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President

We have some good news and bad news. First I will share the good news as it is excellent news. We have a new club in Northern California. Welcome to our Lindsay Club. The Lindsay Club has ten members and looks to increase its under membership its president's Ike Rodriguez leadership. Lindsay, California is in the southern part of our region and is an agricultural community. The bad news was expected and is not a surprise to some longtime members; the Shingle Springs Club is officially kaput. Thank you to long time member Dave Cardinalli for his dedication to the Shingle Springs Club and NCHPA.

Thank you to the delegates and membership for sharing possible solutions to reduce the burden regarding the cost of the plaques on the association. We will be reviewing member feedback. This is an important issue and speaks to the similar difficult decision the national board made when deciding not to continue to print the national magazine dedicated to horseshoes or when the NCHPA began emailing the newsletter. These are never easy decisions but required for sustainability. While the economy may be on the upswing according to economist; many associations, individuals, families, and businesses still feel the sting of the economy. Finding the best way to reduce expenses of our association is of the utmost importance.

I recently had the privilege of playing in Tulare which I hope you consider playing

in one of their tournaments as the people from the Tulare, Exeter and Madera Clubs area great to pitch with. The courts are in great shape, the sand was well groomed and Club president Luis Moreno did a wonderful job of making everyone feel welcome.

Good luck to everyone as the horseshoe pitching season begins. Please stay hydrated and remember to take care of your scorekeepers. *Cathy Kauffman*

Secretary/Treasurer

Spring is upon us and with it the beginning of the 2014-pitching season. If you haven't renewed your membership yet, please contact your club secretary and get that taken care of so you have time to get your card before tournaments begin. A reminder to tournament directors, please ask to see the 2014 card when people sign in to pitch at your tournament. If they don't have their 2014 card collect their NHPA/NCHPA dues (\$27.00) and forward it to their club for processing. Remind the member to pay their club dues. If you have a new member in your club please make sure they have a copy of the qualifying average dated no more than 30 days before the tournament date. If you have a returning club members that didn't pitch either at all last year or pitched from a different distance last year, please make sure they get re-qualified. Thanks for your help. I look forward to seeing you at the courts.

I believe I have finally fully recovered, thank you for all the well wishes from everyone! They were sincerely appreciated. *Gail Sluys*

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The NHPA Hall of Fame is now open in Wentzville, MO. It's located right off of I-70 a major East/West Interstate. Stop in on your way to New York.

Do you have a weatherproof barn that you could store the NCHPA Hall of Fame material in? We really need a 10X15 ft. area that we could use indefinitely.

All statistics for all Northern CA tournaments are posted on the website. Simply scroll across the schedule window and you will see another widow appear. When you click on it all tournaments will be listed and those in hypertext have results listed. Many thanks to Statistician Wayne George and our webmaster Steve Summerlin for working this out for all of us to enjoy.

1st Vice President

The long dry winter is over! Hope everyone is ready for the new season. I will be attending Tri Valley and have received reports all is going well and the courts are ready. Hope all that attend tournaments this year will enjoy the game and camaraderie, but let's all remember to put the good of the game ahead of petty differences. Let's pitch lots of ringer and enjoy our opponents and your score keepers.

I want to encourage all pitchers to attend tournaments with other clubs that maybe in the past you haven't been able to. Car pooling is a great way to attend and a great way to support other clubs

Looking forward to meeting all our new members and remember new or old pitchers I'm always available to hear any suggestions. *Joe Summers*

3rd Vice President

We've been waiting all winter for the our meets to start; there's been a couple, but a little too far away to attend. Now it's April and no more excuses. I'll be visiting as many tournaments as I can work into my schedule, I'll be carrying around a thousand score sheets with me, if your club needs score sheets let me know and I'll bring extras, (they're the same price as last year:500 for \$40.00 plus postage if I have to ship them to you) I'll be looking forward to meeting you at our tournaments. *John Barney*

4th Vice President

Hello everybody, I hope you are all doing well and looking forward to a new and not-so-dry horseshoe pitching year. It's a mixed prayer isn't it? We need rain/water to survive yet we want the sun to shine on our tournaments and practice days, if only we could special order our weather instead of relying on such a whimsical mother nature!

It seems some of us have had some health issues during the last few months and I hope that we will all be healthy & hearty by the time this newsletter is published. I know that I am looking forward to spending more time outside and at the courts than going to doctor's visits and physical therapy!

