

Nor-Cal News & Views

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

SEC/TREAS.

As you peruse this latest issued please note you have the entry forms for the 2022 State Championships – to be held in Bakersfield this year. Also, you will find the Nor Cal and Doubles Championship entry forms along with the Hall of Fame nomination form. I know it's early, but you may want to mark your calendars now and be ready if you need to take vacation from work to attend any of these prestigious tournaments. Please note the Doubles and NorCal are again being held at the Vallejo courts the same weekend. BUT, if we have a great signup for the NorCal we may have to move the Doubles tournament to a later date. It would be great to get that many entries wouldn't it? I sure remember those days. In 2020 and 2021 our tournaments were smaller with all of the restrictions due to Covid. I hope 2022 will bring a resurgence of pitchers back to N. CA. Please get your entry in as early as possible.

I made an error on stats at the Stockton Tournament so I want to remind everyone who is doing tournament stats of an important step. If someone drops out of the tournament and forfeits a game or games, **remember** to take out the number of shoes for each games forfeited for both people. If you don't it makes the pitchers percentages wrong. I figure if I forgot it others may also. I would like to take this time to say **Thank You** to the new Madera workhorse. **Nick Balderama**. Nick has taken over as the "the guy" for the Madera club. He has jumped right in – got himself a new laptop,

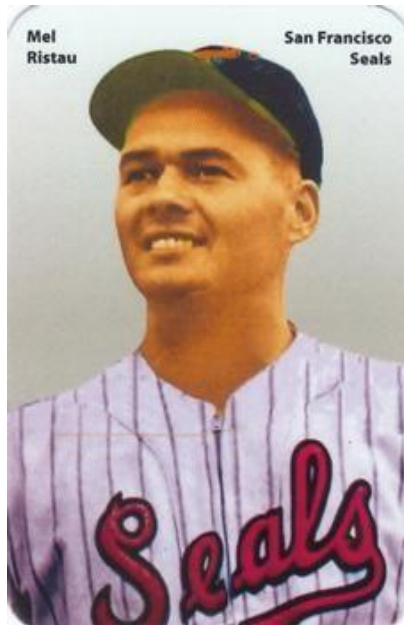
downloaded HS Master and EShoe and learned the stats program. Not only is Nick recruiting new members and bringing back previous members to the fold, but also doing a bang up job on running the tournaments stats. It would be nice for him to have someone learn to input the results for the tournaments so he'd be able to pitch once in a while ☺. Thank you to Harlen for finding Nick as his replacement for the Madera Club. *Gail Sluys*

1ST VP

For my article I would like to introduce you to an outstanding Northern California horseshoe pitcher that you probably have never heard of. This pitcher was from the Sonoma County Club. He went into the 1972 pitching season with a ringer percentage of 65.8%, behind only Don Titcomb and Jesse Gonzalez. He was named 1971's most determined pitcher in the NCHPA, and he was the Tournament Champion of Stockton's first NHPA tournament on April 9, 1972; his name was Mel Ristau.

Mel Ristau was a baseball player, a left-handed pitcher with the nickname "Lefty." He was born November, 19, 1918 in Merced, CA. Ristau was 5'-10" and 170 lbs. He was active in minor league baseball from 1938 to 1949. In 1938 at the age of 20 he played for the San Francisco Seals of the Pacific Coast League, where his manager was Lefty O'Doul, and he was teammates with Joe Dimaggio's brother Dom. He played for the Salt Lake City Bees in 1940

and “41, was inactive during the war years, and finished his career with the Santa Rosa Cats in 1949. This is Mel’s baseball card when he played for the San Francisco Seals in 1938.



Ristau started pitching horseshoes as a kid. After his baseball career Mel took up bowling. Mel and his wife Virginia owned Ristau’s Grocery at 3920 Gravenstein Highway South in Sebastopol where they lived. Mel was exposed to horseshoe pitching when at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds in Santa Rosa one day, and he found himself returning again to his childhood pastime. He said, “Bowling cost me \$100 a month, but horseshoe pitching doesn’t cost anything.”

Mel took up pitching in the NHPA in 1968 and improved rapidly. He won the Class B NCHPA Championship in 1969.

Ristau said, “You have to practice to maintain your peak.”

He threw from 250 to 300 shoes every evening in the Santa Rosa summertime. Mel often pitched until darkness fell. He said about pitching at dark, “We play late enough you can’t see the stake, but if you still see the pits, you can throw a 60 to 70 percent game.” His dedication and practice ethic

paid off in Ristau quickly increasing his ringer percentage to Championship Group level.

In 1971 Mel tossed a 73.6% tournament to stop a Jesse Gonzalez 10-tournament winning streak. Mel considered that win over Jesse to be the highlight of his short four year NHPA pitching career.

Mel won Stockton’s first tournament pitching 63.3% on the new Louis Park Courts. He had to win a three-way playoff over Bill Weathers of the Stanislaus County Club, and Verdan Zelmar of Santa Clara County, the NCHPA Secretary Treasurer. Other competitors in that Championship Group were Andy Olivero of Stanislaus, Jack Seymour of Golden Gate, and Al Crabtree of Stanislaus. Jim Saunders of the Santa Clara club pitched in the B-2 group in that first Stockton tournament. I saw Jim two weeks ago, a young 79 years old proudly wearing his NHPA 50-year patch, at brother Tim’s tournament at Tri-Valley. Another notable in Group C-1 was Gus Martin, Jr. of Grass Valley in 4th place at 32.2%; in 1998, 26 years later, Gus would be the California State Men’s Champion!

