

# Nor-Cal News & Views

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## 1st VP

It is hard to believe another horseshoe pitching year is winding to an end. One of the saddest stories of the year is the closing of the Tri-Valley Club. A lot of great pitchers threw a lot of ringers on those courts. A lot of work and love went into that club by some remarkable horseshoe people: Bill Brown, Glenn Jamieson, Linda Hoelscher, and Richard Robbins, to name just a few. They can pull the horseshoe stakes, bulldoze the facility and make it into horse barns and paddocks, but they can't take away the good times and the memories. Bill Brown's wife brought his green club jacket out to the courts on the final days to be buried, fittingly, in one of the pits. A stable hand will one day walk a racehorse over the ground that was once the horseshoe club, will hear a faint sound of the ringing clank of metal against metal, and won't think twice about it, but a horseshoe pitcher would know that sound, and it would bring a tear to his eye!

The Northern California Horseshoe Pitching Championship was held in Louis Park in Stockton on October 5 and 6. We were hoping for pleasant Fall weather but got a couple of 100-degree days for the big Norcal Event.

Bobby Bartell is this year's NCHPA Champion with an undefeated 7-0 record. Bobby's 63.14 % ringer average dominated the Class A group. Bartell's high game was a 76.3% in overwhelming Dan Pipkins 42-

3. Bobby had a 71.7% game in a convincing 41-19 win over State Champion Nathan Williams, and threw a nice 70.5% in taking down Gil Tournour, 40-9. Bobby's toughest game came against Rick Bermingham in a 43-37 tussle that went to 58 shoes. Nathan Williams finished second in the Championship Group with a 5-2 record. Nathan's high game was an 80% gem that came against his long-time rival Rick Bermingham; the game was a 44-4 trouncing in 40 shoes. Nathan's only losses came in a 44-36, 64-shoe shocker to Dave Lane, and in a final game loss 41-19 to champion Bartell. Rick Bermingham finished 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Championship with a 4-3 record, and a 56.40% ringer average. Dave Lane finished 4<sup>th</sup> at 4-3, with a 51.19 % ringer average, the only pitcher in the Championship Class to pitch over his entry average. Corinne Cook finished 5<sup>th</sup> with a 4-3 record and a 45.26 % average; Corinne had a memorable 40-35 win over 7-time State Champion Rick Bermingham in the final game. Dan Pipkins finished 6<sup>th</sup>, Gil Tournour was 7<sup>th</sup>, and Rick Della Santina finished 8<sup>th</sup>.

Alva Ramirez won Class B with a 7-1 record and a 48.44% ringer average, which was 7.2% above her entry average. Alva had 4 games over 50% ringers including a 59.3 % gem in defeating Lori Pipkins 41-8.

Richard Robbins took second place in Class B with a 5-2 record and a 36.65% ringer average. Richard had a high game of 53.8% that he threw against Josie Tellers. Lori

Pipkins was 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Class B with a 5-2 record and a 36.44% ringer average.

Pete Perez went 6-1 to win Class C with a ringer percentage of 40.16%, which was 4.24% over his entering average. Pete lost only to Bernie Cook 41-38; Bernie's record was 5-2 which gave him a quiet 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish.... Bernie? Quiet? Come on man! Gene Washoe was in 3<sup>rd</sup> place at 4-3. Gene pitched the high game for the group, with a 53.1% in his first game of the day.

Deanna Balderama lost only one game on her way to winning Class D. Lisa Dicharry was 2<sup>nd</sup> place at 4-2. Lisa's second game 38% was the high game for the group, and her 29.93% was the high ringer average in the Class.

Tony Smullen went 6-1 to win Class E. Jaimi Dominquez finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place at 4-2, with a 26.87% ringer percentage which was high for the group. Jaimi also had the high game for the class with a 38.2% in game 3. Marshall Merino was 3<sup>rd</sup> with a 4-2 record; Marshall was the only pitcher to beat Smullen.

The afternoon heat almost got the best of Rick Eddy. Rick repeatedly bent over with his hands on his knees in exhaustion, and we were near to calling the paramedics; but Eddy smoked a cigarette, and on sheer grit managed to win Class F, staggering to a playoff victory over Nick Balderama. Rick finished with a 5-1 record. Nick went 4-2, his 22.43% ringer average was high for the class. High games for the class were three 26%-ers: two thrown by Nick, and one pitched by Johnny Armenta who finished 3<sup>rd</sup> with a 2-3 record.

Emilio Duran went undefeated at 5-0 to win Class G with a 20.33% ringer average. Emilio also had the high game in the group with a nice 33.3% in game. 2. Matthew Armenta was in 2<sup>nd</sup> place at 4-1. Geary Miller was 3<sup>rd</sup> place with a 3-2 record.

The NCHPA Doubles Championship, played on Sunday, was won by the team of Gil Tournour and Dave Lane. Gil and Dave went undefeated in 5 games, pitching a 49% ringer average. Nathan Williams and Josie Tellers were in 2<sup>nd</sup> place with a 3-2 record, and a 40.38% ringer percentage, just edging out Bernie and Corinne Cook who also had a 3-2 record but had .38 of a point less of a ringer average of 40.00%. Richard Robbins and Rick Della Santina were in 4<sup>th</sup> place with a 3-2 record and a 35.58% ringer average. Pete Perez and Codie Nelson finished 5<sup>th</sup>, and Lisa Dicharry, and Lance Taylor were 6<sup>th</sup>.

Class B Doubles was "all Espinola!" Javier and Teo teamed up to win the class with a clean 5-0 record. Alva and Cesar finished 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4-1. The dream team of Summers and Davis had a miracle 3<sup>rd</sup> place, 3-2 finish!

Class C Doubles went to a playoff with Johnny and Matthew Armento prevailing over Deanna and Nick Balderama.

The NCHPA Championship weekend was a big success! Congratulations to Bobby Bartell, the NCHPA Singles Champ, and to Gil Tournour and Dave Lane the Doubles Winners.

