

**PRESIDENTS MESSAGE** by: Kimmy Stockli

Our new season is upon us! I know you all are as anxious to pitch as I am. I have just a couple of things to cover in this newsletter. First on my list is the Yolo Courts. I want to thank the new President of Yolo, Dave Harker, and his wife, Jan, for the great job they are doing making those courts and grounds tournament ready. Dave has jumped right into the job and is actively recruiting new members. Just this past Saturday we qualified 4 new members and he is expecting 4 more very soon! Great Job Dave! I'd also like to thank Verdan Zelmar for stepping up as Secretary/Treasurer of the Yolo Club. His vast experience will be an asset to all of the Yolo members.



On a more serious note....a few things have come up missing at the Yolo facility and have to be replaced. Since the Yolo Club has been left without many funds, the NCHPA has made an agreement with the Yolo Bowman to help replace some of these items. The main area of concern is the kitchen. It is basically empty. The Bowman will donate a refrigerator and 2 microwaves to the kitchen and will help us purchase a 4 burner refurbished electric stove. I have priced them at a little over \$200.00. The Bowman will also help to replace the stainless steel sinks that have been removed. In the storage room behind the kitchen are 2 old refrigerators that need to go to the dumps along with some other items. Once those items are gone, the plan is to pour a concrete floor in that room. Right now it is a dirt floor covered in old rugs. The concrete flooring will be much more sanitary for storing Yolo club supplies and maybe keeping the critters out of the kitchen. There will be considerable costs for these improvements and many more that will need to be accomplished before we host the California State Tournament this year. It is for this reason that I am asking the NCHPA membership to open their wallets and check books and help out the Yolo Horseshoe Club! The Yolo Club was left virtually penniless and in very bad condition. Every little bit will help! If you do want to donate, please make checks payable to NCHPA and put on the memo line, for Yolo Club. I'd like to thank you all in advance for your generosity.

Quartzsite Report

We all had a great time in Quartzsite this year. Never mind the wind, rain, and cold!! I couldn't believe the terrible weather we encountered. At one point during the tournament on Friday, I was running around with a roll of big green trash bags, and handing them out to the scorekeepers so they could keep dry. Then on Sunday, the wind was blowing so hard, I swear the horseshoes were flying into the next court! Other than those few minor problems, we managed to get in the whole tournament. There were quite a few Northern California members participating. Don Kies managed a 2nd place in the A-30 group, Edwin Matlock a 1st in B-30, with Keith Meier taking 3rd. Estrellita Boggess won her C-30 group and her husband Bill also won his C-40 group. Keeping it in the family!! Denny Courier placed 3rd in C-30 and Jim Saunders took 2nd in C-40. Wendell Stephens placed 2nd in D-40, and Walt Gilstrap took 1st in E-30, with

Tom Strite in 2nd. In F-30 Doug Sattler took 1st and Robert Harrall placed 2nd. Congratulations to all of the Northern pitchers that attended. Good Job representing!!

While at Quartzsite, I celebrated my 40th birthday. I know, I know, she's just a kid. Well, I feel like one too! Linda and Al Hoelsher, with help from Richard and Bonnie Jean Robbins, managed to give me a surprise party. Mitch and I went to the store and did a little looking around at the local flea market, and when we got back to the R.V., it was completely decorated, inside and out. They did a great job. After dinner, folks just started showing up. At one point we had about 30 people there. Celebrating my 40th birthday with you all meant so much to me. Thank you all for your card, gifts, and warm wishes. I couldn't think of a better family, to have shared it with!

One last thing...a gentleman named John Sargeant, is the tournament director for Quartzsite. He and his wife Lisa, make this whole tournament possible. I would like to thank him on behalf of all of the NCHPA members that attended this annual event. I'd also like to thank him personally for he and Lisa's hospitality, and generosity, which were shared with Mitch and me. You're a good friend to us all!

2nd. Vice President by: Rick Bermingham

I have moved...my new address is 1450 Kingswood Dr., Apt # 522. Roseville, CA. 95678

Please make the change on your 2007 Tournament Schedule

Give me a phone call (916) 271-4784 if you need any supplies, like Score sheets or Round Robin Cards.