When I first started reading about Mel Ristau I started wondering how he did in the 1972 California State Tournament, and then I thought almost certainly he would have pitched in the 1973 World Tournament in Eureka, CA. But I came to find out that Mel’s fast rise to prominence in Northern California horseshoe pitching was a fascinating story, but it did not have a happy ending. A little over two months after his win in the inaugural Stockton Tournament Mel Ristau would be dead. On July 15th Mel had won what was at least his 2nd Sonoma County Championship at the Fairgrounds in Santa Rosa. The next day he finished 2nd in the Sonoma County Fair Tournament (an

NHPA event.) The following day he was stricken by a heart attack. Mel passed away on July 24th at the age of 53. What a loss for Northern California horseshoes! In the January of 1973 an "In Memoriam" article appeared about Ristau in the NHPA *Horseshoe Pitcher's News Digest*, likely written by Verdian Zelmar. "The Northern California Association lost a great sportsman," it read. "It is unbelievable to realize that we won't be seeing Mel at the courts at the next tournament and knowing that, if we won a game from him, it would have to be an all-out effort." The article concluded, "He will be missed by all of us and the horseshoe world has suffered the loss of a coming champion."



Mel "Lefty" Ristau

Mel is pictured above (the quality is marginal but all we have to work with) He has a 1 ¼ grip on what is most likely a Ted Allen Horseshoe (what looks like it could be a ringer breaker on the shoe is probably the fence pole on the distant fence.) Mel was said to have, "perfected a beautiful delivery

patterned from his experience as a baseball pitcher."

The 1972 California State Tournament was held in Southgate in Southern California. Jerry Schneider won the Title by beating Jesse Gonzalez in a playoff. Other pitchers familiar to Norcal pitchers in the "72 State Championship Group were 3rd place Ronnie Simmons, Tom Brownell of San Jose, John Pratt of Sacramento, Fred Lavett of Seaside, and John Walker of Chula Vista. The 1973 World Tournament in Eureka was won by the great 1¾- turn pitcher Elmer Hohl of Canada. Californians in the Championship Group included Jesse Gonzalez 9th place, Jerry Schneider 20th, Fred "Flash" Lavett 24th, Monte Latino 28th, Ronnie Simmons 32nd, and John Pratt 36th. How would Mel Ristau have done in those events, and the championships that would have followed through the 1970's and 80's? We'll never know, but it is just possible that the name Mel Ristau would have been added to the list of "stylish left handers" that were California State Champions, a list that would include Don Titcomb and Rick Birmingham. Mel Ristau, a Champion that might have been! *George Davis*

3RD VP

The NCHPA 2021-2022 season started immediately after Labor Day 2021 and as of mid April 2022 NCHPA has pitched 42 tournaments and cancelled/postponed 3 tournaments. Four hundred forty-five NCHPA pitchers and 50 non-NCHPA pitchers have pitched in our tournaments to date. There has been 1 game of 80% or more pitched and that was Rick Birmingham's 85% game against Steve Goodman in 03-21-086 Lane/Summers Sat. Sep. 25, 2021 in Vallejo. Way to go Rick! If COVID-19 stays at bay we should have a pretty normal

pitching season. Stay healthy and keep on a' pitchin'!

Now that we are using eShoe you club statisticians may now upload your tournament statistics directly to eShoe any time after your tournament is complete, but you still must email me (meanderson99@yahoo.com) the comma-separated-values Results file (1 per tournament), the Class Boxscore files (1 per tournament class), and the All Class Standings Results file (1 per tournament) for my work. If you do not care to upload your tournament statistics to eShoe yourself then I will be glad to do it for you. Just let me know that you would like for me to do it. The files that you send me are the same files that I have always asked for you to send me. And please be sure that the boxscore files that you send are generated in HSMaster as Tournaments, Reports, Format, Results [not Results (Brief)]. Keep in mind that I would like to see member numbers in every file that you send. That means I want the long version, not brief version, of every file. Note that for doubles tournaments HSMaster will produce only the brief version of the Class Boxscore files and the All Class Standings Results file.

These files can be produced in HSMaster by:

- 1) Open HSMaster (Version 1.1.232 or newer)
- 2) Create comma-separated-values Results file
(Results03-<2 digit year>-<3 digit tournament number>.txt)
Tournaments, Play Singles (or Play Doubles), <select desired tournament>.

Clean Up, in Post Results to Player Stats box

<select desired tournament>,Results
File when the window pops up
<select desired destination folder>,
<select desired file name>, Open
(A common destination folder is
C:/HSMasterData)

- 3) Create Class Boxscore files
(03-<2 digit year>-<3 digit tournament number><TournamentName>-<Class>.txt)
Tournaments, Play Singles (or Play Doubles), <select desired tournament>,
<select desired class>, Load, Standings checked, BoxScores checked,
[Brief NOT checked], (Preview if desired), <select Path to desired destination folder>, <select desired file name>, Export Produce a
boxscore file for each class in the tournament. (A common destination folder is C:/HSMasterData) Note that for doubles the class box score files do not have pitcher member numbers.

- 4) Create All Class Standings Results file
(03-<2 digit year>-<3 digit tournament
number><TournamentName>.txt)
Tournaments, Reports, <select desired
tournament>, <All Classes>,
Results selected [NOT Results (Brief)],
(Preview if desired),
<select Path to desired destination
folder>, <select desired file name>,
Text File (A common destination folder
is C:/HSMasterData) Note that
for doubles the class standings results
file does not have pitcher
member numbers.

