

Nor-Cal News & Views

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

President:

Pitching season is underway. I hope you are taking the opportunity to play in your local tournaments and travel to support NCHPA clubs. Recently I attended tournaments in Tuolumne. Barb, Tom, Junior and the Tuolumne Club are wonderful hosts. Please consider playing in Tuolumne if you have not had the opportunity. The sand is well groomed, the courts are shaded and Barb provides a delicious lunch.

Recently I played in a group where I was the only person younger than age 79, yep, every one of the gents taught me a lesson. I should be used to it as my dear friend Audrey Winters has shown me how it's done plenty of times. Just when I thought I was making some progress – however, I did receive some sage advice which I'm grateful for. If you need help, don't ignore the wise words of our elders.

Regarding plaques, we recently purchased 50. The plan is to record which club receives a plaque and for whom. Hopefully, having data about the distribution will help us in our discussion at the annual meeting. The cost for 50 plaques was well over \$900.

A huge thank you to the Half Moon Bay Club. Bill Terry presented me with a "USS Kauffman" hat and bottle of wine. I don't know how I deserved such a thoughtful gift – but I was thrilled to receive it. Half Moon Bay is a "must go to" location to pitch.

Please note the deadline is August 1st to register for the State Tournament. I hope I see you in San Diego if not sooner. Finally, good luck to those of you who are traveling to New York to compete in the World Tournament and travel safely. And for those of you who have experienced a teen driver learning to drive, Travis Sluys now has his permit. His grandparents are letting him get behind the wheel on their road trip to New York – what an amazing adventure they will have, keep your eye on the road Travis and you and Hayden pitch ringers! *Cathy Kauffman*

Secretary/Treasurer:

I know everyone is waiting for plaques. Please send me an email with how many plaques you have on hand. (No, I'm not kidding, I know some of you have some plaques on hand). Include how many you owe to people now along with the names of whom you owe them to. We really are trying to find a good solution to present at the annual meeting.

As you know we will be shuffling off to Buffalo, NY soon, a long trip but I still have relatives there so I'm looking forward to seeing them and introducing them to Travis and Hayden. While I'm gone I know you will have new people join your club. Please email me with the name and address of any new members you sign up, as I will be taking the NHPA card numbers with me. Upon receipt of the email and you saying the check is in the mail I will email you, Rob, and Wayne the card number so that your tournament won't be held up when a new member pitches. I will also send the information to Scott so he can keep current sending out the new member packets. Thanks, *Gail Sluys*

NEWSLINE:

Beginning in January 2015 the NHPA bi-monthly magazine; "Horseshoe Pitching Newslines" 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.

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, kclus@sbcglobal.net

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2nd VP

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 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 New York, and other destination East of CA.

Do you have a weatherproof barn that you could store the NCHPA Hall of Fame material in? We really need a 10X10 ft. area that we could use indefinitely.

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. Many thanks to Statistician Wayne George and our webmaster Steve Summerlin for working this out for all of us to enjoy

I first would like to thank the officers for voting me in for the NCHPA Regional Director. I will

do my best. I will be traveling to the clubs from time to time checking the courts making sure stakes are straight, foul lines painted etc. It has been a warm spring and I hope everyone is pitching well. Good luck to those who are going to Buffalo New York to the World Tournament. I have not had any nominees for the NCHPA Hall of Fame as of yet. Remember August 1st is the deadline to nominate a pitcher or promoter that has been a member of the NCHPA for at least 10 years. See entry form in this issue. See you on the courts. *Rick Bermingham*

3rd. VP

Last year we were worried about the wet cold weather; now, this year it's the hot weather! Remember drink plenty of water and keep your head covered. Guess we are supposed to practice in the evening?

I didn't see many California pitcher names in the World Tournament line up. Maddie and I are planning on making the trip. We've got our room and car rental taken care of and I'm sure Maddie is already planning a quick side trip to Canada.

One of the last tournaments I attended was Gold Country in Nevada City. There was a good crowd and all the pits were in good condition, Gold Country has a bunch of new young members and do an outstanding job in preparing the courts for the tournament.

I've had five or six club representatives ordering score sheets for their club, a couple of the clubs discovered at the last minute they needed the forms for the upcoming tournament. So if you have an upcoming tournament check your supplies. The score sheets sell for \$40 per 500, and the round robin cards are \$12 per 100. Send me an e-mail and I will get them off to you.

