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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE by: Kimmy Stockli

Where have all of the pitchers gone? We've had some pretty sad turnouts for the tournaments this year and we need to figure out why. Is it the gas prices? Is it that you're just tired of the same old thing? Do we need to have more money tournaments? Yes, changes do need to be made, and the current officers are trying to come up with some new ideas for next year to encourage more participation. We would like to hear from all of you regarding this, and would appreciate any ideas you may have. Let your delegates know, and have them bring your ideas to the Annual Meeting on November 4th.. This year's meeting will be held in Vallejo again, at the Vallejo Senior Center. Please contact me for directions, if you need them.

Here come the NorCal Championships!

We will be holding our annual NorCal clean-up day on Wednesday, October 4th., at the Yolo Courts. Please come out and give us a hand to get the courts and grounds ready for our NorCal Championships and Awards Dinner. In the past we've had great success with the cleanup, and hope to again this year. So, come on out!! We'll start the work between 8 am and 9 am. Coffee and pastries will be available. However, you may want to pack a lunch. See ya there!

Just a little update on George Greeott. I spoke with him on the phone a couple of weeks ago and he sounded great!! He said he just finished chopping 2 cords of wood for winter and is doing just fine. I can't imagine chopping 2 cords of wood now, let alone when I'm in my 90's. You go George! He says he misses all of us, and hopes to see everyone at his Birthday Tournament in Sonoma next April.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at the NorCal Championships. We've hired Harvey Brown to entertain us again this year. He always does a great job! Remember we'll also be handing out the annual awards. So don't miss out on the fun!

1st. Vice President: by Sharon Paddock

IN A PLAY-OFF ---TRAVIS SLUYS WON THE 9 AND UNDER "WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP."..TOSSED A DOUBLE TO WIN. FINAL SCORE 26 TO 24.

Congratulations Travis

3rd. Vice President: by Bill Harris

News & Views editor and NCHPA By-Laws.

It is a pleasure to be the editor of the "News & Views". I really enjoy the job. I do wish more clubs would send a club article in by the deadline. The article can be on any club event or happening. The deadlines are printed on page 2.

It also is a pleasure doing the By-Laws of which is up for any changes this November at our Annual meeting in Vallejo. Some proposals are printed within this edition.

REDNECK OLYMPIC GAMES by: Casey Sluys

Coming June 8,9,10, 2007 to the Tehama County Fairgrounds in Red Bluff, CA., will be the Redneck Olympics. Please visit this site for detailed information: <http://www.redneckolympics.com/>. The organizers have contacted the NHPA/NCHPA and asked for our participation in this event. There will be over 1000 "athletes" participating during the course of the three days.

In an effort to promote regular horseshoe pitching as we know it; I have taken the opportunity to tell them that we would conduct a tournament for them. There is one major drawback though, they want proof of insurance. The only way we could do that is to hold an NHPA sanctioned event with closed participation. Meaning only NHPA members could pitch in the tournament. Doing it that way would severely limit the local people who would want to participate. Thus we'll attempt to hold a tournament open to anyone. The way I envision this to work is to limit registration to 100 or so pitchers and pitch a double elimination over the three days. The finals would be held on Sunday, of course. The winners would receive some amount of prize money and be crowned the Pro-Am California State Champion Horseshoe Pitcher. There would be short-distanced group, a Junior group and a full-distanced group. Each group would receive money for first, second, and third places.

This will be a great opportunity to bolster the Shasta and the Willows HCs, we ought to be able to gain some new members from this and they could join those two clubs. Who knows; we may even have enough participants to begin a new club in Red Bluff? What do you say? Let's give it our best shot!

It's still real early in the planning stages, but you folks ought to plan to attend. There will be three television stations and at least one radio station covering the events for the weekend. We couldn't begin to ask for a better opportunity for publicity and if we all wear our club shirts to this event we would certainly stand out! Stay tuned for further details and please, if you have any questions let me know?

All proceeds from this event go to the Disabled American Veterans (DAV)

Feather River Club by: Audrey Winters

Our club held two successful weekends of tournaments this past summer and would like to thank all those who participated and helped. We really do appreciate the scorekeepers.

Unfortunately, our president; Jim Thorp has resigned as he realized he is physically unable to pitch horseshoes any more. We need someone to volunteer to take over the presidency in order to keep our club going. Any volunteers???