**3rd. Vice President:** by Bill Harris

Congratulations to 16 year old Katey Jackson of Placerville.

She Received an award for the National Top Ten. Placed 5th. in the Nationals for High Ringer Game Over Average during Sanctioned League Play on June 19, 2006.

She pitched a 19.85% game over her average. Katey is a Junior member of Forebay Park Club in Pollock Pines.

President Rick Eddy, Katey Jackson, League Director Bill Harris



" **CHOICES** " by: Greg Ellisen

Each and every year at this time I get the urge! The urge to pick up my shoes and start another season. Each year is a challenge for me and I have to "relearn." What did I do last season that proved successful? How did I keep the shoe up? Many thoughts go through my mind as I begin to practice, uppermost, I hope I can get better!

There is something else that I think about...which clubs will I visit during the season. There are many choices for us in northern California. At least one, and sometimes four tournaments are scheduled. We can travel a few miles or many. From my club, the Sonoma Club in Santa Rosa, I can travel north, south or east. For many of you, throw a dart at a compass map and head out.

If I were you, I'd make the Sonoma Club in Santa Rosa my first choice. Our location is central to many sights and activities. The courts are conveniently located, enabling you to enjoy the many attractions and amenities we have to offer. Some of the highlites are....Luther Burbank Gardens, flea mkt. on Sunday, farmer's mkt. on Sat., shopping centers, beautiful parks, and of course we are right in the center of wine country and tasting is a short distance away.

The biggest attraction you will find is the club itself. We have 16 well groomed courts with clay from Lincoln, concrete pads and cool lawn, abundant shade, and the raffle table is well stocked. The members are all good looking, gregarious and always willing to give pointers on how to become a better pitcher.

If you have a camping rig, there are facilities near by. Springlake campground, a short distance from the courts, is quiet, on a lake, and gives the impression you are in a national park. Reservation phone # is 707-565-2266. Sites are \$18 @ nite, no hookups. ... The other campground, w/ full hookups, is behind the fairgrounds. Recently renovated, it is also close to the courts. It is \$20 @ nite. Camp host can be reached at 707-293-8410, or emailed at "www.sonomacountyfair.com."

So, when it comes time to travel for a game, think of joining us in Santa Rosa. For me, it would be a no-brainer!....For additional information, contact Gail or Casey Sluys, contact numbers on the schedule.

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Forebay Park by: Bill Harris

First of all; thanks to all that prayed for me and wished me well and sent me cards. My 12 day stay at Marshall Hospital was not good. I lost my sleeping habits!!! They made sure I was awake every hour on the hour. One day I was doing my walk down the hallway when my wife said look up.....and there was Harvey Monk and Dora Deckert visiting me all the way from Stockton. Now that made my day. Thank you Harvey and Dora. I will soon go in for consultation on kemo-therapy. The doc say's it's not to bad. A little kemo should take care of everything.

Forebay Park club is planning to host a PITCH & WIN program at the El Dorado County Fair on June 14, 15, 16 & 17 in Placerville. I have asked several clubs to help and have not received a good response. We have never run one of these, so it will be a learning event. We have one sponsor already. Get a point, win a prize. Get a ringer, win a bigger prize.

Is there anyone out there that knows how to apply for a \$25,000 Grant? That is the cost estimate to purchase and install lights around the Forebay Park courts. The land is not a government park...it is owned by a private water district: "El Dorado Irrigation District."

Forebay Park club is also starting a sanctioned junior league. Our bowling establishment is helping recruit junior members.

Don't forget to try and attend at least one of our four tournaments this year.

Yolo Club by: Dave Harker

The threat of losing Yolo as a club has passed. I am proud to say that I will, with help of our members, carry on now that Bob Kincheloe has moved away.

James Henchman, new member and long-time friend of mine will be my Vice-President. Verdan Zelmar, whom most of you know, has agreed to be my Sec./Treas.

By the time I got involved, the schedule was set. Our only tournament will be on Mother's Day. Sat., May 13. I hope many of you can make it out here before heading to Mom's for dinner. Next year we should get back to normal.

And, of course, it's our turn to host the State Tournament the first 3 days of September and the NCHPA Championships in October.