Thanks for all your help. If you have any questions about how to produce these

files then please contact me by email or phone 408-738-4661. *Mike Anderson*

4TH VP

If you haven't read the NCHPA By-Laws, then maybe you should... <https://www.nchpa.com/by-laws> This year in Nov. the NCHPA Annual Meeting will be voting on any changes that should be made. If you have any suggestions then contact me! Let's make this sport great again! We all have suggestions, it's just we need to follow through with the idea! If you have a Pitch/Idea follow thru just like my swing....

Also, our Hall of Fame needs some work. Yes everyone is busy, but just do it!

Be thankful for what we have and help out others when you can! We always forget to mention the people/pitchers who go beyond just appearing at a event. The scorekeepers, donuts & coffee, cleaning up before/after maintenance, \$\$ donations, speaking out for the sport, etc. Look around and be happy, help out when you can.

The GSHL Golden State Horseshoe League, will be starting up April 24th. It was cancelled for the last 2 years. Pitchers are coming back from that long rest... This league is non-sanctioned, they have 6 - 10 pitchers on a team, about 100, used to be twice that size! They pitch on Sunday morning at various locations around Sacramento area.

McBean/Lincoln Horseshoe Pitching Club is having a evening tournament on Saturday July 2nd 2022, this one is sanctioned. On Monday July 4th 2022 the Lincoln community has a big Independence day Event, including a non-sanctioned Doubles Competition, it's a bring your own Partner.

Last year our members Steve & Steve won 1st place. Our Thursday League is growing, because the days are longer. This League is sanctioned. Any questions about these tournaments call me, Jeff Williams (530)786-1646 or RingerJeff@outlook.com

NOTE: Should get the World Horseshoe Pitching Championships back in California, last time it was here was 2005 Bakersfield. This is the WEST and we are the BEST!

Jeff Williams

5TH VP

We are off to a great start for 2022 horseshoe pitching! As we are getting into the heart of our season, please keep in mind, if you are running low on score sheets, round robin cards, or plaques please give me enough notice to get them to you and ensure you have them for your upcoming tournaments. As of current, the McBean, Sonoma County and Stockton horseshoe clubs have each purchased 500 score sheets. We have also supplied plaques to the Half Moon Bay Club (2), Vallejo Horseshoe Club (2), Madera Horseshoe Club (2) and the Madera Horseshoe Club has purchased eight additional plaques. The Madera horseshoe club is doing an excellent job of getting new members. Keep up the magnificent work! If you need supplies, please keep in mind, tournaments are a great place to meet for a pick-up. Please contact me before going to a tournament, if I'm also going, I'm happy to bring the supplies you've requested. My phone number is 707-208-4649 I look forward to seeing you all at the pits! *Dave Lane*

Regional Director

As we transition back to a normal course of activity, let's hope that our tournament

participation continues to show the improvement that it already indicates we will have. The McBean Lincoln Club has picked up quite a few new members, thanks to Jeff Williams, and has a sanctioned league on Thursdays, The Madera Club is picking up new members also, thanks to the Balderama's, and had 30 pitchers on a Friday night tournament. The Sonoma County Club continues to prosper with more new members, thanks to Paul Machado. They too have a sanctioned league on Thursday, plus a satellite set of courts and members in Novato. Then there are Exeter and Lindsay Clubs, they continually have a full house when they hold a tournament. Many thanks to Danny Kyle for his ongoing efforts with those two facilities. Ukiah too has gained new members in the past year, thanks to Gil and Lorena Tournour. Gold Country Club has increased the number of tournaments they will have, thanks to Corrina and Windwalker. The Stockton Club has increased their number of tournaments also and has gained many new members who are all pitching in to assist George. Tell us about your efforts to sustain your club and gain members. What ideas work well for you?

Leagues of any kind whether sanctioned or not are the lifeblood of our membership. From these leagues come the new members wishing to improve their pitching skills. Some of them will choose the more serious aspect of the sport by pitching tournaments as opposed to the more lackadaisical atmosphere of a league. Most will continue with both aspects of the sport. In any case the idea is to enjoy the sport whether we win or lose. *Casey Sluys*

Just one more month to register and get your entry in for the 2022 World Tournament in Monroe, Louisiana. Sign up online right here: <https://www.horseshoepitching.com/wt-signup-online-2022/>



CLUBS

Half Moon Bay

We are looking forward to the start of the 2022 Season at Half Moon Bay. This year we are hosting tournaments for our sister club, San Jose. They are going through a reorganization at their park and are without water & restrooms. This will bring us to a total of 28 tournaments, including Club tournaments.

The Half Moon Bay Recreation Commission is considering 3 plans for an upgrade for Smith Field, where we pitch. One plan could relocate our courts on the other side of the highway. There will be several meetings ahead before any decisions will be made.

San Jose will have a tournament at HMB on Sunday, April 24 and we will have our first tournament on Thursday, April 28 at 5:30 PM. Look for our weekday tournaments through June. We pitch on Thursday's from 3:30 until dark, please join us if you are in the neighborhood.

Our Club looks forward to pitching with all of you this Season. ***Rick Della Santina***

San Jose

Welcome to the 2022 pitching season from San Jose! Things are a little different these days with the San Jose Horseshoe Club. With the San Jose Parks & Rec planning to demolish and reconfigure the existing Columbus Park our courts lost access to water earlier this year. Half Moon Bay

Horseshoe Club has kindly allowed us to use their courts so all San Jose tournaments for the foreseeable future will be held at Half Moon Bay.

