

# Nor-Cal News Views

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

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/568662210169482/>

## President

Hello NorCal Pitchers

As most of our membership I am disappointed and saddened by our current events. I was hoping we would be in full swing pitching up a storm by this time. It feels like we are all over the board with State, county, city or local Health Departments deciding when we can play. At this point in time this is a week by week decision. Most counties are starting to open but limiting the amount of people who can congregate.

There is a list of guidelines to follow. Social distancing, hand sanitizer and washing stations and of course the face covering. First and most importantly is the safety of our pitching community. Casey Sluys sent out a letter on May 28th with a request for details for opening each club by their local health department. He will then publish those requirements on FB so each member can make an informed decision for attending and pitching as its allowed. At the moment only one club has had a sanctioned tournament since the SIP orders in March and that's McBean/ Lincoln.

With that said I see that live video Horseshoe Pitching on Line is very active. If you haven't had a chance to see it or participate I highly recommend checking it out. It's a great way to stay in touch with the sport while we SIP.

As for the State tournament this year we have been in contact with Southern CA and they are planning on holding as planned. Bakersfield says they will be ready. If the State decides not to allow competitive sporting events by August we will have further conversations with them. Possibly holding it later in the year or just cancelling.

This is an extremely unusual situation, something we have never had to navigate before but we will get through it sooner or later.

As soon as we know something more specific I'll pass it on. I am hopeful we will all be pitching soon but it's out of our control. Stay safe, *Joe Summers*

## Secretary/Treasurer

I hope you are staying healthy and ready to pitch during these trying times. We still have a lot of our season left to pitch so there is hope we will be able to get together and have some fun. It has been great to see some of you pitching in the Facebook online competitions which are being run across the country. What a great way to get in some practice, stay home, and pitch people from around the country. Those of us watching have seen some great games live on Facebook. Some of the pitchers we have watched are Tom Webb – Mr. perfect game – Bobby Bartell, Dave Lane, Danny Kyle, Bill Paddock and Rick Bermingham and I'll tell you what, watching the great pitching by all of the Begaye family is so much fun – Hastiin has pitched perfect games, some near perfect games and watching Gavin, Bobie, Adakei, and Kaidence keep moving on up is great.

There is still hope to get in our N. CA Championships and Doubles tournaments. Entry applications are enclosed in this newsletter. *Gail Sluys*

## 1st VP

The last time I wrote an article for the News and Views, I wrote about the "Inner Game of Horseshoes", and I was eagerly anticipating the pitching season! My pitching elbow which had bothered me for the last year or so was finally feeling good, and I was looking forward to the Vallejo tournament in early March to get my season started. Suddenly, all you heard about was

the Covid-19 Virus, and the Governor was closing down Parks, and prohibiting gatherings of more than 10 people, and we had no horseshoe pitching! Like all of you, I really miss our horseshoe pitching! It definitely gives us all a chance to reflect on how important our sport is in our lives. As Joni Mitchell sang, "You don't know what you got till it's gone!....they take paradise and put up a parking lot!" I hope that the powers that be will soon see their way to allow us to get back to normal, in my opinion it seems like we have over-reacted to this Virus. I feel it is important that we all get back to work, and back to play as soon as possible! I miss that sound of a horseshoe tournament, and look forward to hearing it again! We may need to find a way to be safer in regards to spreading the Virus while we play horseshoes in the coming months. It doesn't appeal to me to wear a mask while pitching, but we can possibly be creative enough to think of ways to "distance" while pitching! I think it is important for horseshoe pitching to get going soon, in many ways we are like the many small business' across the country, that can't afford to stay closed for too long without risking never reopening!

It is great to see some of the creativity shown by horseshoe pitchers doing the "online pitching".....that may really become an important part of horseshoe pitching going forward. When people really love something like their favorite sport, it is amazing how inventive they can become in finding a way to do it! It has been great to be able to pitch on my court in my backyard, and I rarely miss a day, sometimes getting out for 2 or 3 short sessions a day, but as much as I enjoy practicing, I definitely miss going to the tournaments to spend time with horseshoe pitching friends, and to see if the practice time will reflect in higher ringer percentages or better tournament performance.

