

**PRESIDENTS MESSAGE** by: Kimmy Stockli

A Happy New Year to you all. I hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday Season. It's nice to have it all over with and have a little quiet time before we start our new season. This year we are starting a little later in the Bay Area. There have been too many rain outs over the years in February, so we decided to start in March. However, Tulare is still having their tournament in February. They usually don't have as much rain in Tulare as we do up here.

I think starting in March will be a good change. There were too many times we were all looking forward to that first tournament at Yolo, only to have it cancelled.

Speaking of Yolo.....The Executive Board has been in contact with the Yolo Bowman Club and it has been established that the Horseshoe club is staying put! A letter has been sent out to all of the Yolo members, regarding their status. Since the Kincheloe's will be moved out after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year, we need to get this club organized! As Gail Sluys says, "These are our premier courts!" We need them maintained. That takes hard work and volunteers. The Sacramento club has suggested that they take over Yolo and change the name to the Sacramento Horseshoe Club. Sacramento Club doesn't want to give up their name, since they are the oldest club in Northern California. I hope to hear from both of these clubs very soon. In the mean time, we have scheduled only one regular tournament at Yolo for the Yolo Club. The State Tournament and NorCal Championships will be held there as usual.

The NCHPA is grateful for all of the years dedicated to the organization, and to the Yolo Club, by Bob and June Kincheloe. They will be missed.

I'd like to thank all of the Club Representatives that attended the Annual Meeting this year. It was short, sweet and to the point. If you would like to read the minutes, they have been emailed to your club contact. I'd like to apologize for the room being so small. However, we did have some great music near the end of the meeting! HA! Next year's meeting is being held at the Vallejo Community Center on Amador Street. Same place we held it in 2005. We already have it reserved, and there is plenty of room for all.

I'm off to Quartzsite again this year. We'll be gone from January 8<sup>th</sup> until around January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Mitch and I will be running the Horseshoe Shop during the Main Event on January 18<sup>th</sup> thru the 21<sup>st</sup>.

If you are headed down there to pitch this year, remember to get your 2007 NHPA card before you go. Send your dues to your club secretary so he/she can get them to Gail Sluys. She will send your card out top priority.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you out on the courts. Let's make 2007 great!

Walter has come out with a new instructional DVD for pitching horseshoes. I have it available at my website for \$30.00. It's about time he did something like this!!

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**1st. Vice President** by: Sharon Paddock

Happy Holidays Everyone!

This year we will have a few less tournaments scheduled then last year. I think this might be a good thing, perhaps the Clubs will see a greater turn-out. Please try to attend a tournament at a Club that you have never played at, should be fun and you'll be helping out that club and perhaps meet some new players.

Also, please mail your Stats immediately after your tournament, I live in a place that has sloooooooooow mail and I like to post your tournament before it becomes old news.

Wishing everyone a great pitching year in 2007

**2nd. Vice President** by: Rick Bermingham

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

2006 was a very good year for me, as I put out 4 editions of the News & Views. Believe me, it's not a tough job...just time consuming. After the printing is done; to put the pages together, fold, staple, scotch tape seal them, put mail labels on, put postage on. For me it takes about 3 eight hour days to do that for 480 to 500 copies. But we're saving lots of money doing it that way. I am retired and have the time.!

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### **3rd Vice-President**

We need more club articles.....I have been sending out reminders to all club contacts with very little response in most cases. Maybe I should be sending out the reminder to the Club Presidents and/or Club Officers. That might be a good idea; now that I've said it. How about all Club Presidents and Officers send me their e-mail address, if they have one?~~~~~

2006 was the year to make any changes to the NCHPA By-Laws and after sending notice to all members and not getting anything in return, I assumed the by-laws were ok.....then I re-read the book and noticed a few things that should be changed. So, I put a proposal package together and submitted it to the delegates at the annual meeting and all of the proposals were approved with very minor discussion. I thank all the delegates for that. I also played around with the cover page of the by-laws. I hope you like what you see when the by-laws are in your hands. This years annual meeting went very well. I personally thank all the club delegates for attending and participating in the discussions.~~~~~