Our club is down to 17 members, but I am recruiting some of my friends. If anyone knows someone interested in throwing, that lives in the Dixon or Vacaville area, give them my name and number, I'd love to sign them up.

I am really looking forward to the new season.....See you out there!

UKIAH VALLEY CLUB by: Lorena Tournour

We had a wonderful 2-day tournament on June 10 and 11, 2006.

I wasn't able to be there so a good friend to our association and a kind and gracious lady, Gail Sluys, ran the Saturday tournament for us with the help of all who attended and her WONDERFUL computer. Seventeen pitchers were there in three groups and I think they all enjoyed the day - perfect weather and no motorcycle races!!! THANK YOU everyone for your help and for your attendance. On Sunday Gail brought her computer up from Santa Rosa again and I was there to learn a little more about computerizing our tournaments. Sharon Paddock suggested we try something new to spice up the day. Again we had perfect weather (a little windy, but it was ok) and silence from the race tracks. We had all fourteen pitchers in one handicapped group with 20 shoe games and prizes for the 1st 4 places. It kept the score keepers busy but it was something different and everyone seemed to enjoy the change. In the first part of September; Gil and I drove to Grants Pass, Oregon for the Valley of the Rogue Horseshoe Tournament and had a wonderful time with friends we have made in the Oregon Horseshoe Pitching Association.

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Ukiah Valley Club

We also got to see Don Smalley who used to be a member of NCHPA. It was a pleasure and we enjoyed visiting with Don and friends.

Our tournament was later in September and on Saturday, Jerry Beach's widow Adrienne and his daughter Theresa and granddaughter Dixie brought a wonderful lunch to share with all the pitchers and their families. We had scrumptious beans (Adrienne's specialty) and salads and fruit and bread and cold cuts and chips and salsa and oh how enjoyed the delicious food. Jerry's family presented a plaque to our club with his picture. We will hang the plaque for every tournament for those of you who couldn't join us in September you will see it when you attend one of our 2007 tournaments. Besides having lunch in September, we hosted 14 pitchers on Saturday and 10 on Sunday. Everyone had a great time. Bernie Merchen from our

club was the Tournament Champion on Saturday with Will Matchem from Fortuna taking second place. In the second group, James Taylor; a new member of our club was Class Champion and Gil Tournour (our president) took 2nd. place. On Sunday, Will Facey of our club was the Tournament Champion and Bernie took 2nd. place. In the second group, Ken Jones of our club was the Class Champion and Gil Tournour took 2nd. place. Gill really is a 1st. Class guy...who has won several 2nd. places this year. Maybe in 2007 he'll win a couple of 1st. places. We certainly enjoy hosting tournaments in Ukiah. We thank all those who attended in 2006 and hope that if you haven't been here or it's been a while since you've been here that you will join us in 2007. Check the 2007 Tournament Schedule.

Shasta/Willows Club by: Lee Roy Lassiter

To All Club Contacts and NCHPA members: Be advised that we no longer have over-night parking privileges at the Redding horseshoe courts.

Sacramento Club by: Joan Bryan

President Glenn Rippetoe and his wife, Judette, opened their home for our club Christmas party and annual meeting. Had about thirty-five people. We were happy to see two of our senior members, Ralph Carter and Mike Martinez were able to join us. Paul Peterson was not feeling strong enough to venture out yet. Members Harlen Rippetoe and Richard (Pinky) Cattaneo and Harlen's wife, Sharon (good scorekeeper) drove up from Madera to be with us. We don't get to see them very often. We welcome new members to the club. Boyd Abbott, Sandi Abbott, Rick Haas, Dud Setters, Joe Johnston and Dan Benner. Member Don Jorgenson suffered a heart attack in March. Our wishes go out to him for a speedy recovery. Officers for the 2007 season will be Glenn Rippetoe as President, Joe Johnston will fill the Vice President seat and Joan Bryan will serve as Sec./Tres. Rick Bermingham, Glenn Rippetoe and Matt Smith took care of some loose stakes at Granite Park. Club O.K. on ordering 200 more score sheets. The 500 bought in Sept. were no good. For a \$10.00 entry fee and \$.50 a game the least we can do is offer a copy of the game pitched that is readable to all. We are good to go come Mar.31 & Apr. 1 at Granite Regional Park. Hope you can join us for some FUN in the SUN!