John Barney

4th. VP

Rick Bermingham is the new Regional Director, with Travis Sluys as assistant RD, please order additional patches or sanction certificates from him.

It makes a nice summer when you can share your favorite sport with friends so I hope that you are all well, happy, and pitching and socializing with friends. Don't forget that this is the year for amendments to our BY-LAWS so first get your hands on a copy of our by-laws – there is a nice, easy to read version on our website – and decide what you would like to change. Then write it down in English and send it to me no later than September 9, 2014. That is 60 days before our annual meeting on November 8, 2014 and will give me time to compile them since I have to turn them in to the Executive Council on or before October 9, 2014 which is 30 days before our annual meeting!

And speaking of deadlines and information sharing, the dates for your 2015 tournaments are due to Casey Sluys so get out your 2015 calendars and pick your tournament dates and send them in. I am going to help Casey with the schedule this year so we will need the information soon so we can get working! My hopes are that God will bless you with health and wealth. *-Lorena Tournour*

5th VP

Well June is here already and pitching is well under way. The bad news is that my wife and I are moving in Jan. The good news is we are moving to Hawaii, sweet. We are going to miss everyone, but time to move on and take our game to another state. Colleen said to me that they are not going to like her there. LOL. Well as Nor-Cal goes we have already signed up over 50 new members this year and that's great. Welcome to the newest club in Nor-Cal Lindsay Ca .We have a lot more pitching to do this summer so I have to go practice now hope to see you all soon. *Scott Henne*

Statistician:

Congratulation so far this year for 80% and/or above game and they are:

Rick Bermingham = 03-14-029 = 83.33%, Elaine Butcher = 03-14-024 = 80.00%, Hayden Lee = 03-14-029 Game #1 = 90.00% plus Game #2 = 85.00%, Bob Midkiff = 03-14-014 = 82.50%, Travis Sluys = 03-14-029 Game #1 = 83.33% plus Game #2 = 80.00%

It is the clubs responsibility to get the results to me, please be sure that I get the complete and correct results to me as soon as possible.

If you feel that your tournaments have not been recorded please let me know so I can research and get them included and accurate.

GOOD LUCK TO ALL! Pitch-On *Wayne George*

2015 Pitching Schedule

Having done the schedule for a number of years in my 28 years as a member, it's time to let someone else try their hand at it. It becomes a taxing job when clubs fail to recognize that having 3-5 tournament on one weekend becomes a detriment to all those involved. Not only is your attendance meager, but your club does not make any money. It also stifles travel to other clubs and everyone becomes homebodies. There was a time when 5-6 members of a club would pile into a vehicle and enjoy the day at a tournament in another area. This could happen again if we limited the number of events per weekend to two. *Yes two* tournaments per weekend in Northern CA and the distance must be at least 200 miles apart. Toss this idea around a bit before casting aspersions. Your clubs turnout will be larger and the interaction between members will increase and who knows you might even enjoy it. Please assist Lorena and me when choosing your weekends for the 2015 pitching schedule. Let's all try to limit the number of tournaments. Yes, I know fuel is expensive, but carpooling is the answer. *Casey Sluys*

NHPF & The Hall of Fame Building for the Future While Preserving the Past and Showcasing the Present

On May 3, 2014 the NHPF board of directors met at the Hall of Fame tournament in Wentzville, MO. We hope to make this an annual occurrence as the amount of goodwill created by board members walking around chatting with folks is immeasurable. This meeting

proved to be a productive one as our newest board member Phyllis Quist was able to see some of the intricacies of the building and its environs.

We finalized the new brochure, which will include the brick order form for ordering a brick that would be placed in the Jack Freeman Memorial Plaza. We also intend on sending a supply to each Charter President for distribution to their Charter clubs. We also intend on using these brochures at rest stops along major highways into and around the St Louis area along with various tour groups and perhaps motels and businesses.

There was some discussion on creating an additional revenue stream by allowing other non-horseshoe related parties to rent the building provided that adequate supervision is maintained. NHPA members could rent the facility for birthday parties and such. Contract details are being worked out as we speak.

We were able to watch some of the engraving of the bricks. It's quite a process they use, first a stencil is created in their workshop, then it is determined where the brick is placed then the stencil is glued onto the brick, the surrounding bricks taped off with duct tape to avoid sandblasting the neighboring bricks. When sandblasting onto the stencil from about 6-8 inches away the effect blasts the letters into the bricks, they are then painted with a special paint that is rolled onto the stencil and forced into the letters; this special paint has a 30 year warranty. The stencil remnants are carefully removed and the remaining pieces are picked off, all other tape picked up, a little solvent to wash the glue residue off the brick and your brick is complete. Then the new batches of bricks are charted on the brick display panel located at the entrance to the HoF building. Adjacent to this display is a list of all the engraved bricks purchased by each Charter.

