

Nor-Cal News & Views

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PRESIDENT

If you missed the State Tournament - you missed out. Foa, Foa! The Halfmoon Bay Outlaws can claim the top woman pitcher in the state, Foa Remilong. She pitched beautifully going up against the likes of former state champions, Elaine Butcher and Linda Hoelscher.

And BOOM! Luke Zeponi (San Francisco), our tough twelve year old pitched a 50% tournament to win his group. Turlock's Dee Rice won her group and had her beautiful grandchildren with her at the courts to celebrate. Let's not forget our new friends from Seaside, Rick Thompson won his group and his club mates were in the hunt for top honors. Thank you to pitchers who came out to play in their first state tournament including Marty Montez (Madera) who won his group, Ramiro Coronado (Madera), (Gary Dillion (Feather River) and James Phillis (Tulare).

James Taylor from Ukiah won his group. After pitching, James served as a judge and gave everyone a great laugh - he told friends pitching that if they could not properly yell out "no score" that with his orange vest he had the power to toss them off the courts.

Thank you to our scorekeepers and judges many of who worked multiple shifts including Rodney (Indian Valley), Jeff (Sacramento), Corrina & Heather (Sacramento), Chris & Edward (Stockton), Rick Eddy (Forebay), Rick & Mona Della Santina (Half Moon Bay), Gil Tournour (Ukiah), Sue Saunders (Tri Valley) Frank Arroyo (Exeter), Bill Terry (Half Moon Bay).

Thanks to Rosie Buna and James Caravallo (Tri Valley) for coming out to support their northern friends. Congrats to Rich Robbins (Tri Valley) who became a "grandpa" as his daughter Bonnie had her daughter, Joplin, during the tournament. Special thanks to the Stockton crew under George Davis' leadership for prepping the courts (Don Shuler, Tom Mandich, Faye Dumont, Jeff Viera). Thank you to Vicente Rincon (Lindsay), Jeff Williams

(Sacramento) and all of our raffle prize donors. Thank you to Casey Sluys for working the raffle and 50/50 tables. Thank you Sponsors!!!

Finally, thank you to the officers who worked from 6 am Saturday to 1 am Sunday and then were back at the courts at 6 am Sunday (Gail Sluys, John Barney, Lorena Tournour, Nicole Saunders, Joe Summers, Rick Bermingham). They exceeded my expectations and rose to the occasion. I can't begin to tell you how much time was put into the tournament prior by Gail and I. Gail's attention to detail and expertise is deeply appreciated. Nicole Saunders was our newbie officer and she performed her duties with grace and strength. When you have Nicole, you get the Saunders family. Thank you to Tim and Sue Saunders for all of their help in so many roles.

Northern and Southern officers met prior to the tournament. Business discussed included crafting a right of refusal statement and to increase the State entry fee to \$40. Southern members agreed last year to an increase and asked us to revisit this topic. \$40 is a bargain for two days of entry fees in comparison to other sports. Other states have higher entry fees not to mention the World Tournament is due for an increase. State Tournament expenses increase and a bump in the entry fee is needed. Other business discussed included growing membership. More information will follow at our Annual Meeting.

Thank you to all who participated and made it such a wonderful experience. There are too many of you to mention but please know I am glad you attended.

Cathy Kauffman

SECRETARY/TREASURER

Busy year in Northern CA. On the plus side we held a great State Championship. On the down side the loss of Vallejo courts and their tournaments for the year, caused us to move the Northern CA Championship to Santa Rosa (Sonoma County Club). We really miss the Vallejo tournaments and hope we will be back there in 2016. On the plus side

the reactivation of the Seaside Club and courts is great! If you can, please try to make their October 10th Genevieve Lavett Memorial Tournament. For those of you who didn't know her, this is the lady who designed the current score sheets making life much better for scorekeepers and statisticians. She did more for our organization than even people that knew her are aware of. The Seaside club has many sights close by to visit. The first tournament they held there this year was a big success and I hope we can have that again on October 10th.

If your club does not run tournaments on HS Master I would highly recommend that someone in your club who owns a laptop give it a try. Believe me once you do it by computer you won't want to do it by hand again. Even if you don't have a printer you only have to use round robin cards after you form the groups in your computer. Using HS Master makes life much easier, not only for you and your club tournaments but for the statistician and in turn the National NatStats person allowing everyone to see tournament results quickly.

