

# Nor-Cal News & Views

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## Secretary/Treasurer

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

We know 2020 has been a rough year so let's try to end it on a high note by having a wonderful Christmas and staying up on New Year's Eve to be sure 2020 leaves. Then let's all write our checks for our 2021 memberships so we are ready to pitch when the tournaments start.

As many of you heard we will be reporting tournaments to Eshoe instead of NatStats but you please continue to send Mike Anderson your tournament results information which he will report to National. This way Mike will be able to keep all of the records for the year end awards as he has done in the past. More information will come out about this after the first of the year.

The annual meeting minutes are included in this edition of our Newsletter. We are sorry to say Lorena Tournour and Jeff Vieira retired from their VP positions on our board. They will be sorely missed. We did elect two new board members these changes are effective January 1, 2021. Please welcome Dave Lane to the 5<sup>th</sup> VP and Jeff Williams to the 4<sup>th</sup> VP positions. Joe Summers and Alan Trusty retained their positions for two more years. The new board will be meeting in January to decide who will do what jobs as some may be changing.

Thank you all for what you do for our sport – many people did get to play a few tournaments and also played some of the online tournaments that became popular this year. Stay Well and we hope to see you in 2021.- *Gail Sluys*

## 3rd. VP

The NCHPA Annual business meeting and awards lunch was held Sat. Nov. 14 at Joe and Mary Summer's home in Martinez. At the meeting the following NCHPA Awards for the 2019-2020 season were announced:

Richard Robbins                      Player of the Year  
(based on points, 53)

Thomas Larson                      Rookie of the Year  
(based on points, 8)

Rick Della Santina                      Most Improved  
Pitcher (based on ringer percent  
increase, +31.01%)

Steven Nakamoto                      Top Dog (most  
NCHPA tournaments pitched, 21)

Hastin Begaye                      Cadet Pitcher of the  
Year (based on points, 4)

Luke Zepponi                      Junior Pitcher of the  
Year (based on points, 12)

Congratulations to all the award winners! And to everyone else, better luck next year. :) For those not present at the meeting your award was given to someone to deliver to you.

Below are some stats for NCHPA season 2019-2020. If you need more information then please email me at [meanderson99@yahoo.com](mailto:meanderson99@yahoo.com) and I will try to help.

Note that NCHPA season 2019-2020 began immediately after the 2019 State Tournament and ended on Sep. 6, 2020 (the date the cancelled 2020 State Tournament would have ended if it had been held).

727 total NCHPA pitchers in NCHPA club tournaments  
27 NCHPA pitchers in NCHPA Championships  
33 NCHPA pitchers in NCHPA Doubles Championships

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787 total NCHPA pitchers in NCHPA tournaments  
(Note: the 2020 California State Tournament was cancelled)

60 total Non-NCHPA pitchers in NCHPA tournaments

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847 total NCHPA and Non-NCHPA pitchers in NCHPA tournaments

(Note: in season 2018-2019 there were 1535 total NCHPA and

Non-NCHPA pitchers in NCHPA tournaments)

61 NCHPA tournaments were pitched in season 2019-2020

67 NCHPA tournaments were cancelled due to weather or COVID-19 in season

2019-2020

There were zero 80% or higher games pitched in NCHPA season 2019-2020 tournaments.

As always you club statisticians can make my task pretty easy if you submit

your results in a timely manner. I would like to have them within two days

after your tournament is complete so that the pitchers will have their averages

submitted to Natstats in time for the following weeks update. Please email

results 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 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. Thanks for all your help.

Everyone stay safe and let's hope 2021 will be a much more normal year than

2020 was.- *Mike Anderson*

## 4th VP

Oh, What a year it was... Kinda started off ok, but knew something was different. We got a few new members and some returning members from the

past. Sandi Abbott, Hank Langley, George Mertz, Robert Felix, Gerardo & Martin Aguilera, Richard & Steven Goodman, Steven is in the Cadet Division. At his first Tournament he threw a "Double" ringer against his dad, And I was lucky enough to get it on video, now its posted on my "Youtube" Channel. We had many pitchers pitching here for the first time, just not all at the same time. Wayne Lockhart and Stan Cummings and Nathan Williams broke the Guinness World Record for Longest Horseshoe Pitching Marathon, still pending verification due to the virus extra long waiting period, but any day now will be hearing something??? Thanks to Rick Eddy for helping and keeping score, also Corinna Mills , Debra Aitkens, Bobby Bartell, Marshall Merino, ... We also had TV Good Day Sacramento out to visit us 1 morning. Also our Josie Tellers is moving up the % ladder.