Over the course of the last couple of years we incurred some expenses that were rather large. Fixing the various leaks in the roof proved to be a major undertaking with each fastener being inspected for tightness and all old silicon removed from each one. Then a new sealer applied to each fastener and all seams. The roof was completely coated with a coating call Puma xl. It carries an 18 yr. guarantee against leaks. We had some repairs and maintenance to the Geothermal Heating System. Two of the three systems pumps went out and needed to be replaced. There are six heating & exchange units in the building. In one of the six units we had to replace a compressor and evaporator coil. As you can see maintenance of a building such as this becomes a continued expense. Note: the building will be eight years old this fall, so we can expect some ongoing expenses.

That is where your donation will come in handy though and we sincerely appreciate your help.

The St. Charles County Parks Dept. is building a new road off of highway Z. It will make egress to the park much easier for everyone. Highway Z crosses Interstate 70 at a 90 degree angle and off of Highway Z it will be one turn into the park. Then about a one mile drive through the park to your Hall of Fame. Mail contributions and inquiries to: NHPF, 100 Bluestem Way, Wentzville, MO 63385.

CLUBS

FEATHER RIVER: Tournament season is in full swing now and it is great seeing all our old horseshoe friends and meeting new ones. The Gold Country tournaments were fun and it is nice to see some younger people joining the NCHPA.. Our May tournament at FR was well attended on Saturday. We had a much smaller turnout on Sunday but it was still good. Saturday winners were: Group 1 - Rick Bermingham 1st and Mike Hammer 2nd. Group 2 - Tim Thomas 1st and Walt Safford 2nd. Group 3 - Bob Bruce 1st and Harry Begay 2nd. Sunday winners were: Group 1 - Elaine Butcher 1st and Gene Washoe 2nd. Group 2 - Marshall Merino 1st and Janet Parker 2nd.

We look forward to seeing a lot of you at our next tournaments on July 12 and 13. Keep pitching ringers! *Audrey Winters*

FOREBAY PARK: Forebay Park Horseshoes Club is in full swing! We began club play in April and play on Thursday evenings. We are continually seeking new members and have had several new members join this year. The weather has been wonderful! Nice and cool with a wonderful breeze coming off of Forebay Lake.

Our first tournament of the year is this coming weekend, Sat. June 21 and Sun. June 22. Both days will be a 30/40 split. We will provide donuts and coffee and have a raffle with some great prizes. The entry fee is \$10.00 and the sign in deadline is 930 A.M. We'd love to see you so come on up to 4,000 feet and beat the heat! R.V. and tent camping is available (no hook-ups) and charge only \$5.00 per night. Hope to see you there!

We are also hosting a one day tournament on Sat. Aug. 2.

Directions: Hwy. 50 East – Sly Park Rd. Exit, turn left- first left on Pony Express Trail – first right on Forebay Road. Look for our sign about ½ mile on your right. *Kim Stovall*

FORTUNA: Hi Everyone, its time for the MONEY TOURNAMENT AT FORTUNA, we have free dry camping available for RV's ,tent camping (let us know if you need a tent & air mattress). All you will need is a pillow and blankets. POT LUCK DINNER FRIDAY NIGHT, goodies for Breakfast,,AWARDS SAT. NIGHT, DRAWING FOR A FREE MEMBERSHIP FOR 2015 and a SCOREKEEPERS prize....Bring home some cash , Fun games Fri, starting at 1:00...Come on Thursday or Friday ...stay late...lunch before you leave Sunday. Fire pit and good conversation in the evening. All food provided at the courts is Free, courtesy of Fortuna Club. Let the good times roll,,,please see attached flyer for more information....Friendly weather (about 70 to 75 degrees)

Little town, good courts, and best money payout to players !!!!! Call Sharon Paddock for reservations if you want tent or other information. 707-443-1913
Sharon Paddock

GOLD COUNTRY: Hi everyone, It's been awhile since we here in Gold Country have had much to report. The past few years weather wise have not been kind to us.

Our first scheduled tournaments this year were basically rained out. The whole area was a quagmire.

