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PRESIDENT

Hello, I hope you and yours are in good health and spirits.

State Tournament: Preparations are underway for the 2015 State Tournament, August 29-30, Stockton. The deadline to sign-up is August 1. The entry fee is \$25 and your check should be payable to the NCHPA. Forward your check and entry form to Gail Sluys. If you don't have an entry form, send your check with a note to Gail and she will take care of the rest because that's how she is.

We have contacted a shirt vendor and hope to confirm their participation. It is very likely that all shirt purchases will need to be ordered prior to the tournament. When details are confirmed, we will send an email. You do not need to pitch in the State Tournament to order a shirt. Please remember pitchers will pay \$1 each day to compensate judges as voted on at the Annual Meeting. We are fortunate that we have a cadre of experienced and fair judges to call on (Bill Terry, Rick Eddy, Rich Robbins, Casey Sluys, Gil Tournour, Rick Della Santina, Jim & Tim Saunders).

Our raffle table will be up and running on Saturday from approximately 8 am to 6 pm. We need volunteers for a one to two hour shift to help. Please contact me or Lorena Tournour if you can volunteer.

World Tournament: Three time world champion John Barney is going back for more world tourney fun, Hayden Lee will defend his title but will have tough competition from former world champion, Travis Sluys. Wishing the best to all of our NCHPA pitchers who are making the trek to the Midwest. ESPN will be covering the competition and you can go to www.horseshoepitching.com for stats, live camera feeds and more during the tournament. I have asked Casey Sluys to be California's lead delegate. Please look over the proposed rule changes at www.horseshoepitching.com and let Casey know your thoughts.

80+ Club: Thanks to Mike Anderson for letting me know about a few folks that I missed who are 80 years young or more. Those I noted included Harry Begay, Sam Caputo, Will Facey, Bob Harrall, Tony Latino, Dick McCall, Leon Moore, Bernie Merchen, Pat

Murtha, Janet Parker, Don Stephens, Walt Stafford, John Sylvester, Tom Webb, Audrey Winters, Charlie Masson and Ken Woolery. Mike reminded me about Elton Cowles, Ed Moore and Don Kies. And Tulare's James Phillis is another member of the 80 club. Could Marge and Fred Wood be in this club or Ben Yost or Bob Midkiff? The NCHPA is fortunate to have this fine group in our midst.

Rotor Cuff: Thanks for everyone who has asked how I was doing since I had my rotor cuff surgery. It has been a long haul and I've just started pitching again. I had to laugh when my average dropped from lack of play, I told Gail Sluys that I can drop my average without NatStats help, that's the way it goes.

Club News: Construction is underway on the Vallejo Club's storage room and restrooms. Please contact Ben Yost or Joe Summers prior to making a trip to Vallejo to see if the tournament is still scheduled. Turlock held a Ken Weir and Alan Trusty Tournament with four groups playing scratch in the blazing heat. Congrats to Alan who won the top group and went through Javier Franco for the win. Thanks to Gold Country who hosted a tournament to benefit the NHPFoundation. Proceeds benefit the NHPA Hall of Fame located in Wentzville, Missouri. Congrats to Junior Ensminger from Tuolumne who keeps improving, he's someone to watch out for.

Web: Our web site will be changing soon so that it is current and relevant. Please send me your photos or past photos. The site will feature pitchers, upcoming tournaments on the front page, videos and more. When it's ready, I will ask Casey to notify club contacts so they can review it during a 24-hour period. Club contacts then can notify me regarding changes. After the changes are made, we will launch the site. The original site was launched in the 1990s and technology has changed so we hope to take advantage of new technology to make the web site a tool we can use to market our sport and interesting for our members. *Cathy Kauffman*

SECRETARY TREASURER

Hi all hope your season is going well so far with everyone pitching lots of ringers. NCHPA has 373 members so far this year so let's keep bringing in new people and re-signing past ones. We have added some great new members so far and hope to add more.

Don't forget to get your entries in for the 2015 State Championships. The deadline is postmarked no later than August 1st. Late entrants will be put on a standby list and will pay an additional fee of \$10.00, so get your entry in early.