I love books, and I have always thought it would be nice to have a copy of Roy W. Smith's *Science at the Stake* written in 1946. There is a copy available to view on the NHPA website [Click on "Rules & Bylaws", then click on "Rules", then click on "Old Rule Book"] I've always enjoyed this book, it is certainly the classic description of the fundamentals of how to throw a turn shoe, and I think all horseshoe pitchers should read it. It gives some good flavor of horseshoe pitching in the 30's and 40's, along with some history of the sport, and a few interesting pictures. While browsing a used book site on line I found a copy of the book available. Yeah baby! So for \$30 and \$5 shipping I now have my copy of *Science at the Stake*! It is quite a small book, only 4" x 6", I suppose it was designed to carry in your back pocket as you pitched. The original blue cover has badly faded, the previous owner's name "Marian S. Courtney" is written on the cover....I imagine of course that he was a pitcher. There was an original price tag for 50 cents inside the book from the University Book Store [I imagine it was USC, since the book was sent from a

store in Los Angeles.] On page 52 of the book, under the heading "Pitch Horseshoes for Health and Recreation", Smith writes, "Horseshoe Pitching is not only one of the oldest and best established games in the world, but is regarded by all who are associated with it as being one of the cleanest and most healthful forms of recreation. Besides teaching one a perfect coordination of the muscles and mental faculties, it develops the powers of concentration and endurance." He goes on to write that, "Physicians, who have studied the game, pronounce it to be conducive to long life and have found that very few players are ever troubled with **appendicitis**. Frank Jackson, many times a world champion and affectionately known as "The Grand Old Man of the Horseshoe Game," has stated: "Throughout the many years I have played the game, I have never known of a horseshoe pitcher to suffer from **appendicitis**" It is well worth knowing that a person can enjoy this splendid sport and keep physically fit at the same time." I include this short excerpt from the book, because as you might have guessed by now, after two days of pain in my lower right abdomen, I spent 3 days in Lodi Memorial Hospital over Mother's Day weekend having my appendix removed. When the emergency room physician told me that I had "acute appendicitis," I should have told him "That can't be possible doc, I'm a horseshoe pitcher!" The doctor told me that my appendix was very enlarged, and partially gangrenous, so I spent a couple of days in the hospital on I.V. antibiotics. They did the procedure "arthroscopically" so the incisions are minimal, and I've already been back to pitching in the back yard, so once the shutdown lifts, I'm ready to go! Frank Elroy Jackson of Kansas, renowned appendicitis expert, was said to have won the title of World Champion 13 times in the early 1900s (The NHPA lists him as World Champion 7 times from 1909 to 1926.) His final World Tournament was in 1935 where at age 65 he finished 5<sup>th</sup> place with a ringer average of 72.9% Ted Allen won that 1935 tournament, with Guy Zimmerman finishing fourth, just ahead of Frank. Jackson barnstormed the country pitching shoes in exhibitions until 1940. He operated a motel in Tampa, Florida where he died in 1955 at the age of 85. I could find no cause of death so I can only assume it wasn't from a **burst appendix**!

It was a disappointment when the World Tournament in Louisiana was canceled. I was looking forward to checking out New Orleans, the food, the history, and the music. I'm really glad the NHPA decided to hold the tournament in Monroe, LA again in three years! In planning for the trip I ran into a Jazz Band called "Tuba



**Frank Jackson**

Skinny” on Youtube. If you at all like New Orleans Jazz, and traditional Jazz and Blues, check them out on Youtube. They started as a street band in 2009.....a great sound...very fun, happy music....some talented musicians!