Jesse Gonzales stopped by for a visit with mother! He has been staying with his daughter here in Sacramento. We talked about History of horseshoe pitching, today vs 1960s thru the 1990s. 1969 thru 1973 Jesse would come all the way up to Eureka Ca. for the Western States Open, it was held in January/ Feb. Indoors, it was 1 of the biggest tournament for that era, I think 1st paid \$350 or higher. And it lead to the 1973 World Horseshoe Pitching Championships, 1st indoor World Tournament, and I won the Juniors... I'm always forgetting things, so if I left something out or person out, Will get you next time... Jeff Williams, too many memories not enough time to tell all the horseshoe stories, true events that happened in the horseshoe world years ago. - *Jeff Williams*

## 5th VP

Happy Holidays All .

I would like to say Thank You for allowing me to be part of our NCHPA officers . I was nominated for the 5th Vice President ( Paper Supplies ) and I happily agreed. I actually hooked up with Jeff and he gave me all the supplies he had . I will do my best for our organization to help with all needs as a officer of the NCHPA. My contact Dave Lane [movingdave@yahoo.com](mailto:movingdave@yahoo.com) 707-628-4649 - *Dave Lane*

# NCHPA Annual Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2020

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**NCHPA Officers Present:** Joe Summers (President): George Davis (1<sup>st</sup> VP): Alan Trusty: (2<sup>nd</sup> VP): Mike Anderson (3<sup>rd</sup>: VP/Statistician) Gail Sluys (Secretary/Treasurer) and Casey Sluys (NHPA Regional Director). Not present Lorena Tournour 4<sup>th</sup> VP and Jeff Vieira 5<sup>th</sup> VP

**Delegates in Attendance:** Mike Anderson (San Jose) Casey and Gail Sluys (Sonoma County) George Davis (Stockton) Richard Robbins (Tri-Valley) and Dave Lane (Vallejo) Peter Zepponi (San Francisco) Alan Trusty (Turlock)  
Clubs in attendance via ZOOM: Bill Terry and Rick Della Santina (Half Moon Bay) Jeff Williams (McBean) and Linda Hoelscher (Shasta/Willows).

**Clubs Not Represented:** Exeter, Fortuna, Gold Country, Lindsay, Madera, Tulare, and Tuolumne.  
Visitors present Nancy Cloutier – San Jose and Mary Summers – Vallejo

Having 13 of the 23 possible delegates 57% required to proceed with the meeting, as required by our By-Laws, this meeting was called to order by President Summers at 9:40 AM.

## MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 9:32 AM by **President Summers** followed by the Pledge to our Flag and moment of silence for those who passed in 2020. The 2019 Minutes and Financial Reports were presented by **Sec/Treas Gail Sluys** each was reviewed and voted on for acceptance as presented. Motions carried. Discussion of the continuation of the Club Plaque distribution was discussed. It was suggested the same method was used as in the past. Clubs will receive 2 plaques free and any others needed after that will cost \$20.00 each. Motion was presented and passed to continue this method. We have a new source for tournament plates at a cost of \$3.00 each, saving \$1.00 each from last year. The business name is 123 Awards complete order information to follow. The plates will have double sided tape and not holes for hanging. The color for

the 2021 plates is BLUE. We have a list to follow for each year starting in 2020 was green, blue, red, black, then we start again with green. We will follow this line each year as was decided at the 2019 meeting.

President Joe Summers reported that the Covid 19 virus had caused numerous tournaments to be cancelled in 2020. Many courts will need attention in 2021 and he is asking all members to step up and help at your local club and others if you can. The Fortuna Club is closing and will not be hosting any tournaments in 2021. We may need to combine some clubs as we have done in the past with the difficulty some are having with their city parks.

**1<sup>st</sup> VP George Davis** reported we had 34 new members some of them returning members and all were sent the Welcome Letter. Twelve joined the Sonoma County Club mainly brought in by Paul Machado. Delegates were reminded if you have a **brand new member** to please get the color of shirt and size they would like for the NHPA welcome program as it is still in effect. George also reminded everyone that we will be hosting the 2021 State Tournament at Stockton. We will need a lot of help to get the courts in shape and all we can get will be very much appreciated. Please remember this is our premier event.

**2<sup>nd</sup> VP Alan Trusty** had nothing to report.

**Statistician 3<sup>rd</sup> VP Mike Anderson** reported the clubs held 61 tournaments this year with 67 cancelled. 727 Pitchers pitched in the tournaments, 27 pitched in the NCHPA Championships and 6 teams pitched in the Doubles Championships. Sixty (60) people from other places also pitched in NCHPA tournaments, for total pitchers of 847. Mike generously donated his officer comp and statistician compensation to the NCHPA again this year. Thank you Mike we will put it to good use.