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Fortuna Club by: Bernice (Larsen) Reynolds

I got married last June and my last name is now Reynolds. He is a former horseshoe pitcher. I was trying to get him back in the Club and instead I got him in my life.

Also, I had heart surgery; a four way by pass on January 25. I am doing great. Our officers for this year are Henry Clark, President (707) 725-3052 and I am still the contact person and secretary/ treasurer. Same address and phone number, just a change in last name. Hope to see everyone at our Tournaments.

Stockton Club by: Peter P. Chavarria

Since our last tournament in 2006, not much has happened other than the bad weather. In January we got no rain & then in February we got very little rain but very cold, cold days into the low 20's & we lost many citrus crops as well as plants & flowers that were not covered & we also had broken water pipes around town.

In a more uplifting note, some of our members did some pitching in tournaments. In the La-Z-Daze Quartzsite Classic on Jan. 18 thru 21, 2007 in Arizona. Bob Birge got 11th. place with an average of 48.55%, down from his 62.89% entering average. Doug Martin took 7th. place with a 27.73% average, down from his entering average of 39.52%.

In the 17th. Annual Tuolumne County Open on Mar. 10: Bob Birge won 1st. place in Group 1 and Harvey Monk took 4th. place. Group 2.....Robert Russ won 1st. place. This is our newest member & he is pitching better & better. He qualified at 26% & is now at 25.87% for 7 games (not counting his performance at Tuolumne in which he pitched 37.81%. He will be the one to reckon with as time goes by.

This year we started Daylight Savings Time three weeks early, Mar. 12, & for the life of me, I cannot see why the powers that be; want to keep changing the time. I've heard that now we will save energy, that the farmers will have more daylight to work in (The farmers already were overworked with the normal Daylight Savings Time & now they will be more overworked) where will it all end?

As reported in the last News & Views; Dora Deckert had an operation & I am happy to report that Dora is now doing very well, keep it up Dora.

Well, our first weekend of tournaments in Stockton are just 4 week-ends away, so if you want to pitch in our tournaments on the 21st. & 22nd., you better get your dues in as soon as possible because before you know it the tournaments will be gone. Until next time I hope you all will be pitching ringers and more ringers.

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Tri-Valley Talk by: Linda Hoelscher

Marthe & Marty Dunn welcomed their 5th. Great Grandchild. Richard Robbins is a Grandpa once again. Ava Jewel arrived into the world Feb. 15th. Grandpa is busy going to races and is skiing in Colorado in his spare time. Bill & Jean Brown spent a week in Santa Barbara with a Grand-Daughter and Grandson and had a visit from a nephew who they hadn't seen in 35 years. Glenn & Shirley Jamieson cruised to Mexico and enjoyed it so much that they have booked another one for New Years, Dec. 31, 2007. Contact Glenn for info. We have 26 people so far that will be going. (as of the end of Feb). Also, Glenn keeps busy cutting the grass and general maintenance at our Courts. Lee & CB (Clara Belle) Henninger took a ten day cruise to Mexico out of San Francisco. Also, they went on a three day bus trip to Yosemite Valley and stayed at the Ahwahnee Hotel which was a special treat. Harvey & Pat Kooy finished modernizing the house and got cupboards in the garage and can actually tell where things are now. They also welcomed home their nephew from Iraq in January. Quite an experience. Spent a lot of time sending things to him while he was over there including a homemade paper Christmas Tree.

Lind & Al Hoelscher enjoyed their five week vacation to Palm Springs and Quartzsite and Salome, AZ., and back to Plam Springs. We did do a lot of different things. But, one of the highlights was when Linda, Al, Kimmy, Mitch and Richard went to a plat at Cal State in Pal Springs and saw the play "VIGARA FALLS", it is a must see if it ever comes to your town.

Tri-Valley had 11 members at Quartzsite and seven of us pitched in the cold, rain and winds. Even with all the bad weather, we had a good time and look forward to going back next year. We hope to see many of you on the courts this year.

