

Nor-Cal News & Views

Northern California Horseshoe Pitchers Association website address is: <http://www.NCHPA.com>.

President

I hope you have a wonderful holiday and Happy New Year!

2015 will be a great year for NCHPA pitchers. The State Tournament will be held in Stockton so hopefully our northern pitchers will be out in great force to claim some championships. Judges will be paid, each pitcher will pay one dollar upon check in each day which will be used to pay judges. The Team Tournament format has changed: a team can be comprised of four NCHPA members in good standing from four different clubs.

The World Tournament is being held in Topeka Kansas, July 13 – July 25. Pitching in a World Tournament is a special opportunity to pitch against opponents who all are within a few percentage points. We have had many World Champions through the years including recent champion Hayden Lee, Gil Tournour, John Barney and Dave Lane to name a few.

Tri Valley World Tournament Bid: The Tri Valley Convention & Visitors Bureau is seriously contemplating a bid to host the 2017 World Tournament. The Tri Valley area is approximately forty miles south east of San Francisco. This is a great opportunity to have the World Tournament on the west coast and in the middle of our charter.

Pitching in a World Tournament with opponents from across the US and other nations is the ultimate pitching experience. Casey Sluys and I have been in discussions with the Tri Valley CVB and will be touring the site and meeting to determine expectations of our charter and how we can assist Tri Valley CVB. The bid if developed and accepted, would be presented to delegates at the 2015 World Tournament for a vote. Because there are more delegates on the east coast, Tri Valley CVB will need to beef up their bid to attract the votes as most delegates do not want to travel far west.

I contacted SCHPA president, Dave Smullen, to inform him about this opportunity. Dave was

receptive to SCHPA assisting and will speak to his board and membership. Dave thought this was an amazing opportunity for west coast pitchers. Below are a few of the tasks the Tri Valley CVB hopes that our organization can help with.

- Developing a logo and securing a t-shirt vendor.
- Designing an event program and printing it.
- Providing approximately 20 volunteers daily to assist with tournament.
- Supplying water containers, shovels, paint and brooms.
- Set up and tear down of the portable pits.
- Secure sponsorships.

A special meeting for all members will be held in January or February if it looks like a bid is feasible with a work plan to follow. This can happen and perhaps be the best World Tournament ever if we work together. I am on board pending I don't hear anything disturbing in the upcoming meeting. If you can help, have ideas or suggestions, let me know.

Clinic: A date will be set for a NCHPA Clinic. The Clinic is the first of its kind. It is free to attend. Pick what you would like to learn about and then pitch in the NCHPA tournament that follows.

- How to use HS Masters.
- How to keep score.
- Become a NCHPA certified judge, court etiquette, who calls the score, etc.
- Pitching tips. Learn tips from the top flip and turn players.

And again thank you to Dave Lane, or Dangerous Dave, as I like to call him for donating space to securely store our Hall of Fame items.

Happy holidays, *Cathy Kauffman*

***Birthdays are good for you. The more you have, the longer you live

Secretary/Treasurer

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, if the holidays are over when you receive this I hope they brought all you wished for. Remember if you wished for more ringers in 2015 they weren't under the tree, Santa put them in your horseshoes.

The CA State Championships will be held at Stockton this year and we are beginning the process of looking for clean, affordable motels for this fun tournament. Thank you in advance to George Davis and his crew, we know how much you will be involved in this process and it means a lot to all of us. In this Newsletter you will find a State Tournament Application and a form to sponsor a trophy. The sponsor form and your check for \$50.00 go to Nicole Saunders, our new 5th VP, her address is on the form.

The 2015 Membership cards are ready to go. Please pay your dues and give your secretary any updated information you may have. You can use the membership information form in this newsletter, that way you can give any changes to your club secretary. If you have email please make sure to give it to them for me. It is a great communication tool, if we need opinions from the membership and is the only way we can be sure to get your actual input. As a retired banker, you have my word your email address will not be given out to outside sources. I'm tough on maintaining your privacy. Secretaries please make sure to give me any changes and also send me members' dates of birth and emails. I need that information for making sure people get into the class they belong, especially Cadet, Junior and Elder pitchers. Thank You. *Gail Sluys*