Our first tournament of the year (and the first one at Half Moon Bay) was on Sat. Mar. 19. It was a cool, blustery, and rainy day, but we managed to get the complete tournament in with 10 pitchers in 2 classes.

It was not the most auspicious start for our tournaments at Half Moon Bay, but it did work out and we plan to continue holding San Jose tournaments at Half Moon Bay. San Jose would like to thank all the Half Moon Bay Horseshoe Club members for all their help and kindness as we use their courts.

Our tournaments for the rest of the year are:

03-22-028 Sun. Apr. 24 Russell Zelmar

03-22-052 Sat. June 4 Joe Navarro

03-22-088 Sun. Sep. 25 Saunders Family

03-22-102 Sat. Oct. 29 Nakamoto Family

Note that the date for 03-22-088 Saunders Family has been moved to a new date and is now different from the date shown on the NCHPA 2022 Tournament Schedule; was Sun. Sep. 11 now Sun. Sep. 25.

We hope to see you there and best of luck in your pitching. Stay healthy. ***Mike Anderson***

McBean/Lincoln

The season of 2022 is looking good! The McBean/Lincoln Horseshoe Pitching Club is growing.

Our Thursday League is getting more and more pitchers every week. That could be because the days are getting longer... Bobby Bartell is showing up in different places, he

pitched in the "Valley of the Sun" in Mesa AZ. placed 2nd in the top class. Stan Cummings has decided to moved up a step, Elders Group, watch his average shoot up!!!

At McBean Park here in Lincoln we now have a storage shed for all the shovels and watering buckets, score machines, etc. (amazing the traveling the shovels & watering buckets have been through).

Thank you Fortuna Club and YOLO! I remember using that shovel in YOLO 30 years ago, you're still my favorite.

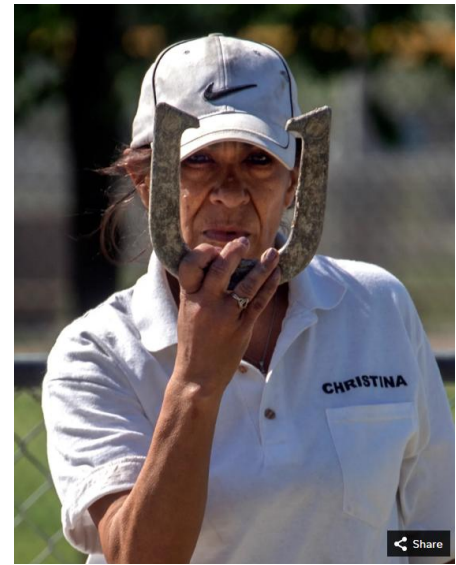
Thank you Lincoln Community Foundation, for the Storage unit.

I'm getting back to feeling like my old self from 10 years ago, is that good or bad? *Jeff Williams*

Stockton

Our first two tournaments for the new season are in the books. Saturday, for our 50th Anniversary Tournament, we had 24 pitchers in 3 groups. On Sunday, for the Christina Cordova Tournament we had 10 pitchers in 2 groups. Both days were plagued by strong winds!

The Tournament Champion for the 50th Anniversary Tournament was Tri-Valley's Richard Robbins. Richard took the top group, which was handicapped, by edging Vallejo's Dave Lane 31-25 in game 5. Richard and Dave both finished with 6-1 records. Lane pitched nice 55% games in both of his final two games. Vince Eisma finished 3rd in the group. Wayne McGee was 4th, throwing a sweet 50% game in game 3 against Ray Looper



Christina Cordova takes Dead Aim

Stockton's Rick Padilla took Saturday's B Group with a perfect 7-0 record. Byrlyn McCormick was tied with Johnny Armenta at 5-2, but took second by virtue of a better ringer percentage for the tournament. Byrlyn's 20% ringer average was 4.05 % above her entering average. High game for the group was the 30% game that Brylyn threw against NCHPA President Joe Summers in a 43-6 thumping.



President Summers Lets a Ringer Fly

Mike Zepponi won Saturday's C Group. Mike's 6-1 record was matched by Byrum Swinford, but Mike's head-to-head win over Byrum gave him the Class Title. Jose DeLeon, one-time Championship Group pitcher was back after a break from

horseshoe pitching and a near-death experience with COVID, finished 3rd in the group. Jose had the high game for the group with a 32.5% performance. Stockton's David Goldstein finished 4th.



New Cadet Pitcher Larrise De Leon

Stockton's Wayne McGhee went undefeated (4-0) on Sunday to win the Christina Cordova Tournament. Wayne's 45.00 percentage was 4.68 % above his entering average. McGhee threw a smoking group high 56% to beat Richard Robbins in game 3. Robbins finished 2nd place at 3-1. Nevada's Carol Lanfair finished 3rd.

Nevadan Cody McNeely won B Class with a 3.5-0.5 record. Mona Larian finished 2nd place pitching 5.44 % over her average, while Jose DeLeon was 3rd. High game for the group was a nice 32 % game by McNeely.

A special thanks to Corrina Mills and Marshall Merino for making the trip to Stockton on Sunday after hosting their Gold Country tournament on Saturday. It was nice to have Carol Lanfair, and Cody McNeely join us from Nevada. Cody won B Group and Carol won the 50-50 Raffle, we try to be good hosts!

We thank all who came out to celebrate our 50th Anniversary with us. The hotdogs, potato salad, baked beans were great, and the cake was spectacular. We look forward to the next 50 years of Stockton horseshoe pitching.

