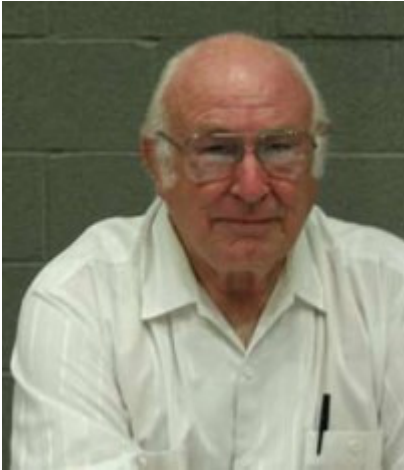


# Nor-Cal News & Views

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## Glenn Jamieson



7/20 37- 6/7/10 Rest in Peace

## William (Bill) Eric Brown

Resident of Pleasanton  
William (Bill) Eric Brown, 87, passed from this life on Saturday, May 15 after bravely battling cancer. Upon his retirement in 1982, Bill began pitching horseshoes with regularity at the Tri-Valley Horseshoe Club. He won many state and local tournaments, coached many members of the club, and gave untold hours to the club over the years. He made beautifully crafted wooden objects.

**President:** First, and foremost, my deepest sympathies to the Jamieson family. Glenn was a great friend to all of us and a true asset to both the NHPA and the NCHPA. Glenn will be truly missed by all of the members of our organization. Please keep the Jamieson Family in your thoughts and prayers.

Secondly, once again we are having issues with drinking on the courts. As written in the NCHPA By-Laws (green book) Standing Rule #13 - **No alcohol is allowed on the courts during sanctioned tournaments.** I know that it is a tough rule to enforce, but it has to be done. There have been too many incidents in the past, to not enforce this rule. If you see someone drinking on the courts, let a **Club Officer** know about it. It is their job to enforce the rule. If the player does not remove the alcohol from the court, or is unruly, then a Northern Officer, if available, should be notified immediately. Thank you, in advance, for your cooperation in this matter.

## YOLO

And the bad news just keeps on coming---The Yolo Horseshoe Club and the Yolo Bowman Club have been assessed a possessory tax fee going back to 2006. This tax is for the use

of the buildings and surrounding property utilized by both clubs. Since we have been on the Bowman's lease for several years, the Yolo HS Club is responsible for half of the taxes due. Yes, the land is owned by the county, but we are responsible for the use and upkeep. The Bowman had an attorney appeal these taxes with the county assessor using the non-profit status of our clubs. However, we would have to be a church or a school in order not to have to pay the taxes. This would be a whole different type of non-profit status which our organization does not qualify for. So, the Yolo HS Club portion of the taxes due is \$1833.88. Rick Bermingham, President of the Yolo HS Club, has asked the NCHPA to cover the taxes due. The Northern Officers held a vote, and we agreed to pay the entire amount. As for future taxes, the Yolo Club has secured their own 5- year lease for the Horseshoe Courts, all of the buildings, and the property, totaling 2 acres. The entire property, including the Bowman's archery, has been reassessed at a lower amount of around \$1000, down from \$1800, per year. However, the Yolo HS Club will have to pay approximately 2/3 of that amount due to the buildings being on the Yolo Club's acreage. The NCHPA Officers have drawn up an agreement with the Bowman, and they will be paying 50% and the Yolo HS Club 50% of all assessed taxes each year for the next 10 years. With the Bowman paying this amount, the NCHPA will be reimbursed the \$1833.88 over that 10- year period. We NCHPA officers felt that this decision was in the best interest of all of the members and especially to maintain a good working relationship with the Yolo Bowman.

Included in the lease with the county, is a \$165.00 per large event fee. This fee will have to be paid when we hold the State, Norcal, and Team Championships. In this economy, Yolo County is trying to find money wherever it can and the Yolo Club's have a big target on their back. We would greatly appreciate any monetary donations to either the NCHPA or the Yolo Horseshoe Club to help defer some of these costs. Thank you!

## World Tournament 2010

Time to vote again! I'm waiting to receive the delegate packages for the NHPA Business meeting to be held Sunday, August 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:30am, during the World Tournament this year in Cedar Rapids, IA. (I still need delegates by the way) We will be voting on several rule changes, officers, and the city to host the 2012 World Horseshoe Tournament. I will email all of the information to your contact folks as soon as I receive it. In the past few years, participation in this voting process has been very low. We need ALL of the clubs to participate. Please make sure that every member of your club votes. You can contact your members via phone, email or snail mail. Remember, YOUR VOTE COUNTS! *Kimmy Stockli*

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*Please submit any article that you feel  
the members would find interesting.*

*Send it snail mail and I'll type it up.*

*We're here for you!*

**The State Championships, Northern  
CA. Championship, and the Team  
entry forms are here also.**

**Sec/Treas:** Welcome to the **new members** that have joined us since the last newsletter. We have some familiar names from the past that have come back to join us too! We look forward to getting to know you – Pitch lots of ringers.