2nd VP

Hi everyone. A recap of the NCHPA Hall of Fame award this year went to Sonoma County's Travis Sluys. He is the third junior on record to be inducted in the NCHPA Hall of Fame since Walter Ray Williams Jr and Jeff Williams in 1973. Travis' award was emotional to a lot of people as they gave him a warm welcome with plenty of applause. My NCHPA HoF committee consists of Dave Loucks, Sue Lichau, Rick Eddy, Kimmy Stockli and myself. Remember guys n gals, next year if you think a pitcher or promoter that's been a member for

at least 10 years in the NCHPA, who in your opinion is a potential candidate, that you want to nominate the deadline to fill out the nomination form is August 1st. Note. If a pitcher who has won a World Championship in the divisions men, women, elders, senior men, senior women, juniors, or cadets may be nominated and inducted with the necessary votes regardless of years of membership. If you need nominee forms I have them or they will be in the upcoming news and views. See you on the courts. *Rick Bermingham*

3rd VP

Well it's all over for a couple of months. We had a good year of pitching, and I managed to get in about twenty seven tournaments. Our annual November meeting and dinner went well, with plenty of food for everyone. Congratulations to Travis for being inducted into the Hall of Fame.

I'm looking forward to next year, my percentage is already higher than it was all year. Look out worlds. Maddie and I already are making plans for Topeka, Kansas.

Hope everyone had a good Christmas and a sober but, good New Years. We should have a couple of months of rest before we start our pitching in 2015.

See you on the courts. *John Barney*

4th VP

As winter sets in and the long-awaited and much appreciated rain drenches us we look forward to the holidays, shopping, cooking and spending time with our loved ones. Looking back at the 2014 pitching season there were many highlights including our annual meeting where we gathered, made some decisions, shared a delicious dinner and competed for lots of wonderful raffle prizes. With the help of all of our officers, president Cathy Kauffman ran an efficient meeting in spite of having her arm in a sling as the result of surgery on her shoulder. It wasn't an easy endeavor and I appreciate her time and abilities. The meeting began at noon giving us all time to travel in the morning and we were adjourned in time for dinner, awards and an early departure.

The schedule is finally set and hopefully there will be no more changes or cancellations for 2015. Helping to assemble the schedule this year was definitely an eye opening experience and I thank

God for Casey Sluys and his expertise and perspective. *Lorena Tournour*

Statisticians Report

I want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Congratulations on the Officers that were elected and I know that they will support us in a positive way to go forward in the New Year and upcoming years to come. I want to congratulate Terry Farrell for Pitcher of the Year, Corrina Mills for Scorekeeper of the Year, Travis Sluys for his induction in the NCHPA Hall of Fame and Junior of the Year as well as Top Dog, Zeke Merrill for Cadet Pitcher of the Year, Hayden Lee for Most Improved Pitcher, Jeff Vieira for Rookie of the Year, and Joe Summers for Presidential Award. I also want to congratulate the Pitchers that pitched of 80% games and they are: Rick Birmingham, Elaine Butcher, Hayden Lee, Travis Sluys, Kimmy Stockli, and Tom Webb. We will have another great year of pitching ahead of us this year as we will be hosting the California State Championships in Stockton, CA. I want to let you know that the best way to get in contact with me is my email. I want to thank all of the Tournament Directors for doing a job well done. Pitch-On, Wayne George, WayneNatStat@hotmail.com , 1573 E Sandalwood Ave. Tulare CA 93274.

CLUBS

UKIAH

Hello and happy holidays to you all. We are enjoying the rain in Ukiah Valley, over 18 inches for the year, way more than last year. Before the wetness began we were able to practice a bit, but now we are packing our shoes away and looking forward to next year - 8 tournaments (4 weekends). We look back at last year with fondness and hope for next year's bounty and reunions with friends. We hope to see many of you in 2015 either at our wonderful courts in Ukiah or at your equally fantastic pitching venues! God bless you all for the New Year and may you enjoy good health and prosperity. *Lorena Tournour*

***Drive carefully... It's not only cars that can be recalled by their Maker.

WILLOWS

Happy Holidays from the Shasta/ Willows horseshoe club. We would like to Welcome our newest member Larry Mello. We look forward to 2015 and hope we can grow some this next year with more new members. Congrats go out to Loretta who just found out she is going to be a Great Grandma in June. Looking forward to Daryl Adams returning to our club next year his back is better and he has been enjoying his new Grandson. Congrats also go out to Elaine Butcher who was our pitcher of the year for 2014 and also to Linda Hoelscher who was our most improved pitcher for 2014. *Linda Hoelscher*

STOCKTON

The Stockton Club is proud that Jeff Vieira was named the 2014 Rookie of the Year. That makes three years in a row for our club to have that honor.

Fay Dumont will become the new Secretary/Treasurer for our club. Many of you now Fay as a fine scorekeeper. She will do a great job for our club in her new role.

