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Northern California Horseshoe Pitchers Association
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Entry forms? Here they are...

Secretary/Treasurer

Hi All, It's nice to see some sunshine and pitchers out on the courts. Our season is finally on and it's almost World Tournament time. For those of you going to TX we'll see you there – good luck and safe travels. We will be in contact via computer so if anything comes up please email or call me. I plan to take the books of the membership numbers with me to accommodate new members joining while we are gone. When you contact me for a number please be sure to have all of their information and then send it to my home with the dues check. Please include their email address.

REMINDER – We have quite a few new members from 2018 and 2019 who have not yet received their NHPA new member packet. PLEASE get the information to me ASAP so they can get their shirt and other goodies. Remember they have to be brand new members – to NCHPA/NHPA. Also, I need their shirt size and the color of the shirt they would like. Then as soon as they have pitched 2 tournaments the NHPA will send the packet to your club.

Don't forget to get your entry in for the State Tournament, NorCal and Doubles Tournaments. They will be here fast. Please consider sponsoring a trophy for the State we will need a lot of them and

since we don't have any big dollar sponsors we need all we can get. Thank you to those fantastic people, clubs and business that have helped up out in the past, we appreciate it more than you know. There are entry forms and sponsor forms attached to this Newsletter so fill yours out and send them in please Thank You.... *Gail*

1st VP

Traditionally when a person joined a club, became a member of an organization, got a job, or registered for a program of any kind they were asked for their address and phone number as part of their "contact information," and it was given without hesitation. In today's world it seems to me that a person's email should become part of the information that is routinely asked for. I would like to see us as a matter of standard practice ask for the email address of our New Members. Ultimately, I think it would be a good idea to modernize our New Member Packets which are now sent by mail, by converting the New Member Packets to an e-mail format. Currently our New Member Packet consists of a Welcoming Letter that introduces our organization, and describes our tournaments, our championships, our newsletter, our statistics and rewards, our club contacts, and our Executive Council. The packet has a current schedule, and a brochure which gives a short history of horseshoes, describes the history and functions of our organization on the National, State, and Local levels, and describes sanctioned horseshoes and accessories. The brochure gives the current Club Contacts, and describes the various recommended scoring calls used in a horseshoe game. The Membership Packet gives good information and is a nice introduction for a new member. I do believe with an e-mail format we could include even more information, and provide links to such things as instructional materials, Youtube videos, information related to horseshoe manufacturers, and a list of online horseshoe resources such as "Promoting Horseshoes" and "Talkin' Horseshoes" on Facebook. I would appreciate opinions on an "e-mail New Member Packet", and in the meantime why don't we

routinely begin to get new members' e-mail addresses

I know that people are hesitant at times to give out their e-mail addresses, thinking that their information will be sold to third parties who will bombard them with unwanted e-mail advertisements. In our horseshoe pitching organization the email address of each new pitcher, and ultimately all NCHPA members would be strictly for efficient communication.

The NHPA has their Newline magazine e-mailed to the membership, and the News and Views you are now reading is e-mailed to the membership. At this time Casey e-mails the Club Contacts with Current Information about tournament cancellations or announcements, but it would be nice if every NCHPA member's e-mail was on a Charter E-mail List, and that every member could be reached with information with the touch of a button. The day of a person not having a smart phone or a computer is becoming very rare, and we may be fairly close to having everyone's e-mail address. In my opinion it is time to start a campaign to have everyone's electronic contact information! When a last minute weather change requires a cancellation, or if you find out at the last minute that Walter Ray is coming to your tournament, it would be great to know that everyone got an "e-mail blast" with the news, and you didn't have to worry about a club contact not being able to contact a pitcher. *George Davis*

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More on PUBLICITY

Ask the radio station to advertise for you in return run a benefit for whichever charity the radio station chooses. Below are complete instructions on how to put on a horseshoe pitching clinic. You could ask the local Lions Club, Rotary Clubs, Kiwanis, VFW, Veterans groups like that and volunteer to run a tournament for them at their annual picnic. Or even use your courts as a base for their picnic.

Check this out for a great instruction manual for teaching the kids?

<http://www.horseshoeamerica.com/>

3rd VP

To date we are 54.5% through the 2018-19 NorCal pitching season (25 tournaments in 2018 after the 2018 Cal State Tournament and 120 tournaments in 2019 through the 2019 Cal State Tournament). To date 1 tournament was cancelled due to host club members not being available to setup/run the tournament, 11 tournaments were cancelled due to rain/wet conditions, and 1 tournament was cancelled due to falling on Easter Sunday. Several tournaments were rescheduled and were later pitched and several are hoped to be rescheduled and pitched.

To date the NCHPA tournaments have had 1007 NCHPA pitchers entered and 67 non-NCHPA pitchers entered. The tournaments pitched to date have had 171 total classes.

Below are the top stats to date for several of the end of year awards. If you do not see your name and want to know what the statistics spreadsheet shows for you then please email me (meanderson99@yahoo.com) and I will try to get your stats to you. If any errors are apparent then please let me know and I will try to get them corrected.

As always you club statisticians can make my task pretty easy if you submit your results in a timely manner. We 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. 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**

NCHPA 2018-19 Season thru June 9, 2019 Top 20 Pitchers by Total Tournament Points

Pitcher's NHPA Number	Pitcher's First Name	Pitcher's Last Name	Pitcher's Total Points	Tournaments Pitched 1 point per	Tournament 1st Place Finishes 3 points per	Tournament 2nd Place Finishes 2 points per
1. 30137	Richard	Robbins	44	23	3	2
2. 30635	Gil	Tournour	42	12	3	5
3. 30543	Gina	Cyr	39	18	4	2
4. 30525	Chris	Benson	37	16	3	2
5. 31021	Gary	Greensmith	36	17	3	5
6. 30995	Mike	Anderson	33	15	1	4