A majority of the clubs have not submitted their **requests for tournament dates**. The deadline is past and Charlie Hall needs them so he can put'em together for the Nov. 4 Annual meeting. Please....send your request ASAP to Charlie.

Please read NCHPA By-Law Article VI, Section 5

Support the NHPF

The only horseshoe pitching related Charity..... needs your tax-deductible donations to support many programs of the sport; including the Hall of Fame and Grants to install new or upgrade existing courts.

Deadlines for Grant Applications

March 1 and September 1

Mail inquiries and contributions to:

NHPF, P.O. Box 1628

Penn Valley, CA, 95946

Tri-Valley Club by: Linda Hoelscher

We had eight members go to the State tournament in Bakersfield. Five of the eight finished in the money. Those winning were Linda Hoelscher, "State Champ" for the women's division. Harvey Kooy placed third in Men's C, Bill Falter placed fifth in Men's D, Richard Robbins placed fourth in Men's I and William (Bill) Boggess took fourth in the Senior B group. Way to go!

Tri-Valley hosted the 35th. Annual Firefighter's Summer Olympics on July 18th.. Several of Tri-Valley members came out and prepared the courts and helped keep score for this event. I wish to thank all the workers. Bill Brown, Marthe & Marty Dunn, Linda Hoelscher, Ray Szczepanski, Doug Jones, Ed Cortez, Bill Falter. The event went well with over twenty-five participants. The firefighter's served a nice lunch also and made a nice donation to our club.

We wish to send out get-well wishes to two of our members who have been under the weather lately. Gerry Saunders Sr. is home recovering from heart surgery and Marty Dunn is home after having a bout of double pneumonia. Get well soon guys.

Placer County Club by: Jenny Hoy-Goodacre

John Terry will be 93 on November 2nd. He is very dedicated to horseshoes even though he can no longer walk between the courts. (We play doubles in practice). He is not able to pitch in tournaments but never misses a practice. He uses a motorized scooter.

Jenny Goodacre is a new grandmother of twins, a boy and a girl, born on September 14, 2006. Mother and twins are doing very well.

Zachary weighed 6 lbs 4 oz and Brook weighed 5 lbs 10 oz., a very good size for twins. Jenny will be spending a lot of time with the twins in San Jose.

We are preparing for our tournament on Sept. 30th and hope to see many of you there at the lovely Shingle Springs courts.

Just a **reminder** if you haven't already sent in your clubs check for the NorCal raffle, please do so, \$20.00 or two (2) ten dollar raffle prizes. Thanks to all of the clubs that have sent checks already.

Mike and Helen did a great dinner for us last year and the wonderful band of **Harvey Brown** made us jump and sing - they will be there again so we can dance our toes off, and I'm sure the food will be top notch too. Hope to see you there.....Thanks Gail

San Jose Club has just been awarded 21 horseshoe pits by the City Council....estimated completion is August of 2007.

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I will be attending these tournaments:
Motherload @ Tuolumne on 9-30 & 10-1;
NorCal on 10-7 & 8...Store will be open Saturday!
Team Championships on 10-14 & 10-15; Seaside???
Half Moon Bay on 12-2 & 12-3;
Main Event @ Quartzsite, AZ on January 2007

Please call me ahead of time for any of your equipment needs, and I will bring your items to you!! Or just order on-line with secure Pay Pal.

Note: There are five (5) Sanctioned leagues in Northern Calif. and five (5) Sanctioned leagues in Southern Calif.. We need more organized play within Northern Calif. Some clubs only have tournaments and no organized play.

Vellejo Club by: Jim Wallace

I am sorry to tell you Linda Parnell [our Secretary] passed away, I will be taking her position. She was a member of our club for many years. She will be missed!

Some good news.....We have a new member "Donald R. Drummer....active duty; TAFB. Watch out; he's coming in at 26% and for sure he's going higher. Oh by the way, Ben, President of the Vallejo Club has stepped up a bit to short distance. He's had problems with the knee, plus it's about time!!!!