We are looking forward to once again hosting the State Tournament. Let us know if you have any ideas that would make for a better State Tournament, we would like to make it a memorable and enjoyable event!

We hope everyone is having a good off-season, and is gearing up for a great 2015 Horseshoe season. Merry Christmas to all! *George Davis*

HALF MOON BAY

We would like to congratulate our own Terry Farrell for being voted **The NCHPA PLAYER OF THE YEAR**. Terry won the prestige's award for what he did on and off the courts. We are all very proud of him and lucky to have him as a club member. He is a great asset!

We would like to thank all of the NCHPA & SCHPA members who came to our tournaments. We appreciate the turn out.

It's time to start thinking about marketing next season. You can write your letters to your local newspaper, contact your local recreation departments and offer Horseshoe classes, prepare your tournament flyers and edit and send them at the appropriate time. I will be glad to help any club promote themselves.

Happy Holidays from the HMB Horseshoe Club
Rick Della Santina

FEATHER RIVER

Greetings from the Feather River Club. I know we are all grateful for the rain we are having. I'm looking out over my back fence and watching a couple of deer grazing on the now-green grass. I talked to Lee Oliver

and he has pulled a ligament in his knee which is very painful. We wish him a speedy recovery. Also John Sylvester has an enlarged prostate gland and is waiting to see a doctor about that. He is still busy cracking some of the delicious nuts he grows. I can't seem to get in gear for Christmas yet but did go to hear the Paradise Community Chorus sing some lively Christmas songs which I thoroughly enjoyed. Lois is keeping busy babysitting two great-grandchildren. Other than that there is not much news here. We wish all of our horseshoe family a blessed Christmas season and all the best in the coming New Year. *Audrey Winters*

SAN JOSE

Happy New Year from San Jose!

In early December we had our business meeting/Christmas party. As part of the business meeting the election of 2015 officers was held with the following results: President - Mike Anderson, Larry Ryan - 1st Vice President, Brian Zelmar - 2nd Vice President, Marisela Mauricio - 3rd Vice President, Nancy Cloutier - Secretary-Treasurer, Russell Zelmar - Groundsman, Leon Moore - Statistician. Russell Zelmar will be our contact person and can be reached at 408-499-0565. After the business meeting we had a wonderful pot luck dinner followed by much fun with a White Elephant/Yankee Swap gift exchange. Fun was had by all. We all want to thank Nancy Cloutier for inviting us to her home and hosting another great event. Again, Happy New Year to all and we look forward to seeing you at the courts in 2015.

Mike Anderson

FORTUNA

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Some of the Fortuna Horse shoe pitchers went to Vallejo and participated in the Northern California Championships. Tom Webb won the senior men's division, congratulations. Sharon Paddock won the Woman's division, congratulations to her also. Bill Paddock, did the walk of shame, although he could have won had he threw more ringers.

Good Job to the Northern officers on providing such pretty plaques. Wish I had won one.

Next year Fortuna is holding it's annual Bear River Money tournament in July, we will not be competing with the Ferndale Fair and horse races. Motels should be easier to get and less expensive. Chopper Dahl and Will Paddock went hunting in Showers Pass this deer season. Chopper got two nice bucks and Will got a dandy.

Good News! gas prices are coming way down, this will make it a little easier for pitchers to commute

to tournaments. Hope the lower prices last a long while.
Bill Paddock

LINDSAY

Our site is <http://lindsaybangers.weebly.com/> please take a look when you get a chance. We would like to thank a couple of early sponsors Forcum Mackey Construction for their monetary sponsorship and Frank Arroyo who donated 5 sets of horseshoes to the club. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the City of Lindsay for providing such a great venue with lighting for us to pitch and also for helping with permits. On our list of goals for the future is to start providing free horseshoe pitching camps for the youth of our community and surrounding area. Till next time stay cool and keep pitching.

SONOMA COUNTY

We have six tournament scheduled for 2015 on April 19, a Sunday, will be the George Greeott Memorial. That one is all by itself and should bring quite a few pitchers out. There will be a gift to all first and second place winners. On June 14 will be the Sluys Family Open which will be a money tournament there will be \$150.00 added prize money to be distributed. On Saturday August 29, the Hayden Lee tournament, again by itself, we will have a mystery money open. If you've never experienced this type of tournament it is a fun one. We also will again host the Whine Country event where each first and second place winner will receive a bottle of wine, in addition to the normal prizes. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all. *Casey Sluys*

**** All Horseshoes in the Valley events have been canceled.***

We are very sorry to inform you that all scheduled horseshoe events at Primm Valley Casino Resorts have been canceled, and will not be rescheduled. Again, it was our hope to re-start the tournaments in March, but due to decisions by the resort's upper management, the entire project has come to an end.