I hope to see you all very soon on the courts. I think that it is so important that the NCHPA comes roaring back! Everyone should try to pitch in as many tournaments as possible, put extra effort into growing the clubs with new members, maybe even buying some new shoes to support the horseshoe manufacturers! If we can get back to pitching soon, and if Southern California holds strong on holding the State Tournament in Bakersfield, it will not be a lost pitching year! *George Davis.*

### 3rd VP

The COVID-19 pandemic is still affecting NCHPA horseshoe pitching. Only 3 NCHPA tournaments have been pitched since March 8: 2 in McBean/Lincoln and the NHPF Bazaar Mail-In tournament. All other tournaments have been cancelled. Let's hope that the pandemic situation

improves so that we can get some tournaments in the books later this year.

As always for any tournaments that do manage to get pitched 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. *Mike Anderson*

### 4th VP

Hello from the north! We are required to wear a mask at every public venue/store but new cases of COVID have not been reported for the last week so that may be good news. I have no idea where these latest events will lead but I know we must persevere with a positive attitude and lots of prayers. With the canceling of the World tournament leaving the prospect of future tournaments in doubt I guess we will just have to wait and see what happens. I hope all of you are well and your only complaint is a little boredom or dissatisfaction with current events. Please stay safe and God Bless you. *Lorena Tournour*

## CLUBS

### San Jose

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic San Jose has not held any tournaments yet this year. We have high hopes of hosting some tournaments later this year.

In March our club building was broken into and watering hoses, a water plug-in, microwave oven, trash cans, and some small items were stolen. Since we had removed all shovels and canopies we still have those. Since repairing and attempting to make the club building secure has not worked we decided

to remove all contents of any value to Nancy Cloutier's garage and leave the club shed door unlocked. In the future we will be bringing all necessary materials needed to host a tournament to the courts on the morning of the tournament and taking all the materials home after the tournament is over. This may mean that we host fewer tournaments in future years and we may no longer have our potluck meal after the tournaments. Time will tell. Best of luck to everyone in these trying times.

**Mike Anderson**

## Ukiah

I just sent out an email canceling our June and final scheduled tournaments in Ukiah. We were hoping to have the June tournaments, I remember in March thinking this can't last through June!!! Well here we are and the Virus is still disrupting our lives and our activities. Gil has been practicing on our home courts, as I hope you all are, while hoping for an end to the Shelter in Place orders. Our lives have certainly been disrupted but we are health and trying to stay that way. In light of current events I try to remind myself that the world hold more good people than bad, it's just that the bad one get all the attention! That makes me miss the friendship and camaraderie of horseshoes ever more!!! We miss you! God bless you and keep you safe and healthy.

**Lorena Tournour Sec. & Gil Tournour Pres.**

## Stockton

Things have been pretty quiet around Louis Park this Spring. Like all the rest of the clubs in the NCHPA we miss pitching! It was a disappointment to not hold the Joe and Millie Schultz tournament this year, the first time in many, many years that there hasn't been one! We hope all NCHPA pitchers stay healthy, and we hope we can soon salvage at least the last part of this year's pitching season! Ringers to all! **George Davis**

## Vallejo

Hello to all clubs, Officers of the NCHPA, and of course, all you Horseshoe pitchers. It has been a horrible first half of 2020. I wish I new what was in store for us in the upcoming months or do I really want to know . I was contacted by GVRD ( Greater Vallejo Recreation Department ). We had a good conversation about Horseshoe Pitching in Vallejo. With all of us following Social distancing Protocol

we are proud to announce that Horseshoe pitching in Vallejo is a go!

Protocol for pitching in Vallejo:

1 = 6 foot Distance

2 = Facemasks ( Suggested )Not Required

3 = No Shared Food

4 = Bring your own Water / Drinks

5 = Bring your own Cups

6 = Bathrooms will be open for Horseshoe Pitchers only ( locked & opened for Horseshoe pitchers only)

7 = Bathrooms to be wiped down every 2 Hours by Horseshoe personnel

8 = Gate entrance to be wiped down by Horseshoe personnel every 2 Hours

9 = No Handling of another person's Horseshoes ( pick up your own shoes )

I hope to see everyone at the pits on Sunday June 28th for the Ben Yost tournament, remember: practice, practice, practice. Thanks **Dave Lane**