One last thing Joe Summers 1st VP, Jhon Barney 3rd VP and my Secretary/Treas positions are up for elections this year as our current terms are up. We have all notified Cathy that we will seek re-election. Thanks for all you do to make our jobs easier, we try to do the best for you. *Gail Sluys*

2nd VP

Pitchers, it was a great state tournament with good weather and lots of ringers. Marcus Santillana repeated top men's championship, 3 titles in a row. Rick Bermingham second place Frank Arroyo got third. Foa Remillong won her first title in the women's top group. Glen Rippetoe won the elders class c group. The food was good as the Stockton club put on a great tournament.the clay was perfect. Hope to see many of you at Santa Rosa for the Nor Cal championship. *Rick Bermingham*

3rd VP

It took me a couple of days to rest up after getting home from our state tournament. The pitchers don't realize what the officers had to do to get ready for this event. The first round starts at 7am, which means the officers woke up at 4:30 am to have

breakfast and be at the courts at 6 am. The last round finished at midnight, we had three and a half hours sleep for Sunday. From all indications we had a good tournament.

Now, guess what? Next month, October 3rd & 4th. NCHPA CHAMPIONSHIPS. We have to do it again, I hope you didn't forget your application.

As bad as I did in state, my only reprieve is to do good in NorCal. I'm looking forward to it!

It not to late to take inventory of your clubs; score sheets and round robin cards, I have them on hand so get your order in.

Good luck and good pitching, *John Barney*

STATISTICIAN

2015 NCHPA Horseshoe Pitching Season is coming to an end and now is the time is to start figuring out who wins what Awards. I want to congratulate all Award winners. The results will be announced at the Annual Meeting. Congratulations to all the pitchers that competed at World Tournament. Congratulations to all the pitchers that competed at Stockton, California State Championships.

On a personal note: I will be having back surgery and I wish I could be out there pitching with and someday I will again. I will need your help in turning in your tournament results to me so I can process them to Natstats Please when possible either at the tournament or after the tournament please put these tournaments on a tournament program so that the results shows .text files, their Class/Group, their names, the State they are from, their NHPA number, wins, losses, ringers, shoes pitched, High Game, and how you set the tournament up like for instance if you set it up as 80% or 75% or 66.67% this way I will not be guessing and you can always send me a note to let me know. When the results are sent to me in a .text file it helps a lot and when you send it in as a paper tournament even it was on a computer and I get just a print out, I have to input the tournament results into my computer as if I am running the tournament so I can get that .text file results to send to National. I want to thank all of the Tournament Directors for doing a job well done. I can be reached by email WayneNatStat@hotmail.com snail mail 2459 N Oaks St Spc 73 Tulare CA 93274 Cell Phone (805) 540-0842. Pitch-On, *Wayne George*

4th VP

We had a wonderful State tournament in Stockton with lots of kind and loving pitchers, a cool breeze to keep the temperature down and some very exciting raffle prizes. Thanks to Gail Sluys and Cathy Kauffman we were able to raffle two sets of autographed horseshoes, one signed by Brian Simmons and the other by Alan Francis. Both the shoes and the boxes they came in were autographed by these world champion pitchers and it was a coveted prize, for sure. Thanks to Casey Sluys who stayed by the raffle table for 2 whole days, hawking the tickets and collecting the money, NCHPA was able to earn a little extra money for our coffers. The regular raffle was loaded with a wide array of wonderful prizes including Jelly Bellies, red licorice, wine and a hand made horseshoe box by Tim Saunders which was a much sought after prize and also made our raffle very profitable. Adding to the raffle buzz, the Stockton club did a 50-50 raffle on Saturday which made someone very happy and earned a little extra money for their club! On Sunday we did two 50-50 raffles rounding out the tournament on a very positive note. All the money for the raffles went to the NCHPA treasury for operating expenses. Just for your information, I safeguarded the raffle table alongside Casey giving us a chance to visit and share jokes – we had a great time. However, after purchasing an obscene amount of raffle tickets for the shoes, the 50-50 raffles and the regular raffle, I came home with a little fatigue, some good memories and empty pockets!