This is the year for amendments to our BY-LAWS so if you have something that you would like to change send your suggestions to me no later than September 9, 2014. That is 60 days before our annual meeting on November 8, 2014 and will give me time to compile them since I have to have them to the Executive Council on or before October 9, 2014 which is 30 days before our annual meeting! May God bless you with health and wealth this year. *Lorena Tournour*

5th Vice President

Well 2014 is here the season is under way. Welcome to the new club in Lindsay and all their new members. Welcome to all the other new members also.

Here in Stockton we practice on Tuesday nights, last year we started having BBQ's and through that we gained 6 new members. It was good times for all. This coming year lets get creative in ways to get people out to the pits so they can see what fun they are missing out on. Well hope to see you all soon. *Scott Henne*

Statisticians Report:

LET'S HAVE ANOTHER GREAT PITCHING YEAR! **Tournament Directors** please provide me the results of your tournaments as soon as possible. Please send me the complete text file, file that show each group results, and a combined file that has each group listed in a file and they show the pitcher's Name, NHPA Number, and Date of the Tournament, shoes pitched, ringers, wins, losses, placed position and very important each players Hi Game of that tournament. One of my jobs is to keep track of pitchers that earn awards and also when they are entitled to a NCHPA Plaque. Earning awards is quite an accomplishment and anyone who does so should get credit for it. It is the clubs responsibility to get the results to me, please

be sure that I get the complete results as soon as possible. Clubs please make sure what names the pitcher wants to go by, for an example nickname (Bob) instead of Robert. If you feel that your tournaments have not been recorded please let me know so I can research and get them included and accurate.

Wayne George

An older tired looking dog wandered into my yard. I could tell from his collar and his well fed belly that he had a home and was well taken care of. He calmly walked over to me. I gave him a few pats on the head; he followed me into the house, walked down the hall and curled up in a corner and went to sleep. An hour later, he went to the door, and I let him out. The next day he was back, greeted me in the yard, walked inside resumed his spot in the hall, and again slept for about a hour. This continued off and on for several weeks.

Curious I pinned a note to his collar. "I would like to find out who the owner of this wonderful sweet dog is and ask are you aware that your dog comes by my house almost every afternoon for a nap."

The next day he arrived for his nap with a different note pinned to his collar. "He lives in a home with 6 children, 2 under the age of 3 and is trying to catch up on his sleep" "Can I come with him tomorrow?"

CLUBS

Forebay Park

Spring is almost here! Forebay club weekly play starts 3rd week of June because, at 4000 feet it could snow still. I have seen it happen. Our 1st tournament is June 21st and 22nd .Both are 30 40 separate. Hope to see you there! *Rick Eddy*

Feather River

Hi Everybody, Isn't it exciting to be starting a new year of pitching in the NCHPA? I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in Willows the end of March. We've been fortunate to have had good weather for pitching most of the winter so even though we need more rain here's hoping for good weather for our tournaments.

Not much in the way of news, but when I received the paperwork for our Feather River Club pitching dates, they said there is no overnight parking allowed. Even though we have done this in the past, they say it has never been allowed, so guess that's where we stand. There are a couple of RV parks in the vicinity, however, so feel free to bring your campers and trailers. That's all for now

- looking forward to seeing everyone soon. *Audrey Winters*

Fortuna Club

In addition to our regular tournament, we are planning on, a (Pitch and Win) program to Well today is March 12, 2014 and some of our members are looking at tournaments that are coming up in a few weeks. We need the rain but I hope we can have a few tournaments this spring that don't get rained out. Sharon and I had to rework our home courts the other day. We have covers over them, which resemble a 55 gallon barrel if you cut it in half lengthwise and laid each half over a court. However a barrel is not quite big enough so we purchased sheet metal and cut 3/4 inch plywood for the ends, works well but like anything out in needs the weather it maintained. The cover even helps keep the clay moist longer in the summer time. We place a rubber mat over the clay and then the metal dome. Fortuna club is hoping to get a larger donation from Bear River Casino this year. If that happens we should have a even better August money tournament. Remember we pay equally large cash in all groups; lower players get paid large money sums the same as the top players. We have people who camp in tents at the courts and we put on free meals. We supply tents a camp fire, our August tournament is like a big horseshoe pitchers picnic. Our park feels safe and with our mild mid 70 degree temperature you should have a pleasant experience. It can be inexpensive to attend and you can make money playing horseshoes. This year during our September tournament, the Park system has scheduled a group that is going to put on a small parade during one of our tournaments. In introduce these people to our sport. We will let you know how it works. We are posting Fortuna's practice and pitching schedule on our building, which is right next to the car and foot path that circulates people in our park. I hope some of this helps. Fortuna club picked up one junior and his older brother who just became eligible for 40 feet. These young men are the sons of Wiley Stapp who won the Calif. State Championship as a junior, pitching 70 % and higher. They all pitch at buck hunting camp and are talented. They are both very good baseball players as well. Their father Wiley was also a baseball player. When he was in Junior