Vallejo is scheduled to host our Northern Championships, Ben Yost expects the courts to be ready, and is staying on top of it for us. We will let you know if we have to re-locate. Let's hope the city of Vallejo gets it in gear and finishes the work. Deadline for signups for the Northern Championship tournament say it must be postmarked no later than September 8th.

One more reminder – The Team Tournament - this tournament is scheduled for October 24th and 25th at our Stockton courts. This year it will not be called a “Club” Team tournament as the rules have changed a bit. It is a Team tournament meaning any 4 people from any club can get together as a team. You wear your own club shirt, with your name neatly printed on the back and don't have to be members or associate members of one club to pitch together. Everything else remains the same, juniors can pitch but we can't allow 4 juniors as a team, they are required to have at least one adult. Your delegates voted for this format at last years annual meeting. We are all hoping this change will bring out more teams to this fun tournament. Deadline to sign up is postmarked no later than October 18th. Fliers for all three of these tournaments are included in this Newsletter

If you have any questions on these tournaments, or anything to do with membership please feel free to call me. *Gail Sluys*

3RD VP

Well, we didn't get the rain I predicted in my last letter, so I'm sure everyone been getting a lot of practice in right? Stockton is already preparing their courts for our upcoming California State Meet. (September 5th and 6th)

Maddie and I have already visited fourteen tournaments at the time of this writing. I'm trying to keep my percentage average stable, so far it not working. The World Tournament starts in July and I have a lot of work ahead of me.

In my visit to the different tournaments this year I noticed some of the pitchers are getting lax in their dress

code and duties on the courts. It's irritating when I just finished preparing my pit and ready to pitch and the opponent is off having a conversation with their friends and not doing their part. I understand that some of the new members don't have a game shirt,(name, club or state printed on the shirt) but, some of the members have been around for a couple of years and still not wearing the required shirt? We need to take pride in ourselves when pitching. Encourage your club representatives to order club shirts for you.

Maybe at the beginning of the meet, participants can be reminded what is expected of them to keep the games moving? Thank you, for listening to me.

I hope everyone has a good year of pitching, and good luck!

If your club need score sheets or round robin cards, let me know! I always have them on hand.

John Barney

4th VP

Northern California Horseshoe Pitching Association is having a great horseshoe pitching season with a little rain and a lot of sun and some very enthusiastic pitchers. Plans have had to be adjusted because of rain, construction and road work but in all our season is well under way with some new clubs and with some exciting results. Results which have been faithfully posted by Wayne George and easily accessible on our web site which is now in the hands of our very busy and exceedingly capable president, Cathy Kauffman. Looking forward to the rest of the year, be sure to sign up for the State Tournament, the Northern Championships, the Team Championships and the Annual Dinner, all very important events in our organization. *Lorena Tournour*

Statistician

Congratulation so far this year for 80% and/or above game and they are: Frank Arroyo = 03-15-008 = 80.00%, 03-15-041= 84.00%, Rick Bermingham = 03-15-046 = 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.

I have moved my new mailing address is: **2459 N Oaks St Space 73, Tulare CA 93274**, I have no home phone number. I still have my Cell phone number but I may not answer it during working hours now that I am back to work until I retire again. GOOD LUCK TO ALL! Pitch-On *Wayne George*