The State tournament was run by the NCHPA this year and I can't begin to explain the amount of work that is required to make it run smoothly and efficiently. Weeks before the tournament begins, Gail Sluys works for hours and hours collecting the entry fees and pitcher names and information then getting the schedule organized and into the computer so that every pitcher has a place and a time to appear. That's not all, on the days of the tournament, she sits in the “shed” entering data, printing results, writing checks and distributing round robin cards and all the while, she is taking complaints, listening to advice, greeting friends, and shooing away flies while trying to grab a bite of lunch or breakfast as she works. The other duties

required such as, running each shift, making announcements, filling and refilling the water jugs, making coffee, assuring that there are judges and scorekeepers for each round as well as score sheets, and pencils and judges tools and seeing to any needs of the pitchers are performed by your ever-ready and willing officers: Cathy Kauffman, Joe Summers, Rick Bermingham, Nicole Saunders, John Barney & me.

News of the devastating fire in Lake County has all of our attention right now, some of the local banks are establishing accounts as well as the Red Cross so anyone who feels like helping even from far away can do so. And, as always, pray because the losses are astronomical. Blessings to you all for a wet and happy holiday season. *Lorena Tournour*

5th VP

Hello fellow pitchers. It has been an interesting season. It was great to see so many of you along with our Southern California pitchers at the state tournament in Stockton. It has been a learning experience this season for me sending off information to our new members and participating in helping out at the state tournament. I want to say a special thanks to all of the people who helped out sponsoring the trophies for the tournament this year. I thought the Stockton Club did an excellent job helping out to make the event a success. I am looking forward to seeing a lot of you again soon at the NorCal Championships. *Nicole Saunders*

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**The new website is;
www.nchpa.weebly.com**

The costs of things to run a tournament

A 5 person group @ \$10.00 per brings in \$50 Uses 2 courts

Payout \$30, (\$20 for 1st, \$10 for 2nd); \$10 to NCHPA, Plates @ \$2.50 each \$5.00 net **\$4** Uses
8 score sheets @ .08 each .64 Time 3 hrs.

A 6 person group @ \$10.00 per brings in \$60 Uses 3 courts

Payout \$30,(\$20 for 1st, \$10 for 2nd); \$12 to NCHPA, Plates @ \$2.50 each \$5.00 net **\$13** Uses
15 score sheets @ .08 each \$1.20 Time 3 hrs.

A 7 person group @ \$10.00 per brings in \$70 Uses 3 courts

Payout \$30, (\$20 for 1st, \$10 for 2nd); \$14 to NCHPA, Plates @ \$2.50 each \$5.00 net **\$20** Uses
18 score sheets @ .08 each \$1.44 Time 3.5 hrs.

An 8 person group @ \$10.00 per brings in \$80 Uses 4 courts

Payout \$30, (\$20 for 1st, \$10 for 2nd); \$16 to NCHPA, Plates @ \$2.50 each \$5.00 net **\$27** Uses
28 score sheets @ .08 each \$2.24 Time 3.5 hrs.

A 9 person group @ \$10.00 per brings in \$90 Uses 4 courts

Payout \$30, (\$20 for 1st, \$10 for 2nd); \$18 to NCHPA Plates @ \$2.50 each \$5.00 net **\$36** Uses
32 score sheets @ .08 each \$2.56 Time 4 hrs.

Amount per player to the Northern California Association equals \$2.00 each

Donuts per tournament equals \$20.00

Coffee “ “ “ \$3.00

Paint “ “ “ \$5.00

Paper supplies napkins/cups/computer paper/pencils/ink and lemonade per tournament equals
\$6.00

Costs of things for running a tournament equals **\$34.00** per tournament.

This is all calculated with no court usage fees. Some clubs have usage fees and some don't.

When you stop to figure that in you begin to see why we are a non-profit organization.