7. 30358	Nathan	Williams	32	10	1	4
8. 30748	Dave	Lane	31	10	3	2
9. 30145	Bill	Faler	27	15	2	3
10. 30749	Jaden	Lane	27	9	2	1
11. 30138	Walt	Morgan	27	10	5	1
12. 31155	Dale	Tex	27	13	2	4
13. 30848	Rick	Della Santina	26	14	0	2
14. 30738	Joe	Summers	26	19	0	1
15. 30837	Bill	Terry	26	17	3	0
16. 30861	Richard	Voskes	25	11	0	3
17. 31129	Cesar	Espinola	22	6	3	1
18. 30814	Sharon	Paddock	22	4	2	1
19. 30472	Linda	Hoelscher	21	7	2	0
20. 31335	Mona	Larian	21	9	1	2

Pitcher's NHPA Number	Pitcher's First Name	Pitcher's Last Name	Pitched NCHPA Champs 5 Points	NCHPA Champs 1st Place 3 points	NCHPA Champs 2nd Place 2 points	Pitched NCHPA Doubles Tourn 3 points

1. 30137	Richard	Robbins	1	0	0	1
2. 30635	Gil	Tournour	1	1	0	1
3. 30543	Gina	Cyr	1	0	0	0
4. 30525	Chris	Benson	1	1	0	0
5. 31021	Gary	Greensmith	0	0	0	0
6. 30995	Mike	Anderson	1	0	1	0
7. 30358	Nathan	Williams	1	1	0	1
8. 30748	Dave	Lane	1	0	0	1
9. 30145	Bill	Faler	0	0	0	0
10. 30749	Jaden	Lane	1	0	1	1
11. 30138	Walt	Morgan	0	0	0	0
12. 31155	Dale	Tex	0	0	0	0
13. 30848	Rick	Della Santina	1	0	0	1
14. 30738	Joe	Summers	1	0	0	0
15. 30837	Bill	Terry	0	0	0	0
16. 30861	Richard	Voskes	1	1	0	0
17. 31129	Cesar	Espinola	1	0	0	0
18. 30814	Sharon	Paddock	1	0	1	1
19. 30472	Linda	Hoelscher	1	0	0	1
20. 31335	Mona	Larian	1	0	0	0

NCHPA 2018-19 Season thru June 9, 2019 Rookies who have pitched in at least 1 tournament
(excludes NCHPA Championships and NCHPA Doubles)

Pitcher's NHPA Number	Pitcher's First Name	Pitcher's Last Name	Pitcher's Total Points	Tournaments Pitched 1 point per	Tournament 1st Place Finishes 3 points per	Tournament 2nd Place Finishes 2 points per

1. 31021	Gary	Greensmith	36	17	3	5
2. 30980	Steven	Nakamoto	19	12	0	1
3. 30885	Jimmy	Lintt	18	10	2	1
4. 31043	Debra	Aitken	12	6	2	0
5. 31228	Cyrus	Marvin	9	3	2	0
6. 31224	Joe	Ruiz	6	4	0	1
7. 30615	Jodi	Smullen	6	3	1	0
8. 30667	David	Fernandez	5	2	1	0
9. 31230	Gerald	Marvin	5	2	1	0
10. 30462	Eric	Card	4	4	0	0
11. 31229	Jesse	Hyde	4	2	0	1
12. 30889	Vienna	Klinge	4	1	1	0
13. 31362	Josie	Tellers	4	4	0	0
14. 30618	Ron	Thorn	4	1	1	0
15. 30856	Doug	Westover	3	3	0	0
16. 31201	Terry	Timm	2	2	0	0
17. 30423	Alan	Bernikoff	1	1	0	0
18. 31226	Jorge	Cordero	1	1	0	0
19. 31231	Able	Coronado	1	1	0	0
20. 31225	Alex	Galindo	1	1	0	0
21. 30669	Scott	Kinney	1	1	0	0
22. 30999	Joe	Navarro	1	1	0	0
23. 30422	Howard	Pickrel	1	1	0	0
24. 31232	Mark	Scott	1	1	0	0
25. 31000	Jose	Torres	1	1	0	0
26. 31227	Nick	Tranchant	1	1	0	0
27. 30811	Chris	Trunkey	1	1	0	0
28. 31341	Bonnie	Way	1	1	0	0

NCHPA 2018-19 Season thru June 9, 2019 Juniors who have pitched in at least 1 tournament
(excludes NCHPA Championships and NCHPA Doubles)

Pitcher's NHPA Number	Pitcher's First Name	Pitcher's Last Name	Pitcher's Total Points	Tournaments Pitched 1 point per	Tournament 1st Place Finishes 3 points per	Tournament 2nd Place Finishes 2 points per
1. 31228	Cyrus	Marvin	9	3	2	0
2. 31131	Teodoro	Espinola	8	5	1	0
3. 31272	Luke	Zepponi	8	3	1	1
4. 30628	Tryden	Rice	5	3	0	1
5. 30273	Zeke	Merrill	4	1	1	0
6. 30608	Richard	Morgan	1	1	0	0

NCHPA 2018-19 Season thru June 9, 2019 Cadets who have pitched in at least 1 tournament
(excludes NCHPA Championships and NCHPA Doubles)

Pitcher's NHPA Number	Pitcher's First Name	Pitcher's Last Name	Pitcher's Total Points	Tournaments Pitched 1 point per	Tournament 1st Place Finishes 3 points per	Tournament 2nd Place Finishes 2 points per
1. 31151	Hastiin	Begaye	11	3	2	1
2. 31141	Evelyn	Espinola	8	5	1	0
3. 30627	Colter	Rice	5	2	1	0
4. 31223	Adakai	Begaye	2	2	0	0

Ever thought of creating a sanctioned league at your club? Here's the man to ask: Jerry D. Smith at horseshoepitcherjds@msn.com He can answer all your questions for you. Call him at 208-250-9282. This is the very same Jerry D. Smith who lived in CA and served as your Sec/Treas. for many years.

