

Nor-Cal News & Views

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President's Message

The 2013 State Tournament held in Stockton is now a fond memory. I hope those of you who attended enjoyed it. Below are some highlights.

Champion Groups: Our statistician will be publishing results soon. NorCal pitchers did well. Congratulations to Elaine Butcher the Women's 2013 State Champion and Foa Remillong who placed second. Kimmy Stockli, a gracious past State Champion, placed third, in what was a very competitive group. The Men's 2013 State Champion is Marcus Santillana from Southern California. The young man is a remarkable pitcher. Rick Bermingham placed second with one loss and Frank Arroyo finished third with three losses.

Congratulations to Hayden Lee as he is the 2013 Junior Boys State Champion. Hayden battled with Travis Sluys. Much credit to Travis as he taught Hayden how to pitch (*I should probably get with Travis myself*). Both these young men are accomplished pitchers and did well. Kevin Kyle Cadet Champion, with Zeke Merrill finishing second. Charles Woolery Elder Champion, Sarah Sanchez Junior Girl Champion and Sergio Sanchez Junior Boy Class B Champion.

Class Winners: Some Class first place winners include Tony Latino (*yeah dad*) from Sacramento, John Carver from Half Moon, Colleen Henne from Stockton.

Our People: Our people in NorCal went above and beyond volunteering their time and or sponsoring trophies. Judy Zelmar was touched, as many of us were of the thoughtful sponsorship the San Jose Club presented to honor Verdan Zelmar. Verdan is a past president of NorCal. Congratulations to Vicky George who received her 20-year NHPA patch. Sam Caputo was released from the hospital

days before the tournament and played. Sam's determination is admired.

Officers Meeting: Northern California officers met with Southern California officers the evening before the tournament began. Items discussed included: next year's State Tournament which will be held at Balboa Park in San Diego, how to cover State Tournament expenses, and the Hall of Fame.

Our Officers: Thank you to the officers (*all volunteers as well*) who gave so much of their time as did their spouses. Officers began each day at 6 am and worked until midnight. Joe Summers did everything that was asked of him and more. His leadership and ability to get things done are exceptional. His lovely wife Mary purchased items for the raffle table and sold tickets for ten hours. She is amazing. Lorena Tournour is grace under pressure. She is detailed oriented and willing to do whatever is needed. Her abilities and knowledge when assisting in the stat room were deeply appreciated. Lorena's husband Gil (*I might add and a recent world champion*) did his share of hauling items around as did Frank Arroyo, Casey & Travis Sluys and Hayden Lee. Gail Sluys, what can I say about her? She works for several weeks prior to tournament; attempting to set up all of the pitching classes and make everyone happy then, at the tournament she is glued to the computer inputting scoresheets, changing classes due to drop outs, printing new round robin cards and posting results while answering questions and trying to make the tournament a memorable experience for everyone. Rick Bermingham did what needed to be done without anyone having to ask him. Keeping cold drinking water out there for the pitchers was number one on his mind to keep them hydrated. The clay was perfect because Scott Henne took his role seriously and prepped the courts in advance.

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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.

Do you have a weatherproof barn that you could store the NCHPA Hall of Fame material in? We really need a 15'X20" 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.

Don't forget the Annual Meeting and Dinner November 9th, Meeting begins at 10:30 AM Florin Rebekah Lodge 8360 Florin Rd Sacramento CA 95828 Stay for Dinner - see flyer in this issue Annual Awards and NorCal Awards will be presented. More info on p-10

If you haven't got a team signed up for the Team Tournament get your entries in now please. Entry on p-11

Scott helped behind the scenes and acted as our liaison with the City of Stockton. Our Regional

Director Casey Sluys filled in as needed and did a lot of behind the scenes work, handling things quickly and efficiently, as we were short handed without John Barney who we missed.

Volunteers: Volunteers were plentiful and worked without complaint or expectations of payment for the good of all. Though our scorekeepers are paid, we appreciate their service as well and not having to search for scorekeepers for any of the shifts was fantastic. It was great to see some of the championship group of women, Sue Lichau, Foa Remillong, Sandra Johnson and Diane Luiz keeping score and supporting other players. Below are just a few of the many who went the extra mile to make this tournament a success.