Josh Allen, Tri-Valley; Anthony Najera, Turlock  
Lee Guitron, Turlock; Phil Thomas, Ukiah  
Isabel DeLeon, Turlock; John Demello, Sacramento  
Dion Setters, Sacramento; Leon Thomas Jr, Vallejo  
Jessica Lichau, Sacramento; David Garcia, San Jose  
Glenda Stapp, Fortuna; Bill Howell, Yolo  
Greg White, Shasta/Willows; Colleen McCarthy, Tulare  
Jose Meraz, Shasta/Willows; Aizah Paige, Tulare  
Trent A Lowe, Stockton; Sergio Sanchez, Jr., Tulare  
James (Chris) Koubek Stockton; Austin Mosqueda, Tulare  
Charles Parker, Jr Stockton; Tyler Mosqueda, Tulare  
Michael McElhiney, Tri-Valley; John Kruger, Fortuna  
Les Dizon, Tri-Valley; Joseph Cappuccio, Tulare  
Ken Bonduran, Tuolumne; Seth Stephens, Tulare  
Dennis James, Tuolumne; Rod Dockins, Ukiah  
Jennifer Corona, Sacramento; Suzanne Kruger, Fortuna  
Tony Latino, Cathy Kauffman; Sacramento  
Jessee James Crowder, Larry Helmke; Sonoma County  
Pedro Torres Sr., Robert Stoker, David Link, Frank Perez;  
Madera

## Returning Members

Renee (Cook) Watson, San Jose  
Tom Webb, Will Paddock; Fortuna

Along with the rest of you I sorely miss Bill Brown and Glenn Jamieson. Two very special men who Bill Milligan probably told to get up there and join him so they could pitch ringers and Glenn could do stats. At least I sure hope that's how it all works! *Gail Sluys*

**1st. VP:** I have some information on camping at the Yolo Horseshoe Club. It will cost you \$25.00 per night and a permit is necessary. I know, I know I've heard all the stories, "there's no good water, no electricity, no sewer hook-ups". BUT.....there has never been any of that at Yolo. It's still a good bargain at \$25.00 a night compared to a motel.

You are right on site for visiting and having pot-luck with other campers.

You can sleep later in the morning, have hot coffee and a donut and it's just a hop skip and a jump to the courts to play. When the tournament is over you can mosey back to your RV and rest.

Most of you dry camped before and it's not too bad. I think it's worth the inconvenience to be part of the camaraderie. that goes with horseshoes "After the Games" are finished. This is part of what makes horseshoes special, "Talking over the days high game."

So please plan on using Yolo as your campsite for the Northern Championships, the Team and next years CA. State Championships.

Now; where to get your camping permits, call Lora (she's in charge of permits) @ (530)-406-4880. Their office is open 8 - 5 Mon - Fri (however Fri is not a real good day as they are short staffed)

1. You can have your permit emailed to you, but you must pay with a credit card. Lora is trying to make this permit process as easy as she can for us.

2. You can stop by and pick up your permit with check or cash 120 W, Main St. Suite C Woodland, CA 95695

3. Getting the permit by mail will take at least a week turnaround. Make sure you put "attention Lora" on the envelope. *Sharon Paddock*

**2<sup>nd</sup> VP:** It's been a pleasure to serve as your 2nd VP. (most of the time) I've learned a lot in the past 2 yrs. and would like to thank everybody for their help. I'd like to run for another term, if you'll have me. Please ask your delegates to vote for me as the 2nd VP of the NCHPA. The Hall of Fame, please have your nominee forms in to me by August 1st. for either promoter or pitcher or both. Thank you, *Rick Bermingham*

**3<sup>rd</sup> VP:** Hello everyone, I have either sent out or hand delivered sixty-five new member packets to date. I do hope that these packets have been helpful to our new members and that all of you are enjoying your membership in our organization. I'm looking forward to meeting more of you at various tournaments. Enjoy and remember have fun and pitch ringers. To all of the clubs I hope you are starting to think about the 2011 schedule. The letters along with the forms to use will be mailed out to all club contact people in late July along with instructions and a 2011 calendar for you to use when choosing your dates. **A reminder to all of you the tournament that Tuolumne had snowed out earlier this year has been rescheduled to July 24<sup>th</sup>.** *Linda Hoelscher*

**4<sup>th</sup> VP:** I would like to announce that I will be running for re-election to the office of 4th Vice President of NCHPA for the year 2011 & 2012 & I would appreciate your vote.

*Robert Cocagne*

**5<sup>th</sup> VP:** Hi Everyone, Our season is in full swing and a lot is going on. (I wish I knew where all my ringers went?) You never know what life is going to hand you - so try to enjoy all you can while you can.

In April, Bill Lawson had a mild stroke, Bob Mauzey passed, Jim Simpson broke his pelvis, Larry Eastman is out of the hospital (cancer) and moved to So- Cal to live with his sister (hurry back Larry), Marthe Dunn moved to So-Cal to live with her daughter (enjoy your family there Marthe).

In May Leeroy Lassiter's mom passed in FL., Gerry Saunders had leg operation, on May 15 Bill (coach) Brown lost his battle with cancer (he will especially be missed by his Tri-Valley family), Dick McCall had a kidney taken out, Jim Saunders tore Achilles tendon and is in a cast, Denny (Pinky) Courier had a slight heart attack (he is ok now), April Latino has a broken ankle (heal up soon), Doug Martin had a shoulder operation (get back to pitching soon), Layton Van Etton 91 years young had a triple bypass (doing good now).

On June 7 Glenn Jamieson (our great NASTATSGUY) passed from a heart attack (he will be greatly missed in the horseshoe community and Tri-Valley club). Keep all and their families in your prayers. See ya on the courts!!! *Richard Robbins*

*Robbins*

## Regional Directors Message

Remember all the court sanctioning things we went through 2 years ago? Well, we are going to look at them again. The purpose is to ensure that all courts are still as good as they were.