2019 California State Championships

Sponsor: Northern California Horseshoe Pitchers Association (NCHPA)

Host Club: Stockton Horseshoe Club

Aug. 31, Sept 1-2, 2019

Louis Park 3121 Monte Diablo Ave

NHPA #: _____ Name: _____ Phone: _____

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 (60+)(40ft)* *Elders or Med Exempt (30ft)* *Open Women* *Sr. Women (60+)*

Jr. Boys *Jr. Girls* *Cadets (20ft)*

PARTICIPANTS LIABILITY RELEASE: In consideration of participating in such activity, I hereby, waive, release and forever discharge the Northern CA Horseshoe Pitchers Association, all officers, employees, agents and servants of the afore stated organization, 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 Tournament. In addition it is understood that the NCHPA has sole rights to any and all pictures and/or articles for publication.

SIGNED: _____ DATE _____

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(Keep this section for future reference – Calif. State Championships, Stockton, 8/31-9/1-2, 2019)

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

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 **\$25** for juniors and cadets; no refunds after the entry deadline date. Adult and Junior prize money based on entry fees & any sponsor funds received.

Entry deadline date (or post mark date): **1 August 2019** (Late entries require an additional **\$10** entry fee and will be used on a standby basis only.)

Make checks payable to: **N C H P A** Send entries to: Gail Sluys (707-538-3128 or 707-486-0594
nchpagail@gmail.com)

1721 San Ramon Wy
Santa Rosa CA 95409

If you must drop out, please immediately **notify** Gail Sluys (707-538-3128 nchpagail@gmail.com).

2019 CALIFORNIA STATE HORSESHOE PITCHING CHAMPIONSHIPS



Awards/Trophy Sponsorship Form



Northern California Horseshoe Pitcher's Association

The Northern California Horseshoe Pitchers Association (NCHPA) will host the 2019 California State Horseshoe Pitching Championships tournament In Stockton, California; August 31, and September 1 and 2, 2019. Please consider sponsoring an award for this prestigious event! Both plaques and cash are awarded to the winners of 20-30 groups of players from throughout the state. This tournament establishes California State Champions for both men and women of all ages plus boys and girls under 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 August 20th, the award plaque will reflect your support, and if you have a specific group you wish to sponsor please let us know, we will do our best to accommodate your request based on first come – first served.

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

Sponsor's Address: _____

Sponsor's phone and/or E-mail: _____

Donation Amount: \$50.00 (make check payable to **NCHPA**)

Please send this completed form with your check to the NCHPA awards coordinator:

Alan Trusty
2734 E Whitmore Ave.
Ceres, CA 95307



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

Nominee Name:
Number of Years as NCHPA Member:
Nominated By:
Nominated as a Pitcher or Promoter:

Highlights of Pitching Career

Tournaments Won	Where	Date	Average

NCHPA or Club Offices Held

Office Held	Where	Date

Provide Examples of Promotional Efforts



NCHPA CHAMPIONSHIPS ENTRY FORM October 5th and 6th



(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 24, 2019***

Participants must have pitched in (1) NCHPA sanctioned tournament before September 24, 2019. **New members** who joined after August 1, 2018 and **Junior/Cadet** entrants need a minimum of one (1) NCHPA sanctioned tournament before September 24, 2019.

TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEE \$20.00 FOR ADULTS NO CHARGE FOR JUNIORS OR CADETS

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 _____ NCHPA CARD # _____
Birth Date: _____
Phone # _____

Please circle the group you are entering.

MEN, WOMEN, ELDERS MEN, JR 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 \$ _____



2019 NCHPA DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP

ENTRY= \$50.00 per team % Cap = 110%

The 2019 NCHPA Doubles Championship Tournament will be held at the **Half Moon Bay Horseshoe Club on Sept. 21st and 22nd 2019.**

Pick your partner from any NHPA, SCHPA. Send \$50.00 per team plus completed entry form to Lorena by September 7th. Each team will pay the scorekeeper \$2.00 per game. (\$1.00 per player) The cap on the 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. We hope to have at least two (2) groups with awards and prize money in each group.

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 1 _____ % _____ Club _____
Phone _____ Email _____

Player 2 _____ % _____ Club _____
Phone _____ Email _____

CLUBS

Sacramento

Hello everyone, I hope all pitching well and getting ready the 2019 world tournament in Texas if you are attending. If not, I will see you in Stockton for the state championships. Sacramento has 2 tournaments July 13th and 14th. Hope to see a great turnout. We have plenty of shade trees that are growing every year. Please support all the clubs that you can as we have had a fairly low attendance at a lot of our tournaments. See you on the courts. ***Rick Bermingham.***

San Jose

San Jose held its first tournaments of 2019 in April, hosted Tri-Valley Club's May tournaments, and had our May tournaments rained out. The San Jose Tex Ronning Tournament on Sat. Apr. 13 was well attended with 27 pitchers in 3, 7-person classes and one 6-person class. Bill Faler was 1st in A Class, Teodoro Espinola was 1st in B Class, Jaden Lane was 1st in C Class, and Gary Greensmith was 1st in D Class. The San Jose Memorial Tournament on Sun. Apr. 14 had 12 pitchers in 2 6-person classes. Jim Saunders was 1st in A Class and Johnny Armenta was 1st in B Class. San Jose was glad to be able to host the Tri-Valley May 4 and 5 tournaments. San Jose's Brian & Russell Zelmar Tournament on Sat. May 18 and Edward Moore Tournament on Sun. May 19 had to be cancelled/postponed due to rain. We hope to reschedule these 2 tournaments for later this year. All the tournaments that were not rained out were followed by our usual pot luck lunch. We appreciate all the work that Nancy Cloutier and all the others do in bringing the dishes and getting the pot luck set up.

We hope that you were able to join us for our June tournaments on Sat. June 15 and Sun. June 16. Unless we are able to reschedule our 2 rain out tournaments earlier our next/last tournaments of the 2018-19 season will be Sat. Sep. 14 and Sun. Sep. 15.

Best of luck to all those going to Wichita Falls, Texas to pitch in the 2019 World Horseshoe Tournament. ***Mike Anderson***

Stockton

On May 25th the Stockton Club held the Joe and Millie Schultz Memorial Tournament. It is always a special day when we remember Joe and Millie, and this year's tournament was made particularly special by the appearance of legendary horseshoe pitcher and bowler Walter Ray Williams, Jr. Walter Ray was in Northern California to bowl in a tour event in Brentwood, and he skipped a Saturday bowling practice session in order to pitch with us.