Judges Rick Eddy, Richard Robbins, Sue Lichau, Tim Saunders, Bill Terry, Charlie Hall, and Southern CA Pres. Dave Smullen. Scorekeepers from SoCa. Dale Hughes, Jim Atwell; Terri Thompson, scorekeeping and check in; Travis Sluys & Hayden Lee scorekeeping and ran errands; Marshall Merino, pacer; Kimmy Stockli, distributed pre-ordered T-shirts; all the Stockton Club members and Mona Della Santina for assisting with data entry and providing a measure of sanity to Gail and Lorena, this lady is priceless!

Secretary/Treasurer

The NCHPA By-Laws state - Standing rules are for the guidance of the E.C. and the NCHPA. They may be adopted, changed or suspended by majority vote of seated delegates at any meeting without notice. The E.C may adopt, change or suspend a standing rule between annual meetings but any action must be ratified at the next annual meeting for it to continue

Standing Rules Take Effect Immediately

A new Standing Rule has been written and approved on September 11, 2013 by your Executive Council. It passed by unanimous vote. It is standing rule number 20.

20. Any club wishing to have their votes counted at the Annual Meeting may send a full club member or an associate club member as a delegate

to vote their preferences. Each delegate may represent only one (1) club at any annual or special meeting of the NCHPA.

Any NHPA/NCHPA card-carrying member of any club may be an ASSOCIATE MEMBER of other clubs by paying the dues of that club(s). A full club member purchases his/her National card through their home club.

The NCHPA laptop computer, which was purchased by Genevieve Lavett many years ago, is about out of life. This laptop is used mainly for running the State, NorCal and Team tournaments, but it also carries other information that might be needed to disperse at tournaments, such as tournament entry forms etc. For the past 2 years the only way this computer works is plugged in and sometimes it shuts down all by itself. We have purchased a new battery, but it will not charge the computer. If anyone would like to make contributions to the Northern specifically to purchase a new laptop, it would be greatly appreciated. We should be able to make the purchase, with the programs we need, for about \$500.00 or less. Thank you, *Gail Sluys*

2nd Vice President

Hi all, A bit of information to you pitchers who did not attend the state tournament. We have a new mens state champion Marcus Santillana. this 20 year old from Orange county did not lose a game all weekend and pitched well over 60% for the tournament. He beat Rick Bermingham 40 -22 without any problems. Also in the womens championship group there is yet another new state champ. Elaine Butcher who has battled Kimmy Stockli and Linda Hoelscher over the years finally captured her first title with lots of emotions and congratulations afterwards. Nice job Elaine. Mike Hammer from the Sacramento club won the mens B class and a new boys champion Hayden Lee from the Santa Rosa club beat Travis Sluys 4 out of 5 games to 40 points. Hayden has only pitched horseshoes 1 and a half years and averaging over 60 percent. This weekend he pitched an 87.5 against Frank Arroyo in Sacramento. He is a natural. I also hear Hayden is a great golfer as well. If I did not mention your name winning first or second in the

state tournament, congrats. Hope to see lots of you in Vallejo for the class champs Oct. 5th and 6th. Do not forget the team tournament in Willows this year is just a few weeks away. See you on the courts,
Rick Bermingham

3rd Vice President

Are you ready for Nor Cal? All you needed was three tournaments to qualify. If you didn't try, after eight months; shame on you.

From all the reports I've received, we had a great State Tournament. There were more complements about the tournament; than complaint. And I know that we; the committee, put in many individual hours preparing assigned projects for a good tournament. I was lucky, I was able perform my assigned duties before Maddie and I left the country on a tour of the British Isles. We had a great time. (Bad timing) I'm sorry to say, I missed the tournament. But, for sure I'll be working the Nor Cal Tournament. Just two week away.

I'm still getting a few orders for score sheets; it's a good time to check your clubs supply of score sheets and round robin cards. Score sheet are still \$40 per 500, and Round Robin cards are \$12 per 100. Let me know if you need any.

