

# Nor-Cal News Views

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## Secretary/Treasurer



2020 will soon be here and it will bring a few new and exciting changes from the NHPA. The first change is the new “Eshoe” program for managing memberships, which means that all of the NHPA memberships will be electronic (on the Internet). No annual membership cards will be issued by the NHPA, but you will be able to print your own card using the online Eshoe program. To further explain this, the NHPA has created an electronic membership program whereby any continuing member or new member can go online to web address [//nchpa-eshoe.com](http://nchpa-eshoe.com) to renew, join, or purchase an NHPA card. There are currently three payment options: 1) PayPal, 2) PayPal Credit, or 3) a Debit or Credit card. The web site will indicate that it is not a secure site, but when you progress to the PayPal step, it will become secure. You can pay using PayPal, but it will cost you an additional

\$1.32 per payment (shown as a “Paypal Up-charge Fee”). With this new program as with the future renewal program, you will always have the same NHPA member number no matter where you live, even if you move to another state. Using the same NHPA member number will help with longevity awards. (In July of this year, as requested by the NHPA, I entered all of our member names, numbers and categories, into this program).

The Eshoe program is very new, and I have not tried paying online using PayPal. I have renewed all of the members that have paid 2020 dues so far. It is said the State Charters will receive their portion of the dues that are paid online quarterly. EShoe will not collect NCHPA club dues which are used to keep your club in the black. To make it all easier for you and us, I would prefer if you continued to pay your membership dues

through your club secretary who will collect their club dues and send me the NCHPA and National dues to be processed. When I accept the dues payments, we do not have to wait for our state dues portion. I will continue to send our NHPA dues in three or four times per year. The NHPA hopes this new Eshoe process will help them to get paid from those states that hold the NHPA dues portion until after they have their state tournaments. Being slow in passing on the national dues has put a strain on the NHPA budget for the World Tournament.

We are all hoping this program will make it easier for members to renew (or join). If you are a person that wants to download your card information to your phone and not have a “card” then this will be a good thing to you, please remember to pay your club dues to help our Charter clubs survive. Also, if you want to have the card to carry in your wallet then please pay your club directly, when I receive the dues I will issue printed cards with your number as we have done in the past. As the world evolves more and more, people are using electronic transactions for many things. The NHPA must keep up with the times and having this new process will help those people who want to work through their computer for everything.

With the new electronic membership process, it is recommended that all tournament directors print out a ringer percentage (NATSTATS) for your state/charter before your tournament. It will show who has paid for their 2020 card and who hasn't. For the first tournament of the new year this will only work for those who paid, but you will have a ringer percentage to place your pitchers into groups. As soon as I get reports from local secretaries of those who have paid, I will update the Eshoe program. If you are worried about your

personal information being out there on the World Wide Web, rest assured that only state secretaries and our NHPA secretary, Jim Kinney, are able to see your information. You can check to see if a person has paid, but the only thing you will see on the web site is the person's name and the year they paid. NHPA has even acquired a secure web site for the PayPal software and payment process. If you have any questions on this new program, please just give me a call at 707-537-3128. If a new player is joining, please call me for a member number; if new players go online to the Eshoe web site they will be given a six-digit generic number. I can see the benefits of this program: to reduce the cost of printing for the NHPA and for them to receive their dues portions sooner. It will take some time to get used to these changes, but we must advance into the modern age of doing business electronically. Also, the NHPA is coming out with a new HSMaster program that will accompany the Eshoe program. All clubs that use HSMaster should go to the NHPA website and download the new version of the program.

I would like to thank Carol Plummer – Sec/Treas./Statistician of the Idaho HPA who had a great write up in their newsletter which I “borrowed” and adjusted to fit our Charter. *Gail Sluys 707-538-3128*

## **1st VP**

At the year-end meeting I reported that the NCHPA added 53 New Members for 2019, which is virtually the same number as last year. Madera added 11 pitchers to lead the way. San Jose added 8, Fortuna and Half Moon Bay had 6 new members, and McBean added 5 in their first year. Gold Country had 4, Ukiah 3, and Tuolumne, Shasta-Willows, and Turlock added 2 members. Exeter, Sacramento, Forebay

Park, and Sonoma County added 1 pitcher. The breakdown of new members is 37 male pitchers (up 2 from last year,) 9 Women (down 3 from last year,) 3 Elders (which is up 2,) 3 Cadets (down 1,) and 1 Boy (down 1 from last year.)

Linda Hoelscher announced Gil Tournour as this year's Hall of Fame Inductee. Congratulations to Gil, long-time Ukiah member, and the 2017 Elders State Champion, a very deserving recipient!