A special thanks to everyone that made the Championship Weekend happen. Thanks to Gail Sluys for all the work involved in organizing entries and putting

together a very good schedule. Thanks to Joe Summers, Richard Robbins, Dave Lane, and Travis Ritter for putting time into court preparation! **George Davis**

### 3rd VP

The NCHPA 2023-2024 pitching season officially came to an end on Labor Day 2024. During the season 14 tournaments were cancelled and 8 postponed for various reasons. A total of 83 tournaments were pitched to completion. I hope to see you on the courts in the 2024-2025 pitching season.

As always you club statisticians can make my task pretty easy if you send your HSMaster files (boxscore files, one file per class, tournament class standings file, and comma-separated-values Results file) to me in a timely manner. I would like to have them as soon after your tournament as is convenient. Please email your HSMaster files to me at: [meanderson99@yahoo.com](mailto:meanderson99@yahoo.com). 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 need member numbers in every file that you send. That means I want the long version, not brief version, of every file. (Note for Doubles tournaments HSMaster does not produce class boxscore files or tournament class standings file with member numbers.)

Create the HSMaster files as follows:



1) boxscore files, one per class: Tournaments, Play Singles or Play Doubles, Tournament (your tournament number and name), Class X, Load, Standings checked, Box Scores checked, Export; repeat for each class in place of X

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3) comma-separated-values Results file: Tournaments, Clean Up, Post Results to Player Stats set to (your tournament number and name), Results File. You may put these files in any folder you like, but C:\HSMasterData is a pretty common folder to put them in. Thanks for all your help. **Mike Anderson**

There must to be a person willing to assume the editors role beginning on Jan. 15, 2025. Presently the deadlines for articles have been 1/15, 4/15, 7/15, & 10/15 of those months and the issue I left off is **Volume 28 #1, Best of Luck!**



## BATTLE OF THE BROTHERS!


(Story told by Jeff Williams  
by Billie Sue Pennington

Jeff Williams, as a "Junior Boy", in 1975, established a new World Record of 44 consecutive ringers and lost the game! That loss had bothered him throughout the year. He had anxiously waited for World Tournament time again. When the time came to leave Auburn, Ca., he found himself cramped into a station wagon with the kid who had beaten him, his main opponent, his brother "Deadeye", Walter Ray Williams, Jr.

Both boys felt confident that they would emerge as champion. Walter Ray, pitching from 40-ft, had won in '75. In preparation for the 1976 event, Jeff had been pitching from 37-feet, but he moved to 30-feet just a day or so before his qualifying round. Upon doing so, he began making more ringers, and his confidence level shot sky-high. During the round, Jeff defeated "Deadeye", and felt sure he would be named "World Junior Champion". But it wouldn't be that easy, as he, too, was defeated, forcing a "2 out 3" play - off round between the Williams brothers. The play-offs began after midnight and

## SOME GAMES ARE NOT FORGOTTEN

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**GAME SCORE SHEET**

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## GAME SCORE SHEET

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**GEORGE WILSON**

the winner wasn't determined until around 2 a.m. when Jeff beat Walter Ray two straight times.

After losing the first play off game, Walter Ray figured he could win the second one if he pitched

90%. He met that self-imposed goal, but victory was not to be. His younger brother, Jeff would be named 1976 Junior World Champion. "Deadeye" became the only person to pitch 90% . . . and lose the game!

*Jeff Williams*

## HALF MOON BAY

We would like to congratulate our NCHPA members for their success in the State Championships. NorCal had a 1,2,3 sweep in Men's Championship, 1st. & 2nd. in Women's Championship, 1st & 3rd in Junior Boys, 1st. & 2nd in Junior Girls & 2nd & 3rd in Elder Men's,

Congratulations to Half Moon Bay's Alva Ramirez for winning Group B in the NCHPA Championships, Half Moon Bay also did well in the NCHPA Doubles with the father & son Team of Javier & Teo Espinola winning the B Group and mother and Daughter team of Claudia Espinola and Alva Rameriez taking second place.

Time to say goodbye to an OLD FRIEND. Tri Valley had its last tournament on October 13. After 50 plus years they lost their lease with the management team at the fairgrounds. We were lucky to have such a great facility, for sure, one of the best. Thanks to Richard and those before him for the great times and memories!

*Rick Della Santina*

## WILLOWS

"Let make Pitching great again"

I cannot believe this year is almost over!! The Willows Club had scheduled 6 tournaments this year and we were only able to have 5, One was canceled due to rain.

March, Sunday the 24th, we had 7 pitchers, the Willows members, Coy Halsted placed 1st, Ray Szczpanski placed 2nd, Robert Gillett Jr placed 3rd, Robert Gillett Sr placed 4th and Lance Taylor placed 6th.

April, Saturday the 20th, we had 18 pitchers, the Willows members, Class A Coy Halsted placed 2nd, Class B Robert Gillett Jr placed 2nd, Lance Taylor placed 3rd, and Ray Szczpanski placed 5th, Class C

Gene Washoe placed 1st, Lee Oliver placed 2nd, and Robert Gillett Sr placed 4th. On Sunday the 21st, we had 14 pitchers, the Willows members, Class A Robert Gillett Jr placed 3rd, Gene Washoe placed 4th and Ray Szczepanski placed 5th, Class B Manuel Mix placed 1st, Rob Romans placed 2nd, Dave Perry placed 3rd, Robert Gillett Sr placed 4th, Lee Oliver placed 5th and Lisa Dicharry placed 7th. May, Saturday the 18th, we had 14 pitchers, the Willows members, Class A Lance Taylor placed 1st, Coy Halsted placed 3rd, and Rob Romans placed 5th, Class B Robert Gillett Sr placed 2nd, Jeff Norried placed 3rd, Manuel Mix placed 4th, Gene Washoe placed 5th, Lisa Dicharry placed 6th and Dave Perry placed 7th. On Sunday the 19th, we had 10 pitchers, the Willows members, Class A Coy Halsted placed 2nd, Rob Romans placed 3rd, Robert Gillett Jr placed 4th and Lance Taylor placed 5th, Class B Manuel Mix placed 1st, Gene Washoe placed 2nd, Robert Gillett Sr. placed 3rd, Dave Perry placed 4th and Jeff Norried placed 5th.