See you at Nor Cal, *John Barney*

4th Vice President

Early this year I accepted the appointment of 4th Vice President after Robert Cocagne resigned. So began my first term as an NCHPA officer and I had no idea what to expect. Fourth Vice President's duties include, by-laws and youth membership and other duties as assigned. I am working on getting familiar with the by-laws and must begin making plans on how to increase youth involvement in horseshoe pitching.

The first part of the year was easy, I was introduced at various club tournaments as the newest NCHPA officer and took my bows and was a little embarrassed but smiled and accepted the praise, no big deal. Then as the pitching year wore on and July and August drew near, things began to pick up. After arriving home from the World Tournament and our wonderful trip to St. George, Utah, the State

Tournament preparations started and the emails began to arrive. I was asked to help with the raffle table so I procured some wine from a couple of wineries in my area. Then I was asked to get the paper towels & toilet paper. The emails continued and the list grew and I was able to purchase all that was needed either from Costco or a wonderful store called Cash & Carry. And still I felt that being an officer was pretty easy, so far so good.

Then we drove to the wonderful city of Stockton for the California State Championship tournament and work began. We began the weekend Friday afternoon setting up the stat room and preparing the courts as well as attending a meeting with the Southern California officers that was chaired by Cathy Kauffman, NCHPA president – she runs a very organized and efficient meeting, I was impressed and we were finished in an hour. The next morning we were up at 5AM (some earlier) so that we could be at the courts by 6AM (some earlier) so that we could get everything ready for the 7AM games. When I say “we” I mean not only the officers from both NCHPA and SCHPA but also their spouses, partners, friends and fellow pitchers. There is so much to do from getting the coffee and iced water to printing the round robin cards, procuring scorekeepers and judges and setting up the raffle table. It was wonderful to see everybody step up, we had people competing for score keeping, and judges were more than willing to serve their shift and often multiple shifts. Officers and their helpers were keeping an eye on supplies and refilling water and ice and coffee and paper products and cleaning messes in the bathrooms and making decisions, decisions, decisions because as wonderful as the tournament was there was always an unusual or unique situation that needed to be solved. We would confer, ask, mull, discuss and then do the best we could to be fair to the pitchers, the sport, the club and the NCHPA. Not all of our decisions were met with total acceptance but when you are working with people, you know how the saying goes – you can't please everybody! Hopefully we pleased most! We completed many tasks during the tournament but there were many hours before that weekend that went in to the preparation of the schedule, the court assignments, the registrations, and the accounting of monies. Those tasks were the primary responsibility of the tournament director, Gail Sluys who performed

them admirably. The changes that affected the schedule were many and continued right up until the last minute, sometimes even in the middle of the tournament.

I learned from this experience that there is a lot of work to be done for our organization and the tournaments that sustain it. I now feel that being an officer is not as easy as it appeared in the beginning but it's fun and rewarding. I am looking forward to the NCHPA Championship Tournament and the team tournament even though it requires effort and attention to detail it also provides opportunities to get to know and be involved with the wonderful people in this sport. I am sure that as an officer of NCHPA I will continue to encounter challenges and pleasures and I will continue to have faith in the people who join and the people who play and the people who help to organize and prepare the tournaments that mean so much to our organization and to OUR PITCHERS! *Lorena Tournour*

5th Vice President

Well the state championship is over and thank you to all those who helped. Now my back can take a rest. There sure were a lot of new faces around are I met a lot of very nice people from Southern California. Stockton club was looking real nice thanks to all the help we received. Now for the Nor Cal Championships. Hope to see you all there. *Scott Henne*

Statistician

Statisticians Report:

2013 NCHPA Horseshoe Pitching Award Results will be announced at the Annual Meeting.

Congratulations to all the pitchers that competed at St George World Tournament.