We did manage to conduct one heck of a fun and successful event in October! Thanks to all who participated and helped. We know you had a blast. And thanks to all who showed interest in the upcoming events.

Happy Holidays to all!

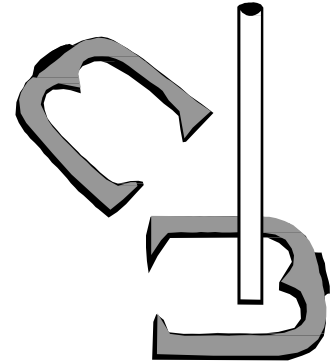
***Jerry LaBrosse and Rob Hagman
Horseshoes in the Valley Tournament Directors***

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA HORSESHOE PITCHERS ASSOCIATION



2015

Tournament Schedule



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CODES FOR 2015 TOURNAMENTS

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| 1. See Flyer/Newsletter/Website | 8. All Groups Handicapped | 15. Walking Doubles |
| 2. \$\$\$ Money Tournament | 9. 9:00AM sign-in Deadline | 16. Pre-register |
| 3. \$12.00 Entry Fee | 10. 5:30PM sign-in Deadline | 17. 2 day Tournament |
| 4. \$15.00 Entry Fee | 11. 6:30PM sign-in Deadline | 18. Limit 24 pitchers |
| 5. \$30.00 Entry Fee | 12. 30' Mix & 40' Separate | 19. Benefit Tournament |
| 6. Count-All | 13. Doubles | 20. Food donations OK |
| 7. Mystery Money | 14. High-Low Doubles | 21. Free food-pitchers |

EVERY PITCHER MUST PAY THE SCORE KEEPER 50 CENTS PER GAME

FEBRUARY

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| 1. Sat. 21 Jeff Merrill 4, 16, 20 | Exeter | |
| 2. Sat. 28 Moreno's Plumbing | Tulare | |

MARCH

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| 3. Sat. 7 K. & D. Kyle w/kg dbls. 15,16 | Exeter | |
| 4. Sat. 7 Donovan Automotive 9 | Madera | |
| 5. Sat. 14 Lindsay | Lindsay | |
| Sun. 15 open | | |
| 6. Sat. 21 Kooy/Cowles/Cortez | Tri-Valley | |
| 7. Sat. 21 Sal's Distributing | Tulare | |
| 8. Sun. 22 Major/Kane | Tri-Valley | |
| 9. Sat. 28 Jose DeLeon | Stockton | |
| 10. Sat. 28 Let's Pitch Shoes | Willows | |
| 11. Sun. 29 Peter Chavarria | Stockton | |
| 12. Sun. 29 Let's Do It Again | Willows | |

APRIL

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| 13. Sat. 4 Bill Lawson Memorial | Turlock | |
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Sun 5 EASTER

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| 14. Sat. 11 Ukiah Members Memorial | Ukiah | |
| 15. Sat. 11 TCHPC Memorial 3,16, 20 | Tuolumne | |
| 16. Sat. 11 San Jose Memorial 20 | San Jose | |
| 17. Sun. 12 Gil & Lorena Tournour | Ukiah | |
| 18. Sun. 12 Don & Janet Kies 20 | San Jose | |
| 19. Sat. 18 Gillespie Ag Service | Tulare | |
| 20. Sat. 18 Danny Thompson/T. Bifluco | Vallejo | |
| 21. Sat. 18 Fred Lavett Memorial | Seaside | |
| 22. Sun. 19 George Greeott Memorial | Sonoma County | |
| 23. Sat. 25 Pro T's 9 | Madera | |
| 24. Sat. 25 Loretta Grisaffi | Willows | |
| 25. Sat. 25 Stockton Park & Recreation | Stockton | |
| 26. Sun. 26 Mike Robinson 12 | Willows | |
| 27. Sun. 26 Tony Marino | Stockton | |
| 28. Thu. 30 Pat McGowan 10 | Half Moon Bay | |

MAY

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| 29. Sat. 2 Vince & Donna Eisma | Turlock | |
| 30. Sat. 9 Chet Carter Memorial | Half Moon Bay | |
| 31. Sat. 9 Lindsay | Lindsay | |