Motorcycle cruise to Yolo by: Casey Sluys

On Wed the 14th of March I took a motorcycle ride to the Yolo club. Arriving at 4^{PM}, as planned, for a few hours of hard labor. Dave Harker met me there and told me he had two edgers that were running. Well; one had a belt loose and the blade would bind in the grass and spin the belt. Adjustments on this unit had been welded together at one time or another.

Don Stephens came there also, with horseshoes in hand, and probably had in mind to pitch some shoes, but instead latched onto the other edger (the good one). He was able to do two courts to my one, so needless to say the Yolo group of horseshoe pitchers could certainly use another edger. We worked for two solid hours and only edged one side of the courts. That equals 4 man-hrs per side for the courts we did. If we had better equipment we could cut that time in half. Perhaps if enough bodies showed up on specific work days they could use a two or three more edger's. Not only edger's though they could certainly use a couple of working push mowers and at least two or three string weed whackers and a couple of weed sprayers also. If there are any ex-gardeners who have a line on any of this type of equipment, or anyone else for that matter, and would be willing to donate it to the Northern California's premier pitching facility please let Dave Harker know. His phone number is 707-678-1908 Evenings 707-249-2162 Days. We'll make arrangements to pick up any donated equipment, or you can simply make arrangements with Dave and he could meet you at a tournament somewhere? I know there are some gardeners in our horseshoe family so let's be generous and build this facility up again with decent, working tools.

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Vallejo Club by: Jim Wallace

January 13, we held our annual club meeting at the Senior Center. We authorized to purchase a brick for the NHPF. What a great way to support this NHPA Hall of Fame building project. Buy a commemorative brick to remember or honor someone special, a loved one, a friend, club or business. An engraved brick is a gift that can last forever. The engraved commemorative brick will be laid in the Jack Freeman Memorial Plaza just outside the front entrance to the Hall of Fame building. There will be a large special horseshoe shaped bench on which to sit and enjoy some of the park vista while perusing the engraved bricks in the plaza. Visit "horshoepitching.com", then look at NHPF for information.

We have our club practice on Tuesdays and Thursdays and sometimes on Saturdays. Bill Milligan is the man to look out for this year. Peter Fournier of Sonoma Club was re-qualified to pitch from 40' as he is no longer a junior. He qualified at 17%. Art Montenegro was re-qualified for short distance at 36%. Our next sanctioned tournament will be held on April 15. Hope to see a lot of pitchers there playing the game.

Feather River Club by: Audrey Winters

Feather River Club had an organizational meeting in February and has decided to advertise in a couple of local papers for new members. The ads should be coming out shortly. So far we have only nine paid members but are expecting more will join. We welcome one new member who attended the meeting. Many of you may remember Reb Billingsley who belonged to the Sacramento Club many years ago. He stopped pitching after an accident but is now anxious to get started and is very interested in getting our club membership built up. Reb has been looking into having some new shirts made up so we can have them on hand and they are in the process of being made now. We are all looking forward to our new season. Also, our club now meets at 4 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays for practice.

Shingle Springs Club by: Dave Cardinali

Well, well, mercy me. Dean Brewster retired from PG&E and is active with the club again. Dean gets mad when his shoes don't go where he wants them to, so he buys another pair of shoes. He's got 36 pair now. Brings them all to the courts and hangs them on the fence. That's enough shoes to recap all of Barak Obama's camels.

Jack Couch is getting good. "The Texan," is tossing ringers all the time now. Pitches right handed from the right hand side, but, it works for him. I recall when Jack first showed up a few years back and he was having a tough time of it. Bob Birge used to call him "Thumper." Well, he still is "Thumper," but in a completely different context.

Rich King told us that "Me and my girl friend really had some words this morning. Only thing is---I didn't get to use any of mine." Rich doesn't have any mirrors in his house. He still thinks his hair is black and wavy instead of white, and damn near gone. Well, I guess we all are a little guilty of the same syndrome. Figure we are still in the game when actually, we couldn't lure a decent mate out of a burning building.

Myself---I'm doing alright I guess. Still eating sirloin and drinking Jack Daniels, and Guinness' Stout. Went to the Buena Vista Bar the other day and figured the good looking "Innkeep," was interested in me. Kept coming by my spot with the bar towel and cleaning up. Turned change for a twenty into change for a ten the first time. Man she was a master with the "Chicago Swipe." Second time around all my coins

disappeared while I was sitting there watching them. The lady was slick. I figured she was going to pull them all back out of my ear, but it never happened. She must have been a coin collector.