Congratulations to all the pitchers that competed at Stockton, California State Championships

80% Games and over for 2013:

Frank Arroyo	03-13-074	80.00 %
Frank Arroyo	03-13-107	80.00%
Elaine Butcher	03-13-032	80.00% Gm #1
Elaine Butcher	03-13-032	80.00% Gm #3
Ed Cortez	03-13-011	87.50%
Ed Cortez	04-13-102	84.62%

Terry Farrell	03-13-057	80.00%
Hayden Lee	03-13-054	85.00%
Hayden Lee	03-13-110	87.50%
Travis Sluys	03-13-057	80.00%
Travis Sluys	03-13-058	80.00%
Travis Sluys	03-13-060	80.00%
Travis Sluys	03-13-105	84.00%
Travis Sluys	03-13-107	80.00%
Travis Sluys	03-13-110	80.00% Gm #2
Travis Sluys	03-13-110	80.00% Gm #3
Ken Woolery	03-13-050	85.00%
Ken Woolery	03-13-057	82.50%

I want to thank all of the Tournament Directors for doing a job well done. Pitch-On, *Wayne George*

Our By-Laws state that:

ARTICLE V: Officers

SECTION 5. Candidates for office

- Candidates for office may announce their candidacy to the NCHPA President or be nominated at the annual meeting.
- Nominees must be willing to serve, be present when nominated or have signified in writing that the nomination is accepted.

The officers that are up for re-election have all chosen to run again. They are Joe Summers for 1st Vice President; Jhon Barney for 3rd Vice President and Gail Sluys for Secretary Treasurer.

******Anyone still wanting to order State tournament shirts should contact Gina at DANOC Manufacturing 916-455-2876. *****

CLUB NEWS

Feather River

It's hard to believe our tournament season is winding down already. Feather River had a fairly good turnout at all our tournaments and would like to thank all those who participated. Our club has entered the team tournament at Willows. Lois, John, Lee and I are looking forward to participating. Congratulations to all of the NORCAL members who won at both the World and State tournaments. What an achievement! Gloria Callahan and I went to Fortuna for the Bear River tournament and really enjoyed it. A huge thank you to everyone there who did such a tremendous job feeding the crowd. The weather couldn't have been better and we even took in the County Fair at Ferndale one morning. We watched the 4Hers having their milk cows judged and really have to give them credit for all the responsibility and work they do at such young ages. It would be great if all youngsters could participate in something like that. *Audrey Winters*

Gold Country

Is making a comeback – YAY! Kudos to Andy Loobey for refusing to give up on recruiting new members. Andy talks to anyone and everyone about horseshoes and puts time and energy into convincing people to join the NHPA/NCHPA. He works the courts, loans shoes, teaches technique and talks, talks, talks. Of course horseshoes are his passion as anyone who knows him can attest to. Last year Andy signed up 3 new members and so far this year, he's at 11 and working on more. We had 22 pitchers participate in our June 29th tournament with Kimmy tournament champion after beating Andy in a playoff game. Walt Stafford was Class 2 winner with only 1 loss. In Class 3, Fritz Oberst went clean and new GCN member, Philip Moore in his 1st tournament was 5th with a 23% average. Best of the day was Class 4 won by another new GCN member in his 1st tournament. Jerry Watkins went clean averaging 8.5%. Isaac Frazier, our NEW CADET, took 2nd place averaging 7.5%. Also in this group was new GCN

member, Ryan Mainguth, who made many new friends.

Sunday was disappointing as we only had 13 participants. Kimmy again was tournament champion and Darryl Beardall of the Sonoma club won group 2. Also in group 2 was new GCN member, Doug DeCamp who came in 4th averaging 1.44% over his qualifying average.

Cadet Isaac pitched his 2nd tournament and even helped keep score. Thank you to everyone who came to Gold Country and made our new members feel welcome.

We still had 6 new members who were unable to pitch in a tournament due to work and family obligations. We decided to have a tournament for them at the Loobey courts and initially planned for walking doubles. However, that didn't work out as only 7 were able to make it so instead we just pitched a regular RR. Jeff Barton who qualified at 17% went clean to win his 1st tournament with a 21.67% average. Isaac, with one loss took second and must have been practicing as he entered with 5.78% and finished with 10.83%. New members, Dave Barbe and Dave Lockwood took 3rd & 4th while Isaac's dad Miles, entering with 3.94% finished 5th with 9.58%. (practice works!) Doug DeCamp (2nd tourn.) and Justin Thacker (1st tourn.) came in 6th & 7th. After the pitching, 14 of us stuffed ourselves on BBQ Tri-tip, baked beans, macaroni salad, garlic bread, watermelon and berry cobbler. We still have 2 more new pitchers, Mike Harlabakis and Chris Moebus who have yet to pitch a tournament. Andy also has 2 more guys that will join after Oct. 1st and we will plan another tournament in October. Andy is also trying to talk some of these guys into putting together teams for the Team Tourn. at the end of October. This is a really great group of guys and we are happy to have them and welcome them with open arms.