Please make your plans to join us for our May tournaments. On May 21st we will hold the Joe and Millie Schultz Memorial, and on Sunday, May 22nd we will honor David Goldstein. **George Davis**

Sonoma County

Some of you who have not heard how this Mystery Money tournament that this club will be holding works, I'll attempt to explain it. First of all note that it is a code-4 which is \$15.00 entry. We will forgo the usual 1st and 2nd place prize money, but will include the plates and patches for the winner and second places.

You will receive an envelope with \$6.00 in it. The \$6.00 is broken into the following: 4 one dollar bills, 6 quarters, 3 dimes, 3 nickels, and 5 pennies. This will divide in half several times. Each player who loses the game gives their opponent half of his/her money. This money is put into the winning players' envelope. For example: after the first game the winner will have \$9.00 the loser just \$3.00. If that player with the \$3.00 loses again then he/she will have just \$1.50 left, if they lose a third consecutive game they have only \$.75 left. BUT if the person who won the first game loses their 2nd game they have to give their opponent \$4.50. The player must keep all of his/her money separate though out the tournament. Everyone keeps whatever is left after the last game. It's a challenge, but it will make a fun day out of it. Be sure to set September 24 aside for an experience you won't forget. **Casey Sluys**

Vallejo

We, here at the Vallejo Horseshoe Club, hope everyone had a Happy Easter!

The 2022 horseshoe year has started off with a bang. It's great to see people out at tournaments. The Vallejo Club had our first tournament, The Spring Warm Up, on 3-12-22. We had a perfect Spring Day for horseshoe pitching with a total of 24 pitchers. In Group 1 Rick Della Santina came in first and Gil Tournour second. In Group 2, Mr. John Kistner took first place Marshall Merino second place. For Group 3, Danny Perales took first and Mona Larian took second. Great Pitching Everyone!

I can't say enough to all the NCHPA members but Thank You. As all of you know, we, the Vallejo Horseshoe Club, are now being charged by the GVRD for the use of the facility. We have received great donations from NCHPA members to help our club out in paying these fees. Awesome work all. I can't say enough thanks to everyone who helps at the tournaments. It takes a lot of prep for us to host a tournament. Thanks to all who help and please help at other clubs also. It is very well appreciated. Keep up all the good work and Happy Ringers! See you all at the pits.

Dave Lane



NCHPA CHAMPIONSHIPS

ENTRY FORM

October 1, 2022



HOST CLUB – Vallejo Horseshoe Cub

PRE-REGISTER - \$ PRIZE MONEY & PLAQUES

ENTRY DEADLINE POSTMARKED September 17, 2022

Takes just one sanctioned event to enter!

Participants must have pitched in (1) NHPA sanctioned tournaments before September 11, 2022. New members who joined after August 1, 2022 and Junior/ Cadet Entrants need a minimum of one (1) NHPA sanctioned tournament before September 17, 2022.

**TOURNAMENT is open to all NHPA Members with Natstats Average
ENTRY FEE \$20.00 per pitcher**

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

NO EXCEPTIONS TO NUMBER OF TOURNAMENTS WILL BE MADE.

NO REFUNDS AFTER SCHEDULE IS COMPLETED.

-----CUT HERE----- CUT HERE-----

Name: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Address _____

City _____

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

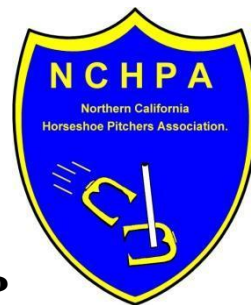
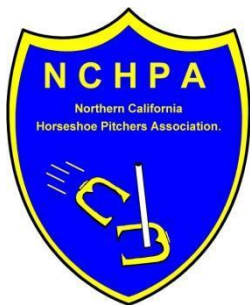
SR.WOMEN

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

ENTRY FEE

\$20.00

\$ _____



2022 NCHPA DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP

Held in conjunction with the NCHPA Championships at the Vallejo Horseshoe Courts

**Entry Fee \$50.00 per team. Team Cap = 110% closing date September 17th.
The 2022 NCHPA Doubles Championship Tournament will be held at the
Vallejo Horseshoe Club on October 2, 2022.**

Pick your partner from any NCHPA, SCHPA, NEVADA Member. Send \$50.00 per team plus completed entry form in by September 17th. Each team will pay the scorekeeper \$2.00 per game (\$1.00 per player). The cap on a team is 110% combined. (Example player A is 65% player B cannot be more 45%) These are Championships – No Handicapping. Groups will be formed based on the number of entries, with a minimum of two (2) groups. Prize money and awards in each group will depend on number of entries.

Send entry form and entry fee to Gail Sluys 1721 San Ramon Way Santa Rosa CA 95409. Phone 707-538-3128.

More information to follow as the tournament nears. **This tournament is subject to move, location and date, depending on the amount of entrants we receive for the NCHPA Championships.**

Player A _____ % _____ **Charter** _____

Phone# _____ **Email** _____

Player B _____ % _____ **Charter** _____

Phone# _____ **Email** _____

Pitcher's Dreams or Goals?

I think at the beginning of each season we need to set goals as an association, as a club, and as an individual of what we would like to accomplish every year.

My first goal this year is to bring one new member into our club; my second goal is to bring my ringer percentage up.



I know it will take some work and dedication on my part to accomplish both of these goals, but I am dedicated to help our association grow and showcase our sport to all I come in contact with.

So, please put some goals on paper so you can post it, see it every day, keep them on your mind, and work on them.