high he asked me to catch for him at a picnic. The ball came so fast I could hear it making a frying sound coming through the air. Boy did I have to pay attention, you did not have time to move your mitt very far before the ball was there. That was back in the days when the schools pitched a good player to much and it caused his arm to burn out. Have Fun Pitching! *Bill Paddock*

Half Moon Bay

As we get ready to start a new season, we would like to welcome back **Bill & Kay & Webbe**. We started our weekly pitching on Thursday's @ 5:30 PM & will be having our annual meeting Saturday, April 5, @ 10:00 AM.

To promote our club, we have sent articles with pictures to our local & neighboring news papers. Had a posting on our **community TV message board** & we hope to have up A frame signs on HWY 1, telling passersby, we are playing horseshoes. We had planned to partner with the HMB Rec. Dept and offer a class on pitching shoes the same time we meet on Thursdays, but the HMB Rec. Dept folded.

Our website (which can be found on the NCHPA website) additions are a shirt order page, a link to the **HMB Chamber of Commerce** for out of town guest, and you can find out who "The Most Interesting Man in Horseshoes" is.

This is not a complaint, I noticed that we have tournaments scheduled the same time for clubs next to each other. I know some clubs do not have any flexibility like Tri Valley, but it would be great if the club officers got together during the season and planned a schedule so they won't compete against each other. We need to give our NCHPA scheduler a break.

Remember, if you're down in the pits, you can still throw shoes. *Rick Della Santina*

Lindsay

4 courts sand, corner of Parkside & Sierra View in Lindsay Isaac Rodriguez 1189 E. Tulare Rd Lindsay, CA 93247 559-623-4114 <u>Ike_twelve@hotmail.com</u> An underscore between ike and twelve

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Shasta/Willows

We're looking forward to the 2014 season and hopefully we won't be rained out even though we need the rain here in California. Over the off season we have had some of our members that went on vacation. As I am writing this Fritz is on his way home for the summer. Daryl is at spring training in Az. And waiting for the birth of a grandbaby. Walt had surgery and is doing well. Loretta lost her brother. Edwina & Gene and Al & Linda became Grandparents to five adorable puppies. They are so cute and soon will be going to their new homes. Two of them are moving to Eureka. Linda went to Florida and on a cruise to the Bahamas with her cousins for their eighth reunion. Edwina also went to Florida and Edwina and Gene did their annual cruise to the Bahamas while at sea Ruby gave birth. I got a call from Buddy Darnold and he is still having health issues which prevents him from pitching horseshoes. We would like to hear from his horseshoes friends. Buddy's address is 1078 Bond St. Redding, CA. 96002. 530-921-5245. Linda Hoelscher

Sonoma County

Don't forget our "Grand Old Man" George Greeott's birthday tournament on April 6. Last year, at 103, he showed up, we hope he will again this year. On May 4th we will be holding a High/Low doubles event, it should be a fun experience. For those who are not familiar with this; we will take all entrants line them up by percentages and take the #1 seed and the last person on the list, those two become partners for the day. #2 and second to the last on the list are partners, and so on through the complete list. We will have special doubles score sheets so each individual will receive credit for their shoes and ringers. Then on May 31 we have the Travis/Hayden Mystery Money event this was enjoyed by all last year. If you have not experienced this come out and try it. On June 1st will be our NHPF benefit event, a fund raiser for the National Hall of Fame.

June 6th will be our opportunity to host the Sonoma County Senior Games Horseshoe Pitching segment hosted by our club. Last year was quite fun and refreshments are donated by the Council on the Aging. You must be 50 yrs old to participate and sign-ups are online at: <u>www.winecountrygames.com</u> Our sanctioned league has begun again, looking forward to a great year!

We have place an ad at various Senior Centers around town in hopes of getting some of those folks out to the courts, we have also placed an ad in the local paper inviting anyone to join us on Tuesday nights. We'll keep you apprised as to how this works in garnering some new members. *Casey Sluys*

Stockton

The Stockton Club has taken advantage of the mild winter weather, and has had the best "off-season" in many years.