They are young men who have family and work obligations but I hope you'll all have a chance to pitch with them next season. Some are planning a trip to Willows the end of this month so if you're there, please welcome them.

Thank you all and special thanks to Andy Loobey.

Cathie Loucks

Half Moon Bay

We would like to thank everyone who helped with our State Tournament, so we could all have a great time. That said, congratulations to our HMB member's accomplishments in the State Tournament. Foa Remillong took second to Elaine Butcher in the Women Championship. In the Elder Men B, Sam Caputo took second and Joe Sciarra took third. John Carver won the Men's G group. Good Job!

Club Promotion

We have had some great media coverage. Charlie Hall had Vern Glenn from KPIX channel 5 cover his Thursday night tournament. It aired June 16, 2013 on a weekend sports recap show called Game Day. Recently, on September 6, our club was featured on the front page of The San Mateo Daily Journal. The correspondent, Kenny Martin also made a YouTube video about us. This can be viewed on our Website (you can find us on the NCHPA website). This had led to gaining new members, because they never knew we had a horseshoe club in San Mateo County.

From Joe King Can you tell who this is?

When his shoes hit the stake, they sound like church bells.

The clay never sticks to his shoes.

When he throws a double, it is acknowledged with a nod.

Alan Francis and Brian Simmons once stopped their game to watch him pitch.

Clydesdale horses have willingly gone barefoot, so he could pitch shoes.

He is of course, The Most Interesting Man in Horseshoes.

He doesn't always party, but when he does, he parties with The Half Moon Bay Outlaws!

Throw Shoes My Friends! *Rick Della Santina*

Indian Valley

I don't have much to add from up our way. All I can say is this has been one of the worst years we have had. We have no Juniors in our club anymore. It is hard to compete with the cell phones and get the younger generation interested in our sport. Gold Diggers was the worst attendance we have had due to moving the World Tournament up all the time. When we put on world it was in Aug. not July. Our

league is down to only 2 teams this year from a high of 12 teams. All I know is we are going to have to make a huge push in promoting our sport or it will just dwindle away to nothing as the older members die off.

Sacramento

Congratulations to Sacramento club members Tony Latino and Mike Hammer who placed first in their class at the California State Tournament. Tony also placed second in his class at the World Tournament after a nail biting play-off game. Other club members who pitched at the World Tournament were Rick Bermingham, Mike Hammer, Cathy Kauffman, Matt Smith, Don and Wendell Stephens. Pitching at a World Tournament is an experience not to miss.

Recent first place winners in Sacramento tournaments include Travis Sluys, Rick Eddy and Don Shuler at the Douglas Mindt Tournament. Tony Latino and Bryan Grace placed first at the Matt Smith Tournament.

Club president, Rick Bermingham sends his appreciation to everyone who came to Sacramento to pitch. Due to the limited numbers of courts, several of the tournaments had groups of pitchers who began play in the afternoon. Rick wanted to express his thanks to those who stayed to play in the afternoon shift.

Club member Wendell Stephens took a tumble this summer and was hospitalized. Wendell is still recuperating. We wish him all the best and hope he will be pitching soon. Congratulations to Tommy and April Latino who welcomed their first granddaughter into their family. The countdown is on for club members Jessica and Gil who will wed in October. Our best wishes to this wonderful couple.

Have a wonderful holiday season and we hope that you will come pitch with us next year. The porta-potty smells and our shade trees are small, but the clay is perfect. *Cathy Kauffman*

San Jose

Hello from San Jose! We have had some exciting tournaments this year and it is hard to believe that there are so few left. Our club now has several

canopies to help out with the sun and it sure makes a welcome addition for scorekeepers and players.