The 2024 World Tournament was in Kennewick, Washington from July 29th through August 3rd. Lance Taylor and I traveled to Washington with our trailer house and enjoyed staying the whole week. We were able to watch the championships, all of those pitchers are amazing. The worlds host a warm-up tournament which was played on Saturday, July 27th, there was 69 pitchers, representing Willows, Class H Lance Taylor placed 2nd and Class K Lisa Dicharry placed 1st. On Sunday, July 28th, another WT Warm-up, there was 65 pitchers, Lisa Dicharry pitched 140 shoes and had 29 ringers and Lance Taylor pitched 176 shoes with 67 ringers. The World tournament had 549 pitchers, they had pitchers from Canada, Germany and



Switzerland in attendance. The Willows members, Class Men's D Lance Taylor placed 3rd, Class Men's F Manuel Mix placed 4th, Gene Washoe placed 7th, Class Senior Men's C Robert Gillett Sr. placed 3rd, Class Women's D Lisa Dicharry placed 11th. What a wonderful experience!

The 2024 California State Championships was in Buena Park on August 31st through September 1st, 128 pitchers were in attendance, Willows had 4 pitchers representing them, Class Elder B Ray Szczepanski placed 3rd, Class Men's B Lance Taylor placed 5th, Class Men's D Gene Washoe placed 8th and Class Women's A Lisa Dicharry placed 7th.

The 2024 Nor-Cal Championship was in Stockton on October 5th, 48 pitchers were in attendance, Willows had 4 pitchers representing them, Class B Lance Taylor placed 6th, Class C Gene Washoe placed 3rd, Class D Lisa Dicharry placed 2nd and Ray Szczepanski placed 6th. The 2024 Nor-Cal Doubles Championship was in Stockton on October 6th, 34 pitchers were in attendance, Willows had 3 pitchers representing them, Class A Lance Taylor and Lisa Dicharry placed 6th and Class B Gene Washoe and Marshall Merino placed 4th.

Lance and Lisa will be traveling to Tri-Valley for their last tournaments on Saturday, October 12th and Sunday, October 13th, a beautiful place to pitch and a very sad farewell. Thank you, Tri-Valley!!!

Willows will be hosting their first tournament in 2025 on Saturday, March 22nd and Sunday, March 23rd. We would love to see you all there, come one come all!!

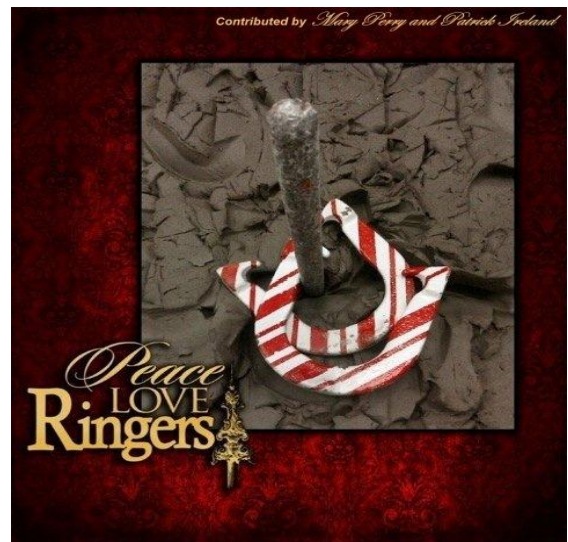
We have had a busy year, we have met the most amazing people, who have become our family, I wouldn't trade that for anything!

I want to send a thank you to our Nor-Cal Officers, Joe Summer, Gail Sluys, Casey Sluys, George Davis, Dave Lane, Jeff Williams, Mike Anderson and Jasmine Brady, for all your hard work and your dedication you put in daily, know that it is recognized and greatly appreciated!

I beat Joe Summers!! Thank You, ***Lisa Dicharry***

## STOCKTON

This year the Stockton Club was proud to host, for the second time, the NCHPA Singles and Doubles Championships. The Louis Park Courts were in good shape for the event, and although the weather was a little hotter than what we had hoped for it was a good weekend of horseshoe pitching. The club is looking forward to putting on three regular season tournaments next year, and we plan on bidding for the State tournament, and the Norcal Tournament at the Annual Meeting. Enjoy the off season and have great holidays with family and friends. We'll see you on the courts in 2025! ***George Davis***, President Stockton Club



## SONOMA COUNTY

Our tournaments in 2025 will be named after Sonoma County Club Champions. With the exception of one they are all active pitchers still. Our entry fee is \$20.00 or Code 5. Payouts for 1st will be \$60, 2nd will be \$30 and 3rd will be \$20 for each 7 or 8 person group. Groups with less than 7 or 8 will be adjusted accordingly.

We intend on hosting on March 22, April 12, May 24, June 21, July 19, August 23, September 30, and October 18. Take your pick come to one of more tournaments at a great set of courts. *Casey Sluys*

## TUOLUMNE

As our horseshoe tournaments go we have officially closed our courts for 2024 season. We had 4 tournaments scheduled, but unforgiving circumstances led to holding only 3 of them.

Our Black Oak Tournament was a great success as we had 29 pitchers from around the state. Great weather, great food and prizes we all had a good time, with players saying, "see you next year". Class A was a battle between Diane Luiz and Tony Marino which Tony won. Corrine Cook took 3rd place Class B Robert Stoker took 1st, Mike Jones 2nd, and Richard Morgan 3rd. Class C Vince Eisma didn't lose a match, Joe Summers took 2nd, and Rex Ille 3rd. It was Rex/s first sanctioned tournament. Class D John Lema was 1st, Karen Bucci 2nd, and Jody Smullen 3rd. Our re-scheduled Park and Recreation on July 17th turned out better than anticipated. Nine pitchers played in the heat, Tony Marino took 1st in Group And John Lemo in group B.

Look forward to seeing everyone again in Tuolumne.