CLUBS

UKIAH

Our club is growing and our pitching season has been phenomenal. Our tournaments in April brought 20 pitchers on Saturday and 19 on Sunday – it seems that April is a good month for Ukiah tournaments since our 2014 attendance was 19 & 18! This year April brought pitchers from as far away as Turlock, Southern California, Half Moon Bay, Rocklin and Lincoln as well as our loyal pitching friends from Kneeland, Shively, Corning, Santa Rosa and Sacramento. Cathy Kauffman, our president was able to keep score for us (a much needed service!) and on Saturday Tom Webb & Gil Tournour took 1st and 2nd from Alan Trusty, Frank Arroyo, Sue Lichau, Linda Hoelscher & Sharon Paddock in group 1. In group 2 Bernie Merchen & Will Facey took 1st & 2nd from Tom Burns, Jr., John Barney, Rick Della Santina, Robert Harrall & Bill Paddock. Thank you to Mona Della Santina who kept score for us on both days - scorekeepers make a tournament better! In group 3 Mike Hayes & Kristen Munderloh took the first 2 places from Richard Robbins, Vance Ricks, Gloria Callahan & David Hoelscher. On Sunday Frank took the tournament and Tom placed 2nd. Ken Woolery joined us on Sunday and we all had a great time. My nephew Collin Phenicie took 1st place in group 2 in a 4 way tie for 1st place! In group 3 our new members battled it out and Brett Lewis came out on top with Dave Defino placing 2nd. Our new members from Lake County were there in force as well as our loyal member from Concord. Speaking of members we have a whole bunch of new ones this year as well as our loyal returnees. Members who have belonged for 10 or more years are: Tom Burns, Jr. (30), Will Facey(20), Robert Harrall (10), Bernie Merchen (21), Dave Shelton (31), and Gil Tournour (25) – over 100 years all together! New members this year: Cody Davis (his father, Earl joined last year), Dave Defino, and Tony & Yoda Jarvis and the newest, Herb Lawrence. Our membership is made up of pitchers from Concord, Lakeport, Kelseyville, Finley, Lucerne, Rohnert Park, Redwood Valley, Willits, Calpella, Ukiah, Cloverdale and Citrus Heights!

In early May, we had the pleasure of hosting 13 pitchers on Saturday and 16 on Sunday which included our Lake County members as well as Sharon & Bill Paddock's granddaughter Dakota, a very polite and adorable Cadet with whom we were enchanted! Of course Dakota brought Sharon & Bill and Tom & Marilyn Webb. Our 2nd tournaments in May were the best ones we've had in 2015 and maybe the best in the last 5 years! We began the day by being thankful that Dave Defino and his wife,

Earl and Cody Davis, and Yoda and Tony Jarvis all arrived safely in a truck severely damaged by an encounter with a deer (a buck that would have made any hunter proud). The truck will require some major repair, the deer was not so lucky. In spite of the accident on Saturday, Yoda placed 1st and Dave placed 2nd and Cody 3rd in group 3. The collision didn't stop our Lake County pitchers from returning on Sunday to pitch ringers! Earl placed 1st in group 2 and Dave placed 2nd in group 3!!!

We were happy to serve donuts, cookies, fruit and ice cold watermelon (to counteract the very warm Ukiah sun) for 17 pitchers on Saturday and a whopping 21 on Sunday which was not quite as warm as the day before! We were so pleased to see Jeff and Fay Viera from Stockton and James Carvallyo and Rosie Buna from Tri-Valley as well as Paul Machado, a new member, Brian Smith and Sue Lichau all from Santa Rosa and Linda & David Hoelscher and Tom Webb from the north. We were also privileged to host Fritz Oberst from Shasta/Willows and his lovely lady Roberta Allen who will be getting married in July in Montana where they met in high school! Add all these adventurous travelers to our growing membership from Lake County and you get one awesome tournament. And we missed Gail and Casey Sluys from Santa Rosa who usually always attend our events even without Travis who has now joined the ranks of the employed! Also from Santa Rosa is Reed Beaman who couldn't come to the last tournaments in May but came both days in the first ones and placed 1st in his group on Saturday. And Sue Beaman is another one of our loyal and treasured scorekeepers.

We used all 9 of our bottom courts and it has been a long time since I have looked out on our courts and seen so many pitchers walking back and forth and enjoying the warm sun and happy company. As we were winding things up on Saturday paying out the winners and putting away the umbrellas and the coffee pot our courts took on a new look provided by Earl Davis from Kelseyville- some of the snaziest pit covers you've ever seen - nice rubberized mats in a lovely shade of burgundy procured from a recent demolition of the bowling alley in Lakeport. Our club will be thankful to Earl for many years to come.