I enjoyed visiting many club tournaments, meeting many players that I had not met before. And; I am very sorry the Tuolumne Club has removed the clay from their pits and replaced with sand. But, I do understand why it was done. "Not enough club members live close-by to do the maintenance". One thing is for sure.....if you want your shoes to be cleaned, attend their tournaments. The sand will do the job.~~~~~

We have made arrangements with COMBIE TROPHY & AWARDS to purchase 100 more plaques. They are going to sell the plates to the clubs for \$2.00 ea., instead of \$2.25 ea., and they are going to align the screw holes in the plates to match the screw holes in the plaques. To thank them for what they are doing for us; It would be great if all Clubs ordered their plates from them. See their ad in the News & Views. The color of the Plates this year is to be Black.~~~~~

Just a reminder: The deadline to have your tournament Master Score Sheets into our Statistician; "Sharon Paddock" is the first Tuesday after your tournament. That gives her time to do the STATS prior to the next weekend tournament for the Individual ringer percentages.

### **Sonoma County Club** by: Casey Sluys

Our Club (located in Santa Rosa) will be hosting a 2-day tournament. This will consist of a round robin format and would require that whomever pitches on Saturday, will also pitch on Sunday. Now we could make it a pre-registered tournament, but the NCHPA, in general, is not familiar with this type of event. We could publish an entry form and have all of you send in your entry fee.....How does everyone feel about this type of event? Do you like it, hate it; and let me know please? It works well in other charters I've pitched in, but those were all pre-registered. Pre-registration is a pain in the you-know-what, primarily because of dropouts and so on. If we can get you folks to commit to this event for two days, then we'll have something different than your normal on day tourney. Be sure to attend our tournaments; Santa

Rosa is the home of Charles Schultze of Peanuts fame, and will be featuring Snoopy this year throughout the city. They've done Charlie Brown and Woodstock the last two years already both were a huge success.

**On the National front:** The new Rules, Guidelines and Specifications booklet is out and available to whoever wants a copy. Gail and I handed out quite a few of them at a tournament already. In an effort to save postage, it would be best if you picked them up directly from us, we'll attempt to distribute them thoroughly, so all of the NCHPA can become familiar with the new RGS booklet. They will be mailed upon request. For those who have not heard; Decatur, Alabama was forced to forfeit their bid to host the 2008 World Tournament. Seems that the facility where the event was going to take place was sold and the new owners will not honor the old contracts. The NHPA Council will determine the site for the 2008 World Tournament. And most likely it will be toward the Eastern part of the country.

In January I'll have the opportunity to visit Ardmore, Oklahoma and preview the site of the upcoming WT. Even though I wish it were a pleasure trip, it will be anything but that. The NHPA Officers will hold their annual winter meeting there also, which if it follows suit, will be a full two-day meeting. I could certainly pick out a nicer location than Oklahoma in mid-winter, but we need to preview the WT site and this was a good opportunity to do so.

Do you realize that a life long dream is finally being fulfilled! The NHPA will have a Hall of Fame! For years now, Earl Winston has been collecting memorabilia and storing it in his basement in Missouri. Which happens to be the state that the Hall of Fame will be built in. The town is called Wentzville, just west of St Louis, ground has been broken, the outfitting of the interior has been contracted, but we need your support for this also. The National Horseshoe Pitchers Foundation (NHPF) is set up for this purpose. Along with ensuring that horseshoe pitching will continue for generations to come, it is funding the building of the NHPA Hall of Fame. Please contribute to the NHPF and assist us in making the NHPA Hall of Fame a display we can all be proud of. I know your question is: "When will I ever get to Missouri?" Well you might have a chance as early as 2009, because the WT could be held there in that year. We guarantee that this will become a facility all NHPA members can be proud of, please help?----- Send your tax-deductible contributions to NHPF, PO Box 1628, Penn Valley, CA 95946. Ground-breaking and construction pictures can be found on the NHPA website under NHPF.