—from most Pitching Newsletters

Horseshoe Pitching

U F X S C N I S F E U E C B B T P T
H O H R T H I C F Y I A H N C O I P
J U O U X A Q O B L P V A D B U T I
F R R L M A K R S X I S M O R R C T
O D S E F F M E C Q P P P U P N H I
U E E A O O C K O J N X I B S A E N
N A S N S U O E R U S E O L U M R N
A D H E Z L U E E D T W N E N E Z I
M G O R A H R P R G T U R S U N Z N
R J E T P X T E I E O J R F W T Z G
R I N G E R Q R E V U E E N K T H U
T P O I N T S I N G L E S K Z I B R

Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → ↓ and ↘.

CHAMPION
COURT
DOUBLES
FLIP
FOUL
FOURDEAD
HORSESHOE

INNING
JUDGE
LEANER
PIT
PITCHER
POINT
RINGER

SCORE
SCOREKEEPER
SINGLES
STAKE
TOURNAMENT
TURN



USE OF HAND SIGNALS FOR CANCELATION PLAY



Recommended Hand Signals (as seen by the scorekeeper)



One Point



Two Points



One Ringer,
Three Points



One Ringer,
Four Points



Two Ringers,
Six Points



No Score



Signal for "Dead"



Two Dead, No Score



Two Dead, One Point



Two Dead, Three Points



Four Dead



NCHPA Hall of Fame inductees:

1. *___ Guy Zimmerman Charter - Mosswood, Oakland*
2. *___ Don Titcomb Charter - Los Gatos*
3. *___ Czar Marceвич Charter - Mosswood, Oakland*
4. *___ Adm. Chester Nimitz Hon. - USN*
5. *___ Gen. William Dean Hon. - USA*
6. *___ Jesse Gonzales Hon. 1979 - Seaside*

The italicized members above are honorary inductees & founding members of the NCHPA Hall of Fame

1967

7. ___ Bill Fraser - Golden Gate, San Francisco
8. ___ Dean Brown - SoCal

1968

9. ___ Harry Nielson

1969

10. ___ Bill Blexrude - Golden Gate, San Francisco

1970

11. ___ Harvey Clear - Santa Cruz

1971

12. ___ Dave Loucks - San Jose

1972

13. ___ Ole Hansen - Seaside

1973

14. ___ Walter R. Williams Jr. - Rio Dell-Scotia
15. ___ Floyd Goldsmith - Rio Dell-Scotia
16. ___ Jeff Williams - Rio Dell-Scotia

1974

17. ___ Bill Ollason
18. ___ Lloyd Potter - San Jose

1975

19. ___ Bill Weathers - Turlock

1976

20. ___ Monte Latino - Sacramento
21. ___ Bruce Lyons - Golden Gate, San Francisco
22. ___ Verdan Zelman - San Jose

1977

23. ___ Lucie Hanlon - Sonoma County, Santa Rosa
24. ___ Al Crabtree - Turlock

1978

25. ___ Rueben Lee - Gold Country, Nevada City
26. ___ Jack Seymour - Golden Gate, San Francisco

1979

27. ___ Martin Fourcade - Mosswood, Oakland
28. ___ Arnie Peters - Sonoma County, Santa Rosa

1980

29. ___ Arlo Harris
30. ___ John Hagerman - Sonoma County, Santa Rosa

1981

31. ___ Leona Anderson - Turlock
32. ___ Vera Floyd - Tri-Valley, Pleasanton
33. ___ Stella Gates - Seaside
34. ___ Elsie Gregson - SoCal
35. ___ Flora Jones - Gold Country, Nevada City
36. ___ Marisella Mauricio - San Jose
37. ___ Yvonne Mauzey - Sonoma County, Santa Rosa
38. ___ Sharon Paddock - Rio Dell-Scotia

39. ___ Pat Turner

40. ___ Esther Williams - Rio Dell-Scotia

41. ___ Earl Blanton - Mosswood, Oakland

42. ___ Vern Brightman - Rio Dell-Scotia

1982

43. ___ George Greeott - Sonoma County, Santa Rosa

44. ___ Paul Mori - Golden Gate, San Francisco

1983

45. ___ Tom Webb - Rio Dell-Scotia

1984

46. ___ Lee Bousfield - Gold Country, Nevada City

47. ___ Vincent Mauricio - San Jose

48. ___ Ernie Kim - Mosswood, Oakland

1985

49. ___ John Morehouse - Mosswood, Oakland

1986

50. ___ Jim Adams - Turlock

51. ___ Fred Lavett - Seaside

1987

52. ___ Marty Dunn - Tri-Valley, Pleasanton

53. ___ Vern Gosney - Vallejo

1988

54. ___ Marion Hawley - Vallejo

55. ___ Genevieve Lavett - Seaside

1989

56. ___ Jack Sorg - Golden Gate, San Francisco

57. ___ Marthe Dunn - Tri-Valley, Pleasanton

1990

58. ___ Bill McNally - Seaside

59. ___ Bill Henry - Stockton

60. ___ Marguerite Henry - Stockton

1991

61. ___ Bob Mauzey - Sonoma County, Santa Rosa

62. ___ Stu Snyder - Sonoma County, Santa Rosa

1992

No Inductees; Point System Similar to NHPA - NO ONE RECEIVED THE NECESSARY % OF VOTES