We had a good turnout of 31 pitchers, and we had an epic top group! Joining Walter Ray (who has 6 Men's World Championships, 17 California State Titles, and 2 Florida Titles) in the elite group was six-time California State Champ Rick Bermingham, and four-time California Men's Champ, and five-time Arizona Champ, Nathan Williams. Hastiin Begay, two-time California Cadet Champion, was in town from Madera to take on the big boys. Delia Garza, Stockton's top woman pitcher rounded out the group.

The headliner going in to the tournament was Walter Ray, but by the time the clay dust had settled, budding young phenom Hastiin Begaye was the star of the day! The Tournament Championship came down to the final game when undefeated Walter Ray met undefeated Hastiin; the classic case of the living legend vs. the rising

young superstar, proven greatness vs. unlimited future! Hastiin started the 50-shoe finale by dropping a six-pack on Walter Ray. After a 4-dead in the second inning, Hastiin unloaded another six-pack on the six-time World Champ. Hastiin started the game with twenty ringers in a row to take a 36-0 lead over one of the greatest pitchers that has ever lived! Walter Ray finally scored in the eleventh inning with a two-dead, one; then the youngster promptly hit a two-ringer six to take a 42-1 lead! Hastiin finished the game in fine style, throw 13 ringers out of his final 16 shoes, a torrid 81.25 finish! Fittingly, the championship game ended on the fifth 4- dead of the game. Hastiin had pitched his first 80% game, and had defeated Walter Ray 55-13! In earlier games Hastiin beat Delia with a 60%, beat Nathan with a 72%, and beat Rick with a 68%, giving him his first 70% tournament. It certainly was a great day for Hastiin. I think everyone enjoyed seeing a Junior pitcher with such talent, and on top of it all he is a great kid! Hastiin has shown that he has the ability to come up with a great game when he needs it against great pitchers. Hastiin's dad Gavin told me that last year he took Hastiin over to San Luis Obispo to play in Jesse Gonzalez' Tournament. Jesse and Hastiin met in the tournament; Jesse pitched 70%, and Hastiin beat him with a 75%! Is this young man a giant-killer, or what?



Hastiin and WRW,Jr.

The tournament turned out to be a Williams “family reunion” of sorts. It was fun to introduce Esther Williams, not only as the matriarch of the Horseshoe Pitching Williams Family, but as the 1964 California Women’s State Champion, the state’s first Women’s Champion! I was also able to introduce Jeff Williams who as we all know was a 2-time Boy’s World Champion, a NCHPA Hall of Famer, and a Noted Horseshoe Videographer, and it gave me the chance to tell the crowd of Jeff’s performance in the Championship Group in the 1979 World Tournament in Statesville, NC. Remarkably Jeff averaged 75.3% ringers for the tournament against the best player in the world. Among his wins he pitched 81.1% to beat the legendary Red Henton of Iowa, pitched 87.8% to beat Jesse Gonzalez, pitched 83.3% to beat Walter Ray (who was the defending world champion), pitched 73.5% to beat 1976 World Champion Carl Steinfeldt, threw 72% to beat Pennsylvania’s Hall of Famer Al Zadroga, and he defeated two-time California Champ Ronnie Simmons with an 84.4%. Wow!!

The Stockton Record photographer was able to pull Jeff out of a game on Court 1 to get the following Williams family portrait.



A Horseshoe Family Portrait

In other action, Dave Lane was undefeated to take Class B, throwing a high game of 57.5%. Bill Faler was second.

Gavin Begaye took Class C on a tiebreaker over Southern California's Roy West. West and Teodoro Espinola shared Class high games of 37.5%

Walt Morgan won Class D breaking a 4-way tie for first. Morgan, Joe Summers, and JoEllen Lagg had 30% games tying for high game honors.

Cadet Evelyn Espinola was the winner in Class E on a tiebreaker over Jeff Vieira. Jeff threw a Class high 30% game.

We had a great tournament in honor of Joe and Millie. I think it would have made them smile to see the good turnout, the presence of Walter Ray and the Williams family, Hastiin's big day, and the fact that Juniors won two of the five groups. Lastly, I've included a picture of Joe and Millie's new Brick at the NHPA Hall of Fame in Wentzville, Missouri. We hope to see you all at the State Championships over Labor Day weekend. **George Davis**



Half Moon Bay

A safety reminder! All Clubs should have aspirin in their first aid kits in case anyone at your tournaments show signs of a stroke or heart attack. Remember to place the aspirin under the tongue for a faster response.

Do to scheduling conflicts, our Club hosted two tournaments from two of our sister clubs. We hosted the Vern Gosney Memorial for Vallejo & Kooy – Cowles for Tri-Valley. We were honored to help out.

Julie McGowan our VP of Publicity, Media Relations & Stat Room has invited the sports editor of the HMB Review to throw out the first shoe for the John Carver NHPF Benefit on June 29. This led us to inviting more prominent members of the community to throw out the first shoe, just like in baseball. Our target market is to invite those that might bring us new members, like Little League, Senior Centers, Recreation Departments, etc.

We will be hosting three tournaments before the World Tournament, we hope to see you in Half Moon Bay.

Good Luck to the Northern California Pitchers Going to the World Tournament! Remember, Keep throwing first. See you on the courts! ***Rick Della Santina***

Sonoma County

We had two second year pitchers begin to venture out to other clubs. Tim Brady traveled to Ukiah and was unceremoniously put in the top group. Yes, he got spanked, but that's ok. Two weeks later his daughter Jasmine and he went to San Francisco and both of them won their respective groups! Tim holds the honor of most shoes pitched in our league last year 4500 and that does not count the hour of practice he puts in prior to league start time. Tim and Jasmine have been a real asset to our club. We hope we can find another 10 people just like them.

Your tune-up for the WT is July 13 at our club come on over to pitch, then don't forget our 2 day event on August 24 and 25th. The 24th you get to wear your favorite sports team shirt to pitch in. The 25th is our infamous MYSTERY MONEY open, come join the fun that weekend.