**RD Casey Sluys** reported on the NHPF Hall of Fame building is closed due to the Virus. He asked everyone to remember to send him information/articles about your club. These articles will be used for print in the NCHPA Newsletter which he has continued to send out quarterly. He reported the NHPA business meeting was held this year via Zoom which worked well since we were unable to hold our World Tournament and delegate

meeting in person. He reported that Blaine Scott is the new Newsline Editor. Things are changing for the reporting of tournaments if you want to see the memberships and schedule of tournaments it will all be on E-Shoe. You can get to E-Shoe by going to the NHPA webpage – go down to the E-Shoe Icon and effective January 1, 2021 you will be able to look at the information located there. NatStats will be going away as you see it now. In order to update averages you will go to E-Shoe to download current averages. As tournaments are input pitchers will be immediately re-rated. Therefore your average could change from one day to the next but it is not expected that TD's could update averages from day to day. This will be interesting and hopefully it will all be a good thing. More information will be sent to all club contacts and tournament directors as it is received and decided. This change will become effective January 1<sup>st</sup>.

Peter Zepponi of our San Francisco Club explained to all about Luke's high school horseshoe pitching club. During the club meetings instructions are give to the members so they may improve their pitching and learn more about the game. San Francisco may hold their tournaments at the Stern Grove courts. Access to these courts is much easier than Golden Gate Park and they will be open for tournaments on Sundays. Stern Grove courts are located at Sloat Blvd and 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue in San Francisco.

NCHPA Hall of Fame. - Linda Hoelscher, Chairperson reported that the Hall of Fame committee did not induct anyone into the NCHPA Hall of Fame this year.

Dave Lane informed everyone about the online tournaments held this year. He said there were a lot of fun sanctioned tournaments you could pitch in your own backyard or local courts to join. Jerry Smith also ran several of these tournaments successfully. They were held by different people in different states and had very good turnout which you could see if you belong to Facebook. These were a good source of tournaments where we were unable to host the normal number of tournaments.

A reminder was given to all clubs that the Club Contact duties are very important. Please make sure the schedule director has your club contact information and it is correct.

A reminder- we are hosting the State Tournament in 2021 and will need all clubs to resume their contribution of \$45.00 per year. Of this amount \$25.00 is for the state raffle prizes and \$20.00 for possible raffle prizes at the Annual meeting and luncheon. Vallejo has paid their \$25.00 for the State raffle.

The 2021 CA State Tournament location is Stockton Horseshoe Courts.

The 2021 NorCal Championships host was selected as Vallejo Club.

The 2021 Doubles Tournament host was selected as Vallejo. It will be the same weekend as the NCHPA Championships which are held on Saturday, we are hoping pitchers will plan to stay or return on Sunday for the fun Doubles Championship.

The 2021 Annual Meeting location is not known at this time. As we have found out in 2020 planning that far ahead doesn't work sometimes. The 2021 location will be announced as soon as we have decided on a location.

The 2020 Awards were presented as Follows:

TOP DOG

Steven Nakamoto, 21Tournaments, San Jose Club  
PITCHER OF THE YEAR

Richard Robbins, 53 Points, Tri-Valley Club  
ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

Thomas Larson, 8 Points, Sonoma County Club  
MOST IMPROVED PITCHER Rick Della Santina  
31.01 % Increase, Half Moon Bay Club

JUNIOR PITCHER OF THE YEAR

Luke Zepponi, San Francisco Club  
PRESIDENTS AWARD Casey and Gail Sluys

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS** - Officers again running for office, Joe Summers, President and Alan Trusty 2<sup>nd</sup> VP were the only others running to remain in their positions and both were reelected unanimously for another term. Lorena Tournour and Jeff Vieira did not wish to retain their positions. Dave Lane was nominated for the 5<sup>th</sup> VP position and Jeff Williams for the 4<sup>th</sup> VP position. Both were elected for the positions they wanted.

Meeting adjourned 12:02 PM

*Respectfully Submitted*

*Gail Sluys - NCHPA Secretary/Treasurer*

Happy Holidays to everyone. I wanted to have Casey put this information about **Eshoe** and HSMaster training videos in the newsletter in case you do not get or read the NHPA "Newslines." Here is a stripped-down version of my Newslines article. Eshoe was introduced in 2019 for membership and made tracking our membership easy and accurate. One can sign up for their membership and get an NHPA card online. The NHPA no longer prints cards as members print their own cards or have the charter's membership official do it. The process was a bit confusing to some folks but after a few bugs were worked out, it went well. Step two of the Eshoe was introduced this year and the upgrade goes hand in hand with the re-write of HSMaster. This step integrates Eshoe and HSMaster and will eliminate what is now NATSTATS. NATSTATS will end on the last day of 2020 and all data that was contained in NATSTATS will be in Eshoe. The general plan is for the Regional Director or the charter's designee to enter the charter's schedule into Eshoe. Anyone can access any charter's schedule at any time. The charter Statistician or designee will enter tournament results into Eshoe and Eshoe will immediately update each pitcher's stats and averages. The league process will continue as it does now. I have been working with the Eshoe team and the team has produced a series of videos to explain how the new system works. Paul Stewart, David Sidles, and Jim Kinney Jr. made the videos, and they explain the various positions that a charter may choose to use. The charters will decide how they want to implement the system and I am listing here a link to those videos. This link also lists a very comprehensive set of videos on how to

run and use HSMaster. Paul Stewart started making these videos and with the help of David Sidles, and they have covered HSMaster from stem to stern. Understand that the videos are a work in progress and may be upgraded as needed. This is a noticeably short explanation of a complex system and the videos will clear up how it works and who might be responsible to implement it. Again, each charter will decide how they want to handle things. Here is the link.

