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Presidents Message: Kimmy Stockli Hall of Fame

The NCHPA HOF building has a new roof! It was in dire need of repair. Al and Linda Hoelscher quoted us \$1500.00 for a 30 year roof and the delegates, at our annual meeting in November, voted unanimously in favor of giving them the job. Al and Linda and the whole family loaded up the RV and headed up to Davis during the 1st week of December and completed the job! Thanks so much to the Hoelscher family for helping us keep our organizations history safe! \$1500.00 is quite a bit of money for our small organization and I have been asked by the delegates to ask our membership for donations. I know times are tough for us all, but any small (or large) donation would be very much appreciated. Thanks to Vern Gosney and Duane McGrath for their very generous donations. Please send any donations to Gail Sluys. Make checks payable to the NCHPA.

We also plan on making sure that all of our history is up to date. It was brought to my attention that we have been falling behind on some of the stats, plaques, and photos. The NCHPA officers will do their best to update all of this information over the next few months, so we can have it all done by the State Championships, which are being held at Yolo this year. We may need to contact some of the membership for the photos and such. If any of you have anything you would like to donate to the HOF, such as memorabilia, photos, or vintage items, please contact Rick Birmingham or any of the NCHPA Officers. Thank you all in advance.

Great Start

Our new season has started off with a bang. At the Sacramento Tournaments held at Yolo over the

weekend of March 7th and 8th we had 41 pitchers on Saturday and 36 on Sunday, with 4 people qualified and a few new pitchers from the Sacramento Club. Along with all of the pitching going on over the weekend, we had a great work party during the week. Thanks to all of the folks that showed up over the 3-day period. Special thanks to Sharon and Bill Paddock for organizing the whole event. I'd also like to thank Casey Sluys for cleaning and updating the Hall of Fame. We did run into one problem with the roof over the kitchen. It has severe water damage and will need to be repaired. The officers are working on a plan now to get it fixed before we host the State Tournament this year.

Some of you were unaware of the change of dates for the Yolo tournaments and work party. All of the contact people were advised via email or phone. It is the contact person's responsibility to advise all of the members of their clubs about any changes that have occurred with the schedule. If for some reason your contact person doesn't get in touch with you, then any changes made to the schedule are also posted at the NCHPA website. We had a few folks show up at Yolo and Tuolumne that didn't know that the tournaments had either been changed or cancelled. Please keep yourselves informed.

Good news about the State Tournament. We will have Gina Land from Danoc taking orders again for our 2009 State Championship shirts and hats. I know that some of you were unhappy about not being able to purchase shirts or hats last year in Bakersfield, and we wanted to make sure that they were available to you this year Gina will be bringing her trailer and will have several items available for purchase with the 2009 State logo on them. (Cont. page-3)

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We've been using the same logo for some time and decided to go with something different this year. Gail Sluys was able to provide a shirt from 1995 that had a great logo. I've sent that to Gina and she is working on the screen. There will be pre-order forms available in the next newsletter in June.

The deadline for the World Tournament to be held in Springfield, IL is coming up fast! You must have your applications in to the NHPA by May 15th. (See entry form in this issue) I will be attending and will be asking for delegates to attend the National Meeting that will be held on Saturday, August 1st. Those of you that are going to the World Tournament and are interested in being a delegate, please contact either Gail Sluys or myself.

Remember to start getting your teams together for the Team Tournament to be held at the Yolo Horseshoe Club this year. The deadline is October 5th. Since the Yolo Club is hosting, we are hoping to have more entries than we have over the past few years. RV parking and camping is available for \$5.00 per night! Hotels are close by. SO, get those teams ready!

I will be out of town from March 25th to the 30th to attend the first Horseshoe Pitching Pro Tour tournament to be held March 27th and 28th at Clearwater, FL. Some of the top pitchers from around the States will be attending. If you would like more information about the HPPT, or to find tournament results you can go to <http://www.horseshoeprotour.com/> Wish me luck!

Kimmy Stockli

Second VP; Rick Bermingham

Hi everyone! Well, to start the year off, Al and Linda Hoelscher replaced the Hall of Fame roof that badly needed it for a couple of years now. Hopefully we can get Yolo back on its feet, I will appreciate any help we can get. I hope everyone will participate in the 2009 state tournament in Yolo. I am working on a project for our state tournament that involves Gary Smith from the Sacramento club and his brother in-law Matt who is a videographer by trade. He is going to be at the state tournament in Yolo to take some video and lots of photos both days of the tournament. Matt will make several copies for all who want a DVD for FREE of the memories from the tournament. I thought some of you would like that.

