



Balloon Federation Of America

HACD Newsletter March 19, 2021

Updates for 2021 Nationals

Preparations are under way for several national championships in 2021. We look forward to a new year and new competitions. This year, we will have 4 National Championships being held throughout the the United States. We hope that you can join us at some of these events:

US Nationals – Scottsbluff, NE (August 8 - August 15)

- Race Director: Paul Petrehn
- The 2021 US National Championship [Electronic Notice Board \(ENB\)](#) is now available at watchmefly.net. This event will rely heavily on the ENB to keep you informed throughout the application process and during the event.
- **DEADLINE FOR THE US NATIONALS APPLICATION IS MARCH 31**

US Women's Nationals – Brookfield, MO (September 2 - September 6)

- Race Director: Jason Jones
- Invitations will be sent out later in early April

US Team Nationals – Shreveport, LA (June 8 - June 13)

- Race Director: Maury Sullivan
- All team slots are filled
- More information at [WatchMeFly - 2021 U.S. TEAM National Championship](#)

US Junior Nationals – Longview, TX (June 17 - June 20)

- Race Director: Sam Parks
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2020 National Eligibility List (NEL) Finalized

Due to COVID, many events were cancelled in 2020; however, the HACD wants to recognize the pilots that competed at events that were still held during the year. There were a total of 17 events that submitted scores with 76 pilots participating in flying tasks. The following pilots are being recognized for the 2020 flying season based on their placement on the NEL:

Rank/Name

- 1 - Cory Bloom (Top Pilot)**
- 2 - Cameron Wall (Top Junior)**
- 8 - Joe Heartsill (Top Senior)**

9 - Sam Parks (*Most Improved*)

30 - Cheri White (*Top Female*)

49 - Jennie Kerber (*Top Rookie*)

3 - Todd Isley

4 - Shawn Raya

5 - Steve Mitchell

6 - Gary Haynes

7 - Scott Armstrong

10 - Steve Jones

11 - Branden Bloom

12 - Neil Jackson

13 - Larry Coan

14 - Chris Smart

15 - Benjamin Clemons

16 - Bill Bussey

17 - Bruce Wood

18 - Raymond Bair

19 - Jeremy Rubin

20 - John Petrehn

21 - Trenten Caldwell

HACD Board Position Filled

Pat Cannon has been named the BFA Board Liaison to the HACD Board. Pat will fill the spot that was held by Ted Watts after his passing due to COVID. Pat Cannon was a US National Champion in 1995 and 2006.

The Spirit of Annie Award

Please do not forget that nominations for The Spirit of Annie Award will be accepted until March 31. Nominations should be sent to:

Paul Suttle

suttlejp@roadrunner.com

330.827.4695

Next Generation of Officials

Patty Cramer and Rob Wise are currently working with a committee that is compiling a list of people that are interested to being event officials. The list currently includes over 100 currently active officials as well as pilots, crew and enthusiasts who are interested in an official role in the future. The list will be available to event organizers with the goal of increasing official engagement. If you have any questions or want to add names to the list, please [contact Patty, Rob or any member of the HACD Board](#).

We Need Your Input

The HACD Board meets when discussion or decisions are required. You have the opportunity to be a part of these events.

When possible, the agenda will be published at least a week in advance. Call-ins will be scheduled the first 15 minutes of each meeting. Here is how you can participate:

- Email Jason Jones (pilot@oldworldballoonery.com) to be placed on the docket of speakers.
- Each speaker will be allowed to talk for 3 minutes.
- The speaker must speak to a topic on the agenda.

At the end of the speaker's 3 minutes we will go to the next participant. We hope that this opportunity will be one you will take advantage of and that all members have a voice in the HACD. We encourage you to work with [your regional representative](#) as well.

Email Us!

Ideas, questions, comments, anything: hacd@bfa.net