Dan Sorensen has slipped a cog. Shavings in his gearbox. He went to town and bought a forty foot diesel "Pusher." A new one. "Holy Smokes," they ain't giving those rigs away. Then he went back to town and bought a new "Hummer." Same color as the "Pusher." Hooked them up together. His wife drove by the courts, while we were pitching the other day and honked the horn. All she needed was another trailer full of elephants and it would have been a full circus coming into town. Dan just smiled and watched \$300,000 roll on down the street.

Old Al Hunt showed the other day and tossed a few. Had to stop soon, as his back has been acting up as of late. It hasn't been that long ago when Al might hit you with five or six straight, maybe miss a couple, and then repeat. A completely flat, one and a quarter shoe, every time. Just beautiful to watch.

We have two new members. Frank Nilsson and Tim Coleman. Fine gents these two. They play the game with us every week. They contribute to the club by participating in the "Money Game," we play every week. They work if need be and they have thick skins which is a prerequisite for members, as nothing is sacred when you walk on the courts at Shingle. You have a tiny flaw, something in your clothes, or your speech, or any damn thing, your opinion maybe, and look out. You are in some deep "Doggie Doo Doo." Can't think of any more lies to tell right now.

Hall of Fame by Kimmy Stockli

This year the privilege of heading up the Hall of Fame Committee has been given to Rick Bermingham. He will be accepting all nomination forms. Please contact him with any questions you may have. His phone number is on the schedule. However, the address is incorrect. He has moved recently and will be providing us with a new address shortly.

It is time to start thinking of eligible candidates. If you have someone you want to nominate, there is a nomination form in this issue and there will be one in the next issue of the newsletter. Nominees must meet the following criteria:

1. **MEMBERSHIP:** The nominee must have been an adult member, in good standing, of the NHPA/NCHPA for a minimum of 10 years. His/her attitude and initiative should uphold and enhance the image of the NHPA/NCHPA.
2. **PITCHER:** One that has an outstanding record of pitching performance and has one several titles at the class, state, or world level.
3. **ORGANIZER:** One who has made significant contributions to the game in an administrative capacity as a charter officer or as a promoter that has brought in new members, given of their time, and worked towards the betterment of the game, above and beyond the norm.

All Nominees must meet the criteria listed above in #1, including either #2 or #3. If you know of a deserving member in your club any other club, or past members, please present their name to the committee for their consideration.

The committee consists of 5 NCHPA members, and they are chosen for their knowledge of past and present members and for their fairness and sportsmanship. Make sure when you choose a nominee all of the above criteria has been met. To be elected to the Hall Of Fame is a great honor!

Sonoma Country Club by: Casey Sluys

Willie Nelson???? Yes, you can actually come to Santa Rosa on April 21 and get to see Willie Nelson ! Before his concert at the Wells Fargo Center for the Arts; why not pitch with us, here at the Santa Rosa facility and celebrate the George Greeott Birthday tournament at probably one of the best pitching facilities in the United States.

By the way, Willie will have another show on the 22nd.. Figured I'd let you know in advance in the case the Greeott tournament runs a little long. Don't miss this one; we'll let George tell you his age. The last time we held it in 2005 (last year was rained out), George pitched the first shoe and got a ringer with it. Typical of him though isn't it? Those of you who remember pitching against him know that he was always a tough competitor and an extremely fair man.

We have a couple of first year members who kinda stood in the wings last year, but they've been practicing all winter and they are getting better and better. They are Frank Cmelik and Reed Beaman, a couple of hard workers also. When anything needs to be done they simply do it !

It's certainly nice to have some new blood willing to handle some of the everyday tasks involved with keeping our facility looking good.

Did you see the Redneck Games application in the last issue of News & Views and this one? We're going to run a double elimination tournament for about 100 pitchers.

