

Nor-Cal News & Views

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Open NHPA Council and Committee Positions

NHPA Members,

We would like to express appreciation to each of you for your countless hours of service and dedication to the horseshoe pitchers throughout the NHPA. As a council, we know that without your service to those around you, nothing would happen.

At the delegate convention, a new NHPA president was elected into the position and rules and bylaws changes were reviewed and voted on by the delegates that will bring out additional changes.

When leadership changes there are also additional opportunities to serve each other. There are some open positions that are available for those interested in making a difference and growing our organization.

The council received the resignation of NHPA 2nd Vice President, Laurie Lampkin on 13 August 2024, effective immediately. The NHPA council would like to thank Laurie for her many years of service, hard work, and dedication to the executive council and to you as members, and we wish her the best in her future endeavors. We will be diligently searching for candidates to fill this additional opening on the council along with others which are listed below:

2nd Vice President - Vacated by Laurie Lampkin

3rd Vice President - Vacant with the election of Ben Webb as NHPA President

Sponsorship Director - This is a new position which will receive compensation

Promotions Director - This is a new position which will receive compensation

Youth Director - Vacant with the election of Ben Webb as NHPA President and will receive compensation.

Compensation for the new positions are being evaluated and the amount will be announced when the positions are filled.

Additionally, the following committees have openings which will be filled. These are volunteer positions, but those serving will have an opportunity as well to significantly impact the NHPA in a positive way. Some of these are new committees which Ben is planning to establish. Interested individuals should submit their interest to Ben Webb.

Sponsorship Committee

Promotion/Publicity Committee

Youth Committee

I.T. Committee

Grievance Committee

Social Media Committee

The Standard Operating Procedures are currently being revised for the committees and will be available for each committee no later than August 31st. Anyone seeking a general committee specific description can contact Ben Webb for more information. Basic requirements for the positions:

- Must be a current NHPA member, in good standing
- Must be able to communicate via phone/email/text
- Familiar with Microsoft applications
- Able to attend at least 1 monthly zoom meeting

Applicants for the Vice President positions should be able to attend the World Tournament for 2 weeks as well, They will be compensated for the time spent during the World Tournament in service to the members.

The deadline for the openings is August 31st. If possible, with the new pitching year beginning on October 1st, the NHPA Council would like to begin the year fully staffed.

Please encourage anyone that you feel has a love of the sport, wants to see the NHPA be successful, and is willing to work hard to apply for the open positions.

The application form is in the following link: [NHPA Position Application Form](#)

NHPA Council

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1st VP

The World Tournament was held in Kennewick, Washington from July 29-August 3rd. The tournament was a one-week event this year. Kennewick is part of an area called the Tri-Cities area in Southcentral Washington, located on the Columbia River, with a population of 85,000. In the 1940's, the Hanford Site was built by the US Government near Kennewick; the site was part of the Manhattan Project which developed the Nuclear Bombs which ended World War Two. People were recruited from all over the country to work at the Hanford Site, only being told that their work would help the country in the war effort, not being told that they would be producing Plutonium, which was used to build the Fat Man bomb, which was dropped on Nagasaki, Japan in 1945.

Seventy-nine years after the Fat Man Bomb was dropped on Nagasaki, the NHPA Horseshoe Bomb was dropped on the Toyota Center in Kennewick! The horseshoe pitching

was held in two buildings, the Toyota Center Building and the Toyota Arena.

Alan Francis repeated as the NHPA Men's World Champion for the 28th time! A truly remarkable feat in dominating a sport over such a long period of time! It's such a shame that Alan has not achieved fame and fortune he deserves for his incredible achievements! In the Championship Round Alan was a perfect 15-0, pitching a spectacular 85.83% ringer percentage. In his third game, Alan threw 34 straight ringers for a perfect game; his opponent threw over 55% ringers and didn't score a point! Francis' low game was a 73.21 % effort! Amazing!

California, and particularly the Northern California Charter was well represented in the Men's Championship Finals. Four California pitchers were in the elite final 16 pitchers vying for the World Title. **Dalton Rakestraw** from Southern California had a great 5th place finish, going 10-5, with a ringer percentage of 66.19. **Nathan Williams** finished in 7th place, going 8-

7 with a 63.95 %, giving him an outstanding top-ten finish. **Rick Bermingham**, and **Bobby Bartell** represented Norcal finishing 14th and 15th with 4-11 records. Both Rick and Bobby had to be disappointed to pitch well below their entry averages.