San Francisco

HPO Youth Program. What is it?

By Peter Zepponi,

San Francisco Horseshoe Pitching Club

If you have not heard about it yet, you will soon. The HPO Youth Program is the latest revelation in attracting kids to the sport of horseshoe pitching. HPO stands for Horseshoe Pitching Online. HPO is an online Facebook group that Steven Gibson and Rickey Muter started on December 18, 2018. As of today, 6/24/19, there are 1,027 members in the group with new members joining daily. It features live online horseshoe games, tournaments, challenges and leagues. They are all recorded live on the Facebook group. They are fast 12 shoe games and short videos. Early on I was invited to join the group. Being someone who had Facebook but never used it, it took me a month or two to decide to join. Once I did I loved the concept. For a few years I had been working with my son Luke on creating a San Francisco Junior Horseshoe Pitching Club while he was in elementary school, then when he was in middle school I began working on the outline for an SF High School Horseshoe League. At the same time my son started taking coding classes and we began working on an online horseshoe pitching app. He built a preliminary version of it in the summer of 2018. Then I started watching the HPO group. The main concept of online horseshoe pitching I wanted to accomplish with the app was already possible by utilizing features built into Facebook. While not an ideal tool, it was good enough so the app went on the back burner and I reached out to Steven Gibson. I made a post about how they should create a Youth version of HPO, and Roger Vogel replied 'good idea! Why don't you do it?' I thought about it and decided, why not? So I took the work I'd already done and started adapting it to HPO to create a ground up new program called HPO Youth. The HPO Youth Program is only for kids 18 and younger. Divisions of Y20', Y30', Y40' are based solely upon age and distance.

On May, 9 2019 we launched the HPO Youth group as a spinoff of the adult Horseshoe Pitching Online group and started taking signups. Three weeks later on June 1st we began the worlds 1st International Online Youth Horseshoe Pitching Tournament. We had 33 entries representing 12 US States, and 2 Canadian provinces. All squads improved every round. Practice and Coaching WORK! 300 Games! 3,600 shoes were pitched! 3,240 points scored! We are looking at creating new pathways into the sport for the next generation of horseshoe pitchers and have begun working with the Southern Utah HPA and Omega Horseshoes to host a sanctioned online youth horseshoe tournament on the HPO Youth group.

The first step was to throw out the rule book. This was a new concept. If the NHPA didn't exist, what would an ideal youth horseshoe pitching organization look like? How would it run? Who would run it? What would be the format? How to make it as easy, accessible and fair to everyone? I didn't worry about making it "Fun". Horseshoes is already fun. If I need to tell someone its fun the battle is

already lost. Why else would you play a game?

The second step was to give the kids a voice. So I created the “International Executive Youth Steering Committee” and started inviting kids to be a part of the conversation. I started with my son and his neighborhood friends, and then I reached out to others. I looked for an equal mix of boys, girls, NHPA, backyard, non horseshoe pitching and international kids. Some of the kids that were part of the discussion were Luke Zepponi, Ellyn Ohms, Ethan Glass, Hastiin Begaye, Aaron Graham Jr, and Seth O’Nan along with several non horseshoe pitching / video game / major sport playing kids. The question was ‘How do we make horseshoe pitching ‘cool’? Something you want all your friends to know you do, and want to try themselves because it looks fun.’ This is ONLINE Horseshoe Pitching. This generation of kids known as ‘Gen Z’, are characterized as the first people to never live in a world without the internet, cell phones, social media and video communication. Why fight the phone?! That is OUR perspective. Not theirs. So I made the decision to make the phone an essential part of the game. Take selfie videos, share, like, comment, and chat with your friends about horseshoes. They will promote themselves.

The next step was to create an Adult Advisory Board. We had a diverse board that grew to 18 men and women with a vast knowledge of horseshoe pitching in the NHPA and Backyard styles. When I had completed a draft outline in the beginning of April I shared it with the Advisory Board and we began an intensive discussion and debate over various aspects. Above all were the concepts of equality, fairness and accessibility to everyone. Online horseshoe pitching is accessible to kids around the world with minimal equipment: A stake in the ground, a pair of horseshoes and a cell phone. Pitch anywhere, any time. You may pitch by yourself, but you are never pitching alone.

One primary challenge was to design a system that allows the best of the best to play competitively with the newest and youngest without being handicapped. This is when I thought of Seth O’Nan who my son played against in St. George. He was one of the only kids in the finals that ever had a lead on Seth: 1-0... and then they threw the next two shoes. How do any of the kids that reach the pinnacle of the sport ever find friends that want to play against them? You don’t. You have them play with them. This is where my idea of creating balanced teams came from. However, we don’t call them teams; we call them ‘Squads’. The ‘Squad’ idea came from my son and his friends. Many of whom are online gamers and when they play remotely together they play on squads, not teams. I was informed being on an online Squad sounded cooler than a horseshoe team. Give the kids a voice, and then listen.

Squads were balanced so they all have an equal total Point Potential. We use a Point Potential Average (PPA) based upon your ability to score count all points, not just ringers. Not all squads had the same amount of people, but they all had equal potential to score. By doing this the #1 seed is encouraged by their squad mates to do their best. A player with a potential to score 85% of their potential points might only have 3 squad mates with 5-15% PPA’s. Another squad might have 6 players with PPA’s between 3% -35% in order to have the same scoring potential in a round. This mixed division “Balanced Squad” system worked exceptionally well during our first tournament with the winner being decided in the last few games and by some of the lowest ranked pitchers. Going into the last day, 5 of the 6 squads were still in the running.

A very exciting aspect of the Youth Program is the Guest Coach/Mentorship Program. We had some of the best horseshoe pitchers in the world volunteering to be Squad Coaches! I wanted to tap into the vast amount of talent and knowledge out there that most kids would never have access to. Online it is possible. The coaches watched the kids pitch online, made comments and suggestions and offered encouragement and strategic advice. They were phenomenal. Our coaches were Stanton Griggs, David Lane, Rick Birmingham, Brandon Tenijieth, Emery Jackson, Ben Webb, Deborah Lock Hanes, and Sandra Johnson. We have reached out to others we think would make excellent coaches and mentors in future tournaments. If you are interested in being a youth Guest Coach or Assistant Coach please let us know. Share your knowledge and experience with the kids.