However, the weekend of June 7th & 8th we had pretty near perfect conditions. It was a “little” warm but the courts and clay were in great shape. This would be totally thanks to our new members who worked their butts off getting everything ready. Thank you so very much guys!

On Saturday we had 26 pitchers for our “Ruth Padgett Memorial”. There were not too many folks that remembered Ruth but make no mistake, those of us who are long time club members won't easily forget her. She along with husband Bill were here at the beginning of Gold Country and worked for the

growth and betterment of the club for many, many years. Ruth was the sec./treas. For 15 plus years and even when Bill wasn't pitching they were at plenty of tournaments and always willing to keep score or assist in any other way needed. We appreciated Bill visiting at the tournament and at 93 years young still looks the same as he did years ago. Several of the entrants were new Gold Country members and were pitching in their 1st tournament. A few "old timers" showed up and might have been a little put off by our easy going attitude during the tournament. I apologize if anyone was disturbed but as we had so many new members and some at their first tournament, we wanted a more relaxed atmosphere. We had a couple of pop-ups with misters for folks to cool off under, played music and being as we only had a morning shift allowed breaks between games for the guys to have a beer. I think (hope) everyone had a good time. Sunday we had 15 pitchers with 9 of them being club members and we pretty much followed the same format as Saturday.

I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome all our new members to Gold Country. Also to welcome back Stacy & Sam Triano. They are not ready to do a lot of traveling to other tournaments yet but please give them a hearty welcome if you do see them. A few years ago, we were down to 6 members, only two of whom pitched and there was talk in the air about folding the club. We now have 27 members and other than myself they all pitch with the exception of Andy Loobey. He is however a dedicated pitcher and was instrumental in talking all these guys into joining the NHPA, NCHPA and Gold Country. Unfortunately, Andy is still unable to pitch due to health concerns.

On June 12th he (Andy) underwent open heart surgery for a bypass and a valve replacement. The Drs. are pleased with the results but he will be recuperating for some time. When he is totally recovered from that, he'll have to see if something can be done with his shoulder. He really hasn't had an easy time of it but never stops promoting the game. He probably won't be ready for much for awhile but anyone who knows Andy knows he loves to talk. That being said, I'm sure he would love to hear from some of his fellow pitchers by phone, email or snail mail! (530-432-9136; mloobey@att.net; 13755 River Rock Rd., Penn Valley, CA 95946.

I'd also like to offer our sympathies to Tom Munoz for the loss of his wife Shirley. They were club members for several years and as any of you who knew her, Shirley was a fun-loving ball of fire; Always more than ready and willing to lend a hand to whatever help anyone needed. She will be greatly missed and we miss you too Tom. We sincerely hope to see you back with us in the near future. Safe travels and ringers to all! *Cathie Loucks*

HALF MOON BAY: We would like to welcome 3 new members to our club. Patti Davis, who earned her first second place, Bill Vassmer, and Robert Kennel who won his first class championship. All three have entered quite a few tournaments. We are proud to have them as members!

We will be hosting two tournaments for the 4th of July weekend. You can catch a parade on Main St. in HMB, Fireworks on the coast on Friday, & tournaments on Saturday & Sunday. We have a link to the HMB Chamber of Commerce for information for lodging, restaurants, and other places of interest. <http://halfmoonbayhorseshoeclub.wikifoundry.com/>

Mona and I visited the beautiful Island of Oahu and went on a Horseshoe Safari in May. I was lucky to play in two tournaments, first in Waimanalo (were Mona did a Gail Sluys, running HS Master so that the HHPA president could pitch) and the following Saturday in Waianae. When you play there, you have to be prepared to stick around long after the tournament for a great time. We made many friends, and the most beautiful part of visiting Hawaii is the hearts of the locals. Bring your shoes were ever you go, you can't go wrong. *Rick Della Santina*

MADERA: Last Saturday some friends and I gathered around the T. V. to watch the Belmont Stakes. Everybody, in the room was rooting for the beautiful thoroughbred from Coalinga, to win the Triple Crown. As history knows, only six or so, horses have won that coveted event

California Chrome was beaten in the final turn and the dreams of Mr. Steve Coburn were dashed, by a horse who did not compete in all three races of the Triple Crown.

Immediately after the race Mr. Coburn voiced some concerns about the fairness factor that has

allowed rested horses to compete in the final race.

Mr. Coburn clearly stated, somewhat angrily, that the other owners should not be allowed to enter the Belmont unless they have competed in all three races.