The Women's Championship Group had no California pitchers. Penny Steinke of Wisconsin is the new Women's World Champion. Penny upset two-time defending Champion Sarah Chaffee, also of Wisconsin in a playoff. Penny had to take two games in a row from Sarah, and she did so convincingly, 41-25, and 40-10. Penny averaged 77.05% with her 1 ¼ turn for the Championship Finals.

Penny is a kindergarten teacher who has authored over twenty children's books including one entitled The ABC's of Horseshoes. It should be an interesting Women's Championship Group at the Wisconsin State Championship Tournament over Labor Day in Wausau, WI; a rematch of the Women's World Championship match, Penny vs. Sarah!

In the Senior Men's Championship Ken Fraser of New York was the winner, going undefeated and pitching 70.18%. Walter Ray finished 3rd, averaging 61.89%. Norcal's Ramiro Coronado finished 7th place.

Sheila Sheppard of Colorado won her 10th Senior Women's Championship, going 7-0 while averaging 55%. Tulare's **Diane Luiz**, our California Women's Champion, finished second at 5-2, pitching 54.71%. Diane will eventually break through and win that division!

The Elder's Championship was won by Canada's **Tom Moffat**, who had only one loss and pitched a sparkling 77.22%.

Hastiin Begaye of the Madera Club won the Junior Boy's Championship with a perfect 7-0 record, and an outstanding 77.10 %. **Adakai Begaye** finished in 8th.



Southern California's **Lily Strong** won the Junior Girls Championship, going 5-1, with a respectable 50.85%.

The Cadet Boy's Title went to **Gavin Begaye, Jr.**, who went 5-0, tossing 58.5% ringers. **Eben Begaye** was 3rd place.

Missouri's **Addisyn Goddard** took the Cadet Girl's Championship.

3rd VP Northern California Pitchers made their mark on the 2024 World Tournament. The following is a recap of Norcal Pitchers' highlights:

In Men's B, **Dave Lane** finished in 14th place, but he managed to beat Sarah Chaffee's Dad!

In Men's C, **Cesar Espinola** had a nice 3rd place finish, going 11.5-3.5, throwing 42.5%, 3.06 % over his entering average. Cesar had a high game of 57.5%. Wayne Lockhart went 9-6 to finish 6th.

Willows' **Lance Taylor** finished 3rd place in Men's D, by going 9-4, and averaging 40.38%, 6.15% over his entry average. Lance tossed a high game of 5i7.5%. Sacramento's Rick Thompson went 5-8 to finish 11th, throwing a pair of 47.5% games.

In Men's F, **Manuel Mix** of Chico finished 3rd with a 9-4 record, Gold Country's **Gene Washoe** finished 7th, and Gold Country's **Marshall Merino** took 9th place.

In Men's I Merced's **Tony Smullen** was 7th, at 6-7.

In Men's K Atwater's **Loren Doffee** was 8th, at 2-7.

In Women's D, Willows' Lisa Dicharry finished in 11th place with a 4.5-8.5 record, with a nice 35% game in her second game.

Robert Gillett Sr. was 3rd in Sr. Men's C class, going 9-2. **Jeff Williams** finished 12th. Jeff kept himself busy at the tournament videoing a number of games, which can be currently seen on YouTube, a great contribution to promoting our sport!

In Senior Women's C, San Leandros' **Estrellita Boggess** finished second at 9-2, throwing 5.06 % over her entering average. 1977's California Women's State Champion Marisela Mauricio finished in 4th place at 7-4.

Ukiah's **Gil Tournour** finished 2nd place in the Elder's C Class. Gil had a record of 11.5-3.5 with a 54.33% ringer average, 4.76% above his entering average! Gil threw three 65% games, and pitched 75% in beating the pitcher that won the class, 39-4! Should Gil have been in the Elder's Championship Group, or what?

In Elder's D, **Rick Della Santina**, Northern California's newest Hall of Famer, finished 8th at 4-7.

Lincoln Club's **John DeMello** dominated Elder's F! John went 12.5-0.5 with 44.81% ringers, 4.53 % above his entering average. DeMello had a sweet 57.5% high game!



Les Smullen finished 7th, at 7-6, in Elders G.

I floundered in 11th place in Elders H, trying to learn to throw a flip, burdened by an entering average which was a remnant of the days when I could throw a turn and make some ringers!.