Sun. 10 MOTHERS DAY

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| 32. Sat. 16 Jamieson/Brown | Tri-Valley | |
| 33. Sat. 16 Linda Jessee | Feather River | |
| 34. Sat. 16 Ukiah Memorial | Ukiah | |
| 35. Sat. 16 Tuolumne Rec & Parks 3, 16, 20 | Tuolumne | |
| 36. Sun. 17 Henninger/Kinores | Tri-Valley | |
| 37. Sun. 17 Feather River Memorial | Feather River | |

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| 38. Sun. 17 Robert Harrall | | Ukiah |
| 39. Tue. 19 Ebbel & Hofland | | Half Moon Bay |
| 40. Tue. 19 Jim Sample 10 | | Half Moon Bay |
| 41. Sat. 23 Mark Verdun 2,4 | | Willows |
| 42. Sat. 23 Joe & Millie Shultz 2, \$20 | | Stockton |
| 43. Sat. 23 D&E Yamaha | | Tulare |
| 44. Sun. 24 Linda & David Hoelscher 2, 4 | | Willows |
| 45. Sun. 24 New Member Appreciation | | Sonoma County |
| 46. Sun. 24 Stockton Memorial | | Stockton |
| 47. Mon. 25 Shasta/Willows Memorial | | Willows |
| 48. Sat. 30 Gold Country NHPF Benefit 19 | | Gold Country |
| 49. Sat. 30 Central Valley Classic 16 | | Exeter |
| 50. Sat. 30 Will Facey | | Ukiah |
| 51. Sun. 31 Bernie Merchen | | Ukiah |
| 52. Sun. 31 Dave Barbe | | Gold Country |

JUNE

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| 53. Thu. 4 Charlie Hall 10 | | Half Moon Bay |
| 54. Sat. 6 Alan Trusty & Ken Weir | | Turlock |
| 55. Sun. 7 Carvallyo's/Buna | | Tri-Valley |
| 56. Sat. 13 Garza & Hernandez Ringer Nights 11 | | Stockton |
| 57. Sat. 13 Wanted Dead or Live 16 | | Exeter |
| 58. Sat. 13 Spring Fling | | Fortuna |
| 59. Sat. 13 Indian Valley Memorial 12 | | Indian Valley |
| 60. Sun. 14 Redwood Country | | Fortuna |
| 61. Sun. 14 Sluys Family 2, 4 | | Sonoma County |
| 62. Sun. 14 Harry Begay 12 | | Indian Valley |
| 63. Tue. 16 Doreen Elkins | | Half Moon Bay |
| 64. Tue. 16 Koistinen & Pacheco 10 | | Half Moon Bay |
| 65. Fri. 19 Caldwell Barbershop 11, 16, 18 | | Tulare |
| 66. Sat. 20 Forebay Park | | Forebay Park |
| 67. Sat. 20 14 th Black Oak Casino 1,2,8,16,17,20 | | Tuolumne |
| 68. Sat. 20 McGrath Family | | Vallejo |
| 69. Sun. 21 Forebay Park 12 | | Forebay Park |
| ~ Sun. 21 14 th Black Oak Casino 1,2,8,16,17,20 | | Tuolumne |
| 70. Sat. 27 Peter Zepponi | | San Francisco |
| 71. Sat. 27 Rick Bermingham | | Sacramento |
| 72. Sun. 28 Cathy Kauffman | | Sacramento |

JULY

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| 73. Fri. 3 Independence Day 19 | | Sonoma County |
| 74. Sat. 4 Bill Terry | | Half Moon Bay |
| 75. Sat. 4 Stockton Firecracker Ringerfest 20 | | Stockton |
| 76. Sun. 5 Foa & Keith Remillong | | Half Moon Bay |
| 77. Sat. 11 Ben & Shirley Ramirez 20 | | Turlock |
| 78. Sat. 11 Kimmy&Mitch Stockli | | Vallejo |
| 79. Sat. 11 John Sylvester 12 | | Feather River |
| 80. Sat. 11 Bear River \$\$ Tourn 1,2,5,9,16,17 | | Fortuna |

81. Sun. 12 Lee Oliver Feather River
 ~Sun. 12 Bear River \$\$ Tourn (2nd Day) Fortuna
July 13- 25 World Tournament Topeka, KS
 82. Fri. 17 Gillespie Ag Services 11, 16, 18 Tulare
 83. Sat. 18 Gold Digger 12 Indian Valley
 84. Sat. 18 Quality Painting 9 Madera
 85. Sun. 19 Gold Digger 12 Indian Valley
 86. Sat. 25 Diane & Jim Saunders 20 San Jose
 87. Sun. 26 Larry Ryan 20 San Jose