For the first time in a long time the sports world, has had to address a fairness factor in a sport. The reaction was swift. The news media called Mr. Coburn, a crybaby, poor loser, angry, old crazy man and said that he should apologize to all the owners and the entire world.

The rich owners who want to win have never addressed the fairness factor for the past hundred years. They simply want to win at all costs. In my opinion Mr. Coburn, was right to be angry. Here was an over seventy, year old man trying to win with such a beautiful animal, despite having the odds against him. He has spent most of his life in the racing business to work toward a fair and equal playing field only to be criticized as a crybaby.

I couldn't help but relate, the thoroughbred owners, to our National Horseshoe Pitchers association, who have steadfastly, refused to deal with the fairness factor which all, long distance pitchers have to endure. Yes I've heard it all, it's all about your average, "Quit being a crybaby, if you don't like it quit. etc, etc".

Like Mr. Coburn, I'm in my seventies, and have pitched along with the party line for the past twenty five years. And like Mr. Coburn I'm fast reaching a decision to take my shoes, back to the stall. Although it didn't help in this race I'm sure California Chrome, could use an extra ten feet in the future.

Thank you Mr. Coburn, for bringing the fairness factor to the national spotlight. you are my hero. Thanks for listening. *Harlen A. Rippetoe*

Fair or not, living in the same house I get to read the Newsletter before it goes to print. Normally my reading is as a proofreader and I don't make any comments, this issue is different. Harlen I take exception to your article. I was cheering as you were for California Chrome to win the Triple Crown, but making horseshoe pitchers 30ft/40ft

distance become a controversy due to a horse race is way beyond comprehension. If Chrome hadn't been stepped on by #3 making him suffer a quarter crack, he probably would have won the Triple Crown. As you know all horseshoe pitchers don't pitch the same number of tournaments. Some only pitch enough to qualify for the World, State and Nor CA tournaments. Some pitch many and practice much more, examples are Alan Francis, Brian Simmons, Rick Bermingham, Tom Webb, Travis Sluys and Hayden Lee to name a few. The full distance pitchers in this group have stated they want to pitch the top people whether they pitch from 30ft or 40ft. Mr. Coburn was upset when his dream was crushed – he struck out at the other horse owners as some pitchers do at 30 footers blaming them for their losses. Sometimes our thoughts can cause us to lose perspective and games we should have won. Mr. Coburn realized he stepped out of bounds after that race, he didn't threaten to leave the sport he loves, and then he apologized. *Gail*

SONOMA COUNTY: A mere 2 days before his tournament the elder statesman of horseshoe pitching, George Greeott passed away. Just 2 weeks before his 104th birthday. Many of you got to know George through his carvings that he would donate as raffle prizes at our tournaments, others of you were invited to his ranch to view the myriad of "stuff" he had there. The Windsor Historical Society has quite a bit of his artistic work on display at their museum. We will miss this true gentleman of horseshoes. We will continue to hold tournaments in his memory, in April.

Our Travis/Hayden tournament was well attended, but then the next day was perhaps the poorest attendance I've every seen. What kept people away? Was it the fact that it was a benefit tournament? Was it graduations, the threat of rain, goodness knows, after all it was the ONLY tournament on the schedule? Where was everyone?

We've run an ad in the local paper for some number of days and so far have acquired 5 new members with 4 others showing up tonight for league. IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE! *Casey Sluys*

STOCKTON: The Stockton Club held the Joe and Millie Schultz Tournament over Memorial Day

weekend, and Millie not only attended, but kept score all day. What a wonderful lady, and what an asset she and her late husband Joe have been to Northern California Horseshoes! We hope you are planning to attend our 4th of July Ringerfest. We will be raffling a gift certificate to Kimmy's Shoe Shop, a Blue and Gold Fleet high speed boat ride on SF Bay, and we will be having food for a \$5 donation. Your entry will include one raffle ticket. Did you notice, former Stockton and Norcal Legend Walter Ray

Williams, Jr. recently won the Florida State Championship, with a 75.33 %, but will be unable to attend the World Tournament. Follow the NCHPA Pitchers who are going to Buffalo for the World on the NHPA website. Harvey Kooy will be in the Elders Division, Matt Smith, Derek Brown, and Richard Robbins are in Mens, George Davis, and John Barney in Sr. Mens, and Hayden Lee and Travis Sluys will contend for the Boy's World Title. Be thinking about your teams for the NCHPA Team Tournament to be held in Stockton in October. The Stockton Club hopes to make it a tournament to remember! May your bounce-offs be few, and may all your measured ringers clear the stake! *George Davis*

TUOLUMNE: On April 12, 2014 the club held it's first tournament, The Tuolumne Memorial. It was successful with 15 pitchers attending from various clubs. Group one winner was Cathy Kauffman, second place was Tony Marino. Group two winner was Ken Weir and second place went to Lyle Goudie, congrats. to all of you!.