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAM0z5Wfq4ZwCMjbTcqV3qw?view\\_as=subscriber](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAM0z5Wfq4ZwCMjbTcqV3qw?view_as=subscriber)

Happy Holidays and stay safe.

*Jerry Smith* NHPA 3<sup>rd</sup> VP Chico, Ca

## **MORE Eshoe**

The 2021 pitching schedule is online at Eshoe. You can find Eshoe here: <https://www.nhpa-eshoe.com/> if you'll look on the left hand side you'll notice the blue words "event search" click on that and a page will open that allows you to view all tournaments in the US. The small blue circle with the i in it is the information about that particular tournament. Search for your own clubs tournaments and if you need something added to the information that is posted, please let me know and I can add it. Don't wait please do it now before the pitching season get's busy.

As you can see we don't have Turlock or Tulare included on our schedule. It's unfortunate, but if there is someone in those towns or general area that would like to run a tournament at either location please let me know and we can work something out. I can work you into the pitching schedule without too much problem. Then it'll be posted in Eshoe also. *Casey Sluys*



# CLUBS

## Vallejo

Happy Holidays From our Pits to yours  
We at the Vallejo Horseshoe Club wish you and your families a very Safe and Happy Holiday Season . We sure hope that 2021 will bring some normalization back to us all . As we are all getting our schedules ready for the 2021 season the Vallejo Club is excited for the 2021 season we will be hosting a tournament a Month starting in February with it ending in October with the Nor Cal Championships. Happy Holidays from the Vallejo Horseshoe Club - *Dave Lane*

## Half Moon Bay

The Half Moon Bay Horseshoe Club would like to wish the NCHPA Membership Happy Holidays'

We managed to get in 5 NHPA Tournaments & 4 Club tournaments and we held the NCHPA Doubles Tournament. 15 of our members pitched in tournaments this year. Not Bad for a tough year.

Next year is going to bring some changes with HSMaster. I recommend you download the new version at the first of the year and start practicing. I will try to help as soon I understand the changes.

Our Club is having a onetime only tournament. Monday Night Horseshoes on May 10, 2021. This is a celebration tournament for the NHPA being 100 Years old as an organization. It is going to be a great win for whoever wins this one time only Tournament.

We would like to congratulate Julie Carter for being player of the year in our Sanction League. Julie had the best winning percentage. This is the first year

Julie has pitched horseshoes. We are very proud of her.

On my soap box:

In our lifetime, we have been asked to wear seat belts, not smoke on planes or indoor public places, wear helmets on motorcycles, bikes, etc, etc. We have even been asked to wear protection when intimate, all

for the protection of everyone. Now we are asked to wear a mask in stores and keep social distancing. So why can't we continue to wear our mask's in public? I do not intend this to be a lecture, but more of a suggestion to be part of the solution instead of the problem. At the WT in 2021, it is possible we will be asked to show proof of vaccination, proof of negative testing results & wear a mask. The sooner we all work together the sooner we go back to normal.

We wish everyone good health & safety for all your Family & Friends.

See you on the courts! *Rick Della Santina*





## Sonoma County

New member Thomas Larson was the proud recipient of the ROY Award. That's Rookie of the Year in the NCHPA for those who didn't know. Watch him next year he'll be going for the most improved. Some months ago Travis taught Thomas how to pitch a turn shoe. Thomas now pitches a 1 1/4 turn and is raising his average with each outing. The winner of our sanctioned league was Paul Machado, the most improved was Jasmine Brady with a 6.65% increase. We are looking for great things from this young lady in future tournaments.