## Sonoma County (Santa Rosa)

Last Sunday 12 of us met at the courts for the first time since this Covid-19 fiasco appeared on the scene. It turned out to be a fun time. The gates to Doyle Park were unlocked on Monday the 15th of June finally. This will allow us to continue our sanctioned league on Thursdays. As of now we will continue holding tournaments on July 11, it's number 72 on the schedule. Don't forget on August 8th we have the mystery money tournament, that's number 84 on the schedule. **Casey Sluys**

## Half Moon Bay

The Half Moon Bay Horseshoe Club hopes all of you are doing well with the shelter in place situation and hope you were able to find Horseshoe courts to pitch on. Our Club has lost 5 NHPA tournaments & 3 Club tournaments. We will try to reschedule tournaments if possible & practical.

I have found a quick way to measure close ringers (this works for me). I take my strait edge measuring tool and place it at one of the tips of the shoe. While touching the tip I also place the strait edge against the stake and slide it down the stake. If it is touching the tip of one side of shoe and the strait edge lands on top of the other side of the shoe, it is a ringer. If it slides against the other shoe tip, it is a

three-point touch and is not a ringer. If it does not touch the other tip of the shoe it is not a ringer. This is also a good visual aid if you don't like to dig out the clay and you can also see if you need to go through the effort of digging out the clay for a measurement.

The NCHPA has been trying to get all our Clubs to use HS Master. We realize that some clubs have problems with computers! We have solutions for any reason your club is not using HS Master and we want to Help. If you can do Face Time or something similar on your cell phone, we can help you easily. This is the best time learn before we start pitching again.

During the shelter in place I started pitching with my partner in crime Richard Robbins using Face Time (we pitch in our own backyards) & the HPO

(Horseshoe Pitching Online (on Facebook)). During this time, one of my pits failed. It was built in 2007 and one pit finally fatigued as the stake ripped out of the plywood base. I documented rebuilding this pit so I could reproduce it in the future (being 70, I might need someone else to build it for me when I am 100). So, I decided to share how I built one of my pits. This is just another way to build a pit. See you on the Courts, ***Rick Della Santina***

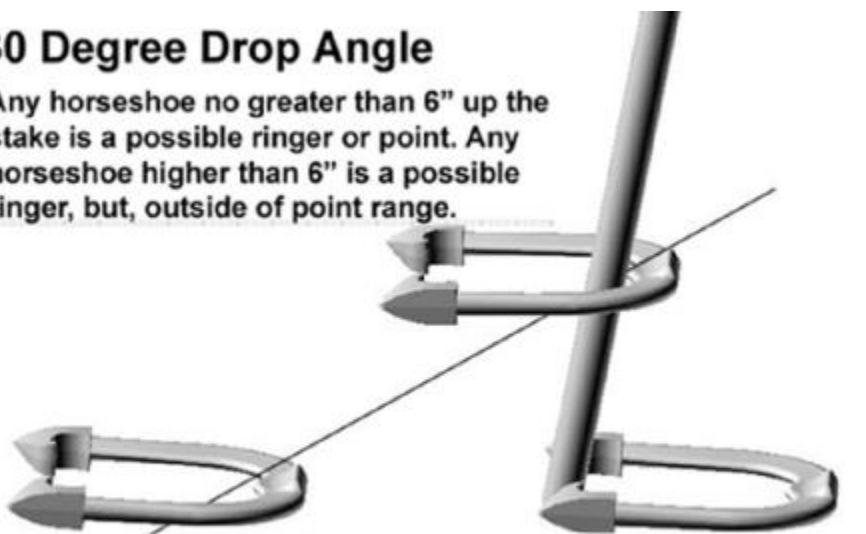
## Tip 1 — Improve Your Drop Angle

The simplest way to improve your Drop Angle is to surround the stake with a 15" used rubber tire (see image below). If not a rubber tire, then a length of 4×4 across the pit about 6" in front of the stake. Calculations indicate that a horseshoe arriving at a Drop Angle of between 30 Degrees to 45 Degrees (see images below) will tend to stay within the 13" scoring circle (see image below). Your goal is to drop the horseshoe onto the stake without hitting the sidewall or the 4×4 when arriving. The shoe will then arrive softer, which reduces rejection, and allows you to pitch the horseshoe with less effort the required distance. Remember, the higher you pitch the horseshoe, with the same initial velocity (speed), the greater the distance traveled (up to 45 degrees).