1993

63. ___ Joe Schultz - Stockton

64. ___ Millie Schultz - Stockton

1994

65. ___ Eldon Bryhan - Sonoma County, Santa Rosa

66. ___ Walter R. Williams Sr. - Rio Dell-Scotia

1995

67. ___ Billie Sue Pennington - San Jose

68. ___ Elmer Wilson - Yolo, Davis

1996

69. ___ Glenn Jamieson - Tri-Valley - Pleasanton

70. ___ Casey Sluys - Sonoma County, Santa Rosa

1997

71. ___ Teddy Guillotte - Tuolumne

72. ___ Ray Santana - Reedley

73. ___ Herb Rushing - Gold Country, Nevada City

1998

74. ___ Jerry Foss - Reedley

1999

75. ___ Gail Sluys - Sonoma County, Santa Rosa

76. ___ Jerry D. Smith - Yolo, Davis

2000

77. ___ Holland Payne - Sacramento

2001

78. ___ Ben Yost - Vallejo

79. ___ Bill Fulwider - Sonoma County, Santa Rosa

80. ___ Monte Jones - Gold Country, Nevada City

2002

81. ___ Bill Brown - Tri-Valley, Pleasanton

82. ___ Walt "Robby" Robinson - Seaside

2003

83. ___ Ken Schulze - Sonoma County, Santa Rosa

2004

84. ___ John Sylvester - Feather River, Palermo

85. ___ Cathie Loucks - Gold Country, Nevada City

2005

86. ___ Chuck Seal - Reedley

87. ___ Bill Terry - Half Moon Bay

2006

88. ___ Bill Harris - Forebay Park, Pollock Pines

89. ___ Don Kies - San Jose

2007

90. ___ Linda Hoelscher - Tri-Valley, Pleasanton

2008

No Applicants Submitted

2009

91. ___ Bill Paddock - Sonoma County Club, Eureka

2010

92. ___ Lee Oliver - Yolo Club, Magalia

93. ___ Del Stockstill - Tuolumne Club, Groveland

2011

94. ___ Ken Woolery - Sonoma County Club, Eureka

2012

95. ___ Lois Edwards - Feather River, Palermo

96. ___ Rick Bermingham - Sacramento Club, Roseville

2013

97. ___ Kim Stockli - Vallejo

2014

98. ___ Travis Sluys - Sonoma County, Santa Rosa

2015

No Applicants Submitted

2016

99. ___ Harlen Rippetoe - Madera

2017

100. ___ Richard Robbins - Tri-Valley, Hayward

2018

No Inductees; Point System Similar to NHPA - NO ONE RECEIVED THE NECESSARY % OF VOTES

2019

101. ___ Gil Tournour - Ukiah, Calpela

2020

No Applicants Submitted

2021

102. ___ George Davis - Stockton

The Hall of Fame Committee was disbanded and the NCHPA Executive Board has taken over of the nominations for the time being.

Please note that its purpose is:

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the Northern California Horseshoe Pitchers Association (NCHPA) Hall of Fame is to recognize deserving members who have made significant contributions to the sport of horseshoe pitching at a state level.

Its mission statement is:

MISSION STATEMENT:

To seek out worthy people who have set aside years of their personal time to build, promote, fund and better the sport of horseshoe pitching within the Charter of Northern California whether through their pitching abilities, organizational skills, or promotional efforts.

Included in this issue is the nomination form and the address where to send the form.

Please look around you when you enter various tournaments. Do you see an individual that should be nominated? Please fill out the form and send it in. It is the desire, and should be the goal, of the NCHPA Executive committee to nominate and induct at least one individual per year.

NCHPA Hall of Fame Nominee Information Form

Name _____ Birth Date _____
Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ # of years NCHPA member _____
Minimum 10 yrs

Highlights of pitching career Tournaments won: where, when, & average

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

NCHPA and/or club offices held: where & when

Use another sheet of paper for any additional information that you have on your nominee.
Send in by **August 1, 2022** to: Joe Summers NCHPA President

231 Escondido Drive
Martinez, CA 94553

2022 California State Championships Entry Form

Sponsor: Southern California Horseshoe Pitchers Association (SCHPA)

Host Club: Bakersfield Shoe Crew

3-4 September 2022

Beach Park, Bakersfield, California

Added prize money from local sponsors! Prize money available to Cadet and Junior players!!!

NHPA #: _____ Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ CA ZIP: _____

Birth Date: _____ E-Mail: _____

How do you want your pitching schedule sent? Please circle one: E-Mail US Postal Service

Select Your Entry Division (circle one):

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

Jr. Boys (30ft) Jr. Girls (30ft) Jr. Cadet Boys (20ft) Jr. Cadet Girls (20ft)

For Cadets and Juniors, do you want to participate with the prize money awards? Circle either: Yes or No

If yes, we require parental approval: _____ (parent's signature)

Participant Liability Release: All applicant information and signature are required. In consideration of participating in this tournament, I hereby waive, release, and forever discharge the NHPA, SCHPA, and NCHPA, all officers, employees, agents, and servants of the afore stated organizations, and all fellow participants of this event, for any and all action, cause of action, damage, loss or injury, which I may suffer as a consequence of participating in the California State Horseshoe Pitching Championships. In addition, it is understood that the SCHPA and NCHPA have sole rights to any and all pictures and/or articles for publication.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____
cut here cut here cut here

(Keep this section for future reference – Calif. State Championships, Bakersfield, 3-4 September 2022)

Adult entrants MUST have at least 3 sanctioned California tournaments recorded in nhpa-eshoe.com during the 12 months prior to the entry deadline date; for cadet or junior entrants, at least 1 sanctioned California tournament recorded in nhpa-eshoe.com as of the entry deadline date.

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

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

Entry fee is \$40.00 for adults and FREE for juniors and cadets; no refunds after the below entry deadline date. All championship classes will have similar payouts and all lower level classes will have similar payouts.