Have a wonderful Holiday Season! *Jo Ellen*

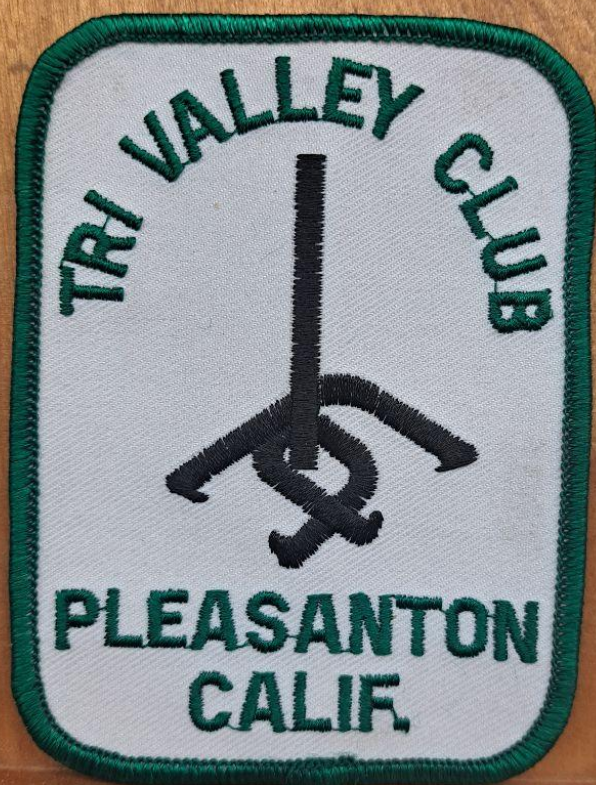
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## **How to Throw a Flip Horseshoe**

**Ready, Aim, Fire!**

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Through my horseshoe pitching web site, I see statistics that indicate many searches for "how to throw a flip horseshoe," so I thought I'd answer it from my point of view, as someone who's tossed a "flip" shoe since the late 1950s.

### **Why Throw a Flip Shoe?**

Because one doesn't know better?

That's why I started throwing a flip shoe. My parents had two horseshoe courts at their lake resort in Minnesota. As a youth (in the late 1950s) I watched my father pitch with his friends, and I saw them having a lot of fun. When the horseshoes were not being used, I picked one up and noticed a metal piece that looked like it was designed for one's thumb, as if it should be the "handle" for it. I hadn't paid attention to how my father gripped a horseshoe (he threw a "turn" shoe), so it seemed to make sense to hold it there with my thumb and then toss it to the other pit. After I adjusted to the distance of 40 feet (again mimoring how I saw my father pitch), I got rather good at a double flip, though I later moved to a single flip.

Had I known better, I wish I'd learned to throw a  $\frac{3}{4}$  or  $1\frac{1}{4}$  turn shoe. But old habits are difficult to break, so I still throw a flip shoe in my early 70s.

### **Advantages of a Flip Shoe**

Well, even though the  $\frac{3}{4}$  or  $1\frac{1}{4}$  turn shoe is more successful, especially at 40 feet, the flip shoe has the advantage that it can have more success at the 30 foot distance than at 40. It's easier to be "on target" to hit the stake pitching from 30 feet than from 40. At 30 feet, it's difficult to get the loft for the "turn" shoe to do its rotation properly. I've seen "turn" pitchers be successful at 30 feet, but many pitch somewhere between 30 and 40 feet.

### **Disadvantages of a Flip Shoe**

Well, I didn't list many advantages of a flip shoe, so here are the cons of flipping. At 40 feet (well, foul line at 37 feet), that's a long way for a throw to be exactly on target. A shoe flipped at 40-feet is more likely to bounce off than one pitched at 30 feet. One can throw a beautifully flipped horseshoe to the opposite stake only to watch it slide right on by the stake or land past the six inch distance of being a point. Or, the flip "flops" in the air and doesn't land flat; the wobbly shoe then tumbles end over end (or side over side) and hits

the backstop, or maybe (if lucky) it hits the stake and bounces around and stays near the stake. Or the "flip" does a flip and a half, banging the back of the shoe against the stake (and bouncing away).

From my experience, a flip shoe has to land on its bottom side (flip completely one time) and be on target to land encompassing the stake (or land just above the bottom of the stake). With practice, that can happen regularly at 40 feet and more frequently at 30 feet.

### The Grip to Flip

I've seen many permutations of a pitcher gripping a flip shoe, so what works for you is fine. Other than using an under-handed toss, the NHPA does not care how one pitches the shoe; how you throw a shoe the required distance with accuracy becomes your own style.



I grip the shoe such that my right thumb is slightly off-center (I am right-handed), just a little to the right of the center of the thumb clasp, knuckles below the horseshoe. [Photo at left is the top of my grip, photo at right is bottom on my grip.]



The shoes I pitch are the Sue Snyder EZ-Flip II shoes, the ones without a ringer breaker. A ringer breaker gets in the way of my grip, so I don't use shoes with ringer breakers. My right little finger becomes my "steering" finger.

I've seen successful flip pitchers grip the shoe at its curve, some grip the shoe at the toe caulk but grip it as they might an oar with their knuckles on top, some grip by a heel caulk or a shank. Find what gives you the best control and balance with the most consistent successful results and make that your grip.

Pitching a shoe that is well-balanced is critical, and you are likely to pay more for a quality, well-balanced shoe. The goal with a correct grip is to find the balance point that complements your grip and underhanded swing such that the shoe flies smoothly (flipping or turning) in the air to the opposite stake.

### The Feet Next

Some of my pitching tips apply to any horseshoe pitched—turn or flip. This section on feet is one of those. Outside of not stepping past the foul line (37 feet or 27 feet), one can move one's feet however one wants to, and I've seen a variety of foot movements. I stand on the platform on the left side of the pit (left-handers will want to do the reverse, stand on the right side of the pit), my feet slightly apart (maybe 3-4"), right foot about 3-4" behind the left foot and pointed maybe 10 degrees to the right, and weight slightly more on my right foot. I bend slightly at the knees and take a step forward with my left foot. The forward step is for momentum, to get some "oomph" to toss the shoe to the other pit. [Note: I have seen



some pitchers be successful pitching leading off with the "off" foot, that is, a right-hander leading with his/her right foot. Others have success pitching from the "other" side of the platform.] Again, my motto, "Whatever works for you."

How far from the foul line do you stand? Well, at least far enough so you don't foul. I stand 2 ½ of my tennis shoe lengths from the foul line. I don't have a long step, and I want to land a few inches before the foul line. For my second shoe I have a tendency to move up, so I always check my foot placement after my first shoe. Early in my sanctioned tournament play a kind opponent gently told me I moved up a bit on my second shoe. I likely was fouling on that second shoe, and I appreciate his sportsmanship allowing me a chance to correct my behavior rather than him call my second shoe an illegal shoe.