Using Tip 1 will not only help with your Drop Angle, but, direction and distance.

### 30 Degree Drop Angle

Any horseshoe no greater than 6" up the stake is a possible ringer or point. Any horseshoe higher than 6" is a possible ringer, but, outside of point range.



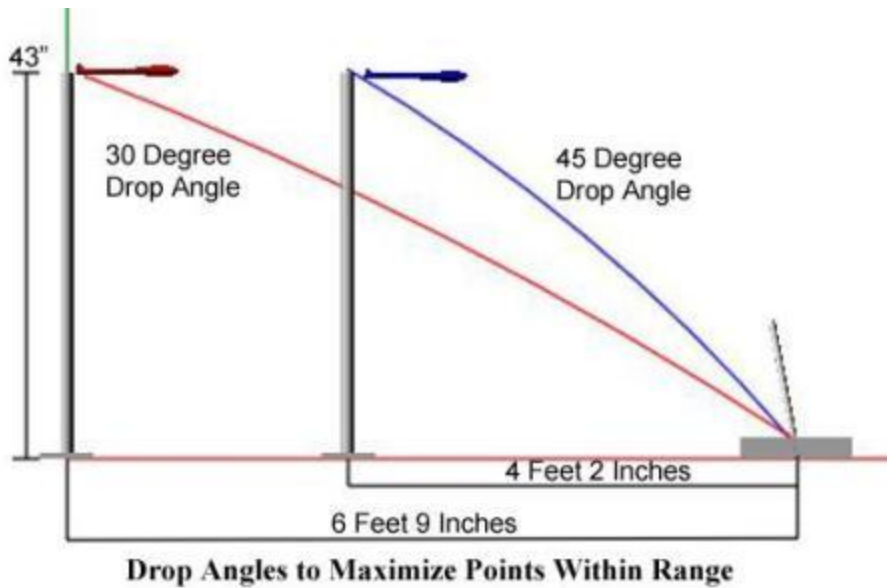
Any horseshoe 6-1/2" short is a possible ringer or point  
The scoring range for 30 degrees is 12-1/2".



Diagram illustrating a 3D helical structure, likely a DNA model, showing a 12" Scoring Range @ 8-1/2" Up and a 10" Scoring Range @ 6" Up. The structure is composed of red and blue segments, with a grey vertical axis.

The image above represents the use of a 15" used tire for improving your arrival at the stake. The tire above left, shows a cutout that allows me to see the bottom of the stake from the approach. Removing the bottom sidewall makes the removal of the cutout easier. Your goal here is to throw the horseshoe high enough to clear the sidewall at arrival, and land within your scoring circle. This simple aid will immediately improve your "Drop Angle" arrival.

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### Tamper Positioning for 30 and 45 Degree Drop Angle

The 43" tamper that I use to prepare my clay pit works great to position a target over my Line of Flight at a distance from the stake to improve my "Drop Angle." This is a more effective way to provide a target over the previously mentioned string above.



### 13 Inch Scoring Circle

The NHPA uses 6" for measurement of a single point. The image above represents the scoring circle available to capture those single points in "Count All" or cancellation matches.

**Written by: Bob Rasmussen 410-923-2675 bobrass@verizen.com**



# NCHPA CHAMPIONSHIPS ENTRY FORM

October 3, & (4 if needed) 2020  
(One or Two Days of Pitching depending on number of Entries)



## HOST CLUB – Vallejo Horseshoe Club

*PRE-REGISTER - \$ PRIZE MONEY & PLAQUES*

*ENTRY DEADLINE POSTMARKED September 12, 2020*

Participants must have pitched in (1) NHPA sanctioned tournament before September 13, 2020. **New members** who joined after August 1, 2020 and **Junior/ Cadet** Entrants also need a minimum of one (1) NHPA sanctioned tournament before September 14, 2020.