Thanks to the young trail blazers who participated in this historic event.

Squad 1: Hastiin Begaye (CA), Ethan Glass (UT), Jake Zepp (NY), Patirck Reid (NY), Jayden Green (TX) Coach: Stanton Griggs (MO)

Squad 2 (1st Place): Ellyn Ohms (UT), Cyrus Marvin (CA), Carson Scott (UT), Yaya Ziebell (AZ), Hunter Wright (TX) Coaches: David Lane (CA) & Rick Birmingham (CA)

Squad 3: Luke Zepponi (CA), Aaron Graham Jr.(TX), Adakai Begaye (CA), Logan Scott (UT), Eric Raizola (AZ). Coaches: Brandon Tenijieth (AZ) & Emery Jackson (AZ)

Squad 4 (2nd Place): Dalton Moffat (BC), Joey Williford (SC), Michael Verdugo (AZ), Brooklyn Scott (UT), Claire Rideout (NB), Angel Ziebell (AZ) Coach: Ben Webb (KY)

Squad 5: Kedan Mathews (OH) Jedidiah Sowatzeke (WI) Ella Owens (NY), Shantz Vigil(WY), Sebastian Souza (CA), McKenna Bunker (UT) Coach: Deborah Lock Hanes

Squad 6: Taylor Coile (GA), Warren Highley (MO), Owen Barbour (PA), Christian Raizola (AZ), Maurie Bunker (UT), Landon Green (TX) Coach: Sandra Johnson (CA)

Here is a summary of statistics for the first HPO Youth tournament.

HPO Youth Tournament #1 BY THE NUMBERS

Entries: 33

USA States: 12

6 (AZ, UT), 5 (CA), 4 (TX), 3 (NY), 1 (GA, MO, OH, PA, SC, WI, WY)

Canadian Provinces: 2

British Columbia, New Brunswick

Number of Squads: 6

Players per Squad: 3 Squads with 5 players, 3 Squads with 6 Players.

Squad Target PPA: 154%

Change in Squad PPA from Entry PPA to Squad Tournament PPA.

SQUAD	CHANGE	ENTRY	TOURN	TARGET
S1	10.21%	159.23%	169.44%	154%
S2	17.27%	156.80%	174.07%	154%
S3	8.80%	149.53%	158.33%	154%
S4	14.17%	153.11%	167.28%	154%
S5	-4.64%	155.57%	150.93%	154%
S6	15.47%	150.58%	166.05%	154%

Entry Fee: \$5 per player

Prize Pool: \$165. \$135 to 1st Place, \$30 to 2nd Place (Break Even)

Payout of Entry Fees: 100%

Rounds Played: 3

Shoes pitched per game: 12

Games per Round: 3

Games Played: 300. (297 + 3 playoff games that were not needed)

Shoes Pitched: 3,600

Points Scored: 3,240

Round 1 Average PPA: 27.61%

Round 2 Average PPA: 30.39%

Round 3 Average PPA: 31.65%

Tournament Average PPA: 29.88%

Average Entry PPA: 22.02%

PPA Increase over Entry: 7.86%

Average Over/Under: 1.89%

High Game: 29 points/12 shoes; Taylor Coile

Highest Round Total: 72.22; Taylor Coile

Highest Tournament PPA: 69.75; Hastiin Begaye

Biggest Comeback: Squad 6. Rnd1: 6th Place, Rnd2: 4th Place, Rnd3: 1st Place

Most Consistent: Dalton Moffat; Entry PPA: 50.00%, Rnd1, 2 & 3 all 50.00%

Highest Over Entry PPA: 21.80%; Taylor Coile

Pitching on the shortest stake: Michael Verdugo (it looked about 8” high)

Most Family Members: 3 Scott Family, 3 Begaye/Marvin

Youngest Pitcher(s): 7 yrs old! Maurie Bunker & McKenna Bunker, & Adakai Begaye

Volunteer Coaches: 8

1st Squad to Choose a Squad Name and Squad Photo: Squad 1 ‘The Six Pac Force’

Kids who were given FREE horseshoes who did not own them before: 5 KIDS!

Video Shares, Views, Likes, Comments: THOUSANDS.