He will be compensated him for his time so it will be no cost to pitchers. Something a little different you know..... Matt and Gary Smith put Jeff Williams and I on YouTube. It is the last game of the 2008 state tournament. It was close all the way to 40 points! That game was a dream come true for me. If you want to see the video, you can log on to "you tube", then type in rbermingham 2008. It should pop right up for you part one and two.

Jan. 18th, Walter Ray Williams called me and asked me to pitch horseshoes. At first I couldn't believe that it was him on the phone. After he convinced me that it was in fact him, I said sure. He had come from Oregon and was coming through Sacramento going to Southern California for a bowling tournament. We decided to go to Gary Smiths house where the clay is perfect and he has full walkways. He pitched over 70 % for 2 games to 40 points that's all he had time for.

The last game was the best though, it went 86 shoes, Walter Ray pitched a little over 73 %, I pitched a little over 74 %, the final score was 43 to 39. I think I pitched the best game of my life. Playing with a legend like him and winning was truly a great experience. Walter Ray won the first game in 46 shoes, with a 76% and me with 65%, 40-25

One more thing everyone, the following pitchers have been pitching very well last year. Keep an eye on them, they are, Anthony Duran of Madera, Gloria Callahan of Shingle Springs, Reb Billingsley of the Feather River club, Gary Smith of Yolo, and the rookie of the year in 2008 Dean Setters of the Sacramento club. Good luck to all, let's have a great turnout for the state tournament at Yolo this Year.

Rick Bermingham

Third VP Linda Hoelscher

Hello, everyone well, the new season has started and I'm looking forward to joining all of you as soon as I recover from my surgery. I wish to Thanks all who have sent me cards, e-mails or called me and those who have visited in person. The visits by phone or in person plus the many cards I have received have lifted up my spirits and brightened my days. The new member packets have been sent out prior to my surgery and the current list that I have received from Gail will be mailed to all of you as soon as the doctor allows me to drive or lift so I hope you will be patient and I will get them out to you as soon as I can.

Schedule corrections: Please note that all of Indian Valley's tournaments are codes 4&11. Code 4 is a twelve-dollar entry fee their club will be having a special payout for first and second place from what I was told. Contact person for Tuolumne email address has been changed it is freibin@att.net please make note of this. Also their April 4th tournament has been canceled and their Sept.26th tournament is a one-day tournament so please remove code 15 from that date. For those of you who have access to a computer you can always check the Nor Cal webpage for updates on our schedule.

Fifth VP Richard Robbins

We got the season started at Yolo with Sacramento Running two of their tournaments there. Two good days of pitching with great weather to boot. As social secretary I hear when everyone is under the weather. The following is the list I've heard of: Linda Hoelscher is out of the hospital recovering well. Mona Della Santina had a spinal tap. Don Kies was in the hospital with heart problems. Charlie Masson is in with appendix problems. Hope all get well real soon.

On a sadder note we lost Thiel Lippencot (Feather River) and Bill Harris (Pollock Pines). I have received word from Harlen Rippetoe that **Richard "Pinky" Cattaneo** passed away on March 13th after a hard fought battle with cancer. Pinky used to belong to our Sacramento Club and had recently (2008) belonged to our Madera club. Any of you that remember Richard "Pinky" Cattaneo and want to send a card to his wife Delores Cattaneo her address is 18896 Madrone Ave Madera 93638. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families.

NCHPA.com update

The apparent malfunction with our website when one Google's Northern California Horseshoe Pitching or Pitchers Association has been fixed We're sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused you. After numerous complaints I began to look into it and for some reason the message, "This site may harm your computer" came up. The quick fix for this is to bookmark <http://www.nchpa.com> That is our official website and if all of you would bookmark this to your favorites you can access anything that is there without any problem.

