make a comeback after an opening loss to Browning & Adwell 12-17, but ran into trouble in the game against Taylor & Webb. Charlie & Karen had a rough time trying to find a grip on the Stay-On horseshoe which led to a 10-13 loss. John & Eddie had an early loss to the Meredith team thanks to the GXL horseshoe and would need a win in the final game to force a playoff. Charles Browning and Ronnie Adwell would seal the Blitz tourney with a victory in that game over John & Eddie 19-8. Charles & Ronnie had the Bronco shoes and John & Eddie wound up with the Hankins' prototype shoe. Those shoes are terrible! Browning said: "Next year, bring us some competition!" It was good see Kathy Salleng and Greg

Hudson in attendance. Hope ya'll will get to pitch more next season.



Blitzed Again! – Charles Browning & Ronnie Adwell

Blitz Doubles Results

Ch. Browning /Ronnie Adwell	4-1	31.0%	(46.0%/16.0%)
Charlie Meredith / K. Meredith	3-2	35.0%	(50.0%/20.0%)
Eddie Salleng / John Neagle	3-2	20.0%	(14.0%/26.0%)
Robert Taylor/ A.B. Webb	3-2	16.0%	(22.0%/10.0%)
Jimmy Adwell/ Kathy Salleng	1-4	18.0%	(18.0%/18.0%)
Ben Webb/ Greg Hudson	1-4	13.0%	(16.0%/10.0%)



A. B. was having a little fun measuring Eddie up for a championship jacket but I'm not sure what he was doing with Charles. Charles seems less than amused.



Ben Webb Joins The Men's Ranks In 2015

Chalybeate's two-time Junior State Champion, Ben Webb will be a full fledged Men's Division player next season. All of Chalybeate is eager to see how well Ben will progress with this new challenge. Ben plans to stay on track with his 1 ¼ turn and Imperial Horseshoe and has found out early on that the learning curve may be not as easy as he originally thought but has full confidence he'll be able to work his way steadily up the percentage ladder. When asked what his goals were for next season, Webb stated that his goals were to make the Men's World Championship class, place as high as second in the Men's State Championship, because "Charlie is just too tough!" to think about winning it yet. Ben also states that a realistic mark for a percentage goal would be in the mid to upper 60's.



Winter Pitching

For those that did not get the message, we plan to meet at Charles Browning's building to pitch on the first Thursday of each month starting in November. We will meet up around 6pm. I'm sure Charles, Ronnie, Jimmy and others will be pitching there more often and Charles would be glad to have anyone stop by for extra practice whenever you get the itch to pitch. We still want to shoot for a tournament or two sometime over the winter.



2015 State Take



This was our 6th Annual "State Take" photo! Chalybeate always takes home its share of state trophies each year! I'm not sure who started this tradition, maybe Ben or A.B, but it is a good one! Back Row (L-R) Charles Browning, Bob Hudnall, Charlie Meredith, Ben Webb, Ronnie Adwell, Jimmy Adwell & John Neagle. Front Row (L-R) Hanna Neagle, Karen Meredith, A.B. Webb, Eddie Salleng & Sarah Neagle. Also bringing home trophies not pictured: Mike Clark, James Webb & Leslee Washer.

Photo Flashback



2008- The pre-shelter era Chalybeate courts. Robert Taylor and good buddy Roger Williams. This was my last year pitching the flip shoe.