2015 State Trophy Sponsors

First Name	Last Name	Name as to be Recognized	Group Preference
Dale	Hughes	SCHPA Statistician Dale Hughes	Men's Champion
Robert	Chubinsky	Balboa Park Horseshoe Club	Men Champion 2nd place
Robert	Chubinsky	Balboa Park Horseshoe Club	Women's Class B Champion
Rick	Berminham	Rick Bermingham	Cadet Champion 2nd place
Gil	Tournour	Gil and Lorena Tournour	Junior Boys Champion
Gil	Tournour	Ukiah Valley Horseshoe Club	Men Class H Second Place
Edwina	Leonardo	Shasta/Willows Club	Women's Champion
Leslie & Sylvia	Smullen	Torrance Club	Elder Class C second place
Josh	Offhill	Mission Linen Supply	Men Class D Champion
Josh	Offhill	Mission Linen Supply	Women's Class B second place
Revis & Myrna	Mc Kee	Buena Park Horseshoe Club	Men Class E Champion
Hal	Griswold	SCHPA	Junior Girls Second place
Hal	Griswold	SCHPA	Men Class F Champion
Hal	Griswold	Wally Shipley Horseshoe Outlet	Men Class I Champion
Frances	Lopez	Southgate Horseshoe Pitching Club	Men Class G Champion
Carlin	Serra	Carlin Serra	Cadet Champion
Joe	Summers	Joe and Mary Summers	Men Class J Champion
	Sluys	Sonoma County Horseshoe Club	Senior Men Champion
Bill	Terry	Half Moon Bay Horseshoe Club	Senior Men 2nd place
Dale	Hughes	SCHPA Statistician Dale Hughes	Elder Class B Champion
Reed	Beaman	Reed Beaman The Pit Master	Junior Boy Champion 2nd Place
Ray	Szczepanski	Tri-Valley Horseshoe Club	Men Class D 2nd place
Wm	Chandler	In Memory of Don Titcomb	Elder Champion
Barbara	Persson	Tuolumne Horseshoe Club	Elder Class B 2nd Place
Gil & Lorena	Tournour	Ukiah Valley Horseshoe Club	Elders Class C Champion
Gil & Lorena	Tournour	Ukiah Valley Horseshoe Club	Men Class H Champion
Sharon	Patterson	Bakersfield Shoe Crew	Men's Class C 2nd place
Pat	Murtha	Pat Murtha	Elder Champion 2nd Place
Bill	Terry	Half Moon Bay Horseshoe Club	Men Class G 2nd place
Vern	Gosney	Vern Gosney and Ben Yost	Men Class B Champion
Vern	Gosney	Ben Yost and Vern Gosney	Men Class C Champion
Luis	Moreno	Lindsay Bangers	Men Class E 2nd Place
Terry	Farrell	Half Moon Bay Horseshoe Club	Men Class B 2nd place
Richard	Robbins	Richard Robbins	Women's Champion Second Place
Nancy	Cloutier	Hugh Cloutier Memorial Trophy	Men Class F 2nd place
Tino	Manseri	San Luis Obispo Horseshoe Club	Men Class I 2nd place
Jerry	Hinman	High Desert Horseshoe Club	Men Class J 2nd place
Duane	McGrath	McGrath Family	Junior Girls Champion
Duane	McGrath	McGrath Family	Junior Boys Class B Champion
Casey	Sluys	Sluys Family	Participation awards - Cadets
Catherine	Kauffman	Catherine Kauffman	Participation awards – Cadets

We cannot thank all of you enough for your dedication and generous contributions to make this CA State Championship a very successful event! **Thank you a million times, Gail**

CLUBS

FORTUNA

We had our Bear River Money tournament and it was very successful. We want to thank everyone for purchasing lots of raffle tickets. That money sure helps our little out of the way club. Both days a couple raffle table's were plum full of lots of nice item's. I want to thank Linda Hoelscher, Glenda Stapp, Sharon Paddock, Rayetta Warlick and all the other Fortuna members for making the raffle such a success. We had an unusual cat house/bird house/flower display/tree house that stood over 7 feet tall, a three branch tree design which a lot of people bought raffle tickets on. The winner had a full size pickup to haul it home in. I was prepared to deliver it somewhere, if someone won it, who could not haul it. I was just kidding ladies when I told you that I would help tie it onto the hood of your car. Cecil Shaw of the Fortuna Club won his group, I think he said he has won it 3 out of the last 4 years. Also Blair Rowley of the Fortuna Club won his group in the money tournament. Congratulations guys, good pitching! Man we had a lot of tent campers, travel trailers and motor homes camping at our horseshoe courts. All the camping is free and our club served free meals. We had people coming in as early as Thursday to start camping and many did not leave until Monday. We had a good number of Oregon pitchers come down and camp with us. The people staying at the courts and enjoying our clean secure park made our hearts happy. Friday afternoon we had doubles pitching, then Friday evening we had a big meal for everyone. Then we played music around the campfire. Musicians were Tim Warlick on the accordion and Tim Saunders played the guitar for us. Thanks guys, everyone sure enjoyed the music. The moderate temperatures were a nice change for the people coming in from the hot areas. As most of you know Tom Webb had a 3 way heart by pass just before the Bear River tournament. The operation went fine and the recovery is going good. Tom told Sharon that he may get the green light to start practicing soon. Got a joke for you. What