ABOVE: Look at a sample of the great patches you can get by participating in the NHPA Sanctioned League Program! Start one in your club now. Email Jerry Smith for details: [horseshoepitcherjds@msn.com](mailto:horseshoepitcherjds@msn.com)

We can only hope that 2021 is a better year for all of us in America and the NHPA. Keep up the great work at spreading the news then let's pitch at each facility. Let's get back to travelling to all the clubs. Carpool if you have to it works well and allows the new pitchers a chance to see other clubs' facilities. - *Casey Sluys*

## San Francisco

Yesterday (12/7) San Francisco entered Covid-19 lockdowns again which is very discouraging. It's really hard trying to plan for public promotion of the sport with these restrictions, but we are looking ahead to 2021. The landscaping improvements are ongoing around the Golden Gate Park courts and look good. Our improvements to the Stern Grove courts are continuing as well. These courts are next to the tennis courts, which have been restriped to allow for up to 6 pickle ball courts where people

play 7 days a week. On weekends there might be over 30 people there. I have played pickle ball with and gotten to know many of these people which provides opportunities to talk about horseshoes and I've even pitched with a couple. The high school horseshoe club bbq's and plays horseshoes nearly every week next to these pickle ball courts so it is good exposure.

Before the recent lockdowns, I was starting to plan for some recreational tournaments to help support local bars or breweries who are struggling. Rather than a large tournament, I'm looking at smaller events that can more easily follow safety precautions. The concept is a prix fix tournament picnic sponsored by one or two venues or brewers. Some of the local pubs make food so the idea is to see if a sponsor could take signups for a tournament that includes a set picnic bag lunch and drinks (beer) for a fixed price of \$50 (?). The SFHPC would run the tournament. That's the basic concept. Bars and pubs are getting killed with the lockdowns. This might be a way to help them stay connected to their customers and promote horseshoes. I bet every town has a bar or restaurant that might be willing to partner with your local horseshoe club. I am planning on running these as fun recreational tournaments with loose rules. Everyone is getting tired of living with strict rules. This could be a good opportunity to reintroduce people to a fun outdoor game of horseshoes and a bit of normalcy.

It's important that everyone continues to promote the sport and look for opportunities to bring in new members and educate those that don't know about it. Even little things. Attached is an essay Luke Zepponi wrote for his Ap English Class for a debate. Most kids picked a political topic. He chose to argue the case for making horseshoes an Olympic Sport. Now 30 more kids know a lot more about the sport of horseshoe pitching. There are not that many juniors in the NCHPA, but of the ones pitching there are some exceptionally good pitchers. We should all be encouraging our kids and grandkids to get out and pitch with their friends, socialize and to talk about their experiences. Right now, there are no school basketball games, no football, no volleyball, no wrestling. Get those athletes outside safely playing horseshoes and learn a game they can play the rest of their lives.- *Peter Zepponi*

Luke Zepponi  
Ms. Gratch  
Ap Language and Composition  
12/3/2020

Hello, my name is Luke Zepponi and today I will be arguing a topic that doesn't have too much awareness, but the people that are active and involved will agree with what I am talking about. My topic is why Horseshoe Pitching should be an Olympic Sport. Horseshoes is a very fun and competitive sport that brings people together from friends and family to across the world, but mainly the United States. In order to excel at this sport, you will need to practice a great amount just like in any other sport. One of the key factors that you will need to gain through practice that will help you is having a clear mind and learning to perform well and consistently under pressure. I put both of these factors into all of my games whether it is a game where I am just messing around with friends or in the finals during the World Tournament while being filmed on the local news channel. You have to stay calm and focused at all times or else you will become stressed and will over think when it is your turn to pitch. At the highest levels of the sport minor variations in accuracy, consistency, and technique are the difference in who wins or loses. Some of the things that I will be highlighting are the strategies in order to perform well, how horseshoes can be played by anyone and anywhere, and finally some of horseshoes' history.

There are many extremely difficult and frustrating things that will come your way while trying to get the perfect momentum, the perfect grip, and the perfect follow-through that will make you succeed, and once you have mastered these few strategies you will become very good and confident every time you come up to the line to pitch. Stamina, endurance and compensating for fatigue are essential to succeed because you will be throwing nearly three pounds of steel 40 feet several hundred times in a row while maintaining precision and form. While this doesn't seem like much, it is similar to curling a 5 lb weight. It is easy the first 20 or 30 times, but if you were to do it 600 times in a row it would be very hard. Then consider the top players in the world maintain a 90% ringer average while their opponent is trying to stop them from scoring is extremely difficult. This is why I think horseshoes should be in the Olympics because of

how much skill is needed based on your mental focus, hand and eye coordination you need to have, and knowing all the little things such as your grip on the horseshoe, your backswing, your follow-through, and your step and release point.

The spirit of the Olympics is about sports competition that is accessible to people around the world regardless of climate or economic resources. At the most basic level, it only requires two metal stakes and four horseshoes. It is played in several countries and by soldiers currently stationed in the middle east because it is so easy to set up a game. The sport of horseshoes is played by kids, men, women and players in their 90's. It is also a sport that easily adapted to players with disabilities or physical limitations. For this reason, it would also be able to be included in the Special Olympics and Paralympics. It is a part of the Senior Games, as well as the California Fire Fighters Olympics.