Tri-Valley's **Richard Robbins** absolutely "tore-up" Elders I with a 12.5-0.5 record. My brother calls Richard "The Mayor" of the World Tournament, because he seems to be best friends with 90% of the pitchers. Well, the Mayor averaged 34.04% ringers, and threw two 42.5% games to totally dominate the class! Richard usually wins the World Tournament in odd years, but decided to make an exception in 2024!

Bill Boggess of San Leandro won big in Elders L! Bill won 13.5 games and tied 1, pitching 31.07% ringers (which was 4.25 points above his entry average) Bill had a high game of a loud 47.5%

Ron McBroom of Elk Grove came in 5th place at 6.5-4.5 in Elders M, and Jeff Vieira finished 11th.

The NHPA Convention was held on Sunday, August 4th. Ben Webb of Kentucky was elected NHPA President.



Austin Bailey, of Illinois, who had been acting-President returns to his position as 1st Vice President. Candidates for NHPA 3rd Vice President will be accepted through August 31. Senior Women have been approved to pitch from up to 20 feet beginning at age 65.

The 2024 World Tournament was a great event, and Kennewick was a fine host for the tournament. If you missed the tournament this year, plan on pitching in 2027, when our big event returns to Kennewick!

George Davis 1st VP, NCHPA

THE NEXT 5 YEARS OF WORLD TOURNAMENT LOCATIONS

2025 SANDY, UT (CLOSE TO SLC)

2026 WAUSAU, WI

2027 KENNEWICK, WA (NEW BLDG.)

2028 SANDY, UT

2029 WAUSAU, WI

3 years a simple one or two day drive for us. Let's show them what force Northern CA can be.

It's just about the sparsest issue I've produced since I took over as editor 20 years ago. You all need to help me folks!

3rd VP

The NCHPA 2023-2024 season started immediately after Labor Day 2023 and as of July 8 2024 NCHPA has pitched 72 tournaments (thru 03-24-065) and cancelled/postponed 16 tournaments. Nine hundred and thirty-two NCHPA pitchers and 29 non-NCHPA pitchers have pitched in our tournaments to date. Stay healthy and keep on a' pitchin'!

Now that we are using eShoe you club statisticians may now upload your tournament statistics (if using HSMaster) directly to eShoe any time after your tournament is complete, but you still must email me (meanderson99@yahoo.com) the comma-separated-values Results file (1 per tournament), the Class Boxscore files (1 per tournament class), and the All Class Standings Results file (1 per tournament) for my work. If you do not care to upload your tournament statistics to eShoe yourself then I will be glad to do it for you. Just let me know that you would like for me to do it. The files that you send me are the same files that I have always asked for you to send me. And please be

sure that the box score files that you send are generated in HSMaster as Tournaments, Reports, Format, Results [not Results (Brief)]. Keep in mind that I need to see member numbers in every file that you send. That means I want the long version, not brief version, of every file. Note that for doubles tournaments HSMaster will produce only the brief version of the Class Box score files and the All Class Standings Results file. These files can be produced in HSMaster by:

- 1) Open HSMaster (Version 1.1.232 or newer)
- 2) Create comma-separated-values Results file (Results03-<2 digit year>-<3 digit tournament number>.txt)

Tournaments, Play Singles (or Play Doubles), <select desired tournament>,

Clean Up, in Post Results to Player Stats box <select desired tournament>, Results File when the window pops up <select desired destination folder>, <select desired file name>, Open

(A common destination folder is C:/HSMasterData)

- 3) Create Class Boxscore files (03-<2 digit year>-<3 digit tournament number><TournamentName>-<Class>.txt) Tournaments, Play Singles (or Play Doubles), <select desired tournament>, <select desired class>, Load, Standings checked, Box Scores checked,

[Brief NOT checked], (Preview if desired), <select Path to desired destination folder>, <select desired file name>, Export Produce a boxscore file for each class in the tournament. (A common destination folder is C:/HSMasterData) Note that for doubles the class boxscore files do not have pitcher member numbers. 4) Create All Class Standings Results file (03-<2 digit year>-<3 digit tournament number><TournamentName>.txt)

Tournaments, Reports, <select desired tournament>, <All Classes>, Results selected [NOT Results (Brief)], (Preview if desired),

<select Path to desired destination folder>, <select desired file name>, Text File (A common destination folder is C:/HSMasterData) Note that for doubles the class standings results file does not have pitcher member numbers.