This is quite a task to take on by oneself certainly and requires that I personally visit every facility to inspect, measure, and make recommendations to you and your officers for improvements.

You know what a good court looks like I would think? I feel confident that the majority of our court facilities are in real good shape. There are a few individual courts that need attention, but those could be taken out of action if proven to be dangerous. All in all I believe that we are in pretty good shape.

Glenn Jamieson's tragic and untimely passing reminds us all that some serious thought needs to be given to shared responsibilities. This type of incident could happen to anyone of us at anytime. Would the NCHPA keep running if one of us passed on, no doubt it would, but if you had a person to step into your empty shoes the transition would be seamless. All too often that is not the case. In my case for instance there is no Assistant Regional Director (ARD) to take my place should I become incapacitated. I am actively searching for a person to act as ARD and to potentially take over as the RD of this charter. Please let me know if you would like to become one, we could certainly use one in this charter.

How about becoming assistant editor for the News and Views? Who would like to assume that position? I'd be more than happy to continue as editor, but am actively searching for an assistant. Here's how I envision that task. When the News and Views is put together I'd send it to the assistant editor for review, within a day he/she would send it back with comments/corrections/edits/additions or whatever. Then reformatted and sent to printer for printing, folding and tabbing.

You can find information about Regional Directors right here: <http://www.horseshoepitching.com/officers/rdguide.html>

**Statistician:** As you all know by now, Glenn Jamieson, NATSTAT Director, has passed away. A new Director has been appointed and all the tournaments we have held since Glenn died have been sent to Rob Hagman, the new NATSTAT Director. It will take him some time to get all the information recorded and update the stats for all the states. If you go to pull up the posted NATSTATS and the date is still May 26th, then they have not been updated. I will keep checking and let everyone know when you can start using the posted NATSTATS again. Until then, I will send the current ringer percent results to the contact person of each club that is holding a tournament each week.

**Keep in mind that you still need to send me the results of each of your tournaments.**

So far this year 1,235 of our members have pitched in 55 NCHPA tournaments. Total shoes pitched were 295,677 with 87,675 of those shoes being ringers. That makes an average of 29.65% overall.

Fifty-six of our members have pitched in 19 tournaments outside the NCHPA area. They pitched 14,106 shoes and 4,362 ringers for an overall average of 30.92%.

In some instances, the tournaments may not be posted on the **Tournament Results** on the web site in a timely manner. Please be assured that I post all the results as soon as I receive them from the clubs. At this time those results are sent to NATSTATS to be updated. The ringer percentage results I am sending to the contact people are completely current.

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**Wanna become an NCHPA officer?**  
**The NCHPA By-Laws state the following:**

## **ARTICLE V: Officers**

SECTION 6. Terms of office  
a. All officers shall serve a two-year term.  
**b. The President, the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Vice-Presidents shall be elected in even numbered years.**  
c. The Secretary-Treasurer and the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice-Presidents shall be elected in odd number years.  
d. The newly elected officers shall take office on January 1<sup>st</sup> of the year following their election.

*This means that in 2010, an even year, the president, the second vice-president, the fourth vice president and the fifth vice president are up for election or re-election. It would be nice to see some competition for some of these offices. That would indicate to everyone that there are members that have a keen interest in the welfare of our association.*

*The NCHPA has been plodding along at a steady no-growth pace for a number of years now, perhaps someone with a fresh outlook could assist in helping us grow into a larger charter. In our Hall of Fame hang a number of plaques awarded to the NCHPA for largest membership growth, largest*

*increase in membership and so on. Granted this was in the 80's, but why couldn't we do this again?*

*The following are some of the duties as described in the By-Laws:*

## **ARTICLE V: Officers**

SECTION 2. Duties of Officers

- a. The President shall:
1. be the chief executive officer of the NCHPA.
  2. preside at all meetings of the NCHPA.
  3. approve warrants for payment by being the second required signature on all checks received from the Secretary-Treasurer for payment of all accounts.
  4. have the power to assign specific duties to all officers.
  5. appoint any committee, name its chair, change the make-up of the committee, fill vacancies or discharge the committee as deemed necessary for the good of NCHPA.
  6. be ex-officio a member of all committees.
  7. develop, revise and maintain Standard Operating Procedures (SOP's) which are the business guides and statements of E.C. and committee duties, travel regulations and expense reimbursement procedures; these SOP's shall be presented annually to the delegates.
  8. appoint the NCHPA statistician with E.C. approval.
- b. The Vice-Presidents shall:
1. in their order, assume the duties of the President in the absence or disability of the President.
  2. assist the President, when requested and assume any duties assigned their office.

**The following is what candidates should do:**

SECTION 5. Candidates for office

- a. Candidates for office may announce their candidacy to the NCHPA President or be nominated at the annual meeting.
- b. Nominees must be willing to serve, be present when nominated or have signified in writing that the nomination is accepted.

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**I have just received word from Barbara Persson that Fred Reibin of our Tuolumne Club passed away today 6/17/10 from a heart attack. Fred was 79 years old and a 15- year member of our organization, a very nice person and the treasurer of the Tuolumne Club.**

**I don't have any other details, but if you would like to send a card his address is 17793 Shooting Star Ln. Sonora CA 95370. Gail**

# 2010 California State Championships

**Sponsor: Southern California Horseshoe Pitchers Association (SCHPA)**

**Host Club: Bakersfield Shoe Crew**

**4 - 5 September 2010**

**Corner of Oak St. and 21<sup>st</sup> St. Beach Park, Bakersfield, California**

## *Tournament Entry Form*

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 Mail

**Pitching Divisions:** (circle one)

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

**Jr. Boys      Jr. Girls      Cadets (20 ft. 9 & under)**

-----MAIL TOP HALF ONLY-----

---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, it is only one (1) sanctioned California tournament.