Entry deadline date (or post mark date): 1 August 2022 (Late entries require an additional \$10 entry fee and will be used on a standby basis only.)

Make checks payable to: SCHPA

Send entries to: Hal Griswold (949/496-0577 or setibird@yahoo.com)
32612 Balearic Road
Dana Point CA 92629

If you must drop out, please immediately notify Hal Griswold (949/496-0577 or setibird@yahoo.com).



2022 California State Horseshoe Pitching Championships

Awards Sponsor Form

The Southern California Horseshoe Pitchers Association (SCHPA) will host the 2022 California State Horseshoe Pitching Championships at the Bakersfield Shoe Crew Horseshoe Pitching Club, Beach Park, Bakersfield, California, during the 3-4 September weekend. Please consider sponsoring an award for this prestigious event! Both plaques and cash are awarded to the winners of 15-20 player groups from throughout the State of California. This tournament establishes California State Horseshoe Pitching Champions for both men and women of all ages plus boys and girls less than 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 the 15th of August, the award plaque will reflect your support. The SCHPA is a not-for-profit association and 100% of your donation goes towards the awards.

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

Sponsor's Address: _____

Sponsor's Phone and/or Email: _____

Donation Amount: \$ _____

Please make your donation check payable to **SCHPA** (a section 501(c)(4) tax exempt organization) and mail it along with this completed form to the SCHPA Secretary/Treasurer:

Hal Griswold
32612 Balearic Rd.
Dana Point CA 92629
949/496-0577 or setibird@yahoo.com

Thank you for your support!!!

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA HORSESHOE PITCHERS ASSOCIATION

Come pitch with us www.nchpa.com

President (HoF)

Joe Summers
231 Escondido Drive
Martinez, CA 94553
(925) 260-0915
40ftforever@gmail.com

1st VP (New Member Packages, HoF))

George Davis
1435 W. Vine St.
Lodi, CA 95242-3861
(209) 365-1190
guydavis@comcast.net

2nd VP (Club Welfare, HoF)

Jasmine Brady
3637 Sonoma Ave. Apt. 120
Santa Rosa, CA 95405
(707) 483-0070
jasminebrady7@gmail.com

3rd VP (Statistician, HoF)

Mike Anderson
1614 Longspur Ave.
Sunnyvale, CA 94087
(408) 738-4661
meanderson99@yahoo.com

4th VP (By-Laws, HoF)

Jeff Williams
743 Violet Lane
Lincoln, CA 95648
(530) 786-1646
ringerjeff@outlook.com

5th VP (Paper Supplies, HoF)

Dave Lane
500 Poppy Circle
Benicia, CA 94510-3714
(707) 208-4649
movingdave@yahoo.com

Secretary/Treasurer (HoF)

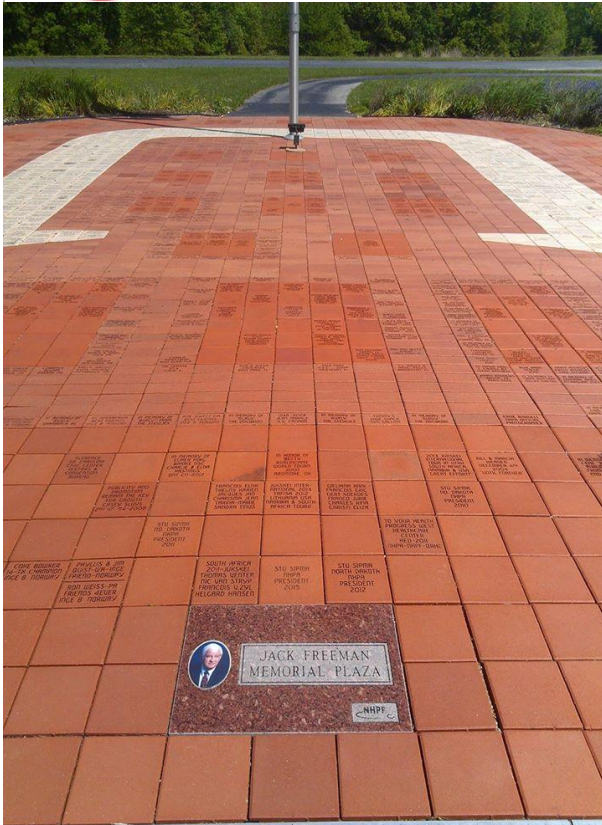
Gail Sluys
1721 San Ramon Way
Santa Rosa, CA 95409
nchpagail@gmail.com
(707) 538-3128, (707) 486-0594
Send tournament fees to Gail.

**Send Tournament Statistics to:
NCHPA Statistician**

Mike Anderson
1614 Longspur Ave.
Sunnyvale, CA 94087
(408) 738-4661
meanderson99@yahoo.com

**Regional Director, (Newsletter Editor,
NHPF Director**

Casey Sluys
(707) 477-8893
kcslus@sbcglobal.net
NHPF www.nhpf.info
Buy a brick and support the NHPF!



If you are ordering more than one 4" x 8" brick, you may use another order form or insert text for 2nd or 3rd brick in above area. Please specify number and size of brick being ordered.

Commemorative Brick Order Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

4" x 8" quantity _____ 8" x 8" quantity _____

Make checks payable to: NHPF. Mail this order form with payment to:

Commemorative Brick Program

National Horseshoe Pitchers Foundation

100 Bluestem Way

Wentzville, MO 63385

Call 636-327-5270