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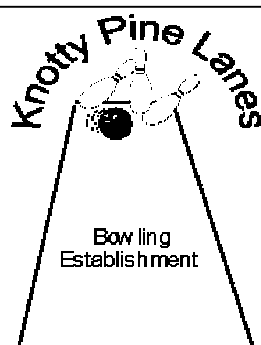
**From Dave Loucks:** Happy New Year friends and fellow NCHPA members. I hope 2007 brings you many hours of fun and success on the pitching courts. As we get more into the New Year, you will be reading and hearing more about the wonderful National Hall of Fame and Museum building project underway in Wentzville, Missouri. Those of you that subscribe to Newsline or visit the NHPA website are probably aware of some of the latest details. A 21,000 sq. ft. structure is under construction in Quail Ridge Park in Wentzville. It will contain the long desired NHPA Hall of Fame, sixteen indoor horseshoe courts, offices and a full service kitchen. Construction costs are

being covered by the National Horseshoe Pitchers Foundation, (NHPF); the charitable arm of the NHPA. Many of you have contributed to the NHPF in recent years and all of you should have received within the past 60 days, an information flyer and order form for Commemorative Bricks as mailed to you by the NHPA. I hope you retained that information and have plans to order a brick. It's a great way to show your support for the NHPA, which has made all your years of tournament pitching possible. If by chance you didn't retain the order form, you can print one out by going to the NHPA website, "[www.horseshoepitching.com](http://www.horseshoepitching.com)" or contacting Casey Sluys or me.

Join the following clubs and NCHPA members who prior to December 1<sup>st</sup> have already ordered one or more engraved bricks: The NCHPA Charter, Gold County H.C., Stockton H.C., Vallejo H.C., Dave & Cathie Loucks, Casey & Gail Sluys, Glenn & Shirley Jamieson, Duane McGrath, Art & Jan Anderson, Pat Murtha, John Sylvester, Gail Kane, Andy & Maggie Loobev, Tom & Shirley Munoz, Gold County Women's Auxiliary, Dale Koistinen, Marlene Carr, Mike Renner, Jay Richmond, Carol Casados, Donna Anzelone and Lee Oliver.

#### **Shasta/Willows Club** by: Lee Roy Lassiter

On November 11<sup>th</sup> we held our Club Championship Tournament. Due to the fact that some of our members did not show up because it was still raining in their hometown, we only had 11 pitchers in the tournament. Elaine Butcher was the overall winner and received the Club Championship Trophy that was handmade by one of the original members of the 'Shasta' club, "Bob Proctor". Theresa Aderhold, one of our new members, won her first 1<sup>st</sup> Place in a sanctioned tournament in the second group. We also held a "51" tournament and the trophy and \$50.00 cash went to **Carl Honaker**. At our meeting the following awards were handed out: Player of the Year-**Fritz Oberst** (plaque and 2 years paid membership in the Club and NCHPA), Rookie of the Year-Adult Men-**Ed Luzier**, (Plaque), Rookie of the Year-Adult Women-**Theresa Aderhold** (Plaque), Rookie of the Year-Junior-**Joey Doelker** (Plaque). Each year we keep track of all the SCOREKEEPERS at each of our tournaments and enter their names for each game they keep throughout the year. For the second time, **Gloria Begay** won the \$30.00 award. New Junior member: "Audrey Gillett", daughter of Robert Gillett Sr. has joined the Shasta/Willows Club for the 2007 season. Please join us in welcoming her to the NCHPA.



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## **Tuolumne County Club** by: Fred Reibin

By the time you receive this newsletter, Christmas and the New Year will be behind us. Hopefully everyone had a great Christmas and did not over-indulge on too much Spirits on bringing in the New Year, and that all the new year resolutions are still being fulfilled. A little late, but the Tuolumne Club would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous and an excellent pitching year in 2007.

As most of you already know, we now have shade (netting) over our new pits and they are doing a great job of shading. All of the 14 pits have now been converted to sand pits for this coming season. Something we never really wanted to do, but because the Club has lost so many of its members these past 3 years, we do not have enough members that live locally to take care of the clay pits.

To keep the pits open and playable we were forced into converting to sand. Hopefully this will not discourage pitchers from pitching in our tournaments.

We will again this year be having our big money tournaments. The Black Oak Casino Tournament in June and the Mother Lode Tournament in October. The tournaments are still in the planning stage and when they are finalized, flyers will be sent out to all Clubs well in advance of the tournament. Our First tournament for 2007 will be held on March 10. (see Nor-Cal Tournament Schedule for our other Tournaments.)