Once you find the distance for you, note it. I carry a small piece of chalk to mark my standing spot on the pitching platform. A small stick, leaf, or such can also be used to mark the spot for the placement of my left shoe.

### **What to Wear**

Let me talk about shoes here since I'm writing about feet. My points here refer to any pitcher, a turner or a flipper. Wear shoes that are closed toes, no sandals or flip-flops (the NHPA rules require closed-toe shoes in tournaments). Horseshoes get dropped or bounce about, and no one wants a 2 1/2 pound metal horseshoe landing on one's foot. The shoes should have good traction; as one brings the striding foot forward, if the platform (or grass) is wet, one could slip, slide, or fall. I also wear thick socks; my feet enjoy the extra cushioning. There's a lot of walking in a horseshoe singles tournament, and I need my feet to be happy.

But I do wear shoes that I don't care about getting dirty. Sometimes I am squatting in the pit to get an accurate measurement of a ringer or a point, and as much as I try not to step in the pit, sometimes I need to. I'll also use the side or bottom of my shoe to even out the sand or dirt in the pit. As a game goes on, there become hills or pockets in the pit, and I like to have an even surface. So, your shoes may get dirty.

As for shirt, shorts, pants, or skirts, wear what you are comfortable in, especially to accommodate free arm and leg movements. One wants to be able to swing one's arm such that there are no constraints with clothing. One is bending a lot, so I don't recommend that women wear a skirt. I bring extra clothes so I can change based on weather changes; I might switch to long pants if it gets cooler out. Tournaments often start early in the day when it's cooler, so I might start in long pants and move to shorts when the weather warms up. Be careful with lots of things in pockets; keys, measuring tools, etc. can stick out and affect your arm swing, as do baggy pants/shorts. I know I do not pitch well when it's cold, especially when my arms are cold, so I bring a long-sleeved sweatshirt. I have eye issues with glaucoma, so I wear a hat or visor and have quality UV sunglasses available if the sun gets very bright.



## **The Arms Do the Work**

Okay, now you are wearing the right shoes, wearing a shirt that has room for the "give" of swinging, having a good grip on the horseshoe, and are standing on the platform on one side of the pit. The second shoe can be in your off hand, or it can be on the ground beside you or in back of you. After tossing (NHPA rules require an underhanded pitch) the first shoe, you have 30 seconds to toss the second shoe, so you want to have the next shoe at the ready.

Feet slightly apart, one horseshoe held such that I have it balanced in my pitching hand, the second shoe is in my left hand along with my pick-up tool, I then go into my warm-up, get into my concentration phase.

My pattern is to swing my arms (yes, both), back and forth twice (back, forth, back, forth, and back to my ready position). My ready position is slightly on my right side, just above my waist level (probably left over from bowling). Some people hold the shoe higher and aim through it, whatever pattern gets you going is fine. Just as basketball players have their pre-routine for a free throw, find what makes you comfortable, keeping your focus/concentration. I used to lightly "clunk" my two horseshoes together, but that is not good form in a tournament with other pitchers around you, the noise is a distraction.

Somewhere in this process, I check that I can have a good grip on the horseshoe, that I don't have dirt stuck where I hold the shoe, or that there's no lump of dirt in a toe cleat making the shoe off balance. If the shoe is sandy or dirty, I wipe it off and start my swinging again. Also, I use the swing time to make sure there is no burr where I am holding the shoe. A sharp metal point hurts, and I carry a round file to remove any burrs. A flat file may not get into the curve of the shoe where there's a sharp point. Or, rubbing the shoes against one another at the sharp point can also smooth out the shoe.

Here's where I sometimes forget to pause; too often I rush my toss and then my throw is off. I try to pause 3-5 seconds with knees slightly bent, and then bring my right arm back. I treat my right arm like a pendulum. When my right arm is back as far as I bring it, my left foot is bent at the toes. As I bring my right arm forward, my left foot takes one step forward. When my left foot has landed, my right arm is releasing the horseshoe (at about the height of my eyes) and my right foot lifts off the ground some and moves forward a little. The shoe floats out of my right hand, rises in the air, flips one complete vertical revolution, and lands softly around the stake (without actually hitting the stake, thus reducing bounce-back; that's my goal, anyway). My backswing is as even (smooth) as I can do it; I want the shoe to lift off my right hand balanced, no wobble, a nice gentle, even release. And I want my pitching arm to continue the pendulum arc in its follow-through.

This step is the most important one, it's the one that gets you ringers or points. If your balance is off, your toss will be off. Your head, shoulders, arms, and lower body all need to be in balance. Your front foot must be set before your let the shoe go. If all are in alignment and balance, you will be more successful.

This section is about the work of one's arms and hands, but one's hips also do work to get the arm swing through one's lower body. I'm not sure what to say about hips, but they can play an important role, too.

I highly recommend serious horseshoe pitchers read Roy W. Smith's "How to Pitch Horseshoes" (there's a link to it elsewhere on my horseshoe web site). In his section entitled "The Stance," Mr. Smith writes this about balance:

Be sure that you are well balanced before starting your delivery. Perfect balance means perfect coordination and accurate alignment. The square, well-balanced stance will become a habit with practice. Here is why such a "habit" should be cultivated right at the start: A player pitches 100 shoes and makes 60 ringers. The pitcher fails to get ringers with 40 of the shoes. About 15% of the misses are due to a poor turn trajectory. The remaining 85% of the misses are due to poor alignment, most of which is caused by the careless way of standing.

### **Aiming**

Now that a horseshoe has landed in the opposite pit, you can make any adjustments for the next shoe. Analyze what went wrong (or right). What, if anything, can you adjust to make the next shoe more successful?

If the first shoe slides by the stake to the left or the right, I try to adjust my release point. One way to adjust the release point is to change how the pivot foot (right foot for me as a right-hander) is aimed. If the shoe went to the left of the stake, I might slide my right foot so it points a little more to the right. And the converse, if the first horseshoe lands to the right of the stake, I might re-point my right foot a little to the left. The idea is that I might step forward a little differently and then release it more on line to the stake.