Biggest Winner: The Sport of Horseshoe Pitching

HPO Youth #1		PPA % STATS			ROUND 1 - FINAL					ROUND 2 - FINAL					ROUND 3 - FINAL					TOURNAMENT STATISTICS										
Team Number	Athlete Name	Over/Under %	Starting Point %	Tourn. Point %	Round 1			Total	Rnd 1 Place	Rnd 1 Points	Round 2			Total	Rnd 2 Place	Rnd 2 Points	Squad Score	Round 3			Total	Rnd 3 Place	Rnd 3 Points	Squad Score	FINAL PLACE	Athlete Name	Round 1 Average	Round 2 Average	Round 3 Average	Tourn. PPA %
Squad 1 The Six Pac Force Stanton	Hastin Begaye	5.56%	64.19%	69.75%	23	27	26				18	27	28					28	24	25						Hastin Begaye	70.33%	67.59%	71.30%	69.75%
	Ethan Glass	4.43%	34.15%	38.58%	8	15	9				20	16	21					29.63%	52.78%	33.33%						Ethan Glass	29.63%	52.78%	33.33%	38.58%
	Jake Zepp	0.19%	32.22%	32.41%	22	9	20				13	10	12					9	4	6						Jake Zepp	47.22%	32.41%	17.59%	32.41%
	Patrick Reid	6.85%	11.67%	18.52%	6	3	1				6	2	12					11	14	5						Patrick Reid	9.26%	18.52%	27.78%	18.52%
	Jayden Green	-6.81%	17.00%	10.19%	9	1	2				1	10	5					1	2	2						Jayden Green	11.11%	14.81%	4.63%	10.19%
Squad 2 David & Rick	Elynn Ohms	0.43%	57.90%	58.33%	24	20	20				25	19	23					22	17	19						Elynn Ohms	59.26%	62.04%	53.70%	58.33%
	Cyrus Marvin	10.43%	34.32%	44.75%	17	17	12				19	20	20					13	16	11						Cyrus Marvin	42.59%	54.63%	37.06%	44.75%
	Carson Scott	0.40%	29.85%	30.25%	2	10	12				9	20	12					8	11	14						Carson Scott	22.22%	37.96%	30.96%	30.25%
	Yaya Ziebell	2.93%	18.06%	20.99%	5	2	6				11	4	6					12	12	10						Yaya Ziebell	12.04%	19.44%	31.48%	20.99%
	Hunter Wright	3.08%	16.67%	19.75%	9	10	6				8	3	9					7	2	10						Hunter Wright	23.15%	18.52%	17.59%	19.75%
Squad 3 Brandon & Emery	Luke Zepponi	2.47%	51.23%	53.70%	26	16	18				16	21	15					16	24	22						Luke Zepponi	55.56%	48.15%	57.14%	53.70%
	Aaron Graham Jr.	-7.84%	35.00%	27.16%	7	8	9				5	21	8					10	10	10						Aaron Graham Jr.	22.22%	31.48%	27.78%	27.16%
	Adakai Begaye	-0.60%	27.45%	26.85%	8	7	6				9	9	10					13	8	16						Adakai Begaye	19.44%	26.85%	34.26%	26.85%
	Logan Scott	8.91%	19.18%	28.09%	3	8	13				13	13	12					11	6	12						Logan Scott	22.22%	35.19%	26.85%	28.09%
	Eric Raizola	5.86%	16.67%	22.53%	6	10	4				10	7	9					4	9	14						Eric Raizola	18.52%	24.07%	28.09%	22.53%
Squad 4 Ben	Dalton Moffat	0.00%	50.00%	50.00%	20	17	17				26	10	18					15	24	15						Dalton Moffat	50.00%	50.00%	50.00%	50.00%
	Joey Williford	6.96%	36.87%	43.83%	19	13	20				6	12	16					18	23	15						Joey Williford	48.15%	31.48%	51.85%	43.83%
	Michael Verdugo	5.05%	23.35%	28.40%	7	8	10				13	13	10					10	13	8						Michael Verdugo	23.15%	33.33%	28.70%	28.40%
	Brooklyn Scott	-0.81%	19.64%	18.83%	13	9	6				5	7	4					6	6	5						Brooklyn Scott	25.93%	14.81%	15.74%	18.83%
	Claire Rideout	1.28%	16.31%	17.59%	6	8	10				1	4	9					3	6	10						Claire Rideout	22.22%	12.96%	17.59%	17.59%
Squad 5 Deb	Angel Ziebell	1.70%	6.94%	8.64%	2	0	1				2	1	2					2	9	9						Angel Ziebell	2.78%	4.63%	8.64%	8.64%
	Kedan Mathews	-14.05%	49.54%	35.49%	13	16	10				15	13	21					5	9	13						Kedan Mathews	36.11%	45.37%	25.00%	35.49%
	Jedidiah Sowatzeke	2.06%	37.14%	39.20%	19	7	13				12	13	5					16	25	17						Jedidiah Sowatzeke	36.11%	27.78%	53.70%	39.20%
	Ella Owens	0.55%	21.67%	22.22%	6	8	10				10	8	10					10	8	10						Ella Owens	22.22%	18.52%	25.93%	22.22%
	Shantz Vigil	8.33%	20.37%	28.70%	8	9	11				9	13	15					9	9	10						Shantz Vigil	25.93%	34.26%	25.93%	28.70%
Squad 6 Double Ringer Squad Sandra	Sebastian Souza	3.40%	15.74%	19.14%	4	9	5				6	4	10					5	10	9						Sebastian Souza	16.87%	18.52%	27.78%	19.14%
	McKenna Bunker	-4.94%	11.11%	6.17%	2	2	2				3	3	0					2	4	4						McKenna Bunker	5.56%	3.70%	2.66%	6.17%
	Taylor Coile	21.80%	38.39%	60.19%	23	22	12				20	18	22					27	22	29						Taylor Coile	52.78%	55.56%	72.22%	60.19%
	Warren Highley	5.87%	37.96%	43.83%	14	13	12				16	18	20					12	16	21						Warren Highley	36.11%	50.00%	45.37%	43.83%
	Owen Barbour	2.87%	21.51%	24.38%	3	5	3				3	7	12					16	11	19						Owen Barbour	10.19%	20.37%	42.59%	24.38%
Tournament Director: Peter Zepponi	Christian Raizola	-8.18%	20.83%	12.65%	5	9	6				5	3	1					2	6	4						Christian Raizola	18.52%	8.33%	11.11%	12.65%
	Maurie Bunker	-6.17%	13.89%	7.72%	2	2	3				5	5	0					3	4	1						Maurie Bunker	6.48%	9.26%	7.41%	7.72%
	Landon Green	-0.72%	18.00%	17.28%	1	4	3				9	7	2					9	12	6						Landon Green	7.41%	19.44%	25.00%	17.28%
			Tournament Average		27.61%	30.39%	31.65%	29.88%																						

REGIONAL DIRECTOR:

Remember the email you received in Feb regarding court sanctioning? The one with the questions about the condition of your clubs? Please fill out the questionnaire and return it to me either by email or snail mail. The court sanctioning requirements have been loosened see the email from NHPA VP Dalton Rakestraw.