The origins of horseshoes date back to the second century BC in Olympic games of Greece and Rome. The modern history of horseshoes dates to the Revolutionary War in 1869. The first rules of the game were established in England where it was decided that the distance in between the two stakes would be 19 yards and players had to stand next to the stake when pitching. These were the rules that lasted until 1909. Soldiers took a liking to the game during war, and when they returned home, they started to spread the word about pitching horseshoes and then horseshoe courts were built all over hundreds of farmland areas, villages, and cities. The first ever horseshoe tournament was in the summer of 1910 in Kansas and won by a man named Frank Jackson. The first ruling body of horseshoe pitching of which any record was found was in Kansas City, Kansas, May 16, 1914.

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NHPA:

<https://www.horseshoepitching.com/historical-horseshoes/>

In summary, horseshoe pitching is a sport of skill that takes a lot of practice to master and should have the best of the best compete at the Olympics and viewed by the entire world! Even though horseshoe pitching isn't tremendously well known as a competitive sport like most other sports, horseshoe pitching is especially unique in its own way which makes people that excel at the sport very skilled and looked up to. - *Luke Zepponi*



#### **4<sup>th</sup> VP NEWSLETTER Article –**

Hello from the north! We are still sheltering in place and wearing masks and washing our hands and so far healthy!! I have enjoyed serving as your 4<sup>th</sup> VP and will always support horseshoes not only in Northern California but all over the world!! I send my wishes for a wonderful 2021 and my prayers that you all will remain healthy and joyful. Please stay safe and God Bless you.

Lorena Tournour 4th VP

#### **UKIAH VALLEY HORSESHOE CLUB NEWSLETTER ARTICLE –**

Our club still exists! We are a little smaller and of course a lot less active thanks to 2020 and all it brought us. We are looking forward to a new year and new tournaments and hopefully new members. Gil has been practicing at home as I assume many of you have and at least it keeps you active, right? Hopefully we will be in a better place next year with better attitudes, health and averages! Hope to see you in Ukiah for our first tournaments in April – we will be ready and excited to get on with horseshoes!

God bless you and keep you safe and healthy,

-Lorena Tournour, Secretary  
and Gil Tournour, President

#### **A Poem of Hope, Catherine Pulsifer**

**When life is getting you down,  
And you need a little hope.  
Look deep down inside yourself,  
And you'll find the way to cope.**

**When life is getting you down,  
And you need a little love.  
Go to the person whom you are the closest,  
As the rest they are above.**

**When life is getting you down,  
And all you need is a laugh.  
Find the friend that makes you smile,  
They may even be your staff.**

**When life is getting you down,  
Don't allow it so.  
Change the way you think of life,  
And life will be better, you know.**

**When life is getting you down,  
Take time to pray  
Don't allow yourself to frown  
God will help you see the good in the day.**

In my 34 year in this organization having served in multiple capacities throughout the NHPA & NCHPA never have I ever served with a person as amiable and congenial as Lorena Tournour. Personally I will miss her greatly, thank you for all you've done to make the NCHPA a better organization. With fondest regards Lorena - Casey

# Northern California Horseshoe Pitchers Association 2021 Schedule

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**Note:** The following will apply to all NCHPA scheduled tournaments not having code numbers.

- φ NHPA/NCHPA sanctioned tournaments are open to all pitchers from the U.S. and Canada with valid membership cards, except those so noted and excluding the NCHPA Championships and CA State Tournament.
- φ Pay the Scorekeeper 50 Cents per Game, \$1 per Game at the State, NCHPA & Doubles Championships
- φ Tournaments shall be mixed distance competition, unless otherwise noted.
- φ Tournaments may be subject to handicapping if there is a 15% or greater spread in a group.
- φ The Tournament Director has the decision to handicap. **It is not guaranteed.**
- φ Tournaments have a 9:30 am entry deadline and a standard entry fee of \$10 unless otherwise noted.
- φ NCHPA Officers must approve any changes or rescheduling of dates once the schedule is printed.

March 14	Daylight Saving Time Begins		
July 13 - 25	2021 World Horseshoe Pitching Championships	Winnemucca, Nevada	
Sept. 4 - 5	California State Championships	Stockton, CA	\$40 entry fee
Oct.2	NCHPA Championships	Vallejo, CA	\$20 entry fee
Oct. 3	NCHPA Doubles Tournament	Vallejo, CA	\$40 per team entry fee
Nov. 7	Daylight Saving Time Ends		
Nov. 14	Annual Meeting: 9:30 am to 12:30 pm Awards/Lunch: 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm	ZOOM participation okay.	

**Payout:** The minimum payout in all groups is double the entry fee to 1<sup>st</sup> place and an amount equal to the entry fee to the 2<sup>nd</sup> place. This is in addition to plaques, patches, and/or event plates. NCHPA officers must approve all exceptions.