Sorry about the length of this article but once I started mentioning names I just couldn't stop. We have two more tournaments in September so gather up your traveling shoes and join us for a good time. We've been gathering on Saturday night for dinner at a local restaurant and we would love to have you join us! -

Lorena Tournour

SAN JOSE

We had our first tournaments of the 2015 season on Saturday April 11 and Sunday April 12. Both

tournaments were well attended with 16 pitchers in 4 classes on Saturday and 32 pitchers in 4 classes on Sunday. Each tournament was followed by our usual pot luck meal. Fun seemed to be had by all. The courts were in good shape through the efforts of Russell Zelmar our groundsman with some help from the "usual suspects". I would like to thank Russell Zelmar, Leon Moore, Larry Ryan, Don Kies, Jim Saunders, and Brian Zelmar with a special thank you to Nancy Cloutier for doing their usual great job of prepping the courts and running the tournaments. Also thanks to all the non-San Jose pitchers who helped set up and take down the shade canopies. I want to be sure that all the San Jose pitchers know that they are welcome to "come on down" to help whenever court prepping and tournament set up/tear down is going on.

We had 1 new club member join this spring. Please welcome Jon Scofield when you see him at the tournaments.

San Jose has Saturday and Sunday tournaments in the coming months on July 25&26, August 22&23, and September 19&20. Everyone please come join us when you can. Good luck to you all in your coming tournaments.

ps. And we still have our fantastic horseshoe cookbook "A Ringer of Recipes" available for sale at our tournaments and at the California State Tournament. If you are interested in purchasing a copy just ask Nancy Cloutier or any other San Jose club member about it. They will be glad to help you. *Mike Anderson*

FEATHER RIVER

Looks like we're in for a hot summer if this week is any indication. Feather River Horseshoe Club had a good turnout for our May tournaments. Thank you all for coming.

Our horseshoe club at the Paradise Elks has received donations which we will use to perk up our courts and surrounding area. Fred Kopp, who was an avid pitcher, passed away unexpectedly last month and the donations were made in his name. Some of you who have pitched for a long time may remember him, since he was a Norcal member when he lived in Vallejo. *Audrey Winters*

FORTUNA

Our Bear River Casino Money Tournament is being held on July 11 and 12 this year. Hopefully by changing the Tourney to July, we will have more motel rooms available and at better rates. We will also be providing tents and mattresses for people to camp in. Let us know if you need a tent and mattress, we will put it up for you ahead of time. All you will need is your pillows and

blankets or sleeping bag. Camping is free, free lunch Sunday. R.V. Parking is free but no hookups. Temperature is usually 50 degrees at night and 75 degrees during the day. Friday afternoon will be a Fun Pitch where groups of 4 will pitch to 51 and then 1st. place from each group will pitch off for 1st and 2nd place. \$2.50 entry fee with winner getting 80% and 2nd getting 20% of pot. Friday evening there will be pickin' and grinning around the camp fire, if you play bring an instrument. Saturday evening everyone is invited to dinner (pay for your own meal) where there will be awards for high game in each group, a drawing to have a pitchers dues paid for next year and a drawing for a pouch of silver dollars for a lucky score keeper. You do not have to be present to win. Winners in all groups will have the same pay out. Call Bill or Sharon Paddock to have a tent put up for you at 707-443-1913. There should be extra tents, if you forget to call but you will need to put it up.

I called Blair Rowley the other night, it was after dark and I asked him, if he had been practicing. He said you caught me in the middle of a horseshoe game. I said it is dark and he said yeah, but we have a flashlight shining on each stake. Now there's a dedicated horseshoe pitcher. On another note, a few years ago I made a set of magnetized horseshoes, then I sent them with Casey Sluys to the World tournament committee that sanctions new horseshoe designs. Casey presented them to the committee but they were rejected and I didn't even get a letter as to why.

Got a joke for you! Sherlock Holmes and Watson went camping, pitched their tent under the stars and went to sleep. In the middle of the night Sherlock woke Watson and told him to look up and tell me what you see. Watson said millions of stars, Sherlock said what do you deduct from that. Watson said well if there are that many stars, there is a good chance there could be a planet like ours.