Thanks for all your help. If you have any questions about how to produce these files then please contact me by email or phone 408-738-4661.

For those pitchers who pay their membership dues using NHPA eShoe and are not new members of NHPA be sure that you select that you are a returning old member and not a new member. Also for all pitchers who pay their membership dues using NHPA eShoe remember to be an NCHPA member in good standing you must pay local club dues (if your local club requires it). NCHPA rules require all pitchers to be a member of a local club. Contact your local club representative to find out how much local dues are and where to send them.

Thanks. *Mike Anderson*

EVEN THOUGH THERE ARE DAYS I WISH I COULD CHANGE SOME THINGS THAT HAPPENED IN THE PAST, THERE'S A REASON THE REAR VIEW MIRROR IS SO SMALL AND THE WINDSHIELD IS SO BIG, WHERE YOU'RE HEADED IS MUCH MORE IMPOSTANT THAN WHAT YOU'VE LEFT BEHIND.

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tournaments are still being held on Half Moon Bay courts.

San Jose's remaining 2024 tournaments are:

03-24-085 Sat. Sep. 28 Autumn Fling

03-24-092 Sat. Oct. 26 Winter Coming

We hope to see you there and best of luck in your pitching. *Mike Anderson*

Sonoma County

Welcomes **Hayden Lee** back after a 4 year stint in the Air Force. Hayden and his lovely wife (**Lauren**) are making Santa Rosa their home for now. Hayden qualified in league at began at 32 % and is now pitching in the low 40% already after 3 sanctioned tournaments Speaking of which....

Sonoma County tournament entry fees will be \$20 BUT payback is 1st \$60, 2nd \$40, 3rd \$20 for a 7 & 8 person group. A 6 person group will be \$40 for 1st, \$30 for 2nd & \$20 for 3rd. Then if need be a 5 person group will be \$40 for 1st & \$20 for 2nd with a plate for 3rd.

Some Covid issues in the Sluys household. It's taking both of us longer than we like to recover from this China Virus! Many thanks to Jasmine for running the last two tournaments.

For his first time pitching as a full distance man in the World Tournament was **Travis Sluys** former world class pitcher in the Junior and Cadet Divisions. He finished 4th in the Men's E. Travis had a 7 year layoff while serving our country in the United States Marine Corps. He found a few pitchers there, but they soon discovered his ability and he quickly ran out of challengers, particularly after whooping his Lieutenant Colonel. Look for him at a few Norcal tournaments this year.

This club is looking forward to producing and grooming two men for the Championship Division at next year's WT in Sandy, Utah. For sure at the CA State Champs in 2025. Come on to Santa Rosa and you might be able to play them? *Casey*

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San Jose

The 2024 pitching season continues! San Jose Parks & Rec still has not finalized plans for the new park design for the Columbus Park location and still has not begun demolition of the old Columbus Park. Therefore, thanks to the continuing generosity of Half Moon Bay Horseshoe Club all San Jose 2024 horseshoe

Ukiah

Hello from Ukiah.

In July Gil and I drove to Kennewick, Washington for the World Horseshoe Pitching Tournament "Rivers and Ringers." A bunch of other Californians also drove or flew to Washington and we all gathered at the Toyota Center, the Toyota Arena and the Three Rivers Convention Center to pitch and watch the intense competition on the pits.

It was a delightful experience. We saw a lot of new and unfamiliar country - so much wheat, corn, hay and alfalfa and miles and miles of wind machines (the kind that create power) and lots of beautiful tree-covered mountains - it was a pleasure!

Our journey took us to the beautiful Columbia river, it's huge! and so I asked SIRI and this is what I learned: the river begins in British Columbia and goes through Washington and for a long way follows the border between Washington and Oregon then after a journey of 1270 miles it empties into the Pacific Ocean. There are 14 dams on the river 3 in British Columbia and 11 in Washington including 4 on the Washington/Oregon border. These dams create hydroelectricity as well as providing recreation for boating, fishing etc.

Gil & I arrived in Kennewick on Friday, July 26 then Gil and a bunch of other Californians

pitched in the warm-up tournament on Saturday as well as a different kind of tournament on Sunday. On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday Gil pitched in the World Tournament Elders Class C. In all three tournaments he earned second place! It was not only fun and exciting to watch everyone pitch it was so interesting to see both the women and men and how perfectly they can make those ringers.