On October 18 Tuolumne Club held its annual Turkey shoot, inviting all the club members and its associate members. There were eight members that pitched. (in the new sand pits) at the time we only had one rake & two brooms, we will definitely have much more of each before our first tournament. All pitchers went home with

a 20# turkey and three went home with some money. Signed up to pitch were "Teddy Guillotte, Tom Munoz, Jack Casey, Chuck James, Fred Reibin, Ed Engle, Bill Lawson, Jack Mathewson". All paying a \$5.00 entry fee. Tied for first place was Tom and Teddy, and by a flip of a coin; Tom became first for \$20.00, Teddy second for \$15.00 & Ed for third and \$5.00.

This will end our tournaments for 2006 and hoping to see many of you at our 2007 tournaments.

## **It was meant to Happen** by: Peter P. Chavarria

After reading about Ralph Mineau's Memorial, I remembered that I had an appointment in Sacramento on Nov. 16; so I thought I could kill two birds with one stone {so to speak}, so I looked on my calendar and my appointment was for 10:30 a.m. on Fair Oaks Blvd., and the Memorial was at Greenback Lane at 12:00 p.m., so I planned to go to both.

I went to my appointment early so I could find the place in time. I got there at 9:45 a.m. and told the receptionist that I came early so I could find out where to go. After my consultation with the lawyer, I made an appointment for the following week on Tuesday. The secretary asked if 4:30 p.m. was alright and I said yes, then she said we'll see you at 4:30 on Tuesday next week, on the 14th.

Whoa, I said, how can that be, today is the 16th. She said no; today is the 9th. I was one week early for my appointment on Thursday the 16<sup>th</sup>., but they took me in anyway but didn't mention that I was a week early. I apologized for my goof and left.

When we got to the car, I told Corrina as long as we're already here, let's go see where the mortuary is located; so we went and found it. I went in to verify that we were at the right place and that the memorial was at 10:30 on the 16<sup>th</sup>., and the lady tells me that no, the service is today and it is starting right now in the chapel. So we go in the chapel and sit in on the service that was already started and then we filed out by the coffin to get one last look at Ralph and went out to the graveside service. I didn't know Ralph.

The graveside service was unique and the Air force soldiers did a great job carrying the coffin and giving the gun salute and playing Taps and folding the Flag.

I introduced myself to Mrs. Mineau and gave her my condolences and that of the Stockton Horseshoe Club and then I apologized to Mrs. Mineau for the absence of more Horseshoe Pitchers not being present; because we got the wrong date of the service. As it was, I was there

Accidentally, because I thought I was a week too early. Mrs. Mineau said she wondered why she didn't see any horseshoe pitchers there and was pleased with my explanation. She invited me to her home for the reception but I had to decline because I had another appointment in Stockton.

I guess it was destined for me to attend the service for Ralph. If I hadn't decided to go look for the mortuary and come home instead; I would have missed the service because it would have been over. Sometime things just work out.