do you call a beautiful lady who comes to a horseshoe tournament on the arm of a horseshoe pitcher? A Tattoo, ha ha. *Bill Paddock and Blair Rowley*

FEATHER RIVER

We had three weekends of successful tournaments. Thank you to all who attended. Lee Oliver has had his surgery and is home recuperating. He will have a three month rest and then will begin radiation treatments. We wish him well. On Sat., Sept. 12th, there is a Community Festival in the park at Palermo and we have been asked to put on a horseshoe tournament. Bill Bynum, who has recently joined our club, is very active in the community. He has ordered first and second place trophies. It will be a double elimination tournament and should be fun. I will be passing out NCHPA flyers and hope we can get some new members. Summer has gone all too fast it seems. See you all at some of the upcoming tournaments. *Audrey Winters*

GOLD COUNTRY

Our thanks to all who participated in our tournaments this season. We have one more on Saturday, 9/19 and hope to see many of you joining us. The temperature is scheduled to be on the cool side (60 in the a.m. to 80 in the late afternoon) This is MUCH better than than high 90's and 100's that we have been experiencing for the past several weeks.

We appreciate all of you who pitched in our NHPF Benefit tournament in May. We had 32 pitchers signed up but 2 opted out so we could pitch everyone in one shift. We set up 6 groups of 5 on 12 courts and everyone had a scorekeeper. With the lack of scorekeepers at pretty much every tournament, it becomes somewhat more important that everyone knows how to keep score. No one likes to keep their own score and if groups are set up with a bye, you have at least one scorekeeper for every group. The club was able to pay back almost a third of the \$2600.00 grant we received from the NHPF in order to purchase the container to hold all of our tournament paraphernalia. So much

easier than carting everything to each tournament. Thank you pitchers for your support and thank you to the NHPF for being there to assist the members of the NHPA!

We opted for just a 1 day tournament in August and our final one this weekend but after several pitchers commented that they like the 2 days, we have decided to go back to 2 days for next season. Looking forward to again having some great turnouts.

On another note, when a new member joins your club, it should go without saying that existing club members take the time to teach the new member all aspects of the game. This includes not only score-keeping and how to call the score but court maintenance (how to turn and water a court). It also wouldn't hurt to teach the basics of setting up a tournament and doing the stats whether the old fashioned way – by hand, or on a computer. I realize the majority of the folks out there just want to pitch and don't care about the rest but if someone becomes a member, they become “a distinct part of a whole”. A club member is someone who has joined a group of people uniting for a common purpose. That common purpose is to promote and foster the sport of horseshoe pitching through local tournaments. Every member should be willing and able to run a tournament. This is one of the best ways to sustain our clubs here in No. California and throughout the country. Just some food for thought!

Congratulations to all the State Tournament winners and best of luck to the pitchers taking part in the NORCALs and Team Tournaments.

Cathie Loucks

UKIAH VALLEY

Hi all, I have to make amends! Back in June when I was writing the newsletter article for the 2nd Quarter I was mentioning names and awards and - I knew I would forget someone

And of course, I did – Linda Hoelscher who traveled all the way from Corning to enjoy and/or endure our warm Ukiah sun placed 1st on

both days of our May 30 & 31 tournaments! On Sunday she only lost 1 game and on Saturday she won all 5! She's a great pitcher and we love to have her come to our courts to compete and Willows is one of our favorite Northern California destinations. And while I'm clearing things up I must mention our loyal member James Taylor who took 2nd place in the championship group on Sunday – he tied with Tom Webb and James was so proud of earning a plate for the championship group and of having tied with Tom who is one of his idols!