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

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

NO REFUNDS AFTER SCHEDULE IS COMPLETED.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

NHPA CARD # \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle the Group you are entering.

OPEN MEN, OPEN WOMEN, ELDERS MEN, JUNIOR GIRL/BOY, CADET 12 &  
UNDER, SR.MEN, SR.WOMEN. SENIOR GROUPS NOT HAVING A MINIMUM  
OF 6 PLAYERS WILL BE MIXED WITH OPEN CLASSES.

ENTRY FEE \$20.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_



# 2020 NCHPA DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP



**Entry Fee \$50.00 per team. Team Cap = 110% closing date September 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**The 2020 NCHPA Doubles Championship Tournament will be held at the Half Moon Bay Horseshoe Club on September 19th and 20th 2020.**

**Pick your partner from any NCHPA, SCHPA, NEVADA Member. Send \$50.00 per team plus completed entry form in by September 1st. Each team will pay the scorekeeper \$2.00 per game. (\$1.00 per player). The cap on a team is 110% combined. (Example player A is 65% player B cannot be more 45%) These are Championships – No Handicapping. Groups will be formed based on the number of entries, with a minimum of two (2) groups. Prize money and awards in each group will depend on number of entries.**

**Send entry form and entry fee to Lorena Tournour PO Box 113 Calpella 95418. Phone 707-485-7894.**

**Food will be available for sale at Half Moon Bay. More information to follow as the tournament nears.**

**Player A \_\_\_\_\_ % \_\_\_\_\_ Charter \_\_\_\_\_**

**Phone# \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_**

**PlayerB \_\_\_\_\_ % \_\_\_\_\_ Charter \_\_\_\_\_**

**Phone# \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_**

# 2020 California State Championships Entry Form

Sponsor: Southern California Horseshoe Pitchers Association (SCHPA) Host Club:

Bakersfield Shoe Crew **5-6 September 2020**

**Added prize money from local sponsors! Beach Park, Bakersfield, California**

NHPA #: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ CA ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Select Your Entry Division (circle one):

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

Jr. Boys

Jr. Girls

Jr. Cadets (20ft)

**For Cadets and Juniors, do you want to participate with the prize money awards?**

**Circle either: Yes or No**

**If yes, we require parental approval: \_\_\_\_\_ (parent's signature)**

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

**Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_**

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-(Keep this section for future reference – Calif. State Championships, Bakersfield, 5-6 September 2020)

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

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

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

Entry fee is \$40.00 for adults and FREE for juniors and cadets; no refunds after the below entry deadline date.

**Entry deadline** date (or post mark date): **1 August 2020** (Late entries require an additional **\$10** entry fee and will be used on a standby basis only.)

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

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



## 2020 California State Horseshoe Pitching Championships

### Awards Sponsor Form

The Southern California Horseshoe Pitchers Association (SCHPA) will host the 2020 California State Horseshoe Pitching Championships Tournament at the Bakersfield Shoe Crew Horseshoe Pitching Club, Beach Park, Bakersfield, California, during the 5-7 September weekend. Please consider sponsoring an award for this prestigious event! Both plaques and cash are awarded to the winners of 15-20 player groups from throughout the State of California. This tournament establishes California State Horseshoe Pitching Champions for both men and women of all ages plus boys and girls less than 19 years old. If you wish to sponsor a first or second place plaque award, each plaque costs about **\$50**. If we receive your plaque sponsorship by the 15<sup>th</sup> of August, the award plaque will reflect your support. The SCHPA is a not-for-profit association and 100% of your donation goes towards the awards.

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

Sponsor's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Phone and/or Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your donation check payable to SCHPA and mail it along with this completed form to the SCHPA Secretary/Treasurer:

Hal Griswold  
2612 Balearic  
Rd. Dana Point  
CA 92629

949/496-0577 or setibird@yahoo.com

Thank you for your support!!!