If your footwork was as you had planned but the shoe was still off-line, maybe your arm swing was off, or perhaps your head shifted to the side and pulled the rest of your body out of alignment.

Another aspect to consider if the shoe is not doing what you want is where you grip the horseshoe. If the shoe is wobbling or approaching the stake such that the shoe is not open (for a flip), try moving your grip a piece of an inch (centimeter) to the right or left. The shoe is not coming out of your hand in balance. Experiment with a grip a little to the left or right and see if that makes a difference.

If the first horseshoe was short, then I try to put a little more force behind the release; and if the first shoe went long, then I try to back off a little. It's all muscle memory and practice, practice, practice.

Also, I might adjust my throw if I am pitching second and my opponent has left a leaner. I might try to hit the stake higher to get the leaner out of the way. Or, if the sand (dirt) is very dry, I might try to slide a shoe (a ringer) under my opponent's leaner. Or, I might throw a shoe a little harder (with a lower arc) to force the other shoe off the stake. Not sure what

the physics involved are, but the point is that I might try something a little different depending on what my opponent left from his/her turn.

### **Ready, Aim, Fire**

I think I have covered the three phases of ready, aim, fire. The "ready" is the grip, stance, and any pre-routine. The "aim" is to be in the mode to decide how you are going to pitch the horseshoe. Finally, "fire" is the pendulum swing, step, release, and follow-through.

### **Practice, Muscle Memory, and Fun**

As I wrote above, lots of practice helps the "memory" of the muscles to do what you want the muscles to do. Pitching horseshoes is fun--fun for one, two, three, or four pitchers. The game can be played at just about any age. "Whatever works for you." Happy pitching!

Footnote: If you are serious about the science involved in pitching horseshoes, I recommend reading the blog entitled "The Search for My Perfect Swing" which has a Table of Contents at <http://photon713.wordpress.com/2008/08/20/the-search-for-my-perfect-swing-contents/>



Womens Top 100 Stats 1 Sep 2024

Rank	Card #	First Name	Last Name	State	Division	Ringier Percent	Events Played
1	343061	Marlene	Ray	TN	Women	87.53	19
2	331033	Maxine	Griffin	N	Women	86.75	18
3	350625	Shalee	Cason	FL	Women	80.75	10
4	280210	Sarah	Chaffee	WI	Women	80.71	0
5	480478	Skyla	Edwards	CT	Women	80.68	4
6	623905	Lindsay	HOLMANS	AB	Women	79.34	6
7	300173	Joan	Flanore	TN	Women	77.84	11
8	080079	Penny	Steinke	VA	Women	76.40	21
9	220180	Doris	Hindon	TX	Women	76.34	12
10	664712	Sylvianne	Molson	CA	Women	76.32	0
11	880438	Pam	Mayer	MO	Women	75.74	11
12	883234	Amy	Francis	OH	Women	74.73	5
13	190871	Jennifer	Olney	MO	Women	74.72	10
14	882005	Karla	Hollings	CA	Women	73.94	26
15	960461	Denise	Daly	MI	Women	71.93	8

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Cadets Top 25 Stats 1 Sep 2024

Rank	Card #	First Name	Last Name	State	Division	Ringier Percent	Events Played
1	801415	Evon	Bedard	MA	Cadet Boys	84.97	8
2	904087	Gavin	Dugay Jr.	CA	Cadet Boys	49.71	2
3	802539	Zachary	Smith	IA	Cadet Boys	48.50	23
4	806080	Elton	Dugay	CA	Cadet Boys	46.43	2
5	803708	John Jackson	Jeff	CA	Cadet Boys	17.00	1
6	804800	Robert	Marlin	VA	Cadet Boys	17.00	1
7	804138	Travis	Carlson	MA	Cadet Boys	31.80	9
8	806624	Bryant	Naughton	UT	Cadet Boys	30.53	1
9	804456	Jeremiah	DeMello	WA	Cadet Boys	28.03	9
10	803782	Jacob	Barnes	UT	Cadet Boys	25.00	12
11	803716	Brian	Denkes	WI	Cadet Boys	24.28	2
12	804918	Kendell	Stuck	GA	Cadet Boys	23.82	3
13	902570	Alexander	Schmidt	GA	Cadet Boys	22.86	4
14	803888	Dominic	McDonald	CA	Cadet Boys	22.79	2
15	804464	Jackson	Murphy	MI	Cadet Boys	21.04	6

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### PLATE COLORS:

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<b>March 9<sup>th</sup></b>	Daylight Saving Time Begins	<b>November 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Daylight Saving Time Ends
<b>July 21<sup>st</sup> - August 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	2025 World Horseshoe Pitching Championships <a href="http://WWW.HORSESHOEPITCHING.COM">WWW.HORSESHOEPITCHING.COM</a>	Mountain America Expo 9575 Slate St Sandy, Utah 84070	Deadline in early May
<b>August 13<sup>th</sup></b>	Hall of Fame & Scorekeeper of the year nominations due		Submit to Gail Sluys
<b>August 30<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup></b>	California State Championships (NCHPA) Louis Park, Stockton, CA	<b>Sign-in by Aug 1<sup>st</sup></b>	\$40 entry fee
<b>October 4<sup>th</sup></b>	NCHPA Singles Championship, Stockton	<b>Sign-in by Sep 17<sup>th</sup></b>	\$20 entry fee
<b>October 5<sup>th</sup></b>	NCHPA Doubles Championship, Stockton	<b>Sign-in by Sep 17<sup>th</sup></b>	\$50 per team entry fee
<b>November 15<sup>th</sup></b>	Annual Meeting: 9:30 am to 12:30 pm	Location TBD	Lunch



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1	See Flyer, Newsletter, Website	9	9:00 am Sign-in Deadline	17	2-Day Tournament
2	\$\$\$ Money Tournament	10	5:30 pm Sign-in Deadline	18	Limit of 24 Pitchers
3	\$12 Entry Fee	11	6:30 pm Sign-in Deadline	19	Benefit Tournament
4	\$15 Entry Fee	12	30' Mix & 40' Separate	20	Food Donation Ok
5	\$20 Entry Fee	13	Doubles	21	Free Food for Pitchers
6	Count-All	14	9 AM start	22	Ringers Only
7	Mystery Money	15	Walking Doubles	23	40 Points or 50 Shoes
8	8 AM start	16	Pre-registration Required		