We had 7 members this year from our club that participated in the State Tournament. Don Kies, Mike Anderson, Marisala Mauricio, Dick McCall, Brian Zelmar, Larry Ryan and Jim Saunders. Congratulations to Don Kies who came in 2nd in his class, Marisela who came in 2nd in her class and Mike Anderson who came in 4th in his class. Everyone had a good time and appreciated the effort from everyone that helped to put it all together.

We are trying to get interest in having a special session on H/S Master. If anyone is interested in learning this please call Leon Moore or Tim Saunders. It really helps when several members from each club know how to do the Stat's.

We are again looking forward to our annual Christmas Party. It is a lot of fun, food and friendship. If you would like to join in please give us a call as we would love to have you! We hope that you all have a great Holiday season! *Nancy Ann Cloutier*

Sonoma County

Our last tournament of the 2013 season will be held on Sept. 28, it's the Whine Country open. Each first and second place winner will receive a nice bottle of wine courtesy of our club. Take a leisurely drive through the wine country and enjoy the changing colors of our vineyards. The club championship will be held on the following day. It's sure to be a battle there are three distinct possible winners and who knows how many possible upsets.

Look for a couple of unique format tournaments in Santa Rosa this year. Instead of the same old stodgy winner gets double their money back we will arrange some interesting formats.

Our 2 junior boys made a great showing at the World Tournament. Travis coming in 2nd in the Jr. Boys Championships and Hayden coming in 4th in the same group. Outstanding showing boys, well done!. Then last weekend Travis averages 72.92% for a tournament with 2-80% games, 2- 77.5% games and 2 others. Not to be outdone Hayden tosses an 87.5% game, his highest ever! There's just no end to these young men's ability. It won't

be long before one of them will pitch a PERFECT game. *Casey Sluys*

Tri-Valley

Club members came home from Stockton, the State Horseshoe Pitching Championships with new trophies and pockets full of folding money! Bill Faler had a first "even a blind squirrel gets lucky now and then" Bill's favorite remark; Richard Robbins, Tim Saunders, and Harvey Kooy placed second in their divisions. They also represent the hard working team along with Ray Szczepanski, that have kept our courts mowed, green, in good repair; they are just the best and have kept our club going/active. Proud of them and all of the other members pitching, helping out, wearing those green shirts with pride!

Thank you Stockton Club and Northern California officers for all of your efforts, hard work before, during and after the State Championship. Remember Tri-Valley mid November and the Turkey shoot, followed by a Sunday of hopefully feather free pits after all of that "shooting". We'll be looking for all of you so come on down!

Marge Wood

Ukiah

My last newsletter article was written saved and then NOT sent to Casey for the June edition, not one of my better moves! A computer is only as good as the operator!

I hope your spring went well and you are having an enjoyable summer. Spring found many of our members traveling to graduations, weddings, family reunions, funerals and a horseshoe tournament or two. Our June tournaments were awesome, we had such a good time and the weather was wonderful. The attendance was low but we didn't let that stop us from having fun and enjoying the wonderful sport of horseshoe pitching and the great camaraderie that it provides.

Summer provided opportunities to travel all over for club tournaments, money tournaments and the world tournament of horseshoe pitching. Four of our members traveled all the way to St. George,

Utah for the world tournament and that was an awesome experience. We knew that the horseshoe pitching “family” that we met here in California was a group of very kind and wonderful people but finding even more friends from all over the world was a welcome and wonderful discovery. We not only enjoyed the time spent at the Dixie Center and the activities around the game of horseshoe pitching but we also toured Zion, Bryce and the North Rim of the Grand Canyon as well as the wonderful city of St. George. I came away from our adventure with a renewed respect for our pitching “family” and a strong desire to return to Utah someday. I'm also looking forward to planning a trip to Buffalo, New York, hope it happens!

We were hoping for a huge crowd at our September tournaments even though the weather sort of cramped our style. Temperatures rose to the 90s and a little above but we had pitchers from Sacramento, Fortuna, Willows, Sonoma, Concord, Willits and Rocklin so we pitched and visited and laughed and had a great time with 14 pitchers on Saturday and 10 on Sunday.