AUGUST

88. Sat. 8 Jones Family Turlock
 89. Sat. 8 Lois Edwards Feather River
 90. Sat. 8 Pat Murtha Vallejo
 91 Sat. 8 Forebay Park 12 Forebay Park
 92. Sun. 9 Janet Parker Feather River
 93. Fri. 14 Faubh Construction 11, 16, 18 Tulare
 94. Sat. 15 Beat the Heat Fortuna
 95. Sat. 15 Joe Sciarra Half Moon Bay
 96. Sat. 15 Dion Setters Sacramento
 97. Sun. 16 New Pitchers Day Fortuna
 98. Sun. 16 Glen O'Brien 15 Half Moon Bay
 99. Sun. 16 Matt Smith Sacramento
 100. Sat. 22 Don Shuler Ringer Night 11 Stockton
 101. Sat. 22 Russell Zelmar 20 San Jose
 102. Sat. 22 Gold Country Gold Country
 103. Sun. 23 Tom Mandich State Warmup Stockton
 104. Sun. 23 Marisela Mauricio 20 San Jose
 105. Sat. 29 Hayden Lee?? \$\$ 4, 7 Sonoma County
Sun. 30 open

SEPTEMBER

106. Sat. 5 California State Championships 17 Stockton
 ~~Sun. 6 California State Championships 17 Stockton
 107. Sat. 12 Collin Phenicie Ukiah
 108. Sat. 12 Saunders/Szczepanski Tri-Valley
 109. Sun. 13 Tom Burns, Jr Ukiah
 110. Sun. 13 Faler/Robbins/Woods Tri-Valley
 111. Sat. 19 Tony Smullen Turlock
 112. Sat. 19 Gold Country Gold Country
 113. Sat. 19 Welcome Pitchers Fortuna
 114. Sat. 19 Edward Moore 20 San Jose
 115. Sun. 20 Hang 'em up Fortuna
 116. Sun. 20 Mike Anderson 20 San Jose
 117. Sat. 26 Marvin Sanders 16, 20 Exeter
 118. Sat. 26 Walt & Elaine Butcher Willows
 119. Sat. 26 Whine Country Sonoma County
 120. Sun. 27 Carver and Erickson Half Moon Bay
 121. Sun. 27 Bill & Sharon Paddock 2, 4 Willows

OCTOBER

122. Sat. 3 NCHPA Championships 17 Vallejo
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 123. Sat. 10 Edwina Leonardo Willows
 124. Sat. 10 Genevieve Lavett Memorial Seaside
 125. Sat. 10 Lindsay Lindsay
 126. Sat. 10 Jeff Viera & Fay Dumont Dbls 15 Stockton
 127. Sun. 11 Fritz Oberst Willows
 128. Sun. 11 Jerry & Pam Bower Stockton
 129. Sat. 17 Donavan Automotive 9 Madera

130. Sat. 17 Golden Gate Classic San Francisco
 131. Sat. 24 NCHPA Team Championships 17 Stockton
 132. Sun. 25 NCHPA Team Championships 17 Stockton

NOVEMBER

133. Sat. 7 Turkey-shoot Tri-Valley
 134. Sat. 7 Pro Ts 9 Madera
 135. Sun. 8 Partners for Fun 19 Tri-Valley
Nov. 14 Annual Meeting/Dinner Sacramento

DECEMBER

136. Sat. 5 Terry Farrell Half Moon Bay
 137. Sun. 6 Rick Della Santina 15 Half Moon Bay

******* PLEASE READ *******

The following will apply to all NCHPA scheduled tournaments NOT HAVING CODE NUMBERS:

- *1-NHPA/NCHPA sanctioned tournaments are open to all pitchers from the U.S. and Canada with valid membership cards, except those so noted and excluding the NCHPA Championships and CA State Tournament.
- *2-These tournaments shall be mixed-distance competition, unless otherwise noted.
- *3-These tournaments are subject to handicapping if there is a 15% or greater spread in a group.
- *4-The tournament director has the decision to handicap, it is **not guaranteed.**
- *5-These tournaments have a 9:30 A.M. entry deadline and a standard entry fee of \$10.00, unless otherwise noted. (Code #1) This information should be available approximately 30 days prior to the tournament date. Also, check with either your club or the tournament host club contact person for more details.
- *6-The executive board must approve any changes or re-scheduling of dates once the schedule is printed. Please notify Gail Sluys or another officer so the changes can be approved and the information relayed to all clubs in a timely manner.
- *7-THE WORD OPEN HAS BEEN ELIMINATED FROM ALL LISTED TOURNAMENTS AS ALL NCHPA TOURNAMENTS ARE IN FACT THAT. See note #1
- *8-COURT LOCATIONS can be found on the Internet by clicking on "About Us" then 'Clubs' at www.nchpa.com