**Editors Note:** Ralph Mineau was a member of the Sacramento Club.

## Stockton Club by: Peter P. Chavarria

- The last Stockton Horseshoe Tournament of the 2006 season was very good as we had 26 pitchers on Saturday, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>., and 14 on Sunday, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>.
- The Martin & Monk Open-Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Group 1, **Linda Hoelscher** won 1<sup>st</sup>. Place and 5<sup>th</sup> Place went to **Bob Birge**.
- Group 2, **Harvey Monk** took 1<sup>st</sup> Place and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place went to **Doug Martin**.
- Group 3, **Marisela Mauricio** took 1<sup>st</sup> Place and 7<sup>th</sup> Place went to **Robert Russ**.
- Group 4, **Tommy Bridgers** earned 1<sup>st</sup> Place.
- The Birge & Stockstill Tourney-Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Group 1, **Bill Milligen** earned 1<sup>st</sup>. Place.
- Group 2, **Robert Russ** took 1<sup>st</sup>. Place, Harvey Monk 2<sup>nd</sup>., **Peter Chavarria** 3<sup>rd</sup>., and **Doug Martin** took 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Since our Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> Tourney, some members have done very well. At the NCHPA Championships, **Bob Birge** took 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in the Group E Elder Division. Our Stockton Club did not enter the Team competition again in 2006, maybe in 2007? Sept. 30, 2006 at Vallejo in the Jim Wallace Open-Group 2 **Peter Chavarria** took 2<sup>nd</sup> Place. Sept. 30 at Shingle Springs in the Callahan Open, Group 1, **Bob Birge** took 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Group 2 **Doug Martin** took 3<sup>rd</sup>. Oct 29<sup>th</sup> at Redding in the George Whipp Memorial, Group 1, **Doug Martin** took 5<sup>th</sup> Place. Good Pitching Guys, keep Horseshoe Pitching Alive.
- Some of our Pitchers will be going to Nevada for the Quartsite Tournament and we wish them good luck and great pitching.
- On a sad note, we lost one of our long time pitchers, C.R. (Lefty) Williamson, who passed away on Oct. 12, 2006. Lefty, as he was affectionately called, had stopped pitching for a good many years but kept up his NHPA/NCHPA and Stockton membership dues for 35 years.
- June 24<sup>th</sup> was the Paul & Bridgers Open and Paul was well enough to attend to watch the tournament, little did we know that in just a very few days he would be gone. We lost our good friend and pitcher Paul Anzelone to cancer on July 15.
- Prior to the formation of the Stockton Club, members of the Stockton Rod & Gun Club pitched in various locations throughout the Mother Lode. Then on Jan. 24, 1971, several people met with NCHPA representatives to discuss forming a club, which would be part of the NCHPA Charter.
- The Stockton Horseshoe Club became a reality with a charter membership of 25 members, two of which were Lefty and Ruth Williamson.
- By the time this writing comes out in the News & Views, Dora Decker will be well on her recovery from an operation.
- She was released from the hospital on Nov. 12, 2006.
- Until next time, lets start the new year with ringers, ringers, and more ringers.
- Other highlights:
- June 20-Terry Ferrell Open in HMB, **Peter Chavarria** took 3<sup>rd</sup> Place.
- July 2<sup>nd</sup>-Pat Murtha Open in Vallejo, Group 2, **Harvey Monk** took 3<sup>rd</sup>. Place and Group 3, **Peter Chavarria** finished in 6<sup>th</sup>. Place.
- July 15- Gold Diggers 1 in Indian Valley-Group 1 **Doug**

**Martin** 1<sup>st</sup>. Place, Group 3, **Howard Barr** 3<sup>rd</sup>. Place.  
July 16- Gold Diggers 2, Group 1, **Doug Martin** 4<sup>th</sup>. and in Group 2, **Peter Chavarria** 3<sup>rd</sup>., **Howard Barr** 6<sup>th</sup>.  
July 29-Leldon & Lois Day Memorial at Shasta, Group 1 **Doug Martin** 4<sup>th</sup>, Group 3, **Howard Barr** 4<sup>th</sup>.  
July 30- Hettinger Family Open in Shasta, Group 1, **Doug Martin** 3<sup>rd</sup>, Group 3, **Howard Barr** 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
August 12- Nelson Diehl Memorial in Turlock, Group 3, **Daniel Hernandez** 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
August 20- NHPF Open in Vallejo, Group 3, **Peter Chavarria** 1<sup>st</sup>.  
August 26-Hamiltons Open at Yolo, Group 2, **Harvey Monk** 8<sup>th</sup>., Group 4, **Daniel Hernandez** 6<sup>th</sup>.  
August 27-Kincheloe's Open at Yolo, Group 1, **Bob Birge** 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
On August 29 we qualified a new member "**Robert L. Russ** at 26% and he will get better in time.

## Vallejo Club by: Jim Wallace

Without the following club members, the Vallejo Club would not have our games come out so well. Other club members did help; but these are the best of the best: Kimmy Stockli & husband Mitch, Vern Gosney (First President of the Vallejo Club), Ben Yost, the Corporal "Joe Summers" and his troop, Danny Thompson, Bill Milligan, Pat Murtha, "No Toes Doug, Glen Connors and Duane McGrath and his family.

It looks like "No Toes Doug" will not be back with us pitching, but will always be a member of our club: his pitching hand has no grip and he can't become a lefty alone with not having no toes.

It looks like Bill Milligan had a great season from the news clipping I received. Jerry Wagner has been having big time problems with his arm.