We've had our 4 weekend tournaments at Ukiah so now we will concentrate on traveling to our neighbors tournaments and the NCHPA in Vallejo and the team championships in Willows. We look forward to continuing our pitching season until the weather stops us some time in November or December! Hope to see you all at the pits since the joy of pitching is enhanced by the friends we make and the good times we have whether its pitching, score keeping, statistics gathering, judging or observing – its a great game and we can make it even better by fostering the relationships we make and being sure that all of our actions and words are for the good of the sport and the athletes. *Lorena Tournour*

Willows

We would like to congratulate all of the CA. State Winners and special Congratulations to our very own Elaine Butcher. We are so very proud of Elaine in becoming the CA. State Women's Champion she has worked so very hard to obtain this title. The bragging rights are yours, Well done.

The team tournament is fast approaching and as promise we have some information that we hope will be helpful to those who plan on attending the event. Those wishing to stay at the courts in RV's there is dry camping at the courts. Also in the area is the Willows RV park at 6155 Hwy. 162 W in Willows their phone number is 530-934-9400.

Here are just a few places for lodging in the Willows area Holiday Inn Express 530-934-8900 , Days Inn 530-934-4444, Motel 6 530-934-7026, and Economy Inn 530-934-4224.

Up the road in Corning is the Rolling Hills Casino they have an RV park with full hookups for \$28.00 a night. Their number is 530-528-3586. The casino also has The Vagabond Inn and the Inn at Rolling Hills. Their number is 1-888-331-6400 or 530-528-3500. With your stay here you get a complimentary all you can get buffet breakfast.

There are several fast food locations in Willows along with Denny's, Black Bear Diner, Round Table Pizza, Nancy's Airport Café , KFC and Subway.

Last but, not least our club will be serving Lunch to all of the pitchers and workers free of charge after Tournament play is complete on SUNDAY ONLY. This will occupy time while the stats are being finalized. We look forward to seeing everyone in Oct.

We will be having a tournament on Sept. 28 & 29th and October 19 & 20th hope to see you then.

Linda Hoelscher

Don't forget the GOLDEN GATE CLASSIC on October 19th. It's at the San Francisco Horseshoe Clubs courts. If you have not been there you should really take this one in. It is a nice facility in beautiful Golden Gate Park.

Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas, next issue is Jan., Feb., Mar. 2014. It will include the 2014 pitching schedule.

Northern California Horseshoe Pitchers Association Annual Awards Dinner



Saturday, November 9, 2013 — 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Florin Rebekah Lodge

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- ◆ End the 2013 season by enjoying a barbecue with all the fixings in the good company of your “pitching family”.
- ◆ Find out who will be named Rookie and Pitcher of the Year, who pitched an 80% game and more.
- ◆ NorCal awards will be presented at the Annual Dinner and first place winners will receive a free dinner ticket.
- ◆ Dinner is \$20 per person. The deadline to reserve dinner is **November 4th**.

To make reservations:

Complete this dinner registration form and mail check payable to the NCHPA to: Jhon Barney, 270 East 8th Street, Lincoln CA 95648. Nonrefundable after November 4.

Name (s): _____

Number of dinner reservations: _____ Amount enclosed: _____

Questions:

Contact Jhon Barney at (916) 253-9887 or barneyjhon@yahoo.com

NCHPA CLUB TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

DATES: October 26th & 27th LOCATION: Shasta Willows 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 1 alternate player to be used in case of injury.
3. All players must be NCHPA members and be a member or associate member of the club they represent. **All participants must wear a shirt of the club they represent 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. We will need to have scorekeepers therefore a final decision has not yet been made to pitch all teams at once or in two shifts. 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. Pitchers are required to pay scorekeepers .50 cents per game each day.

Cut on line below and mail bottom only

Club Name _____

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

3. _____ **4.** _____

Team Captain _____ **Alternate** _____

Pitching time request _____

**Send check, made payable to NCHPA, in the amount of \$80.00 per team to:
Gail Sluys - 1721 San Ramon Way, Santa Rosa, CA 95409
Be sure to mark your pitching time request.**

DEADLINE: postmarked by 10/18/13

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