The following is what this was all about, BUT it was all false! *[Malware is a type of software that attempts to steal your personal information or use your computer to do things that you do not intend. Malware pages are web pages containing malicious code that could be downloaded and installed on your computer without your consent. You can learn more about harmful web content including viruses and other malicious software and how to protect your computer at stopBadware.org. This identification is based in part on guidelines set by StopBadware.org.*

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Rest assured that there is nothing wrong with our site we had 2 experts looking at it. Steve Summerlin (our webmaster) and Ed Smith our former webmaster and puter guru extraordinaire. *Thanks, Casey Sluys website liaison*

Statisticians Report:

Several people have sent me qualifying sheets for new members. As I stated in the last newsletter, I do not need this information. The newly qualified member needs to take a copy of the qualifying sheet to his or her first tournament. That pitcher's average will be used to place him or her in the proper group. Once they have pitched in a sanctioned tournament, a ringer percentage will be assigned to them. So please save the cost of postage and do not send the qualifying sheets to me.

Please remember that I need the complete results (play by play) of all the pitchers in each tournament. Important information can be missed if I do not get **all** of the results. Kim Stockli pitched an 82% game in the tournament at Yolo on the 8th of March. The original info I received did not indicate this. I had to wait and get the rest of the information sent to me to determine the high percentage games of each pitcher. So please be sure to send all the results to me after your tournaments.

Three tournaments have been cancelled so far due to the weather and three have been held. The three tournaments that were held had good turn-outs. Tulare = 29; Sacramento at Yolo = 40; Sacramento at Yolo on Sunday = 37. *Lee Roy Lassiter*

The last issue had all the Hall of Fame criteria in it. Please find in this issue the form for nominating members for this prestigious honor. Please don't hesitate to nominate a person.

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My apologies to my good buddy Ken Weir for publishing the poem in the last issue. ☺

Thank you Gary Morgan for the ad!

Did you realize that this year is the 100th anniversary of the NHPA World Horseshoe Pitching Championships?

**>>>>>CLUB NEWS<<<<<<
YOLO WORK PARTY A HUGE SUCCESS**

Had this work party not been headed up by our members Bill (the toolman) Paddock and his lovely wife Sharon, who wields a mean paint brush, on March 4, 5, and 6; there would still be a lot of work left to do. The following people assisted Bill and Sharon with whatever needed doing at Yolo, Casey Sluys, Kevin Smith, Rayetta and Tim Warlick, all belonging to the Sonoma County Club, even though 4 of them are all the way from the Eureka area. Rick Eddy, Forebay Park; Ben Yost, Kimmy and Mitch Stockli, Vallejo, Glenn Rippetoe, Chuck Smith, Jay Smith, 2 members from Sac. club Jason, and George who put the lawn mower together.... sorry no last names for them. Matt Smith, enough Smiths yet? Glenn and Shirley Jamieson, with Bill Brown; Tri_Valley, Dean Setters, Othal Rippetoe, Mel Long Jr. and Butch from Sac. Club. Don and Wendell Stevens, and myself. Many thanks to the Yolo club and it's members for the food, water and other liquid refreshments. Who did I forget, anyone? If so my sincere apologies. Come see us at our "new and improved" facility. *Rick Bermingham*

Stockton:

I am pleased to announce that we have 15 Renewals Members and 3 New Members for 2009. I want to thank and welcome back our 15 Members and wish them happy pitching. The three new members are Ross Lockhart from Stockton, Robert Garza and Lupita Garza from Patterson. I want to thank you and congratulate you for joining our Club and looking to get to know all of you better.

We have been having rainy weather here in Stockton in February and now in March. Needless to say our courts have been flooded and have not dried out since February. We have had only one or two days of sunshine each week since February but not enough to dry the courts. I for one am hoping and praying that the rain will stop by March 20th so our courts have time to dry out and we can prepare our pits for Tournament play on the 28th & 29th.

We haven't been able to use our courts to practice because of the rain so I will be going to Vallejo on March 22nd to practice.

That's it for now. Here's wishing all pitchers good pitching in 2009 and don't forget to come pitch in our Stockton tournaments on March 28th & 29th, weather permitting. *Peter Chavarria*

In an attempt to bolster our NCHPA membership this issue is being sent to some of you who we have not heard from for 2009. We sincerely hope that you will consider joining us again, we would love to have all of you back and pitching with us. Please check out our website for local area information. Call us at (707) 538-3128 or any of the number on the back page for your contact person.