You need to pre-register though, especially if you're an NCHPA member. We'll take sign-ins at the event up 'til noon on Friday 6/8/07. Then we will group them according to the entries and begin a double elimination event that will conclude on Sunday the 10th. My reasoning for a double elimination event is to get as many people pitching as possible, not just NHPA members, but people who are non-members. Maybe, just maybe, we will sign them up to join the Willows or Redding clubs.

Those of you in the Willows and Redding clubs, please help us out at this event held on June 8-9-10 at Tehama County Fairgrounds in Red Bluff, CA.

Those willing to donate their time and efforts to assist in the promotion of horseshoe pitching are more than welcome to help! It's going to be a huge deal for Red Bluff, so make your reservations quickly. I have an agenda of 24 separate events for the Redneck Games. Look'em up on <http://www.redneckolympics.com>.

Just for your information: At the annual meeting in November, we will be electing or re-electing three NCHPA Officers. Secetary/Treasurer, 1st. Vice President and 3rd. Vice President. If your interested; read NCHPA ByLaw Article V, Section 5,a and 5,b.

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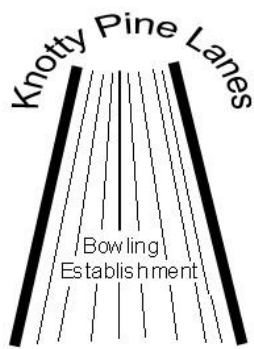
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The Sonoma County Horseshoe Club has cancelled their tournament on July 7. Tournament #73 has been moved to July 14.

That's July 14 for the Hall of Fame Recognition. Please mark your calendar.



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Court Sanctions by: Gail Sluys

New procedure to think about—the new **RGS** (Rules, Guidelines & Specifications) **booklet** is out. Each of your clubs has a copy, so if you want to see it, please ask your contact person.



In this RGS book there are qualifications for me, as Regional Director, to sanction facilities with either **Full Court Sanction** or **Conditional Court Sanction**. These requirements are for existing and new facilities.

I have sent out forms to be completed by each club to describe your facility, and under the new rules, the facilities have to meet specific guidelines. Depending on the answers to the questions, your facility may qualify with either a **Full Court Sanction** or **Conditional Court Sanction**. Under a **Conditional Court Sanction**, if the minimum requirements are not met, the courts may continue to be used for sanctioned events if a written plan for correction the problems(s) has been agreed to, signed by the club president and is "on file" by the Regional Director. If the corrections are made within an agreed to and reasonable period of time, a **Conditional Court Sanction** certificate can then be issued. For a **Full Court Sanction** your clubs courts must meet all conditional requirements and additional Full Court Sanction conditions including having **full walkways**.

In the NCHPA 22 clubs, we have only 7 that will meet the **Full Court Sanction** requirements, meaning we will have a lot of work to do. I have attempted to have courts grandfathered in as we did a few years ago when the courts were last sanctioned. We did comply with the requirements imposed at that time. One important thing to remember—we have 40 courts at Yolo without full walkways, if we do not put in full walkways, we will not be able to host the State Tournament at that facility.

I have been unable to make any headway, therefore if you disagree with these new court sanction requirements, I ask you to contact the person in charge. His name is Dan Sanders and he is the NHPA 1st. VP. Dan's mailing address is 42 Scioto St., Powell, OH, 43065. His e-mail address is: dsanderling@yahoo.com.

Tulare Club by: Robert Cocagne

We held tournaments on February 24th and 25th, 2007. There was a good turnout of 24 players on Saturday and 16 on Sunday which caused good weather to follow. Member Bob Midkiff requalified and played both days. Saturday results were:

Group A: 1st – Mel Roberts
2nd – Bob Midkiff

Group B: 1st – George Simon
2nd – Perry Huff

Group C: 1st – Harlan Rippetoe
2nd – Danny Kyle

Group D: 1st – Ty Holscher
2nd – Scott Wine

Sunday finished with:

Group A: 1st – Bob Midkiff
2nd – Dale Tex

Group B: 1st – Wayne George
2nd – Marvin Sanders

Group C: 1st – Vicki George
2nd – Scott Wine

The Tulare Horseshoe club purchased a refurbished Dell laptop computer and printer from Recycom Technologies 1-866-362-3535 Ext. 8830 or web @www.recycomtech.com. We discovered a free program for scorekeeping tournaments available from NHPA called HS Master which we installed and hope to use at our next tournament. The program seems to be user friendly and you are able to load any NHPA player with their updated ringer average from NATSTATS. Some of our members have tested this program by entering the past two tournaments data.