NCHPA Championships....Kimmy earned 1st. in her group, Don Kies, first in his group, Mel Roberts, 1st. in his group. Bill Milligan was awarded NCHPA Pitcher of the Year in the Elder's division. He is still HOT and GOOD TO GO.

Danny Thompson won 1<sup>st</sup>. place in his group at the NorCal tournament in Vallejo. Joe Summers won 2<sup>nd</sup>. Place in the Martin & Monk Open; Joe is improving every tournament. Tommy Bridgers took 1<sup>st</sup> in his group.

Milligan stellar at tourneys ~~Daily Republic Staff~~

Fairfield---Fairfield's Bill Milligan won three horseshoe tournaments recently as the round-robin season got underway.

Bill took 1<sup>st</sup> place at the 50-shoe, cancellation event in Turlock by pitching more than 60 percent and edging his competition from Tri-Valley. He placed 1<sup>st</sup> in his six-person group by pitching more than 70 percent ringers in Sonoma and at the NHPF benefit tourn., he pitched 57.67 percent and edged Tri-Valley's Gail Kane to take first place.

## Tri-Valley by: Linda Hoelscher

For those of you going to Lazy-Daze in AZ. We're having a potluck on January 20<sup>th</sup>. to celebrate Kimmys' 40<sup>th</sup> birthday. Please keep this a secret from Kimmy until then. See you in AZ.

## Pitchers ring up prizes in Tuolumne ~~~The Union Democrat~~~~

Kim Stockli, of Vallejo, pitched 251 ringers on her way to winning the Tuolumne County Horseshoe Club's fourth annual Mother Lode Open in Tuolumne.

Stockli compiled 881 points to take home the \$250 top prize, connecting on 69.7 % of her 360 total shoes.

Don Kies of San Jose, had one more ringer and a tournament high percentage of 72.5, but settled for second place and \$175 with 844 points.

Bill Lawson of Turlock, finished one point behind Kies and won \$125 with 96 ringers, while the Tuolumne club's own Ed Engle and Fortuna's Denny Currier rounded out the top five. Engle had 192 ringers and 837 points for \$100 and Currier 175 ringers and 827 points for \$80.

Also winning money were sixth-place Fred Reibin of the Tuolumne club with 87 ringers for 806 points and \$70; seventh place Judy Harris of Pollock Pines, 897 ringers for 803 points and 8<sup>th</sup> place went to Bill Harris (Judys' husband) of Pollock Pines, 141 ringers for 794 points and \$50.00. Ninth place. Del Stockstill of the Tuolumne club, 204 ringers and 792 points for \$40; 10<sup>th</sup> place Mel Robers of Turlock with 150 ringers and 782 points for \$27.50; 11<sup>th</sup> place to Jack Casey of Tuolumne, 146 ringers 782 points and \$27.50 and 12 place Teddy Guillotte of the Tuolumne club, 166 ringers, 763 points and \$25. Other competitors in order of finish were: Byrum Rice of Turlock, Larry Eastman of Bishop, Linda Hoelscher of Tri-Valley/Pleasanton, Onan Rice of Turlock, Ted Haynish of Tulare, Richard Robbins of Tri-Valley, Gene Washoe of Indian Valley, Bill Parker of San Jose, Marvin Hilpert of Indian Valley, Gail Kane of Tri-Valley, Charles James of Tuolumne, John Ortega of Turlock, Rod Miller of Tuolumne.

## Feather River by: Audrey Winters

My plea in the last newsletter for a club president was answered when Linda Jessee kindly offered to take the job. Linda is a very avid pitcher and we are delighted to have her as President.

Lois Edwards informed me that Gus Martin, Sr., died on December 7. He enjoyed pitching and he and Leona Anderson started the Feather River Club. Gus was born February 14, 1919 and had worked as a logger and in the rice fields. He was Chairman of Berry Creek Rancheria for 12 years and enjoyed playing music for dancing and parties, playing pool and shuffleboard and fishing and hunting. We all will miss him.

Another season of pitching has passed and we are all looking forward to pitching again in 2007.

Seasons Greetings to all of you.

From: Linda Jessee

Lois Edwards and I attended the annual NCHPA business meeting. It was my first time and I was very impressed with the way the business of the NCHPA was conducted. Feather River will be holding their business meeting sometime in January and one of the topics that I hope we will discuss is: "How to increase membership". If any of you have ideas I would appreciate hearing from you.