In July eight of our Ukiah members traveled to Fortuna to escape the heat and smoke of Ukiah and Lake County and to participate in the always fun Bear River \$ Tournament. Gil Tournour came in 3rd in the championship group and in group B, Earl Davis came in 2nd, James Taylor 3rd and Will Facey 4th and in Group C Dave Defino garnered the 2nd place win. In group D Cody Davis won the money for 2nd place and Yoda Jarvis for 3rd. They were all in the \$\$\$\$ and happy as could be with the nice cool weather, the great camping places, the really good food and a very kind and welcoming group of pitchers and tournament directors.

Six of our Ukiah members pitched in the State tournament on September 5 & 6, it would have been seven but Yoda Jarvis got sick and ended up in the hospital instead of in Stockton! We are hoping for a speedy recovery so that he will be back to pitching soon. Tony Jarvis, Yoda's dad was able to be there with Earl & Cody Davis (another of our father/son combos), and Dave Defino, James Taylor and Gil Tournour. They all showed up and enjoyed a great State pitching tournament in a very comfortable temperature – unusual for Stockton, we were so grateful for the cool breezes. James won 1st place in his class and Earl and Cody placed 3rd and 4th in their class. Gil placed 4th in his Championship class - our Ukiah pitchers did great in our state tournament, we are proud of them!!

Our September tournaments on the 12th & 13th were wonderful! It was a little warm on Saturday but cool in the morning, just heated up a little at the end as the last games were finishing

and we were cleaning up. By the time it was over, it felt good to get into an air-conditioned house or car!!! On Saturday Ken Woolery and James Taylor took 1st and 2nd in our Championship group and Tom Burns, Jr and Will Facey took the first 2 places in the second group. Everyone had a great time and it was wonderful to see all those smiling friendly faces.

Lorena Tournour

SONOMA COUNTY

Speaking of smiling faces you should have seen the ones at our mystery money tournament. When it was over there was talk for 20 to 30 minutes about the format and everyone said yes let's do it again! It's a fun event where you receive \$6.00 in various denominations in an envelope when you receive your RR card. Then if you win the first game your opponent gives you \$3.00, now you have \$9.00. If you loose the next game you give your opponent \$4.50 and so on down the line until the torment is over Whoops meant to say tournament. For details please contact me at kcslus@sbcglobal.net

We have one more open tourney and then our Sonoma County Championships. This championship has been going on annually since 1936. This year's event will be held on Sept. 27th.

Our club is the unexpected host to the NCHPA Championships. We will make every effort to make your visit to our club enjoyable. You will pitch on some of the finest clay courts in the NCHPA. *Casey Sluys*

HALF MOON BAY

We proudly have to congratulate two of our members for winning at the California State Championships. Foa Remillong won the Women's State Championship, being the first member from our club to win the top honors. Foa has worked her way up through the ranks to get to this level.

We also would like to congratulate Larry Pacheco for wining Men's F Group. Foa and Larry are two of the nicest people in our sport and are a huge asset to our club. **Good Job to you both.**

Half Moon Bay will be hosting 3 more tournaments the rest of the year. We hope to see all of you there.

See you on the courts, *Rick Della Santina*

TUOLUMNE

Our season came to an end and even though we only had three tournaments they all turned out excellent and exciting. I was in the hospital for hip surgery and with the help of Tom Newall, Sonya (his wife) Steven Huntoon and Mike Jones the tournament was completed. First I want to thank everyone for pitching in and helping. We sure have a wonderful club, thank you each and everyone of you.

The other tournaments went well also and I was able to help a little. Overall our year was successful as our club was able to give out \$1955.00 as a prize fund. With the help of selling tickets and the raffle prizes donated by the Black Oak Casino, a 1 night stay, 2 dinners, and a cord of wood donated by the Tuolumne Band of MiWuk Indians tribal council. We thank every other donor for their prizes also.

We had 8 club member win money, 4 in the big money. There was money paid out down to 13th place. We hope that all of you have a chance to visit us in 2016.