IMPORTANT DATES

March 8 Daylight Savings Time Begins
 July 13- 25 World Horseshoe Pitching Championships Topeka, KS
Sept. 5, 6, 7 California State Champs @ Stockton
Oct. 3-4 NCHPA Championships @ Vallejo
Oct. 24-25 Team Championship @ Stockton
 Nov. 1 Daylight Savings Time Ends
 Nov. 14 Annual Meeting Florin Rebekah Lodge

MINIMUM PAYOUT IN ALL GROUPS IS DOUBLE THE ENTRY FEE TO 1ST PLACE AND AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE ENTRY FEE TO 2ND PLACE. THIS IS IN ADDITION TO PLAQUES, PATCHES, AND/OR EVENT PLATES. NCHPA officers must approve all exceptions.

<u>Club Name</u>	<u># of courts</u>	<u>Location of Courts</u>	<u>Contact Information</u>
Exeter	4	Exeter City Park	Amy Carter PO box 237, Exeter, CA 93221 559-592-5262 or acarter@exetercityhall.com
Feather River	12	Williams St. Palermo- RV's OK	Audrey Winters 730 Meyers Ln., Paradise, CA 95969 530-877-3680 or audwinters@att.net
Forebay Park	10	Forebay Rd. Pollock Pines- RV's OK \$	Rick Eddy 5477 Russell Hollow Rd. Pilot Hill, CA 95664 530-823-8658 or redy2cts@aol.com
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Stockton	19	Louis Park Stockton	George Davis 1435 W. Vine St. Lodi, CA 95242 (209) 365-1190 or guydavis@comcast.net
Tri-Valley	16	Alameda Co. Fairgrounds Pleasanton RV'S OK \$	Ray Szczepanski 2011 Rainier Dr. Martinez, CA 94553 925-822-5629 or raymonsycz@aol.com
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Turlock	10	Crane Park Turlock	Mike Jones 1025 W. Springer Dr. Turlock CA 95382 209-652-2001 bones52768@yahoo.com
Ukiah Valley	11	Fairgrounds Ukiah RV's OK \$	Lorena Tournour PO Box 113 Calpella, CA 95418, 707-234-4277 or 707-489-6227 latournour@gmail.com
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Year _____
National Horseshoe Pitchers Association (NHPA) and
Northern California Horseshoe Pitchers Association (NCHPA)
Membership/Change Application Form

In order to keep accurate records and to get information out to you, we **MUST** have accurate information from you. Your postal mailing address and E-Mail address need to be accurate and complete.

If you have a change of address, phone number, or E-mail during the year, please immediately notify your Club Secretary.

Application Information (please print clearly):

NAME: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY; _____ **ZIP CODE** _____

PHONE: _____ **BIRTHDATE:** _____

CLUB: _____

Year you became an NHPA member: _____ **or NHPA member for** _____ **years**

Last Years NHPA card #: _____

Dues (circle one): **ADULT @ \$27.00** **Junior(13-18)/Cadet(12 & younger) @ \$7.00**

Sex (circle one): **M** **F** **Pitching Distance (circle one):** **20ft (cadets only)** **30ft** **40ft**

Signature of applicant _____ **Date:** _____

NHPA/NCHPA Membership Receipt

Received From: _____ **Received by:** _____ **Date** _____

*****On Dec. 16th I met with the Alameda County Fairgrounds and the Tri-Valley Sports Development Manager to look over the site where they want to hold the 2017 World Tournament. The two buildings have adequate room and would be a nice place to have a World Tournament. There are a myriad of details to be worked out prior to them submitting a bid though. Among them are cost factors, they are huge, adequate help during the 14 day long event, fund raising capabilities on the NCHPA's part, soliciting advertisement for the WT program book, development of a logo, patch etc, creating the program book. If we (the NCHPA) are interested we need to think about these items. The financial burden might be a drawback to them submitting the bid. More details upon request. kcsclus@sbcglobal.net Thanks, Casey *****