Sherlock said, you numbskull it means someone stole our tent. *Bill Paddock and Blair Rowley*

SACRAMENTO

It's June, come to Sacramento and pitch shoes with us at Granite Regional Park. Our upcoming tournaments will be held the last weekend in June. We can guarantee you some hot weather. state, however, our clay is the best! And on August 15 and 16 we will have two more tournaments, the weather will still be hot, and the porta potty foul, but the clay will be spectacular, so join us! And we have three "Scorekeeper of the Year" recipients (Maddie Barney, Esther Latino, Corrina Mills) so you'll be in good hands.

Special thanks to Nancy Hammer who helped raise funds for the Sac club by providing lunch for a donation

last year. She did an awesome job to help the club to raise funds.

It's been nice to see Sac members hitting the road and pitching in Ukiah, Stockton, Tri-Valley, Turlock, Gold Country and Shasta Willows. Come meet our Sac members; Glenn Rippetoe, George Mertz, Derek Brown, George Friend, Mike Hammer, Don Stephens, JC Miller, Walt Stafford, Rick Bermingham, Tony Latino, Dion Setters, Matt Smith, Lundy Smith and Brenda Keeling to name a few. *Cathy Kauffman*

SONOMA COUNTY



Friday July 3rd we will be hosting a tournament. It will be a standard event. 9:30 sign in and 10 am start. All entrants (except Jrs.) will be given a firecracker to do with whatever you want. Then again on August 29th that will be our MYSTERY MONEY tournament. Everyone receives \$6.00 in an envelope if you lose a game you give 1/2 of your money to your opponent. If you win a game you receive 1/2 the money from your opponent. At the end of the tournament you could have quite a bit of money or you could have about 4 cents left. It all depends on how well you pitch.

The banners we made are proving successful So far they have brought us 3 new members and all are enthusiastic pitchers. One of them Paul Machado has already won 2 first place plates! The other two are Cathie Merkel and Matthew Weese. Matt has pitched in one tournament and Cathie has yet to experience the joys of pitching in a tournament. She loves league for sure though. Charlie Masson brought us a new member also he is Steve Eastman. Steve is a real horseshoer. A farrier by trade he has shod more horseshoes and handled more horseshoes than most of us have pitched, BUT he never pitched them before Charlie brought him to the club. Can you believe that, handled a few thousand horseshoes and never pitched?? Except to pitch them in a pile of discards. He's pitching now though, but only in league. Welcome to all four of these new members. Here's a picture of the banners,



They are 4 feet by 5 feet large and are hung in different parts of the city either from a fence or a parked vehicle. Try this in your area We leave each banner in place for a few weeks if we receive calls from a specific location it will be remembered and hung up in that area again later.



Good thing we weren't pitching when this woman ran through our fence, knocked over one stake, tore out 40 ft of fence, chipped one backboard. Told police in the report that her dog stepped on her gas peddle??? City bought the material and Reed Beaman and Jan Sunner put it back together. *Casey Sluys*



WILLOWS

Congratulations to Rob Romans who was married in May. Best Wishes to the happy couple. Congratulations to Loretta who became a Great Grandma for the first time. Enjoy spoiling that baby Great Grandma. We want to send out our best wishes to our president Fritz who will be marrying his high school sweetheart on July 25th in Montana. May you and Bobbi enjoy your golden years together. Fritz we are sad to see you go and you will be missed. Fritz and Bobbi will be making their new home in the state of Washington. We hope to see you whenever you can make our tournaments. We will try our best to keep our club alive. Thanks to Edwina who has agreed to stay on as the Sec/Treas. Birthday wishes go out to Walt Butcher. Hope you had a happy day. *Linda Hoelscher*

FOREBAY PARK

Forebay Park horseshoe club started their season last week in April. Because of late thunder showers we have been rained-out three times on Thursday nights! Membership is way low this year. We are running ads in local paper and on Facebook, hoping to get more players. This weekend the 20th and 21st are our 1st tournaments of the year. Saturday is regular tournament. And Sunday the 21st Fathers day is a 30-40 split. So come on up and beat the heat at 4000 feet! *Rick Eddy*

HALF MOON BAY

As we near the end of the first third of our season, we would like to thank everyone who has come to our tournaments. We have had a great turnout. We have 7 more NCHPA tournaments at our courts for the rest of

the season. We will be hosting 2 tournaments on the 4th of July weekend. If you enjoy **FIREWORKS**, come to the coast for 2 tournaments and the world's greatest illegal fireworks on the coast (Linda Mar Beach, Pacifica). Just go to beach and enjoy!