Thanks to all who said prayers for me during my surgery and thank you fro the beautiful get well card. I'm doing much better. *Barbra Persson*

SACRAMENTO

Glen Rippetoe is our Sacramento class state champion this year in the Elders C class. He won all his games but one. I understand this is his third state class title in as many years. Rick Bermingham got second place in the top group averaged 59 percent with two loses. Men's champion Marcus Santillana from Orange County averaged 64 percent undefeated. Frank Arroyo placed third averaged 55. *Rick Bermingham*

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

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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.

******Late NEWS: 2017 WT bid WINNER is St George, UTAH! PLAN AHEAD AND EXPERIENCE A WORLD TOURNAMENT. It's a beautiful area.**

If the average lifespan of an American male is 78 years old (and it is), then lay a tape measure down and stretch it out to about 80 inches or so.

If each inch represents one year of your life then you can figure out roughly how many inches you have left, right? Keep in mind that whatever happened before your age number, on the ruler, you can do nothing about, as I'll be 72 this year that indicates I have roughly 6 inches to go.....guess I'd better get living



MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Northern California Horseshoe Pitchers Association

Fall 2015

2016 Sign Ups

Do you love our sport? Then recruit a new member and save \$5 off your State Membership Annual Fee.

It's simple, recruit one new or former member whose membership has lapsed (*not a member in 2015, only may recruit one person age 18 and up*) to sign up.

When your friends membership fee is received by our treasurer, you'll receive \$5 off of your 2016 membership.

For you to get \$5 off, they must submit their annual dues by January 31, 2015.

"Recruit a friend and get \$5 off your 2016 State Membership Annual Fee."

Contact Gail Sluys at (707) 538-3128 or nchpagail@gmail.com for questions.



2015

State Champions



Foa

Half Moon Bay

Luke

San Francisco

The voting results for the 12 Proposed Rules Changes (PRCs) that were brought before our convention delegates this year are presented below. As there were 113 possible delegate votes, and a two-thirds vote is required for passage, a total of 76 'yes' votes was required for the approval of each proposed change. Voting results are below. A more complete and detailed wording of the PRCs can be found on the NHPA website (link to: <http://www.horseshoepitching.com/rules/proposals.html>). The PRCs that were passed will be included in the next revision of the RGS Book to be published after January 1.

2015 NHPA Proposed Rules Changes – Condensed PRC #1 - This proposal requires all new court construction to have a five-foot-high protective barrier, and includes any rebuilt fences after January 1. **FAILED 63/50**

PRC #2 - Describes additional requirements for a conditional court sanction. It will require that a minimum of three courts have short distance platforms. This proposal would take effect in 2019. **PASSED 102/11**

PRC #3 - This proposal clarifies where a contestant should stand during the game while not pitching. **PASSED 106/7**

PRC #4 - Defines what the term “modified shoe” includes. Does not allow anything but paint to be applied to the shoe. **PASSED 111/2**

PRC #5 - Adds a complete set of guidelines for handling unsportsmanlike conduct at sanctioned events. **PASSED 105/6**

PRC #6 - Lowers the age of the Elders Division from 70 to 65 years of age. **FAILED 34/79**

PRC #7 - Lowers the age of the Cadets Division from 12 to 10 years of age. **FAILED 16/97**

PRC #8 - Removes the alternate pitch format requirement from handicapped classes. **PASSED 93/20**

PRC #9 - Allows a player in a pacer game to choose the format of who pitches first. **FAILED 68/45**

PRC #10 - Decides how class playoff game ties are to be broken, using the extra inning method. **PASSED 110/3**

PRC#11 - Allows state tournament directors to mix any championship class if there is a lack of entries into a division. **FAILED 46/67**

PRC #12 - Abolishes the Senior Men’s Division. (The Elders’ age vote results were known before this vote was taken.) **FAILED 27/86**

There were also three decisions made by the NHPA Council that required delegate approval: 1. Allows Juniors to receive their award money upon reaching age 18. **PASSED 104-9**

2. Requires all United States and Canadian world tournament entries to have four sanctioned events. **PASSED 112- 1**

3. Allows all minor changes (too numerous to be listed) needed in reference to converting *Newsline* to an online publication. **PASSED 110-3**

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