We have had good turnouts every week for our Tuesday afternoon practices, having to move from Louis Park to local sand courts only 2 or 3 times because of wet clay.

We even had a 12-player double-elimination tournament/potluck one Saturday in February won by Tom Mandich.

Scott Henne has the courts and clay in State Tournament condition and opening day is still a week away!

Consider spending the early part of the 4th of July in Stockton pitching with us. We are considering an early start that day, so you can pitch shoes in the morning, and still have time to BBQ and see fireworks later in the day.

Isn't the 4th of July the best day of the year to pitch horseshoes?! Join us for America-lovin' Ringers!

Watch for a fast start out of the Stockton Pitchers! The Hennes are pushing each other to new ringer % heights, and Don Shuler threw a 60% game at me last week!

Ringers to all NCHPA Pitchers for the 2014 season! *George Davis*

Ukiah Hello from the Ukiah Valley, we are currently welcoming the rain since we need it so desperately yet looking forward to some sunny days to begin practicing our sport! We have some new members which we will qualify in early April and are looking forward to introducing them at our first tournament on April 12th which is in honor of Dave Shelton, one of our members who has been with us for 30 years and on April 13th the tournament is in honor of us, Gil & Lorena Tournour!

We have our tournaments in April, May & June so check your calendars and plan to come on up to our neck of the woods – we will welcome you heartily and provide some delicious food, some stiff competition to win a 1^{st} or 2^{nd} place and a chance to win a raffle prize or two!

Gil is planning to attend the Willows tournament on March 29 and even though our daughter will wed on April 5th, he is hoping that he will be able to attend George Greeott's 104th birthday bash on the 6th! We may not be there in body but for sure will be thinking of you all and we'll be there in spirit!

Horseshoe practice is beginning slowly and in between rain showers since everybody is itching to begin our season. We hope you are all healthy and happy and will travel to our town this year "we'll leave the light on for you"! Bless you all, from UKIAH VALLEY HORSESHOE CLUB, *Lorena Tournour.*

Tuolumne

The club is finally getting everything together. The courts will be in fine shape for our tournament on April 12th. Hope the weather will be good to us and we hope to have lots of pitchers come to our tourney. We're getting excited about our first tournament.

We again have tickets to sell to help with the expenses of running a tournament and to help with the Black Oak Casino Tournament. They gave us two really nice prizes one was a one night stay at the new casino hotel. The other was a dinner for two at the Seven Sisters restaurant. Both are good for 90 days and the drawing will be held on June 29th. A third prize is one cord of oak wood from the Tribal Council, there will be many other items as well.. Donations are \$1.00 a ticket and winners need not be present to win. May we have a good year for all the clubs this year on all their tournaments? *Barbara Persson*

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18 years old or less for the entire 2014 calendar year. Note # 1. A Social Security number is required from all adult pitchers that move up to the Championship Classes.

Note # 2. For class play a minimum of 48 must enter this division or it will be canceled. All entrants will then pitch with the Open Women.

Note # 3. Junior Cadets must be 12 years old or younger for the entire 2014 calendar year.

You can check your average on the NHPA Web Page at <u>www.horseshoepitching.com</u> The pitching schedule will be finalized by **May 26th** and will be mailed to the address you have listed above the 1st week in June.

The NHPA Hall of Fame Banquet will be held July 20th. Please sign up for this event prior to July 10th 2014. Look for a registration form in the pitching schedule. DON'T MISS OUT.

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USE OF HAND SIGNALS FOR CANCELATION PLAY



Recommended Hand Signals

(as seen by the scorekeeper)





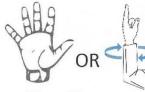
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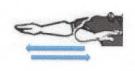


One Ringer, Three Points



One Ringer, Four Points





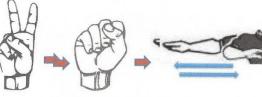




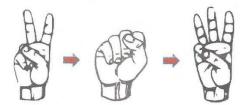
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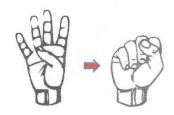
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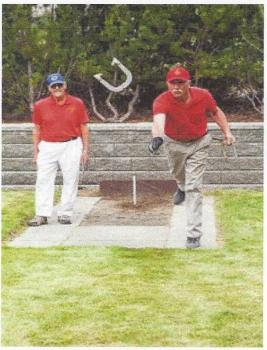


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