May 17 the Tuolumne Park and Recreation Tournament was held it had 12 pitchers; a tie for first place was played off between Cathy Kauffman and Junior Ensminger. Cathy won first place and Junior second in a 40-shoe playoff. Group two was also tied and another 40-shoe playoff determined the Ray Hayes won first place and Steven Huntoon won second place.

We hope to see all of you who sent in your entries to the Black Oak Casino tourney for June 28 and 29.

Late news we just received word that club member Rodney Miller of Coulterville has passed away. He was only 61 years of age. Rod was a great asset to our club when he was available. He will be missed by all who knew Rod. God bless Rod and his family. *Barbara Persson*

UKIAH: Horseshoe pitching season is well underway, we have enjoyed attending some tournaments as well as holding some here in our neck of the woods and we look forward to traveling to more in the coming months. Our June tournament in Ukiah was hot, but fun and if you didn't join us, you missed a good time. Don't miss out on the fun in September, join us for our next tournaments on the 6th & 7th and there will be not only pitching and friends but good food too. During the rest of the summer we are looking forward to pitching all over Northern California and at the end of July traveling east to Buffalo, New York for the world tournament and in August heading on down to San Diego for our state tournament. And we also have on our calendars the Bear River \$ Tournament in August in Fortuna and our Northern California Championships in Vallejo and the Team Tournament in Stockton both in October. There are so many opportunities to pitch check your schedule and be sure to take advantage of as many as you can, life is short! Blessings to you all from the UKIAH VALLEY HORSESHOE CLUB, *Lorena Tournour.*

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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

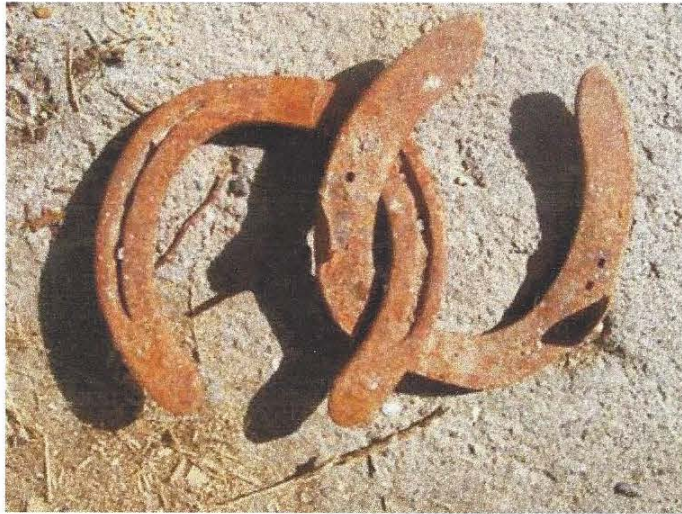
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Highlights of promotional efforts: exhibitions, school instruction, parks & recreation instruction, fund raising tourneys for charity, recruiting of new members, etc.

NCHPA and/or club offices held: where
& when _____

Use another sheet of paper for any additional information that you have on your nominee.
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Championship Divisions: (circle one)

Open Men (40ft) Sr. Men (40ft) Elders or Med Exempt (30ft) Open Women Sr. Women

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(Keep this section for future reference – Calif. State Championships, San Diego, 30-31 August, 2014) Balboa Park, San Diego, California

Adult entrants **MUST** have participated in at least 3 sanctioned California tournaments during the 12 months prior to the below entry deadline date, for junior entrants, at least 1 sanctioned California tournament.

For a division with less than six entries, the tournament committee reserves the right to combine the division with another division with the same pitching distance.

Entrants must wear shirts with their name professionally printed on the back; do not rely on purchased shirts at the tournament because the vendor cannot guarantee timely deliveries.

Entry fee is **\$25.00** for adults and **FREE** for juniors and cadets, no refunds after the below entry deadline date.

Entry deadline **date (or post mark date):** 1 August 2014 (**Late entries require an additional \$10 entry fee and will be used on a standby basis only.**)

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