## Tournament Codes:

1. See Flyer, Newsletter, Web	8. All Groups Handicapped	15. Walking Doubles
2. \$\$\$ Money Tournament	9. 9:00 am Sign-in Deadline	16. Pre-registration Required
3. \$12 Entry Fee	10. 5:30 pm Sign-in Deadline	17. 2 Day Tournament
4. \$15 Entry Fee	11. 6:00 pm Sign-in Deadline	18. Limit of 24 Pitchers
5. \$30 Entry Fee	12. 30' Mix & 40' Separate	19. Benefit Tournament
6. Count-All	13. Doubles	20. Food, donations will be accepted
7. Mystery Money	14. High-Low Doubles	21. Free Food for Pitchers

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### January

- 1) Sat. 2 Jeff Merrill, (16) *Exeter*  
2) Sun. 31 Warm-up, *McBean/Lincoln*

### February

- 3) Sat. 6 Theresa Hurtado Memorial, (16), *Lindsay*  
4) Sat. 6 Gino Rinaldi, *San Francisco\**  
5) Sat. 27 *Madera*  
6) Sun. 28 Lincoln Memorial, *McBean/Lincoln*  
7) Sun. 28 Just Pitching (4) *Vallejo*

### March

- 8) Sat. 13 Spring Warm-up, (4) *Vallejo*  
9) Sat. 13 San Jose Memorial *San Jose*  
10) Sat. 20 McBean/Lincoln  
11) Sat. 20 Ken Wyatt Memorial *Madera*  
12) Sat. 27 No Corona Here (only Bud) *Sonoma County*  
13) Sat. 27 Edwina & Loretta, *Shasta/Willows*  
14) Sat. 27 Diego Vargas *Exeter (16)*  
15) Sun. 28 Ray, Lee, & Richard, *Shasta/Willows*

### April

- 16) Sat. 3 Wayne Major (4) *Tri-Valley*  
17) Sun. 4 Bill Faler & Ed Cortez (4) *Tri-Valley*  
18) Sat. 10 McBean/Lincoln  
19) Sat. 10 Brotherton *Ukiah*  
20) Sun. 11 Hayes & Ricks *Ukiah*  
21) Sat. 17 Gary Greensmith *San Jose*  
22) Sat. 17 Henry Family (15,16) *Exeter*  
23) Sat. 24 Vern Gosney (4) *Vallejo*  
24) Sat. 24 Jerry's Birthday Bash \$\$ *Shasta/Willows (2,4)*  
25) Sun. 25 Jack Madigan Classic *Sonoma County*  
26) Sun. 25 Rob & Cory Romans *Shasta/Willows*  
27) Thu. 29 Pat McGowan (10) *Half Moon Bay*

### May

- 28) Sat. 1 GVRD Open (4) *Vallejo*  
29) Sat. 1 Gillett Electric \$\$\$\$\$, *Shasta/Willows (2,4)*  
30) Sun. 2 Linda & Michelle *Shasta/Willows*  
31) Sat. 8 Chinas Alley (16) *Lindsay*  
32) Sun. 9 Chet Carter Memorial *Half Moon Bay*  
33) Mon. 10 NHPA 100th Anniv. (10) *Half Moon Bay*  
    >> **Wed. 13 Entry Deadline for World Tournament**

### May

- 34) Sat. 15 TPRD 29 years (3,20) *Tuolumne*  
35) Sat. 15 Bushby & Dashiell *Ukiah*  
36) Sat. 15 Jean Brown (4) *Tri-Valley*  
37) Sun. 16 Tom Burns Jr *Ukiah*  
38) Sun. 16 Fred & Marge Wood (4) *Tri-Valley*  
39) Tue. 18 Alex & Richard Voskes, (9) *Half Moon Bay*  
40) Tue. 18 Jim Sample, (10) *Half Moon Bay*  
41) Sat. 22 Joe & Millie Schultz, *Stockton*  
42) Sun. 23 Sluys=Horseshoes Benefit (4,19) *Sonoma Cnty*  
43) Sat. 29 Tony Marino (3-20) *Tuolumne*  
44) Mon. 31 McBean/Lincoln

### June

- 45) Thu. 3 Dale Koistinen, (10), *Half Moon Bay*  
46) Sat. 5 Ukiah Memorial *Ukiah*  
47) Sat. 5 Edward Moore *San Jose*  
48) Sun. 6 Gil Tournour, *Ukiah*  
49) Sat.-Sun. 5&6 Black Oak Casino, (3,16,17,20) *Tuolumne*  
50) Sat. 12 Richard Robbins (4) *Tri-Valley*  
51) Sat. 12 Bill Harris Memorial *Forebay Park*  
52) Sun. 13 Rob Regalado (4) *Tri-Valley*  
53) Sun. 13 Pollock Pines *Forebay Park*  
54) Tue. 15 Roy Ebbel (9) *Half Moon Bay*  
55) Tue. 15 Julie Carter, (10) *Half Moon Bay*  
56) Sat. 20 Fathers Day, *McBean/Lincoln*  
57) **FRI.** 25 *Madera (11)*  
58) Sat. 26 Peter Zeponi *San Francisco\**  
59) Sat. 26 Gold Country (20)  
60) Sun. 27 Ben Yost (4) *Vallejo*