For divisions with less than six entries, the tournament committee reserves the right to combine divisions for playing purposes only.

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 **\$25.00** for adults and **FREE** for juniors and cadets, no refunds after the below entry deadline date.

Entry deadline **date (or post mark date):** 2 August 2010 (**Late entries require an additional \$10 entry fee and will be used on a standby basis only.**)

Make checks payable to: **SCHPA**

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

**4 - 5 September 2010**

**Corner of Oak St. and 21<sup>st</sup> St. Beach Park, Bakersfield, California**

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

# NCHPA HALL OF FAME

## Nominee Information Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ # of years NCHPA Member \_\_\_\_\_  
Minimum 10 yrs.

Highlights of pitching career

**Tournaments won: where, when, & average**


Highlights of promotional efforts: exhibitions, school instruction, parks & recreation instruction, fund raising tourneys for charity, recruiting of new members, etc.

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Use another sheet of paper for any additional information that you have on your nominee.

Send in by: **August 1, 2010** to: Rick Bermingham 1450 Kingswood Dr. Apt.#522,  
Roseville, CA 95678-7911

## Statement of candidacy for NCHPA President

My name is Harlen A. Rippetoe. I have been a member of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association for the past sixteen years. I am currently the Secretary and charter member of the Madera Big Valley Horseshoe Club.

For the past twenty years, I have been directly involved in the promotion and support of the sport of horseshoes, throughout California.

I have worked with the Parks and Recreation Departments of the cities of Crescent City, Imperial, and Madera to refurbish, construct, and maintain approximately fifty horseshoe courts. I am the founder and organizer of the current Big Valley horseshoe League in Madera, which has for the past ten years provided organized horseshoe weekly, league play to approximately ninety co-ed players. I have recruited many pitchers to the NCHPA.

For the past twenty years, I have participated in various Police and Fire Games. Having traveled to Australia, Canada, and numerous states within the U.S. Serving as an ambassador for the sport of horseshoes, wherever I travel. I have earned over eighty medals in competition play, and in 2008 was inducted into the Western States, Police and Fire Games Hall of Fame.

I am a retired Associate Warden, from the California Department of Corrections, with thirty- three years service. I have considerable supervisor, management, and fiscal experience earned during my law enforcement career.

I am a retired Naval Reservist, having served four years active duty in the United States Coast Guard and twenty-four years in the Navy Reserve.

I am married to my wife Sharon, (active score keeper) for the past thirty-six years. We have six children, and fifteen grandchildren. We live in the city of Madera, California. I have two brothers Othal, and Glenn who are long- term members of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association.

I believe my past work experience, provides me sound management and fiscal ability to serve as president. My past and present organizational skills in developing, amateur leagues, and constructing horseshoe courts demonstrate my leadership abilities and commitment to our sport. I will work hard to lead the Nor-Cal charter for the next two years.

I would appreciate you vote for president of the NCHPA.  
Thank You, *Harlen Rippetoe*

## CLUB NEWS

**Sonoma County:** Greeott Tournament! Great day, great tournament for a great man! Thank you all for participating!

Including those that came and did not pitch, Glenn and Shirley Jamieson, Robin Coser, Jim Hicks, Teddy Guillotte, Bernie Merchen, Gil Tournour, Doug Simon, Gerry Saunders, Dot & Jim Colling , Bill Fulwider, and Vern Gosney! 36 pitchers exactly a full morning squad, one-8 and four-7's. Thanks!

Seems as though we had a tourney just after every rain-storm. Poor ol' pit-man Reed thought he should find a new

job after we had to mound them up vacuum the water out before the last 3 events!

We also held an amateur tournament in early May we had live music courtesy on Michael J (MJ) our resident radio personality and club member. It was fun, but due to questionable weather we had a low turnout and therefore everyone who wanted to played. Everyone enjoyed the hot dogs and hamburgers provided by Michael J. and his lovely wife Alice, who did all the running around and fixing the plates. Thanks Mr. & Mrs. Jurian! Rob Munderloh did the cooking, Sue Lichau brought macaroni salad and Casey brought a huge pot of beans. Thanks to everyone for making this event a success

The first weekend in June is the Russian River Rodeo and afterwards on Sat. they hold an amateur horseshoe tournament inside the arena. MJ and Sue entered as partners in a double elimination format, with games to 21. They lost their 4<sup>th</sup> game moved to the losers bracket and came all the way from that to win first place! Congratulations.

Up and coming in his average is Travis Sluys, he had a 31.79% tourney in Ukiah and averaged 33.3% in our league on 6/15.

**Half Moon Bay:** At a recent HMB Club Tournament, Bill Terry Was presented the NCHPA Congrats Letter from Gail & His 30 Year Membership Patch.

Also at that Same Tournament Pat McGowan was presented a Letter for his 10 Year Membership and a 10 year Patch. It was a surprise to both of them.

A special thanks to Gail for not just sending them out & allowing us as a Club to present them directly on behalf of NCHPA & NHPA.