Thanks to author Kurt Whaley and technical support from Paul Stewart. Tournament files will be e-mailed to Sharon Paddock which will save her a lot of time.

The club will be serving free hot breakfast at the next two tournaments.

On March 11, 2007 I tried to use the HS Master program at the Bakersfield tournament but failed.

Danny Kyle saved the day by using the Walter Ray program to run the tournament. I apologize to all the players for the late start. I came home and recreated the same error and with the help of Paul Stewart, was able to fix the glitch.

It occurred when I was trying to enter the court numbers and I learned that I had to remove the courts that were not being used from the pull down menu before proceeding. Worked like a charm after that.

The Tulare Horseshoe Club had a tournament March 24, 2007. We used the HP Master program and this time it was a success! We had 24 pitchers and the results were:

Group A: 1st – George Sime
2nd – Keith Meier

Group B: 1st – Vicki George
2nd – Dale Kurth

Group C: 1st – Tony Barton
2nd – Robert Tidwell

Group D: 1st – Ronald Brickell
2nd Michael James

The breakfast was well received with egg, bacon, potatoes and orange juice served to all. Our next tournament will be on April 14th which will be an added money tournament with free breakfast and lunch served to all pitchers and scorekeepers.

Robert Cocagne is working on a 4-H Horseshoe Tournament for youth and would welcome any ideas anyone has for getting kids involved in this event. E-mail him at xgoatqueen@aol.com.

2007 NCHPA CLUB TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

DATES: October 13th & 14th

LOCATION: Tri-Valley Club

1. ENTRY FEE: \$80.00 per team. This is a 2-day event and **pre-registration** is required.
2. Teams may be mixed and must have 4 players. Each team may register 1 alternate player to be used in case of injury to an original player.
3. All players must be NCHPA members and be a member or associate member of the club they represent. All players must have a minimum of 2 NCHPA, 2006 tournaments on record prior to October 1, 2006 to be eligible.
4. All participants must wear appropriate name shirts of the club they represent.
5. All Tournament play will be count-all using an 80% handicap.
6. Saturday will consist of qualifying rounds and the 8 teams with the highest point count will proceed to the finals on Sunday.
7. Bonus points will be awarded in the finals. Each player will be awarded 20 bonus points for each win. Each team will be awarded 40 bonus points for 3 or more wins in a round.
8. Prize money will be determined by the number of teams entered and will be announced.

A maximum of 24 teams will be fielded in 2 shifts – 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. We must have even numbers of teams; 16, 20, 24 in order for each participant to play 7 games. All scorekeeping fees are included. The tournament will be canceled and fees refunded if less than 16 teams enter.

Special Note:

Just wanted to let you know Tri-Valley Club had a meeting and we will be serving lunch to everyone free of charge at the team tournament on Saturday only. We will need to know how many to plan for. We will be serving hot dogs and hamburgers. Plus salads. Everyone will need to bring their own drinks. **Please indicate how many will be eating.**

ENTRY DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 1ST

Cut here and mail to Gail



Club Name _____

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

3. _____ **4.** _____

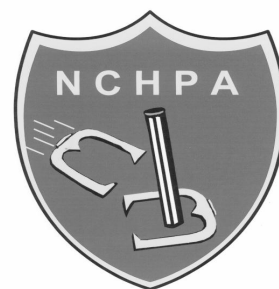
Team Captain _____ **Alternate** _____

How many will be eating on Saturday? _____

Send check, made payable to NCHPA, in the amount of \$80.00 per team to:
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NOR-CAL CHAMPIONSHIPS ENTRY FORM



For October 6 & Maybe October 7
(Depending on number of entries)

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No Exceptions---No Refunds after the Schedule is completed.
A Schedule of you pitching and sign-in times will be mailed to each participant.

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Name: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

NHPA CARD # _____ Birth Date: _____

Please circle the Group you are entering.

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

ENTRY FEE: _____ DINNER TICKETS: _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____