### July

- 61) Sat. 3 Bill Terry *Half Moon Bay*  
62) Sat. 3 *McBean/Lincoln*  
63) Sun. 4 Foa Remillong, *Half Moon Bay*  
64) Sat. 10 Diana Fredlund (3,20) *Tuolumne*  
65) Sat. 10 Wainwright vs Brady, *Sonoma County*  
66) Sun. 11 Division Novato *Sonoma County*  
67) Sat. 17 Jimmy Lintt NHPF Benefit *Half Moon Bay*  
68) Sat. 17 Alan Benekoff (3,20) *Tuolumne*

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## August

- **Wed. 5 Sign-up Deadline for State Championships**  
69) Sat. 7 Joe Sciarra, *Half Moon Bay*  
70) Sat. 7 Forebay Park, *Forebay Park*  
71) Sat. 7 NHPF (16) *Exeter*  
72) Sun. 8 Glen O'Brien-Doubles, (15) *Half Moon Bay*  
→ **Mon. 10 Deadline to Submit Nominations for Hall of Fame and Scorekeeper of the Year**  
73) Sat. 14 Casey & Gail Sluys (4) *Tri-Valley*  
74) Sun. 15 Lane & Summers (4) *Tri-Valley*  
75) Sun. 22 John Kitzner, (4) *Vallejo*  
76) Sat. 28 Paul Machado Chaos *Sonoma County*  
77) Sat. 28 Ray Luna Memorial *Madera*  
→ **Sat. 28 Sign-up Deadline for NCHPA Championships**  
→ **Sat. 28 Sign-up Deadline for Doubles Championships**

## September

- Sat-Sun. 4 & 5 State Championships, Stockton, CA**  
78) Sat. 11 Gold Country(20) *Gold Country*  
79) Sat. 11 Saunders Family *San Jose*  
80) Sat. 18 Wayne & Vicki George (4) *Tri-Valley*  
81) Sat. 18 Corning Carpet/Jeff (2-4) *Shasta-Willows*  
82) Sun. 19 Kooy & Cowles (4) *Tri-Valley*  
83) Sun. 19 Gene & Harry *Shasta-Willows*  
84) Sat. 25 Lane & Summers, (4) *Vallejo*

## October

- 85) Sat. 2 **NCHPA Championships,(1,16) Vallejo**  
86) Sun. 3 **NCHPA Doubles (1,16) Vallejo**  
87) Sat. 16 The Della Santina's (4) *Tri-Valley*  
88) Sun. 17 The Tournours (4) *Tri-Valley*  
89) Sat. 30 Nakamoto Family *San Jose*  
90) Sat. 30 Hoss Moreno (16) *Exeter*  
91) Sat. 31 Halloween Special (4) *Vallejo*

## November

- 92) Sat. 6 End of Season, (1,16) *McBean/Lincoln*  
**Sat. 14 Annual Meeting (9:30am-12:30pm) Joe's house & Zoom & Awards Lunch**  
93) Sat. 20 Turkey trot (4) *Vallejo*  
94) Sat. 20 NHPF (16) *Lindsay*  
95) Sun. 29 Sal Delgado Memorial, (2,16) *Exeter*

## December

- 96) Sat. 4 Terry Farrell, *Half Moon Bay*  
97) Sun. 5 Rick Della Santina, (15) *Half Moon Bay*  
98) Sat. 11 Lindsay Bangers, (16) *Lindsay*  
Sat. 11 Terry Farrell, *Half Moon Bay*, RAIN DATE  
Sun. 12 Rick Della Santina, *Half Moon Bay*, RAIN DATE

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## **IMPORTANT 2021 DEADLINES:**

- 1) May 13 – Entry for World Tournament
- 2) August 5 – Sign-up for State Championships
- 3) August 10 – Nominations for Hall of Fame & Scorekeeper of the Year
- 4) August 28 – Sign-up for Doubles Championships
- 5) August 28 – Sign-up for NCHPA Championships
- 6) October 1 – 2022 Tournament Dates are Due!!

## **R E M I N D E R S:**

### CLUB SECRETARY:

Keep all records of tournaments for at least one year. This assures accuracy and recovery in case of lost mail or email.

### TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR:

SEND TOURNAMENT RESULTS TO THE STATISTICIAN WITHIN 2 DAYS OF TOURNAMENT this assures that results will be posted in time for ensuing tournaments.

### CLUB PRESIDENTS:

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