Pat McGowan, a recent 10 year Member was recently recognized for his exceptional leadership at his work place. All of us in HMB are very proud of his accomplishments. *Charlie Hall*

**Feather River:** After all the rain we have had we lucked out in getting our courts in decent shape and having two lovely days for our tournaments. Thanks to everyone who turned out. Winners were: Sat., May 29 Group 1, 1<sup>st</sup>. Elaine Butcher 2<sup>nd</sup>. Dave Loucks, Grp 2, 1<sup>st</sup>. Tony Latino (This was his very first tournament, I believe) 2<sup>nd</sup>. Walt Butcher, Grp 3 1<sup>st</sup>. Lee Roy Lassiter, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Matt Smith, Grp 4 1<sup>st</sup>. Cathie Kauffman (Her very first tournament) 2<sup>nd</sup>. Todd Luther, Sun. May 30 Grp 1, 1<sup>st</sup>. Ken Woolery, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Lois Edwards Grp 2 1<sup>st</sup>. Linda Jessee, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Joe Stone, Grp 3, 1<sup>st</sup>. Lee Oliver 2<sup>nd</sup>. Bran Starbuck Congratulations to all. *Audrey Winters*

**Tuolumne:** The members of Tuolumne Club were saddened to hear first, that Bill Brown had passed away. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Then about Glenn Jameison's fatal heart attack, how tragic. It seems that all of these bad news items are coming all too frequently this past year.

I have missed the last Nor-Cal news bulletin because I was very busy getting all of our stuff (merchandise & tools) out of our shop as the building we were in (54 years) is coming down to make way for a new Mc Donald's. Our son will be relocating the boat business to a new location.

Our next tournament (actually this years first for us) will be the 9<sup>th</sup> annual Black Oak Casino tournament, to be held June 26<sup>th</sup>. This year the club has decided to make this a ONE DAY tournament. Flyers have been sent out to Clubs, hopefully they will be passed on to their members. Free food again will be served, along with am coffee and donuts. Looking forward to seeing you all here. Check in will be at 9:00 am and pitching will start at 9:30.

***Our next tournament will be July 24<sup>th</sup>. It will be the rescheduled Parks and Rec tournament, it will be a regular tournament, pitched in groups, but along with the plates and patches, PLAQUES will given out to the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners of each group. Because this tourney is not on the tournament schedule, flyers will be sent to the clubs.***

This has been a long, wet and cold winter, and spring, for us here in the mountains but the weather should be real nice for the Black Oak Tournament. Hope to see you all here. ***Fred Reibin***

***Yolo:*** We are looking forward to the Yolo club having big turnouts this year. Jay Smith has done one heck of a job at Yolo. Making improvements every week he drives 45 minutes every 10 days to either mow or trim trees, adjusting sprinklers and so on! He travels to Yolo even on the days I have to work. A big thanks to Glenn Rippetoe, Tom Latino, Matt Smith, Jay Smith helping the club fill ALL 40 courts with clay. It took 2 truckloads with my truck to re-fill all of the courts at Yolo. Even the practice courts were filled, which had not been done in years.

WE will miss Glen Jamieson as he was a very knowledgeable person who rarely made mistakes, and could answer any question pertaining to horseshoe pitching or NATSTATS. I really hope the Tri Valley Club pulls together, keeping Tri Valley one of the best places to pitch. Glenn would be proud.

In regards to some of the delay some clubs are having with Combie Trophy, Regina in charge of her own company, and is the only employee, we should cut her some slack, she is swamped, with other sports like soccer, little league, and softball, thanks. ***Rick Bermingham***

***Madera:*** The Madera Big Valley Horseshoe Club launched its horseshoe pitching season on May 22, 2010. The John V. Silva Open Tournament had 21 pitchers show up to honor former Madera Supervisor, John V. Silva. Mr. Silva initially provided the funding from a county grant, for the construction of the Madera Horseshoe pitching complex. Biscuits and gravy were served to all who showed up and Dale Tex was the winner in A-division play.

Madera has four scheduled tournaments during the 2010 season. Several new players have been recruited into the Madera Club from the Big Valley Horseshoe League. New members are Pedro Torres (Sr.), Robert Stoker, David Link, and Frank Perez. The Big Valley Horseshoe league is in its 10th year and continues to have approximately 90 co-ed pitchers participate in league play every Wednesday night.

Congratulations to Madera Club member, Gilbert (Gilly) Gallegos, who traveled to De Moines, Iowa to participate in the Veterans Golden Age Games. Gilly, won the horseshoe silver medal in the 70-74 age division. The games are held yearly. To be eligible to participate, you must be an in or out

patient in a U. S. Veterans Hospital. Gilly, stated there were 14 sporting events and over, nine hundred participants from throughout the United States. The next games will be held in Honolulu Hawaii.

If you have not pitched in Madera, please join us at any of our remaining 3 tournaments. ***Harlen A. Rippetoe***

***Stockton:*** We started out with three new members & one associate member this year and just recently we signed up a new Junior girl.

We hope these new members will do well in their horseshoe pitching in 2010.

If you recall from our last News & Views our President Nadine Martin mentioned we had 45 pitchers in our March Tournament last year in 2009 and invited all you pitchers to come and pitch with us again this year in March

Well, guess what we had 45 pitchers this year in our March Tournament and our members did very well and we thank all of you that pitched with us at our March 2010 Tournament.

As most of you know we lost a good friend and NHPA Statistician & Director, Glenn Jamieson. This is a man who surely will be missed by all who new him and loved him. The Stockton Horseshoe club will surely miss him for he was our Statistician for some few years.