We wish all the NCHPA members going to the World a safe & good tournament.

If you enjoy watching good horseshoe pitching, you can go to our web site to see some great games by great pitchers. I have posted some videos put on YouTube by Jeff Williams. Jeff has posted many horseshoe videos on YouTube that are fun to view. Good Job, & thanks Jeff.

See you on the courts, *Rick Della Santina*

SAN FRANCISCO

We're looking forward to our tournament on Saturday June 27. We've hosted several recreational tournaments this spring to increase exposure and awareness of a horseshoe pitching club and courts in San Francisco. One tournament was for bay area Ivy League alumni organizations and another for an elementary school. The Ivy League "Ancient Eight" tournament and BBQ introduced several new groups to horseshoe pitching and had some great prizes from etched beer glasses to argyle socks. The elementary school tournament and family picnic was a huge success. We had over 100 people come out. This was a school fundraising auction item and each spot was a paid participant. We ran a multi group round robin of parent /kid teams. People had a great time and the food was excellent. We picked up used race horse shoes from Golden Gate Fields and one of the hosts made very cool trophy plaques with them. Based upon feedback we think we can double the number of people next year. I think we might get a couple new cadets or juniors from it. The 3rd place team was carried by an 11 year old named Sophia. Keep an eye out for her at our next tournament. I think she's a natural.

It's always a risk putting a new item like a horseshoe tournament /BBQ up for a school auction because people aren't quite sure what they're signing up for. But it sold out and we had families volunteering to help out next year. Hopefully we start a tradition that spreads to other schools. We're always looking for ways to reach more new players and this seems to be a good one.

At the end of May we helped run a benefit tournament for friends of someone who had gotten hurt and was not able to work. They had more donated prizes than they could give away! I wish we had more notice to let more people know about it.

We have four new members to welcome. Shane Harteau, Karoline Hatch, Elizabeth DelForn, and Aaron Cramer.

Say Hi if you see them in the pits. My son Luke just turned 12 so we're going to Topeka so he can pitch in his first (and last) World Tournament as a Cadet. There is some stiff competition, but it should be a fun experience and good to have a representative from San Francisco again at the WT. Wish him luck! *Peter Zepponi*

LINDSAY

The 2015 year is off to a great start. We continue to pitch on Thursday evenings and have anywhere from 20 to 30 pitchers. Our members continue to improve their game and continue to strive to get others in the community involved. We have gone on a few road trips with club members going to nearby tournaments in Exeter and Tulare and have gone south to Bakersfield and Stevenson Ranch. We appreciate the hospitality we have received from our local neighbors as well as the clubs from the south.

We had a great turnout for our Orange Blossom Festival money tournament and it was a huge success despite a little rain. Our free youth clinic was a very fun event with our members helping to teach youth of the community to pitch. We had a lot of young pitchers excited for the opportunity to throw some shoes. All the kids who attended received free passes to the swim complex as well as lunch. They really had a great time when they were actually competing in a tournament. We are looking forward to hosting another youth clinic in the future. Our tournament in May was well attended with 22 pitchers competing. We would like to thank all those who participated and help make this another great event. As always the food was excellent and everyone had a great time. We have another tournament in October we will guarantee you will have a great time, lots of laughs, great food and of course some awesome competition. Our club is continuing to look at the schedule for another road trip to visit another new club and meet new people. In our second year as an association we are really having a great time, our membership is comprised of a very young group so you know where we go it will be lively. We continue to strive to hit those ringers and get our averages up but as you experienced pitchers know it's a work in progress. We would like to give a special thanks to one of our club members Joseph Ross for his work on our Lindsay Bangers Facebook page as well as his work on our website and Instagram posts. Lastly we continue to raise funds to add a couple of more pits at our current site and want to thank our sponsors for their commitment to helping us reach our goals. *Ike Rodriguez*



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, CA

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Name: _____ Phone: _____ NHPA # _____

Address: _____ City _____ Zip _____

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.