Yes, he's over 70 and you better watch out....Ben is HOT! Bill Milligan is the one to watch. He's changed his shoes "Mr. D's to Snyder E7 Flips and is pitching a good 70%. I can't forget about Pat Murtha and Glen Conner and Jerry Wagner....these are the pitchers that keep things going in our club. They are always there at any time. We are not forgetting our other members, like Joe Summers....the Corporal. It looks like Doug Simon will be back with us this year. He's had big time problems with his pitching hand, the grip is not there. Hopefully he will be back with us next year. Jim Wallace is still dragging his feet, but he will get it together soon.

Vallejo Club had their Annual Picnic at the Sr. Ctr., in Vallejo. Long time member.....Mr. Vern Gosey and his son were the cooks. Approx. 21 members attended. Everyone had a great time and look forward to next year.

We hosted an NHPF Open Benefit Tournament on Aug. 20. It was a cool Sunday morning, but just right to pitch horseshoes. All those that participated had a great time.

- The following are NCHPA By-Law change proposals for
- the November 4, 2006 Annual Meeting.

Number 1

Article IV, Section 1—Members

As it is read:

"The E.C. shall be made up of the elected officers of the NCHPA".

Add the words "and appointed" between the words (elected and officers).

It will look like this:

(The E.C. shall be made up of the elected and appointed officers of the NCHPA.)

Number 2

Article IV, Section 3—Meetings

Paragraph (c)

As it is read:

"The E.C. may conduct business by mail or telephone when necessary."

Add "or e-mail" prior to the words (when necessary).

It will look like this:

(The E.C. may conduct business by mail or telephone or e-mail when necessary.)

Number 3

Article VII, Section (3)—Voting

As it reads:

"The President may decide on the method of voting except that there shall be no voting by mail".

Add the words (e-Mail or Phone)

It will look like this: **(The President may decide on the method of voting except that there shall be no voting by mail, E-Mail or Phone.)**

Notes:

Number 4

Article VII, Section (4)—Awards

As it is read:

"An awards banquet shall be held on the evening of the annual meeting and shall be run by the host club with the cooperation of the E.C.".

Change to read as follows:

(An awards banquet shall be held either on the day of the annual meeting or the day of the NorCal Championship Tournament and shall be run by the host club.)

Number 5

Article VIII, Section 1—NorCal Championships

As it is read:

"This shall be a two-day tournament."

Change to read as follows:

(This shall be a one or two day tournament, depending on the number of entries.)

Number 6

Standing Rules

Second sentence.

As it is read:

"They may be adopted, changed or suspended by majority vote at any meeting without notice.....".

Change it to the following:

(They may be adopted, changed or suspended by a majority vote of seated delegates at the meeting, without notice.)

NCHPA
CLUB TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

DATES: October 14th & 15th

LOCATION: Tri-Valley Club

1. ENTRY FEE: \$80.00 per team. This is a 2-day event and **pre-registration** is required.
2. Teams may be mixed and must have 4 players. Each team may register 1 alternate player to be used in case of injury to an original player.
3. All players must be NCHPA members and be a member or associate member of the club they represent. All players must have a minimum of 2 NCHPA, 2006 tournaments on record prior to October 1, 2006 to be eligible.
4. All participants must wear appropriate name shirts of the club they represent.
5. All Tournament play will be count-all using an 80% handicap.
6. Saturday will consist of qualifying rounds and the 8 teams with the highest point count will proceed to the finals on Sunday.
7. Bonus points will be awarded in the finals. Each player will be awarded 20 bonus points for each win. Each team will be awarded 40 bonus points for 3 or more wins in a round.
8. Prize money will be determined by the number of teams entered and will be announced.

A maximum of 24 teams will be fielded in 2 shifts – 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. We must have even numbers of teams; 16, 20, 24 in order for each participant to play 7 games. All scorekeeping fees are included. The tournament will be canceled and fees refunded if less than 16 teams enter.

Special Note:

Just wanted to let you know Tri-Valley Club had a meeting and we will be serving lunch to everyone free of charge at the team tournament on Saturday only. We will need to know how many to plan for. We will be serving hot dogs and hamburgers. Plus salads. Everyone will need to bring their own drinks. **Please indicate how many will be eating.**

ENTRY DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 1ST

Cut here and mail to Gail



Club Name _____

Team Members: 1. _____ **2.** _____

3. _____ **4.** _____

Team Captain _____ **Alternate** _____

How many will be eating on Saturday? _____

Send check, made payable to NCHPA, in the amount of \$80.00 per team to:

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