# **Hall of Fame Nomination**

## **Northern California Horseshoe Pitchers Association**

**Any member in good standing may nominate any NCHPA member for consideration to be inducted into the NCHPA Hall of Fame. Nominees must have ten years of consecutive membership and may be nominated as a Pitcher or Promoter.**

**This form must accompany any and all supporting documentation concerning your nomination.**

**Tell us all you can about the person that you are nominating so as to assist the selection committee in considering your nomination for induction. You may use the back of this page and/or include as many additional pages as needed for you to justify why your nominated person should qualify for induction. All submitted documentation must be type written to be considered. Provide copies as materials will not be returned.**

**Return form:** Linda Hoelscher: 24334 Hoag Road, Corning CA 96021 (530) 824-1392, [linal74@aol.com](mailto:linal74@aol.com)

<b>Nominee Name:</b>
<b>Number of Years as NCHPA Member:</b>
<b>Nominated By:</b>
<b>Nominated as a Pitcher or Promoter:</b>

### **Highlights of Pitching Career**

Tournaments Won	Where	Date	Average

### **NCHPA or Club Offices Held**

Office Held	Where	Date

### **Provide Example of Promotional Efforts**

It's also a great time to check out the horseshoe Facebook groups!  
Almost every Charter has at least one page.

- Horseshoe Pitching Online
- Horseshoe Pitchers Club
- MO Horseshoe Pitchers Association
- All About Pitching Horseshoes
- Promoting Horseshoes
- Horseshoe Pitchers Concerns
- Horseshoe Challenge
- World Horseshoe Tournament (NHPA)
- What's Going on at the Pits
- National Horseshoes Pitching Association (NHPA)
- NATIONAL HORSESHOE PITCHERS ASSOCIATION (NHPA)

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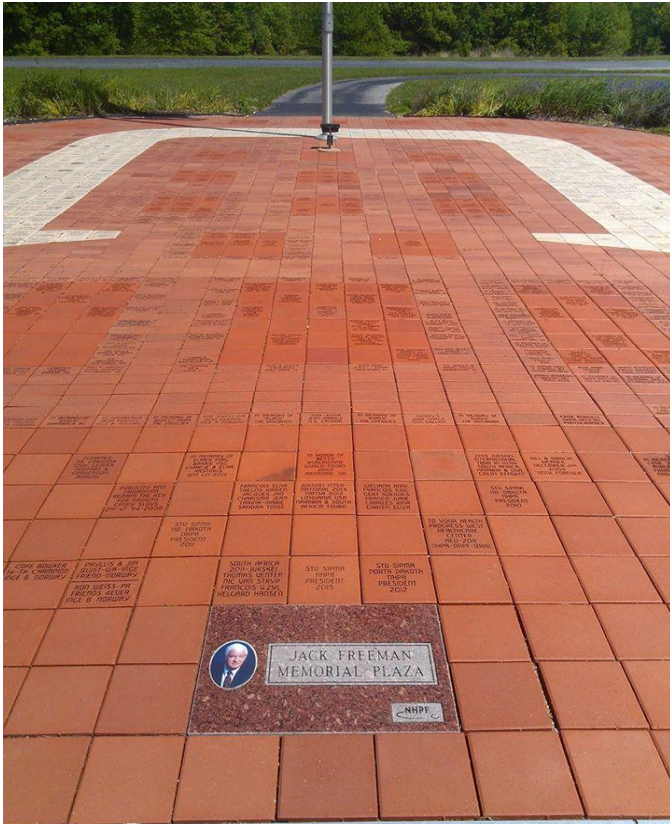
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National Horseshoe Pitchers Foundation

100 Bluestem Way

Wentzville, MO 63385

Call 636-327-5270



## Commemorative Brick Order Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ St: \_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_