We were able to enjoy seeing old friends as well as meeting new ones. And again, I am reminded how kind and genteel horseshoe pitchers and their supporters are and what a joy it is to experience the fun, the competition and the camaraderie.

Wishing you all safe travels and enjoyable gatherings for the rest of the season. Blessings,

Lorena & Gil Tournour

UVHS Club

The rest of the year for sanctioned tournaments Ya'll need a date?

August

76) Sat. 24 State Warm-Up, (5, 14, 16) *Lincoln*

87) Sat. 24 Brian Wainwright Red Truck Classic, *Sonoma Co.*

September

***Sun. 1 State Championships, (1, 16, 17)

78) Sat. 7 Remembering Our Past, (4) *Feather River*

79) Sat. 12 Hoss Moreno Open, (16) *Lindsay*

80) Sat. 14 Roy Miller Put it Around the Pole, *Sonoma County*

81) Sat. 14 Mark Pierce, (4) *Gold Country*

→ Mon. 17 Sign-up Deadline for NCHPA Championships

→ Mon. 17 Sign-up Deadline for Doubles Championships

82) Sat. 21 Remembrance, (4, 16) *Tri-Valley*

83) Sun. 22 Faler & Robbins, (4, 16) *Tri-Valley*

84) Sat. 28 NHPF Open, (5, 14, 16, 19) *Lincoln*

84) Sat. 28 Autumn Fling, *San Jose*

October

*Sat 5 NCHPA Championships, (1, 16) *Stockton*

*Sun. 6 NCHPA Doubles, (1, 16) *Stockton*

86) Sat. 12 Fall Into Ringers, *Feather River*

87) Sat. 12 Sluys & Tournour, (4, 16) *Tri-Valley*

88) Sun. 13 Terry & Della Santina, (4, 16) *Tri-Valley*

89) Sat. 19 NHPF Open, (4, 16, 19) *Lindsay*

90) Sat. 19 Gail Winds Are a Blowin' Sluys, *Sonoma County*

91) Sat. 26 Halloween, (5, 16) *Lincoln*

92) Sat. 26 Winter Coming, *San Jose*

November

93) Sat. 9 Diego Vargas Open, (16) *Lindsay*

Sat. 16 Annual Meeting (9:30am - 12:30pm) & Awards Lunch (1:00pm - 2:30pm)

94) Sat. 30 Turkey, (5, 16) *Lincoln*

195) Sat. 30 Terry Farrell, *Half-Moon Bay*

December

96) Sun. 1 Rick Della Santina (13) *Half Moon Bay*

Sat - Sun. 7 & 8 Half-Moon Bay Rain Date

97) Sat. 7 Diane Luiz, (16) *Lindsay*

98) Sat. 28 NHPF Open, (5, 16, 19) *Lincoln*

Be sure to listen to Dalton Rakestraw's Podcast " The Court Reporter." Found on YouTube

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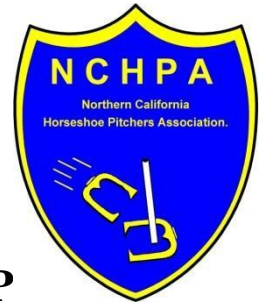
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2024 NCHPA DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP

**Entry Fee \$50.00 per team. Team Cap = 110% closing date September 17th.
The 2024 NCHPA Doubles Championship Tournament will be held at the
Stockton Horseshoe Club on October 6, 2024.**

Pick your partner from any NCHPA, SCHPA, NEVADA Member. Send \$50.00 per team plus completed entry form in by September 11th. 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 Gail Sluys 1721 San Ramon Way Santa Rosa CA 95409. Phone 707-538-3128. Cell 707-486-0594

More information to follow as the tournament nears.

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Player A _____ % _____ Charter _____

Phone# _____ Email _____

Player B _____ % _____ Charter _____

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NCHPA CHAMPIONSHIPS Entry form
October 5, 2024 HOST CLUB – Stockton Horseshoe Club

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ENTRY DEADLINE must be POSTMARKED Sept. 17, 2024

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Participants must have pitched in (1) NCHPA sanctioned tournaments before September 17, 2024. New members who joined after August 1, 2024 need a minimum of one (1) NCHPA sanctioned tournament before September 17, 2024.

TOURNAMENT is open to all NCHPA members with an eShoe average **ENTRY FEE \$20.00 per adult pitcher**

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

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