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### JANUARY

- 1) Sat 4, New Year Open, McBean/Lincoln, (5, 16)

### FEBRUARY

- 2) Sat 8, Jeff Merrill open, Lindsay  
3) Sat. 22, NHPP Open, Lincoln (5,16, 19)

### MARCH

- 4) Sat 1, Spring Warm-up, Vallejo, (5, 6)  
5) Sat 8, Blooming Ringers, Feather River, (4)  
6) Sat 8, Turlock Takeover, Turlock  
\* Sun 9, Daylight Saving (Start)  
7) Sat 15, McBean Open, Lincoln, (5, 16)  
8) Sat 22, Spring Opener, Big Valley Madera,  
9) Sat 22, Brian Walnwright, Sonoma, (5)  
10) Sat 22, Corning Carpet, Willows, (2, 4, 21)  
11) Sun 23, Willows Spring Opener, Willows, (21)  
12) Sat 29, Scott Kinney, Ukiah  
13) Sun 30, Tom Burns, Jr., Ukiah

### APRIL

- 14) Sat 5, Shootout, Big Valley Madera  
15) Sat 5, Remembering Past Members, Vallejo, (5)  
16) Sat 12, Paul Machado, Sonoma, (5)  
17) Sat 12, Baseball Fever, Turlock  
18) Sat 12, Gillett's, Willows, (2, 4, 21)  
19) Sun 13, Willows Shootout, Willows, (21)  
20) Sat 19, Spring Open, McBean/Lincoln, (5, 16)  
21) Thu 24, Pat McGowan, Half-Moon Bay, (10)  
22) Sat 26, Jacob Salinas, Lindsay, (16)  
23) Sat 26, San Jose Memorial, San Jose  
24) Sat 26, Mike Hayes, Ukiah  
25) Sun 27, Vance Ricks, Ukiah

### MAY

- 26) Sat 3, Espinola Ramirez, Half-Moon Bay

- 27) Sat 3, 35th Annual Park & Rec, Tuolumne, (4, 9)  
28) Sat 10, \$\$\$ Tournament, Big Valley Madera, (2, 5)  
29) Sat 10, GVRD, Vallejo, (5)  
30) Tue 13, Jim Sample, Half-Moon Bay, (10)  
31) Tue 13, Jimmy Lint, Half-Moon Bay  
32) Sat 17, Lance & Lisa, Willows, (2, 4, 21)  
33) Sun 18, Willows May Day, Willows, (21)  
34) Sat 24, Joe & Millie Schultz Memorial, Stockton  
35) Sat 24, \$\$ Doubles Open, Lincoln, (1, 2, 5, 15, 16, 20)  
36) Mon 26, \$\$ Singles Open, Lincoln, (1, 2, 5, 15, 16, 21)  
37) Sat 24, Sue Lichau, Sonoma, (5)  
38) Thu 29, Dale Koistinen, Half-Moon Bay, (10)  
39) Sat 31, Gold Country Open, Gold Country, (4)  
40) Sat 31, Gordon & Sherise Bushby, Ukiah

### JUNE

- 41) Sun 1, Rodney & Bonnie Dashiell, Ukiah  
42) Tue 3, Farrell & Carter, Half Moon Bay  
43) Tue 3, Tim Alwell, Half-Moon Bay, (10)  
44) Sat 7, Spring Time, San Jose  
45) Sat 7, 24 Annual Black Oak Mewuk, Tuolumne, (5, 9, 10, 31)  
46) Sat 14, Memorial Tournament, Big Valley Madera  
47) Sat 21, Diane Luiz, Lindsay, (16)  
48) Sat 21, Father's Day Open, Lincoln, (5, 14, 16)  
49) Sat 21, Travis Sluys, Sonoma, (5)  
50) Sat 28, Mudville Ringer Classic, Stockton  
51) Sat 28, Gail & Casey Sluys, Ukiah  
52) Sun 29, Rick B's Show down, Gold Country, (5, 12)  
53) Sun 29, Gil & Lorena Tournour, Ukiah

### **IMPORTANT NOTE:**

**All Lincoln, Exeter, & Lindsay are  
pre-registered. Code 16**



## JULY

- 54) Sat 5, Bill Terry, Half-Moon Bay  
55) Sat 5, Independence Day NHPF Open, Lincoln, (5, 14, 16, 19)  
56) Sun 6, Foa Remillong, Half-Moon Bay  
57) Sat 12, Larry Barker Big Bear Drywall, Tuolumne, (4, 9)  
58) Sat 12, McGrath Family, Vallejo, (5)  
59) Sat 19, Glen O'Brien - NHPF BENEFIT, Half-Moon Bay  
60) Sat 19, Hayden Lee, Sonoma, (5)  
\* July 21 - Aug 2, World Tournament Sandy, Utah

## AUGUST

- \* Thu. 01 California State Sign-in Deadline  
61) Sat 9, Bill Harris Memorial, Forebay Park, (5)  
62) Sat 9, Alex & Richard Voskes, Half-Moon Bay  
63) Sun 10, Forebay Open, Forebay Park, (5)  
64) Sun 10, Richard Robbins Doubles, Half-Moon Bay, (15)  
65) Sat 16, Rocking Rawhide Saloon, Tuolumne, (4, 9)  
66) Sat 16, John Kistner, Vallejo, (5)  
67) Sun 17, Yahmonee Maidu, Gold Country, (5, 8)  
68) Sat 23, CA St Warm-up Open, Lincoln, (5, 14, 16)  
69) Sat 23, State Warm-up Tournament, Stockton  
70) Sat 23, Gail Sluys, Sonoma, (5)  
\* Sat. 30 & 31 California State in Stockton(1,16,17)