Now that Glenn has passed on we need to another man to take his place at our tournaments to do the Stats for us on a computer otherwise we will have to do it long hand so to speak.

If there are any volunteers out there among the clubs who can do the stats for us at our tournaments electronically, please let us know. ***Peter Chaverria***

***Ukiah Valley:*** We have had some very nice tournaments this year - the weather has been very comfortable and the motorcycles have been very quiet! We are fortunate to have had some new members in our club. Rod Dockins and Phil Thomas joined this year and Vance Ricks joined late last year. They have been a welcome addition to our club and we hope they will be able to enjoy this wonderful sport for many years.

I broke my leg on April 1<sup>st</sup> and was unable to stand therefore the April 17th tournament was run by my daughter, Sherise with a lot of help from our friends in the pitching world. It is really heartening to see how quickly people will step up to lend a hand when they see a need. Pitchers and their spouses helped Gil with getting the pits ready and helped set up the booth, make the coffee, and put out the pastries and fruit and drinking water - whatever was needed helpers were there. My daughter learned fast and did great - the stats were neat and accurate and when she needed help it was at the ready. And of course, we always appreciate score keepers even when we don't have a broken leg! Gail came up on Sunday and brought the computer and that was a lifesaver. Tournament Champion on the 17<sup>th</sup> was Sharon Paddock with Ken Woolery in 2<sup>nd</sup> place and in group 2 Dale Haskin won 1<sup>st</sup> place with Gil Tournour in 2<sup>nd</sup>. On the 18<sup>th</sup> Tournament Champion was Ken Woolery with Will Facey in 2<sup>nd</sup> place and in grp. 2 Travis Sluys took 1<sup>st</sup> place with Gil Tournour in 2<sup>nd</sup>. April was Gil's first tournament pitching as a 30 footer - he liked it. And the interesting thing that happened on April 18<sup>th</sup> - a three way playoff in both groups!!

On Sat., May 15 we were happy to welcome 17 pitchers to



our tournament and it was good to be able to use the plates for three groups! Tournament Champion was Ken Woolery with Dave Shelton in 2<sup>nd</sup> place and in group 2 Gil Tournour took 1<sup>st</sup> place with Charlie Masson in 2<sup>nd</sup> and in group 3 Reed Beaman won 1<sup>st</sup> place with Vance Ricks in 2<sup>nd</sup> place. On Sunday May 16<sup>th</sup> Gail came to our rescue again with the computer, whew! Tournament Champion was Gil Tournour with Sharon Paddock in 2<sup>nd</sup> place and 1<sup>st</sup> place in group 2 was Bill Paddock with James Taylor in 2<sup>nd</sup> place. This was Gil's first ever Tournament Champion award and he was very pleased - and his average is steadily climbing. I was able to sit and to do the stats at a small table provided by Sharon and Bill Paddock it saved me since I still couldn't stand on my leg.

In June the good old Ukiah heat arrived and the temperature reached 90 degrees on Sat. but there was a nice breeze that made it very tolerable. Gil Tournour won Tournament Champion on Saturday with Tom Webb taking 2<sup>nd</sup> (it was good to see Tom on the courts again). We had a three way playoff in Group 2 and Rob Munderloh emerged in 1<sup>st</sup> place with John Brotherton in 2<sup>nd</sup>. Ken Woolery won Tournament Champion and Bernie Merchen won 2<sup>nd</sup> - this is the first weekend Bernie has pitched this year and it was good to see him pitching ringers again. In Group 2 Rod Dockins our newest member won 1<sup>st</sup> place and 2<sup>nd</sup> place went to Tom Burns, Jr. who has been traveling the country all the way to Florida and we are glad to see him back in California.

We have 2 more tournaments in September, it should be cool and quiet, we would love to see you here! **Lorena Tournour**

**Sacramento:** Sadness looms on this Newsletter as we get into the season and look around for some of the familiar faces that will no longer be with us. We pay homage with the emotions of missing THEM.

Looking back to our April tournaments we had 35 pitchers on Saturday for the 40/30 split honoring Joe Stone who was down in southern California on Spring Break with his grand kids. We played without him. Three groups at 40' and 2 groups at 30'. John Barney was Tournament Champ at 40' , Matt Smith won the patch in Group 2 and Paul Schmaljohann reigned in Group 3. Tournament Champ at 30' was Denny Currier and Lori Nevarez won in Group 2.

Our Sunday tournament was IFFY from when the coffeepot was plugged in for rain was seriously threatening. Eight hardy souls signed in and we decided to try. We set 7 games at 30 shoes but when the scorekeepers couldn't keep the score sheets anywhere close to dry, President Glenn Rippetoe called the tournament at 6 games and 180 shoes pitched. Denny Currier was the champ and Bran Starbuck took second. Sue Lichau was a close third and Jessica Lichau was introduced to horseshoes in inclement weather and needed windshield wipers for her glasses.

After the weekend we heard there were GRUMBLES of discontent with our Saturday tournament. All of our officers were on site but we were not made aware of any disputes or they would have been addressed immediately for we want everyone to go home light-hearted and a little spent.

We are proud of our club. A bit boisterous at times but gentle people at heart. When Rick Bermingham puts out the call for help with the Yolo pits we always have three or four that put their backs to the shovel.