Make checks payable to NCHPA

Mail top of Entry Form and check to: Gail Sluys 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 Park Ave San Jose, CA 95126 E-mail nicmbox@yahoo.com





NCHPA CHAMPIONSHIPS

2015 ENTRY FORM



October 3rd and 4th
(Two days of pitching for all groups)

HOST CLUB - VALLEJO

PRE-REGISTER - \$ PRIZE MONEY & PLAQUES

ENTRY DEADLINE POSTMARKED September 8, 2015

*Participants must have pitched in (3) NCHPA sanctioned tournaments before August 29, 2015. **New members** who joined after August 1, 2015 - **Junior and Cadet** entrants need a minimum of one (1) NCHPA sanctioned tournament before August 29, 2015.*

ENTRY FEE \$20.00 FOR ADULTS NO CHARGE FOR JUNIORS OR CADETS

Mail Entries to: Gail Sluys 1721 San Ramon Way Santa Rosa, CA. 95409

Camping and Motel Information to follow

NO EXCEPTIONS TO NUMBER OF TOURNAMENTS WILL BE MADE.
NO REFUNDS AFTER SCHEDULE IS COMPLETED.

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Name: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

NHPA CARD # _____ Birth Date: _____

Phone # _____

Please circle the Group you are entering.

OPEN MEN OPEN WOMEN ELDERS MEN JUNIOR GIRL/BOY CADET 12 &
UNDER SR.MEN SR.WOMEN

*SENIOR GROUPS NOT HAVING A MINIMUM OF 6 PLAYERS WILL BE MIXED WITH OPEN CLASSES.

ENTRY FEE \$20.00 \$ _____

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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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 points East.



******Late news: 2017 WT bidders are St George, Utah and Monroe/West Monroe, LA **** Where would you like to go?**



NCHPA TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS 2015

DATES: October 24th & 25th LOCATION: Stockton Horseshoe Club

1. ENTRY FEE: \$80.00 per team. This is a **2-day event** and **pre-registration is required.**
2. Teams may be mixed, may include juniors (but may not be all juniors), and must have 4 players per team. Each team may register one (1) alternate player to be used in case of injury.
3. All players must be 2015 NHPA/NCHPA members. **All participants must wear a shirt with at least a cap sleeve and have their name neatly on the back.**
4. Day One Tournament play will consist of 7 - 30 shoe, count-all games using an 80% handicap. Pitching times for Saturday will be 10:00 A.M. & 12:30 P.M – depending on the number of entries a final decision will be made about the pitching schedule when we know how many teams are signed up. The finals will consist of the top 8 teams from the Saturday's rounds carrying over totals and will be played at 9:00A.M. Sunday. Finals will be 7 - 40 shoe, count-all games using an 80% handicap with 20 bonus points for each player win and 40 bonus points for each team that wins 3 or more games in any single round. The 2-day points total including bonus points will determine final standings. All teams should plan to play on Sunday because the first alternate team will replace any team not able to return for the finals.
5. Prize money will be determined by the number of teams entered and will be announced.

It would be great to have 24 teams fielded. Each day will count as a separate tournament because they are played under different formats and sanction numbers. Pitchers are required to pay scorekeepers .50 cents per game each day.

Cut on line below and mail bottom only Save top portion for your info

Team Name _____

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

3. _____ **4.** _____

Team Captain _____ **Alternate** _____

Pitching time request _____ **E-Mail** _____

Mailing address (if no email) _____

**Send check, made payable to NCHPA, in the amount of \$80.00 per team to:
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Be sure to mark your pitching time request. DEADLINE – POSTMARKED BY 10-18-15

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