## SEPTEMBER

- 71) Sat 13, Ringer Classic, Gold Country, (4)  
\* Mon. 17 NCHPA Singles & Doubles Sign-in Deadline  
72) Sat 20, Hot Ringers, Feather River, (4)  
73) Sat 20, Goodbye Summer, Turlock  
74) Sat 27, Fall Open, Lincoln, (5, 16)  
75) Sat 27, Autumn Fling, San Jose  
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77) Sat 11, Spooky Time, Feather River, (4)  
78) Sat 18, NHPF Open, Lincoln, (5, 16, 19)  
79) Sat 18, SoCoChamps since 1936, Sonoma, (5)  
80) Sat 18, Turlock Cash-Out, Turlock  
81) Sat 25, Winter Coming, San Jose

## NOVEMBER

- 82) Sat 1, Must be da shoes, Feather River, (4)  
\* Sun 2, Daylight Saving (End)  
\* Sat. 16 NCHPA Annual Meeting  
83) Sat 15, Diego Vargas, Lindsay, (16)  
84) Sat 29, Turkey Open, Lincoln, (5, 16)

## DECEMBER

- 85) Sat 6, Rick Della Santana, Half Moon Bay, (Double \$ Payout)  
86) Sat 6, Kyle family, Lindsay, (15, \$50 a team, 16)  
87) Sun 7, Cesar Espinola, Half-Moon Bay, (15)  
\* Half-Moon Bay Rain - Date Sat. 13 & Sun. 14  
88) Sat 27, Christmas Open, McBean/Lincoln, (5, 16)

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## Mens Top 100 Stats 1 Sep 2024

Rank	Card #	First Name	Last Name	State	Division	Ringier Percent	Events Played
1	867540	Alan	Francis	OH	Men	65.36	9
2	280034	Dan	Watson	AL	Men	77.97	12
3	820038	Ron	Wabo	KY	Men	77.90	19
4	190143	Robby	Zanders	PA	Men	75.00	14
5	100260	Brandon	Tenijeda	AZ	Men	74.15	3
6	440124	Ron	Truser	NY	Men	73.41	6
7	280052	Austin	Barley	IL	Men	72.43	9
8	300751	Andrew	Adams	MI	Men	71.52	9
9	057483	Orin	BECKER	OH	Men	71.17	6
10	100250	Max	Holler	WA	Men	70.75	6
11	320292	Tyler	Howard	KY	Men	69.87	8
12	190893	Michael	Friedman	MO	Men	68.72	16
13	160259	Gale	Gessner	MI	Men	68.57	12
14	150169	Walter Ray	Williams Jr	FL	Men	67.89	24
15	420271	Jerry	Dean	MO	Men	67.85	8

## Elders Top 100 Stats 1 Sep 2024

Rank	Card #	First Name	Last Name	State	Division	Ringier Percent	Events Played
1	614016	Tom	MOHAI	DC	Elder Men	81.74	26
2	191258	Virgie	McCown	MO	Elder Men	77.54	11
3	310317	Dave	Imjes	IN	Elder Men	76.18	5
4	370298	Junior	Peters	WV	Elder Men	75.98	10
5	420327	Tom	Mills	MD	Elder Men	74.42	11
6	220577	Dan	Rubenstein	TX	Elder Men	74.24	17
7	220370	Tom	Rough	TX	Elder Men	74.07	17
8	100192	Mike	Marwan	AZ	Elder Men	73.69	31
9	240180	John	Coggins	GA	Elder Men	73.53	2
10	650765	Jampos	HODGE	QC	Elder Men	72.96	2
11	601011	Don	Epco	OH	Elder Men	72.82	9
12	350250	Bob	Uray	IL	Elder Men	72.67	2
13	230062	Ken	Jarvis Jr	WI	Elder Men	72.25	13
14	290240	Steve	Denauro	IL	Elder Men	71.74	6
15	230263	Ron	Deckard	IL	Elder Men	71.58	17

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## Girls Top 25 Stats 1 Sep 2024

Rank	Card #	First Name	Last Name	State	Division	Ringier Percent	Events Played
1	140230	Uly	Strong	CA	Junior Girls	50.76	11
2	290115	Illyan	Kirsh	WI	Junior Girls	43.21	6
3	191238	Sadia	Wolcott	MO	Junior Girls	42.62	8
4	802674	Matchett	Workman	NV	Junior Girls	30.98	9
5	05005	Audraide	Libers	UT	Junior Girls	26.90	12
6	200600	Hindy	Anderson	UT	Junior Girls	26.84	5
7	000112	Libi	Lund	MT	Junior Girls	26.58	8
8	803580	Ashia Raze	Kapik	CA	Junior Girls	26.46	14
9	190110	El	Detamur	MO	Junior Girls	26.54	2
10	100390	Oris	Chadl	ND	Junior Girls	24.92	5
11	802675	Kasala	Olger	NV	Junior Girls	23.33	10
12	190680	Reynolds	Kylee	MO	Junior Girls	23.19	6
13	816071	Perks	McGinn	DC	Junior Girls	22.83	8
14	010070	Isa	Stewart	DC	Junior Girls	20.44	7
15	004100	Lula	Reagan Raze	SD	Junior Girls	19.02	0

## Boys Top 50 Stats 1 Sep 2024

Rank	Card #	First Name	Last Name	State	Division	Ringier Percent	Events Played
1	300830	Ol	Sullivan	VA	Junior Boys	76.47	5
2	81151	Harshin	Rejays	CA	Junior Boys	76.60	4
3	804557	Jon	Carrie	NV	Junior Boys	57.70	10
4	804169	Hydra	Kelley	MT	Junior Boys	57.34	9
5	200469	Kayden	Crowder	MI	Junior Boys	56.67	3
6	480516	Zack	Guzentask	MA	Junior Boys	56.56	18
7	300360	Calden	Hogan	OH	Junior Boys	53.10	5
8	400452	Riley	Malino	CT	Junior Boys	52.00	6
9	81178	Conlton	Chms	UT	Junior Boys	48.73	10
10	190705	Werner	Highley	MO	Junior Boys	47.98	11
11	200641	Isaac	Nelson Jr	TX	Junior Boys	46.61	2
12	804028	Matt	Hulse	UT	Junior Boys	43.23	5
13	200326	Bradley	Benzing	WI	Junior Boys	43.03	4
14	280127	Baske	Benzing	WI	Junior Boys	40.63	3
15	804034	Ellson	Konght	UT	Junior Boys	40.06	4

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