Tri-Valley

Please join us for our April Tournaments. We look forward to seeing everyone. Our first tournament will be April 4th and is the NHPF benefit with the usual payouts for First and Second place in each group. Lee Henninger will be director for this tournament and Marthe Dunn will be director for the next days tournament. A special Thank you to Glenn for filling in for me at our last meeting. Great Job Glenn.

Tuolumne: (read carefully)

As so often happens, our scheduled tournament for March was cancelled do to a rain (and snow) out. **The tournament schedule has us listed for a tournament on April 4, 2009. Due to conflicting with Tri-Valley on the same date we are canceling this tournament also.** We will be looking forward to seeing you all at our following tournament on June 27th & 28th, our "8th annual", Black Oak Casino tournament. Flyers will be sent out to all clubs well in advance of the tournament. Also, on the tournament schedule shows that our Sept "Mother Lode Open" tournament to be held on Sept 26th .. It shows code 15 which is a "2-day same event tournament. **This year we had decided to make it a 1-day only tournament.** Please make the correction on your schedule. The officers elected for 2009 are: Pres. Patsy James, V.P. Teddy Guillotte, Sec. Marge Nath, Treas/Contact person, Fred Reibin. The Club would, at this time, like to give Barbara Perrsons a BIG THANK YOU, for all the years and the many hours that she put into keeping this club together and functioning, Barbara is getting tired and needs some R & R . So she begged out of holding any office for a while. Again Barbara, the whole club wants to thank you, and appreciates all the work and time that you have donated to this club for so many years. Hopefully the weather gets better and we can all get back to pitching horseshoes and visiting with each other again. *Fred Reibin*

Indian Valley:

Be sure to check out the great photo album that Richard has done. It's a wonderful tribute to all the NCHPA members who have passed away. Simply go the nchpa.com and click on the link.

Please note on the schedule for their tournaments the entry fee will be \$12.00 with a first place payout of \$50.00

Forms and entry blanks for you this time!
Check them out.

Feather River:

Feather River Club was saddened by the loss of long-time member Thiel Lippincott in February at the age of 88. Thiel had an interesting life having worked as a surveyor for several firms around Bakersfield. He

also worked on the construction of the Rocky Reach Dam in WA. In June 1960 he founded Lippincott Surveying in Paradise. Until his retirement in 1983 he also worked as a surveyor on several other notable projects such as the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway, the Oroville-Wyandotte Irrigation Project tunnels and the Oroville Dam powerhouse. He enjoyed gardening, playing the organ, fishing and traveling. He loved pitching horseshoes and participated in many state, national and international tournaments, accumulating many awards. We were also sorry to learn that Carl Newsom's wife passed away in January.

At the present time we have eleven members who have paid their dues but are looking forward to having many more join. I think we are all looking forward to participating in the upcoming tournaments and hope to see all of you soon. *Audrey Winters*

Sonoma County:

Once again for all you new players and those who missed it last time, we are located in Santa Rosa In Doyle Park. Simply type the following coordinates into your GPS system and enjoy a trip to the wine country of CA. 38.440668,-122.694106.

Our Sonoma County Champion Charlie Masson is in the hospital with some problems. He hopes to be released soon, but will not be at his own tournament on March 21 as he'll be convalescing at home. On April 25th there are 4 tournaments to choose from, BUT only one of them will celebrate the 99th birthday of a man you've all grown to know and love **Mr. George Greeott**. George told me he'd be there. Just saw him a few weeks ago at the Windsor Historical Society's grand opening of a museum. This museum is displaying a lot of the crafts and artifacts that George has created. A fitting tribute to a great man! Please join us is celebrating George's 99th!

Then in May we will host a Sat. and Sun. tournament so come on over and stay the weekend for that one. *Casey Sluys*

Sacramento:

We ended 2008 with our annual Christmas luncheon and report from our president, Glenn Rippetoe, on the annual meeting. Started the pitching season with a

BANG, a WOBBLE and finally a GO at the very nicely refurbished Yolo site. 39 pitchers, 3 groups at 40' and 3 groups at 30'. Gary Smith went home with the tournament 40' Champ patch and Kim Stockli reigned at 30'. Sunday was the Paul Peterson Memorial Open. We were happy to see Paul's wife, Violet and daughter Sue come out to start the day with us. 37 pitchers, 6 groups. Kim Stockli, Bill Milligan and Roy Bowers from Oregon played off for tournament champion. Kim earned it with an 82% and 2 70% games. Bill Milligan threw 350 shoes to take second place. We welcome new members Kraig Lawrence, Gary Mollgaard, Bob Cabral, Jayson Corner. Ralph Carter says 'HELLO' to all. He just can't get strength back into his legs. We will be out at Granite Park the first weekend of April. Come say hello and bring your shoes! Fun summer to all.