We hope to see you all 'tuning up' for the State Tournament at our late August tournaments and 'Pinky', if you are able, please join us for we miss your Golden Locks. **Joan Bryan**

**Tulare:** On March 21, 2010 Tulare had a Jr. fundraiser to raise money to pay for a barbecue dinner for everyone who attended the tourney and plaques for all Jr pitchers. The Tulare Noon Kiwanis pickup the tab for the all the Jr.'s tee shirts (a big thanks). With only having 1/2 the pitchers (mostly SCHPA pitchers) to fill the fundraiser we paid out 1/2 the money which was \$500.00 that went to the 1st place team Diane Cocagne & Jason Hernandez & \$ 300.00 to 2nd place team Marco Olea & Special thanks to everyone including the pitchers that helped supported the fundraiser.

There were 12 Jr. pitchers at the "All Jr. Fundraiser Open" on April 25, 2010 (6 of which came from a 4-H Horseshoe project). The format for this tourney was also set up so anyone had a chance to win each class. A special thanks to all the parents that brought their kids out to pitch & everyone that came out to help with the tourney & the cooking of the food (barbecue for all).

During the 4-H meeting while the kids were talking about their horseshoe-pitching project I got a lead from Shawna Goodlin who is involved w/ the Girl Scouts (over sees Tulare County) hoping to add some horseshoe activities to some of their events (cross my fingers). Funny how one door opens another door of opportunities?

As of June 5th 2010 Marvin Sanders and Martha Griffin officers of the Tulare Horseshoe Club have resigned from office and the new officers are in affect now & for the term of 2011 & 2012 (Prez=Robert Cocagne, Vice= Luis Moreno, & Sec./Tres.=Richard Stacey). The new contact for the club will be Richard Stacey [rstacey6971@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rstacey6971@sbcglobal.net) 15127 Oak Ranch Dr. Visalia, CA 93292 home: 559-289-2230 cell:559-798-1744 The club might add a couple of night tourney's to finish out the season starting around the end of July 2010 w/ the approval of NCHPA. **Robert Cocagne**

**Indian Valley:** Well we had a great bunch of pitchers for our first tournament of the year. As usual Reno supported us very well. They did bring a Jr. again this year, we do not have one junior pitching this year and we used to have all the time. It is sad we cannot get the younger out and pitching. 81 year old John Sylvester still at 40' won the top group in a playoff, he still amazes me of his ability. Dave Loucks lost in a playoff to Elaine Butcher in the 30' group. On Sunday our top pitcher Gene Washoe showed up so look out. Gene won the top group undefeated on Sunday. It was a very pleasant week end and all had a great time. I like to thank all the pitchers that attended and thanks to Cathy for running my desk as she made me keep score. **Richard McCutcheon**

**Tri-Valley:** has been hit hard with the loss of two of our hardest workers and long time members. On May 15<sup>th</sup> Bill (Coach) Brown lost his brave battle to cancer. Bill was an active member of the NCHPA and our club for 29 years. During those years he was not only a great pitcher and hard worker of this club, holding many offices but also serving as an NCHPA officer. Bill was liked by all who knew him and he was inducted into the NCHPA Hall of Fame in 2002. Bill ran our sanction league for us for many years and did it well. Plus he would spend many hours at our courts doing some behind the scene work mainly doing a lot of upkeep of our courts and

grounds. A lovely celebration of life was held for him at the courts in Pleasanton on May 29<sup>th</sup> with over seventy people in attendance. It was a nice day with catered food by his family and a time to share special memories with his family and horseshoe friends. The family requested that donations go to Hope Hospice 6377 Clark Ave. Suite 100 Dublin, CA. 94568 Also cards may be sent to Jean Brown at 1115 Kolln St. Pleasanton CA. 94566.

Then on June 7<sup>th</sup> we lost our Natstat guy Glenn Jamieson after he suffered a severe heart attack. This is a huge loss not only for our club but the NHPA as well. No one will ever be able to fill his shoes. He did so much for Tri-Valley not only as our stat guy but also traveling to many other clubs in Northern to help them out with their stats also. He was also our handyman, you name it he did it. He was the main reason for our grounds looking the way they always did as the main grounds keeper, lawn mower, recycle man and the list just keeps on growing I could go on and on. He not only donated his hours to us daily but over the years Glenn and his lovely wife Shirley have down lawnmower and other items as well. Every club should

be so lucky to have members like these. Glenn was a member for 29 years also and was inducted into the NCHPA Hall of Fame in 1996. Glenn will be missed by us who loved him and will be missed by many. Glenn and Shirley loved their train trips back to the world each year and they also enjoyed the cruises they have taken. Having Glenn as member of our club has made my job as Sec/Treas. A whole lot easier and Tri-Valley Club will not be the same without these two Special Men in our life. Horseshoes will go on without them but right now our hearts are filled with sadness and sorrow. Cards may be sent to Shirley Jamieson at 3231 Vineyard Ave. # 17 Pleasanton, CA. 94566-6359. The family wishes donations to be made to the NHPF for those of you whom have asked. Just recently he got us some free paint to redo our backboards. Thanks to Tim and Sue Saunders for taking over that project Glenn is smiling down that this project is complete.

Tri-Valley's 2009 sanction league awards were handed out at one of our monthly potlucks and meetings. Those receiving awards were Linda Hoelscher got League Champion for winning over 64% of her games she also got women's high game and women's high average. Bill Brown got the elder's high game and high average. Harvey Kooy took the men's high game of 60% and Men's high average. Ken Shepard also got Rookie 09 award and a 20% game patch along with most improved average 0% to 6.1%. Doug Jones was given a 30% game patch and got the Sportsmanship award for shoes pitched 1,140 and a total of 38 games. Way to go and let's see what 2010 league play has in store for us all with Harvey, Richard and Linda trying to do as good of a job as Coach Bill Brown has done in the past.