As we go through pitchers withdrawal, the Feather River Club hopes each of you had a Merry Christmas and may all of your games be at least 75% in 2007.

## Sacramento Club by: Joan Bryan

We had our Christmas luncheon and year end meeting on Dec. 16, 2006, so I can't say now that a good time was had by all, but we usually do. We will be looking forward to seeing Ralph Carter and Paul Peterson back with us. They both are making progress regaining their health. We lost a long time member this year. "Ralph Mineau", he hasn't been able to pitch the shoes for a couple of seasons due to health problems, but we will remember him for the gentleman that he always was and who loved the sport and was always encouraged and supported by his wife Mildred. Club member, Harlen Rippetoe, again made a very generous donation to the club. He is our SANTA!

Sam Godbouldt and wife Kathy; have moved to El Paso, Texas. We wish all our peers 'JUST ENOUGH' and may we all have fun when the new season gets underway. Bring it on!

## Sec./Treas./R.D by: Gail Sluys

"Why do I have to join a local club to be an NHPA member through the NCHPA?" I have been asked this question on both a local and National level many times and this is always my response.

Northern CA (NCHPA) is made up of 21 clubs stretching from Shasta in the North to Tulare in the South. Each of these clubs is set up to maintain their own set of courts, host sanction tournaments, and hopefully recruit local members. Without our members joining local clubs who would maintain the courts? Run the tournaments? Solicit new members locally? Without club dues, or a rich contributor, how would our clubs replace shovels, water buckets, and other tools needed to maintain their courts?

We are the only charter in the NHPA to require club membership as a part of joining the NCHPA/NHPA. We also host more sanctioned tournaments every year than any other charter. Over the last few years we have had a few clubs fold – this happened due to lack of membership in those clubs or a few members trying to do all of the work and getting worn out. We now need help with the Yolo club and it's membership. We need that facility to host our large tournaments, especially the state championships. I'm asking Yolo club members to step up – become officers of your club – take charge, we are all willing to help and teach you how things are done – stats, tournament reporting etc. it's not as hard as it sounds, I promise. Placer County and Shingle Springs are joining together to strengthen each other, as are Shasta and Willows. I know Sacramento has expressed an offer to help the Yolo Club. Let's get the members together and talk about that being a possibility.

I've been around this wonderful organization for 21 years. I remember the days when groups of people from their respective clubs would gather at a tournament – even fill a motel in Gold Country while attending a weekend tournament. There were potluck dinners and we were a big family, each club a family as well as the NCHPA family. Can we ever do this again? I don't know but joining a club and participating to complete chores as well as coming to play in the tournaments your club hosts, is a great start.