Joan Bryan

Something new on the website please look at the names of all our Hall of Fame members. They now have a club listing next to their name. This is the club they belonged to at the time they were inducted.

Thanks to Dave Loucks, Tom & Marilyn Webb, and Sharon Paddock for their assistance in compiling this information.

Forebay Park: It is with great sadness that we announce that we lost our founder, Bill Harris on Saturday March 7th. Bill had been battling cancer for the past couple of years and we are sad to say he lost his brave fight. Bill was our statistician/treasurer and ran our Junior Sanctioned Club. He will be greatly missed by us all. As of last week, there was still a little snow on the courts. Our weekly play begins the second week of April, weather permitting. This year we will be hosting 4 tournaments. They will be held on June 20th and 21st and August 22nd and 23rd. We chose these dates because these are usually some of the hottest days of the summer. Being at an elevation of 4,000 feet, Forebay Park is a great place to come compete and beat the heat. We have RV and tent camping available for only \$5.00 a night. So make your plans to come to Forebay Park this summer. We are looking forward to seeing you all on the courts. *Rick Eddy President*

Shasta/Willows:

I regret to inform you that if we cannot get someone to step up and agree to run this club, we may have to shut down both the Shasta and Willows Clubs. Our membership has dropped to 12 NCHPA members. Two of those members do not pitch horseshoes so we only have a total of 10 actual pitchers. The average age of our members is 65. When you consider that 6 of those members range in age from 70 to 91 you can see how it is sometimes hard to get people to volunteer to do the necessary work to keep this club going.

The Willows club is 80 miles from the Shasta club. The grass there needs to be mowed at least once every two weeks. Unfortunately, I have ended up taking care of those courts myself quite a few times. In the rare occasions when we can get 4 people, 2 lawnmowers and 2 weed eaters, we can get everything done in two hours. One person alone is there most of the day. Because of my health problems and the expenses, I can no longer do this. The consequence is that we will most likely be shutting down the Willows facility.

We plan to hold a meeting of the remaining members and determine if enough people are willing to step forward and keep the Shasta club going. As soon as we determine what we are going to do I will send an e-mail to all the club contacts and hopefully they will notify all their members.

It is regretful that it has come to this. I would like to thank the members of the other NCHPA clubs and our friends from Oregon who have supported our clubs over the years. *Lee Roy Lassiter*

Know your rules: Are you aware that when pitching in a mixed distanced tournament, which most of Nor-Cal's are, that a short distanced pitcher needs to move all the way back to the rear of the 40 foot platform? We see it all too often where a short distance person will simply step to the rear of the 27 ft. platform particularly on adjacent courts. Here is how Rule 3 Section D, #1 reads: **1. The Opponent** – When not pitching, the opponent shall stand quietly and stationary on or behind the same court's opposite pitching platform and at least two feet (2') behind the contestant who is pitching from the same or adjacent court. In mixed-distance pitching, a short-distance contestant who pitches first must return to this position; on or behind the forty-foot (40') pitching platform.

Look ‘em over vote on ‘em as a club and give Kimmy your results. Read them please?

NHPA Official Rules Change Proposals for 2009

Requirement 4, Section B (found on page 30)

Currently reads: Section B - Divisions

A World Tournament shall include separate Championship Divisions for Juniors, Open Men, Open Women, Seniors, and Elders. If Class, pitching performance is used as a "qualifier" for determining who will advance to Championship Division play, the Championship rounds shall be assigned a separate sanction number and both Class and Championship play shall each count as a separate tournament.

Change to read:

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Note: Qualified Alternates in Championship Divisions - Unless the tournament director has been contacted, contestants who have not checked in by the prescribed deadline shall forfeit all games and be replaced by a qualified alternate. For Championship Divisions, alternates are determined by the results of Class Play and their names will be announced at the awards ceremony.

Reasoning: To establish permanent procedures to follow in the event of "no shows" in championship divisions of the world tournament.