**Shasta/Willows:** We would like to welcome our newest member, Daryl Adams, to the NCHPA and the

Shasta/Willows club. As I write this, Daryl, who joined our club on June 5th has pitched in four tournaments.

We have held eight tournaments so far this year with 200 people pitching. Our membership now includes 19 adults and one junior.

We have been doing different things trying to introduce the public to horseshoe pitching. In April we sponsored a tournament at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Anderson at their annual picnic. Thirteen 2 person teams entered and our club donated \$50.00 to the winning team. On July 4th we will be helping run the 1st annual Heritage Day's Horseshoe Tournament at the Red Bluff Fairgrounds. They are hoping for 32 two person teams with \$700.00 in total prizes. Entry fees are \$5.00 each person(\$10.00 per team) All pitchers must pitch from 40 feet.

On August 14th we will be running a double elimination 21 tournament for the Carpenters Union in Redding. This is an annual event that we participate in.

On August 21st we will be working with Country Radio Station HANK-FM in Redding on a benefit horseshoe tournament for the wild horse sanctuary organization in Shasta County. This will also be a double elimination 21 tournament. We are all trying to find something to do in our spare time.

We have one member, David Luzier, attending the World Tournament. Good luck David. *Lee Roy Lassiter*

## **NHPA News**

We are pleased to announce the first special benefit offered to you for being a member of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association.

The NHPA has entered into an agreement with Motel 6 to offer you a discount on all your stays with them. Visit the NHPA website ([www.horseshoepitching.com](http://www.horseshoepitching.com)) and find the "Member Services" link in the list at the left of the screen. Expand that link and choose "lodging discounts."

NHPA members can receive a 10% discount on their already low rates nationwide. With over 1,000 locations Motel 6 is ideal for the budget minded sports traveler and currently their national average is under\$45.00.

To obtain your discount the NHPA CP number must be referenced - when booking on the URL this will auto attach. When going directly to the Motel 6 website (not using this link) or when making reservations by phone you will need to give the CP number to receive the NHPA

This is the first of what we hope will turn into a long list of member discount benefits just for you - members of the NHPA **Tina Hawkins, NHPA Promotions/Publicity**

**Please find included in this issue the Hall of Fame nomination form. You've got to have someone in your club that would be worthy of a nomination, don't you think?**

## **New Natstats Director Appointed**

NHPA President Stuart Sipma is pleased to announce that Rob Hagman has been appointed to the position of NHPA Natstats Director and World Tournament Stats Room Coordinator.

A little bit about Rob Hagman: Rob is 38 years old, and has been involved with horseshoes since he was a junior. He and his lovely wife Ann have two children and live in Anoka, MN. Rob is currently the MN Regional Director. He has served the MGSHPA as state statistician, and also as a tournament director for several years. Rob has mastered the HSMaster and HSScorekeeper programs designed by Kurt Whaley, and has been working closely with Kurt to perfect the system. Rob has extensive computer training and experience, specializing in networking and troubleshooting issues

# 2010 NCHPA CHAMPIONSHIPS

OCT. 2<sup>ND</sup> AND 3<sup>RD</sup> 2010 Host Club Yolo

PRE-REGISTER No refunds after schedule is complete.

ENTRY FEE: \$20.00 -No charge for Juniors or Cadets

**Entry deadline postmarked By: Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> 2010**

Dry camping available: \$25.00 per night -Day parking \$6.00 per day/ No "tent camping" Non-potable water, Bring your own drinking water for your R.V's/camper

Qualifications: 5 NCHPA SANCTIONED TOURNAMENTS BEFORE SEPTEMBER 8th, 2010- NEW MEMBERS WHO JOINED AFTER Aug. 1, 2010 must have pitched in 3 NCHPA SANCTIONED TOURNAMENTS BEFORE SEPT. 8th, 2010

Awards dinner \$14.95 for adults, \$7.50 for children 10 and under. Sat Eve. 6:30 pm

Make check payable to NCHPA send to: *LINDA HOELSCHER* : 27878 Thackeray Ave. , Hayward, CA. 94544-5651

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\*Senior Groups not having a minimum of 6 players will be mixed with open classes

Entry fee ----- \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# of Dinners \_\_\_\_\_ x \$14.95 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Under 10yrs \$ 7.50

Total Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## 2010 NCHPA CLUB TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

### Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>TH</sup> 2010

Host Yolo Club - Pre Registration - Entry Fee: \$80.00 per Team

Teams may be mixed and must have 4 players. Each team may register 1 alternate player to be used in case of injury to an original player.

All players must be NCHPA members and be a member or associate member of the club they represent. 10 am or 2pm start

**ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST WEAR APPROPRIATE NAME SHIRTS OF THE CLUB THEY REPRESENT.**

Tournament play will be count-all-using an 80% handicap

Sat. will consist of qualifying rounds of 30 shoes, count-all and the 8 teams with the highest point count will proceed to the finals on Sunday. See NCHPA By-Laws for details.

Bonus points will be awarded in the finals. Each player will be awarded 20 bonus points for each win. Each team will be awarded 40 bonus points for 3 or more wins in round.

Prize money will be determined by the number of teams entered.

We must have even numbers of teams 16, 20, 24

Entry Deadline: Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>

CLUB NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Time \_\_\_\_\_ Team Members \_\_\_\_\_  
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