At Stockton

ENTRY FORM

At Stockton

2015 California State Horseshoe Pitching Championships

Sponsor: Northern California Horseshoe Pitchers Association –NCHPA

September 5, 6, & 7th 2015 Louis Park, 3121 Monte Diablo Ave, Stockton,

Please Print Clearly or Type

Name: _____ Phone: _____ NHPA # _____

Address: _____ City _____ Zip Code _____

E-Mail: _____ Birthdate: _____ Club: _____ Charter: N or S

CIRCLE YOUR DIVISION (1 only)

OPEN MEN (40FT) SENIOR MEN (40') ELDERS/MED EXEMPT MEN short distance (30')

OPEN WOMEN SENIOR WOMEN JR BOY JR. GIRL JR CADETS (20FT)

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Keep this section for future reference – California State Championships, Stockton - Sept 5,6,7 2015

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

OPEN: Men (40ft.) shall enter “OPEN MEN” /Women shall enter “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 2012. “CADETS” are junior pitchers whose 12th birthday does not fall in 2015.

⇒ Eligibility requires **Adults MUST** have pitched in **three (3)** California sanctioned tournaments-**Junior and Cadet** pitchers require **one (1)** after **August 1, 2015**.

⇒ Pitching averages will come from NATSTATS as of **August 1, 2015**.

⇒ Entry **Deadline** is **August 1, 2015**. (Late entrants will be used on a standby basis, and will pay an additional fee of \$10.00).

ADULT ENTRY FEE IS \$25.00/JUNIORS FREE. No refunds after August 8, 2015. ALL entrants will pay **\$1.00 per day** at sign-in to cover compensation to be paid to judges working each shift.

Mail top of Entry Form and check to: *Gail Sluys (707) 486-0594 - (707) 538-3128*

Make checks payable to NCHPA 1721 San Ramon Way Santa Rosa CA 95409

Don't forget to sponsor a trophy for the State Championships.

2015 CALIFORNIA STATE HORSESHOE PITCHING CHAMPIONSHIPS



Awards Sponsorship Form



Northern California Horseshoe Pitcher's Association

The Northern California Horseshoe Pitchers Association (NCHPA) will host the 2015 California State Horseshoe Pitching Championships tournament in Stockton, CA Louis Park 3121 Monte Diablo Ave Stockton; over the Labor Day weekend September 5th, 6th, & 7th 2015. Please consider sponsoring an award for this prestigious event! Both plaques and cash are awarded to the winners of 20-30 groups of players from throughout the state. This tournament establishes California State Champions for both men and women of all ages plus boys and girls under 19 years old. If you wish to sponsor a first or second place plaque award, each plaque costs about \$50. If we receive your plaque sponsorship by August 20th, the award plaque will reflect your support, and if you have a specific group you wish to sponsor please let us know, we will do our best to accommodate your request based on first come – first served.

Sponsor's Name (business, club, or person): _____

Sponsor's Address: _____

Sponsor's phone and/or E-mail: _____

Donation Amount: \$50.00 (make check payable to **NCHPA**)

Please send this completed form with your check to the NCHPA awards coordinator:
Nicole Saunders 1259 Ark Ave **San Jose CA 95126** E-mail nicmbox@yahoo.com



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

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

NCHPA and/or club offices held: where & when

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

Send in by August 1, 2015 to: Rick Bermingham 700 Vallejo Ave #40

Roseville, CA 95829 rickbermingham@yahoo.com

NEWSLINE:

Beginning in January 2015 the NHPA bi-monthly magazine; "Horseshoe Pitching Newsline" will be published electronically. Each NHPA member with an email will now receive a copy of the magazine in their email. Please look for it beginning with the Jan/Feb 2015 issue. *Please update your emails to me @ Casey Sluys* kcslus@sbcglobal.net

NCHPA NEWS & VIEWS is published quarterly, and distributed by the most economical methods. That includes email, website and USPS, as per the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP's) of the NCHPA.

The deadlines for submitting articles are: **Mar. 15th, June 15th, Sept. 15th Dec. 15th** Mail to Casey Sluys, kcslus@sbcglobal.net

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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 1st and September 1st. Mail

contributions and inquiries to: NHPF, 100 Bluestem Way, Wentzville, MO 63385.

We would love to have your financial support...please help?

<http://www.nhpf.info/index.html>

The NHPA Hall of Fame is now open in Wentzville, MO. It's located right off of I-70 a major East/West Interstate. Stop in on your way to points East.

All statistics for all Northern CA tournaments are posted on the website. Simply scroll across the schedule window and you will see another widow appear. When you click on it all tournaments will be listed and those in hypertext have results listed.

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