## PORTABLE HORSESHOE PIT

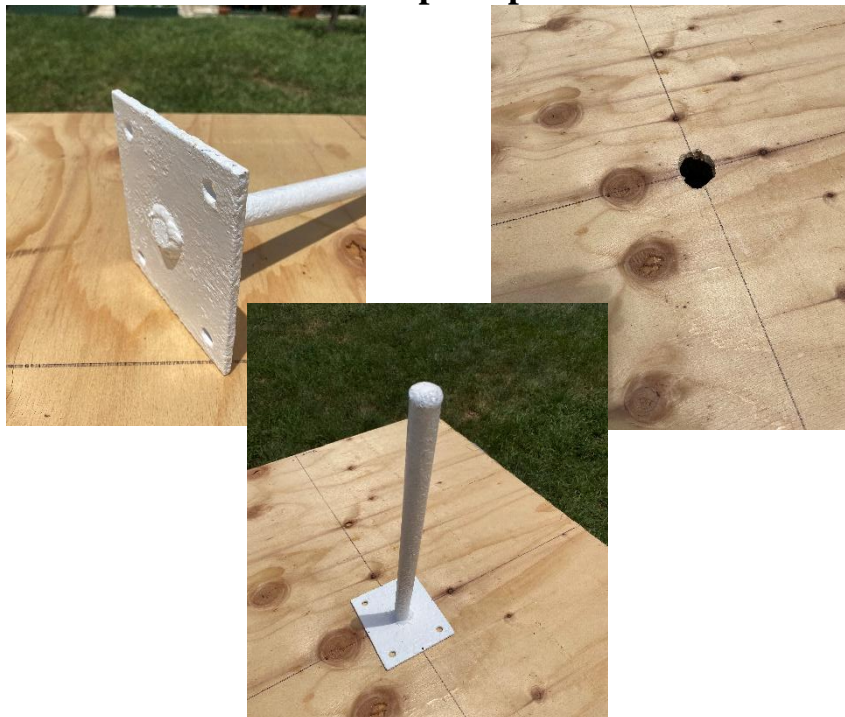
### Materials Needed:

- 1 - 4 x 8 x 3/4 sheet of plywood.
- 1 - 8 ft 2 x 4
- 1 - 6 ft 2 x 4
- 1 – Horseshoe stake welded to a plate 4” x 6” with 4 holes.
- 4 – hex bolts 3/8 x 1-1/2
- 4 – Nylon lock nuts 3/8
- 2 – 16” 12 gage Heavy Duty Strap
- 1 – 3’ of 90-degree metal.
- 1 – Box – 10 x 3 Stainless Outdoor Screws w/ Best corrosion Protection.
- 1 – 1 gallon of Waterguard Clear Wood Sealer.
- 1 – Wood Stain

Cut the ply wood into 3 pieces. 4 ft. x 3 ft, & 2 pieces 4 ft x 15 inches. Cut the 2 x 4's to frame the 4 x 3 (2 three-foot length's). Cut 4 triangular pieces to fit in the corners. Water treat all of the wood several times. Stain all the 2 x 4's. Paint the Heavy-Duty strap & 90-degree metal with several coats of paint.



Attach the stake to the 4 x 3. To center the stake, find the middle of both lengths of the 4 x 3 and draw a line from side to side & top to bottom. It should look like an elongated plus sign. Find the middle of both lengths of the Stake plate and mark dots on the edge of those points. Place the stake on the 4 x 3 and line up the plate dots with 4 x 3 lines.



**Mark and drill your holes for the stake plate & heavy-duty straps. \*Make sure that one strap is for the front 2 holes & one strap is for the back holes. Bolt the stake plate to the plywood using the heavy-duty straps as a washer on the bottom side.**



**Attach the 2 x 4's (including the 4 triangular pieces & the 3' 90-degree piece for the top edge of the front 2 x 4) to the stake side (top) of the plywood. Attach the 2 4 x 15" pieces to the bottom of the plywood, sandwiching the heavy-duty straps. \*This will keep the bolts off the ground, add strength to the stake and provide air flow to prevent a constant moist environment.**



**Just Add Clay and Your Good to Go!!**



**Before travelling to a club to pitch please be sure that it is going to play.  
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