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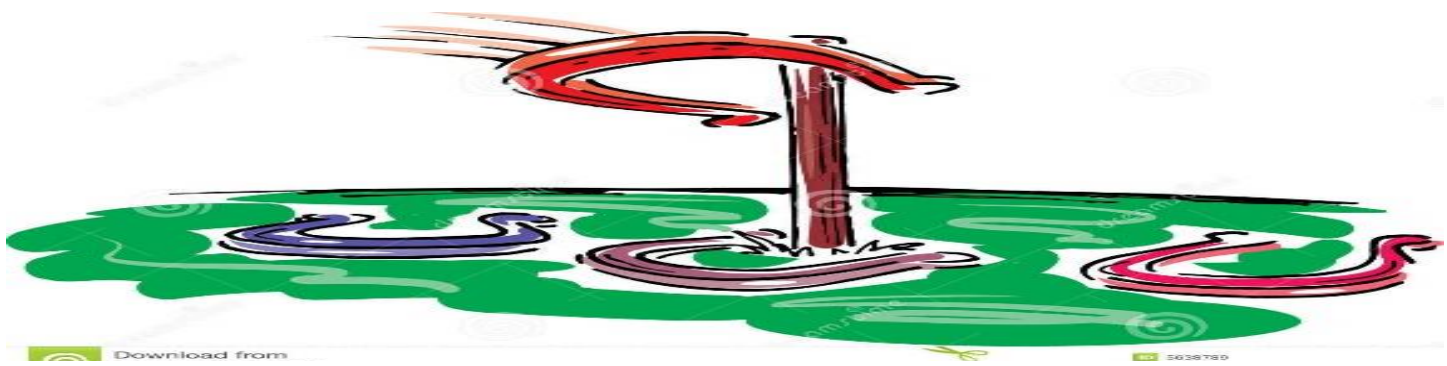
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Court Sanctioning requirement

The National Horseshoe Pitchers Association's (NHPA) appointed Regional Director(s) (RD) for each charter should sanction courts in accordance with Rules/Regulations-Guidelines- Specifications (RGS) book revised January 1, 2019. Due to the decline in membership, the NHPA Council has agreed to allow "grandfathering" (exemption) of horseshoe courts. Courts that do not meet the conditional or full sanction requirements of the NHPA may receive a tournament sanction number and host local "weekend" tournaments/leagues. However, court facilities that do not meet the "full" sanction requirement from the NHPA will not be able to host State, Regional, or National Championships.

Stuart Sipma, NHPA President

cc: Rebecca Sidles – NHPA Newsline Editor



DASH FOR CASH: Fortuna Horseshoe Club/ Sat & Sun. August 10th and 11th..2 day tournament

***Friday eve. Is Carnival night...trick shot horseshoes. A carnival king or queen will be crowned....lots of laughs and fun! Snacks will be available....
Sat. Night : Tri-Tip dinner will be provided: plus drawing for a full horseshoe membership***

High game awards etc

We have a few tents and mattress/ please let us know if you need one..Bring your own blankets and pillows (gets cold at night)

Free RV parking, sorry no hookups

Pre-registration required: \$30.00 entry fee

Deadline: August 8th

Entries to Sharon Paddock/ 1024 Tim Mullen RD. Kneeland, Calif. 95549 or call 707-443-1913.. spaddock1024@gmail.com

FORTUNA DASH FOR CASH

Every club should try this work with the local Parks Dept. in your area to contact possible candidates for membership

How to put on a Horseshoe Pitching CLINIC

Contributed by Dean Schmitz, who was awarded an NHPA Achievement Award in 2001 for his efforts.

This outline, with your own little modifications, will give you an idea of how to go about putting on a horseshoe pitching clinic. Getting started on something seems to be the key to getting things done. This should give you a jump start on putting on that clinic that you've always been talking about.

This is just a suggestion of presentation material and commentary. There are probably more transparencies and commentary than what you will be able to use and still keep your audience interested. Pick out the stuff for a beginners clinic and use it for that. Pick out the stuff for a more advanced clinic and use it for that. After all, YOU will be the presenter.

PURPOSE OF CLINIC:

1. Recruit new pitchers
2. Information for those who "know it all"
3. General information for the public
4. Sign-up for league play
5. Information for those wavering on joining a club
6. Part of your Club's Open House
7. Orientation before your club begins league play
8. Starting a new Club
9. Recreation Department Information
10. (You can add to this list.)

CLINIC PREPARATION

Determine: DATE, TIME, and PLACE to hold Clinic

If inside, have a portable court setup.

If outside, on the courts, have a presentation area with seating, electrical power, and free from the wind. You could use a building for the classroom portion and then go out to the courts for practical experience.

Clinic Staff: Chief presenter, presenter assistant, demonstrators (the "good" pitchers), registrar, fees collector, handout provider, court setup crew (all staff should wear their horseshoe pitching shirts). The chief presenter should definitely be the most informed person on horseshoe pitching "book work".

Gather Equipment: Overhead projector, transparencies for the presentation, video player and monitor, video: Basics of Horseshoe Pitching, a fully equipped horseshoe pitching box, different brands of horseshoes, hooks, and other pitching equipment.

HANDOUTS: The least that a clinic could bring about is “free” information. Make sure people go away in hand with something about horseshoe pitching. Gather and have plenty of handouts about your local club, state association, NHPA, NHPF, where to buy horseshoes and equipment, horseshoe pitching newsletters, NHPA Newslines magazine, and whatever else you can gather and make copies of.

Refreshments and treats are always an ice breaker and gives people something to do when coming in.

Displays: You could also have a display area showing individual pitchers trophies and awards (trophies that no one sees after they are won), different brands of horseshoes, newspaper articles about horseshoe pitching, pictures, and whatever else you may think people would be interested in. Anything to peak their interest.

Advertise: Through your local recreation department, poster fliers, sending out personal postcards, newspaper articles, radio, local cable TV bulletin boards, posting on the internet, state horseshoe association newsletters, word of mouth, and you may know of other sources.

CLINIC PROCEDURE:

1. Set-up all equipment and make sure it works
2. Set-up tables for handouts, displays, horseshoes and equipment, etc.
3. Register people as they come in
4. Give them “handouts”
5. Take any fees for joining the club and leagues (have applications available for local and state organizations)
6. Make sure everyone has a place to sit or stand and to be able to see the video and overhead projector screens
7. Turn on Overhead Projector
8. (Slide 1) Welcome them to the clinic and the great game of horseshoes, etc.
9. Introduce Clinic Staff

SHOW VIDEO: Basics of Horseshoe Pitching

PROCEED with remaining set of overhead transparencies

END with demonstrations and “guests” pitching on the courts. Answer personal questions by directing them to the proper people.



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