Rule 1, Section E * change #1 (found on page 8)

Currently Reads: Section E - Elder Men (become eligible to pitch in the Elders Division at any time during the calendar year that they become seventy (70) years old)

1. Elder Men may pitch from any place on either the extended or full-distance platforms, and shall observe the twenty-seven-foot (27') foul line. Elder Men must notify their Charter secretary, in advance, of the date that they intend to begin pitching from this shorter distance. Once a member declares himself a short distance pitcher, he must remain a short distance pitcher for that entire calendar year. Note: See RULE 11, Section D.1 for additional information about re-qualifying.

2. Physically Challenged Men - Physically challenged, male pitchers less than seventy (70) years old may be given permission, by their governing Charter, to move onto the extended platforms in the Elders Division and observe the twenty-seven-foot (27') foul lines. The prior completion and approval of a Medical Exemption Form (available from Charter Secretaries) is required. At the World Tournament and at State Championship Tournaments, they shall compete in the Elders Division. (The term "Elders" also appears in Req. 3, Sec.A.1, Req. 4 Sec. B, and also in the table of contents under Rule 1 Sec E on page 8)

Change to read:

Section E - Men's Short Distance (become eligible to pitch in the Men's Short Distance Division at any time during the calendar year that they become seventy (70) years old)

1. Short Distance Men may pitch from any place on either the extended or full-distance platforms, and shall observe the twenty-seven-foot (27') foul line. Men's Short Distance pitchers must notify their Charter secretary, in advance, of the date that they intend to begin pitching from this shorter distance. Once a member declares himself a short distance pitcher, he must remain a short distance pitcher for that entire calendar year. Note: See RULE 11, Section D.1 for additional information about re-qualifying.

2. Physically Challenged Men - Physically challenged, male pitchers less than seventy (70) years old may be given permission, by their governing Charter, to move onto the extended platforms in the Men's Short Distance and observe the twenty-seven-foot (27') foul lines. The prior completion and approval of a Medical Exemption Form (available from Charter Secretaries) is required. At the World Tournament and at State Championship Tournaments, they shall compete in the Men's Short Distance Division.

(This title change will also be made in Req. 3, Sec.A.1, Req. 4 Sec. B, and also in the table of contents under Rule 1 Sec. E on page 8)

Reasoning: The term "Men's Short Distance" has a more distinguished sound to it, and also would more accurately describe all pitchers in that division. Pitchers in this division under a medical exemption may be much younger, and the term "Elders" is not accurate. Also, men switching pitching distances should be required to remain at their new distance for the entire calendar year because it creates confusion and extra work for the Natstats director.

Rule 1, Section E * change #2 (found on page 8)

Currently Reads: Section E - Elder Men (become eligible to pitch in the Elders Division at any time during the calendar year that they become seventy (70) years old)

1. Elder Men may pitch from any place on either the extended or full-distance platforms, and shall observe the twenty-seven-foot (27') foul line. Elder Men must notify their Charter secretary, in advance, of the date that they intend to begin pitching from this shorter distance. Once a member declares himself a short distance pitcher, he must remain a short distance pitcher for that entire calendar year. Note: See RULE 11, Section D.1 for additional information about re-qualifying.

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1. Elder Men may pitch from any place on either the extended or full-distance platforms, and shall observe the twenty-seven-foot (27') foul line. Elder Men must notify their Charter secretary, in advance, of the date that they intend to begin pitching from this shorter distance. Once a member declares himself a short distance pitcher, he must remain a short distance pitcher for that entire calendar year. Alternately, if a

member starts the year as a short distance pitcher, he may change to the Open men's division, but must remain in that division for that entire calendar year. Note: See RULE 11, Section D.1 for additional information about re-qualifying.

Reasoning: Men switching pitching distances should be required to remain at their new distance for the entire calendar year because it creates confusion and extra work for the Natstats director.

The NHPA Executive Council has the authority to grant temporary or permanent waivers for court specifications under II Specs, Section D.

The following change to the RGS book is needed to document the action taken by the NHPA Executive Council at the winter board meeting on January 18, 2009. There will be a vote to accept this council action at the 2009 convention. To be clear, there would need to be a 2/3 majority vote against accepting this action to overturn it.