| Team                                           | w/l     | Ring | Shoes | %     | Indiv. Points | Bonus | Total Points | Team Bonus |
|------------------------------------------------|---------|------|-------|-------|---------------|-------|--------------|------------|
| <b>1<sup>st</sup>.Place</b>                    |         |      |       |       |               |       |              |            |
| San Jose Club-Don Kies-                        | 6/1     | 204  | 280   | 72.86 | 825           | 120   | 945          | 120        |
| Leon Moore                                     | 6/1     | 170  | 280   | 60.71 | 794           | 120   | 914          |            |
| Marisela Mauricio                              | 4/3     | 99   | 280   | 35.36 | 795           | 80    | 875          |            |
| Bill Parker                                    | 1/6     | 69   | 280   | 24.64 | 666           | 20    | 686          |            |
| Total points for both days= <b><u>5831</u></b> |         |      |       |       |               |       |              |            |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup>. Place</b>                   |         |      |       |       |               |       |              |            |
| Vallejo Club-----Kim Stockli                   | 7/0     | 193  | 280   | 68.93 | 805           | 140   | 945          | 120        |
| Bill Milligan                                  | 4.5/2.5 | 185  | 280   | 66.07 | 812           | 90    | 902          |            |
| Pat Murtha                                     | ¾       | 120  | 280   | 42.86 | 729           | 60    | 789          |            |
| Joe Summers                                    | ¾       | 70   | 280   | 25.00 | 692           | 60    | 752          |            |
| Total points for both days= <b><u>5770</u></b> |         |      |       |       |               |       |              |            |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place</b>                    |         |      |       |       |               |       |              |            |
| Tri-Valley Club—Ray Kinores                    | ¾       | 142  | 280   | 50.71 | 738           | 60    | 798          | 80         |
| Manuel Costilla                                | 3.5/3.5 | 120  | 280   | 42.86 | 777           | 70    | 847          |            |
| Ray Szczepanski                                | 2.5/4.5 | 87   | 280   | 31.07 | 737           | 50    | 787          |            |
| Bill Faler                                     | 7/0     | 101  | 280   | 36.07 | 803           | 140   | 943          |            |
| Total Points for both days= <b><u>5723</u></b> |         |      |       |       |               |       |              |            |
| <b>4<sup>th</sup> Place</b>                    |         |      |       |       |               |       |              |            |
| Forebay Park Club-Bill Harris                  | ¾       | 114  | 280   | 40.71 | 756           | 60    | 816          | 80         |
| Rick Eddy                                      | 4.5/2.5 | 105  | 280   | 37.50 | 765           | 90    | 855          |            |
| Judy Harris                                    | 7/0     | 98   | 280   | 35.00 | 824           | 140   | 964          |            |
| Tammy Jackson                                  | 1/6     | 18   | 280   | 6.43  | 698           | 20    | 718          |            |
| Total Points for both days= <b><u>5638</u></b> |         |      |       |       |               |       |              |            |
| <b>5<sup>th</sup> Place</b>                    |         |      |       |       |               |       |              |            |
| Shasta Club-----Buddy Darnold                  | 2/5     | 75   | 280   | 26.79 | 700           | 40    | 740          | 80         |
| Carliss Honaker                                | 2.5/4.5 | 98   | 280   | 35.00 | 742           | 50    | 792          |            |
| Fritz Oberst                                   | 4/3     | 87   | 280   | 31.07 | 779           | 80    | 859          |            |
| Lee Roy Lassiter                               | 4/3     | 83   | 280   | 29.64 | 769           | 80    | 849          |            |
| Total Points for both days= <b><u>5558</u></b> |         |      |       |       |               |       |              |            |
| <b>6<sup>th</sup> Place</b>                    |         |      |       |       |               |       |              |            |
| Tri-Valley Club#2-Elton Cowles                 | 4/3     | 115  | 280   | 41.07 | 725           | 80    | 805          | 80         |
| Gail Kane                                      | 2/5     | 104  | 280   | 37.14 | 735           | 40    | 775          |            |
| Harvey Kooy                                    | ¾       | 102  | 280   | 36.43 | 748           | 60    | 808          |            |
| Marge Wood                                     | 5/2     | 104  | 280   | 37.14 | 759           | 100   | 859          |            |
| Total Points for both days= <b><u>5516</u></b> |         |      |       |       |               |       |              |            |
| <b>7<sup>th</sup> Place</b>                    |         |      |       |       |               |       |              |            |
| Turlock Club-----John Ortega                   | 0.5/6.5 | 75   | 280   | 26.79 | 609           | 10    | 619          | 40         |
| Jack Mathewson                                 | 4/3     | 120  | 280   | 42.86 | 777           | 80    | 857          |            |
| Joe DeLeon                                     | ¾       | 104  | 280   | 37.14 | 736           | 60    | 796          |            |
| Bill Lawson                                    | 5/2     | 68   | 280   | 24.29 | 777           | 100   | 877          |            |
| Total Points for both days= <b><u>5388</u></b> |         |      |       |       |               |       |              |            |
| <b>8<sup>th</sup> Place</b>                    |         |      |       |       |               |       |              |            |
| Gold country Club-John Sylvester               | 2.5/4.5 | 121  | 280   | 43.21 | 737           | 50    | 787          | 0          |
| John Barney                                    | 1/6     | 82   | 280   | 29.29 | 720           | 20    | 740          |            |
| Leroy Whittle                                  | 1.5/5.5 | 48   | 280   | 17.14 | 745           | 30    | 775          |            |
| Karl Dalla Rosa                                | 2/5     | 34   | 280   | 12.14 | 719           | 40    | 759          |            |
| Total Points for both days= <b><u>5268</u></b> |         |      |       |       |               |       |              |            |

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