II - SPECIFICATIONS FOR COURT LAYOUT, Section D (found on page 38)

Currently Reads: SECTION D - Court Sanction Waiver

Some Court sanction requirements may be waived by the Regional Director and/or the NHPA Council under special circumstances (also see GUIDELINES, PART II, #5, Section B, and Regional Directors Guidelines).

Change to read:

II - SPECIFICATIONS FOR COURT LAYOUT

SECTION D - Court Sanction Waiver

1. Any portable or permanent in-ground courts that measure less than 31" inside width, but not less than 29", and were built prior to 2007, will be granted a permanent waiver and considered conditionally sanctioned, provided they meet the remainder of the minimum basic requirements. Should these courts ever be refurbished, they must be modified to meet the original 31" minimum width at that time. The sidewalls of these waived courts are considered foul territory, and any live shoes that come to rest touching them is considered a foul shoe, regardless if it is within 6" of the stake.

2. Some Court sanction requirements may be waived by the Regional Director and/or the NHPA Council under special circumstances (also see GUIDELINES, PART II, #5, Section B, and Regional Directors Guidelines).

Reasoning: There are many portable pits in service that measure 29" inside because of the construction method of getting 3 equal pieces from a standard 4' X 8' sheet of plywood. The narrow condition has rarely, if ever, been an issue in sanctioned play.

ENTRY FORM

California State Horseshoe Pitching Championships

Hosted by the NCHPA September 5th and 6th 2009

Please Print Clearly or Type

Name _____ Birthdate _____
 Address: _____ E-Mail _____
 City: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Phone: (____)____-____ NHPA#: _____ Club: _____ Charter: **N** or **S**

CIRCLE YOUR DIVISION (1 only)

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| OPEN MEN | SENIOR MEN (40') | ELDERS short distance (30') | OPEN WOMEN |
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| SENIOR WOMEN | JR BOY | JR. GIRL | CADETS |
| For you to keep for reference | For you to keep for reference | For you to keep for reference | For you to keep for reference |

◇ **State Champions** will be declared in the divisions described below. ◇

OPEN: Men (40ft.) and Women shall enter “OPEN MEN” or “OPEN WOMEN” divisions. Pitchers eligible as Seniors may also choose to pitch in the “OPEN” division. ELDERS short distance (30’) cannot.

SENIORS: Pitchers 60 years of age and over (EXCEPT ELDERS) may participate in either the “OPEN” or “SENIOR” divisions, but not both. Senior men/Senior Women Division entrants may be moved to open divisions if the number of entries and/or the % spread does not allow for competitive groups.

ELDERS: Any male 70 years and older or physically impaired person of any age who have an established short distance (30’) average may enter the ELDER short distance (30’) division.

JUNIOR: “JUNIOR BOY” and “JUNIOR GIRL” divisions will be formed for pitchers whose 19th birthday does not fall in 2009. “CADETS” are junior pitchers whose 10th birthday does not fall in 2009.

- ⇒ Eligibility requires **Adults** have pitched in **three (3)** California sanctioned tournaments- **Junior and Cadet** pitchers require **one (1)** since **August 1, 2008**.
- ⇒ Pitching averages will come from NATSTATS.
- ⇒ Entry **Deadline** is **August 3, 2009** (Late entrants will be used on a standby basis, and will pay an additional fee of \$10.00).
- ⇒ **ADULT ENTRY FEE \$25.00/JUNIORS FREE. No refunds after August 8, 2009.**

Mail Entry Form and check to: Gail Sluys
Make checks payable to NCHPA 1721 San Ramon Way
 Santa Rosa CA 95409

Handicapping may be used in any group (other than championship groups) if % spread is greater than 12%.
 Hosted at the Yolo Horseshoe Courts in Davis, CA on September 5-6, 2009 [**Yolo County Grasslands Park**](#) 30475 County Road 104 Davis, CA

NCHPA HALL OF FAME

Nominee Information Form

Name _____ Birth Date _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ # of years NCHPA Member _____

Minimum 10 yrs.

Highlights of pitching career

Tournaments won: where, when, & average

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Highlights of promotional efforts: exhibitions, school instruction, parks & recreation instruction, fund raising tourneys for charity, recruiting of new members, etc.

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NCHPA and/or club offices held: where & when

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Use another sheet of paper for any additional information that you have on your nominee.

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