Joe Summers presented Gail Sluys with the 2019 President's Award. Gail, our long time Secretary Treasurer has accomplished so much for Northern California horseshoes that we couldn't go wrong giving her the President's trophy every odd year! And why not every year? Casey would deserve the award in the even years!

I join my fellow board members in hoping you enjoy the Holidays and have a restful horseshoe off-season! I look forward to seeing you all on the courts in 2020.  
*George Davis*

### 3rd VP

I was asked about how our NCHPA end-of-year award winners are determined. The information below explains how pitchers accrue points based on the tournaments they pitch and the 1st or 2nd places that they win. If you have any questions then please email me ([meanderson99@yahoo.com](mailto:meanderson99@yahoo.com)) and I will try to get back to you with an answer. As always you club statisticians can make my task pretty easy if you submit your results in a timely manner. I would like to have them within two days after your tournament is complete so that the pitchers will have their averages submitted to Natstats in time for the following weeks update. Please email

results to me at: [meanderson99@yahoo.com](mailto:meanderson99@yahoo.com). And please be sure that the boxscore files that you send are generated in HSMaster as Tournaments, Reports, Format, Results [not Results (Brief) ]. Keep in mind that I would like to see member numbers in every file that you send. That means I want the long version, not brief version, of every file. Thanks for all your help. *Mike Anderson*

### 4th VP

I hope you are all enjoying a wonderful Christmas season and exciting new year. 2020 is almost here, can you believe it? We've had a good year in horseshoes even though we've lost some clubs our spirits are high as we look forward to a new year and new experiences and we've gained a returning club! As I asked last year at this time, I again encourage you to think about taking a position on our board and helping to keep our organization running and growing. Get involved in more than pitching, there's so much to do to keep things running smoothly. NCHPA cannot exist without effort and that effort must come from all of us, not just a few. I have been compiling and printing the pitching schedule for the last few years and I must retire next year. My efforts have not been perfect, sadly, no one is! If you like to solve puzzles, this job is for you!! I bet there is someone out there who can gather the dates, assemble them and distribute them and do a better job than I! So come forward, you won't be alone, help and advice abounds. Again, I remind you any organization is only as good as the people who are involved.  
*Lorena Tournour*

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## How NCHPA Year-End-Awards are Determined

NCHPA tournaments include all NCHPA club tournaments, NCHPA Championships, NCHPA Doubles Tournament, and California State Championships. Note that The World Horseshoe Tournament is not a NCHPA tournament and does not enter into the NCHPA awards accounting.

Player of the Year (based on points)

total points = ( # of club tournaments pitched x 1 point each  
+ # of club tournaments 1st place finishes x 3 points each  
+ # of club tournaments 2nd place finishes x 2 points each  
+ if pitched State Championships 5 points  
+ if pitched State Championships and placed 1st 3 points  
+ if pitched State Championships and placed 2nd 2 points  
+ if pitched NCHPA Championships 5 points  
+ if pitched NCHPA Championships and placed 1st 3 points  
+ if pitched NCHPA Championships and placed 2nd 2 points  
+ if pitched NCHPA Doubles Tournament 3 points )

Pitcher with the largest number of total points wins.

Rookie of the Year (based on points) [ rookies only ]

total points = ( # of club tournaments pitched x 1 point each  
+ # of club tournaments 1st place finishes x 3 points each  
+ # of club tournaments 2nd place finishes x 2 points each  
+ if pitched State Championships 5 points  
+ if pitched State Championships and placed 1st 3 points  
+ if pitched State Championships and placed 2nd 2 points  
+ if pitched NCHPA Championships 5 points  
+ if pitched NCHPA Championships and placed 1st 3 points  
+ if pitched NCHPA Championships and placed 2nd 2 points  
+ if pitched NCHPA Doubles Tournament 3 points )

Pitcher with the largest number of total points wins.

Most Improved (Rookie - Ringer % from last Natstats before State Tournament  
minus ringer % after first tournament  
Non-Rookies - Ringer % from last Natstats before this year's  
State Tournament minus ringer % from first  
Natstats after last year's State Tournament )

Rookie with largest positive difference or with least negative difference  
if there are no positive differences wins.

Top Dog (Most NCHPA tournaments pitched from immediately after last  
year's State Tournament to immediately before this year's  
State Tournament)

Pitcher with the largest # of NCHPA tournaments pitched wins.

Cadet Pitcher of the Year (based on points and must have pitched 5 or more tournaments in the year) [Cadets only ]

total points = ( # of club tournaments pitched x 1 point each  
+ # of club tournaments 1st place finishes x 3 points each  
+ # of club tournaments 2nd place finishes x 2 points each  
+ if pitched State Championships 5 points  
+ if pitched State Championships and placed 1st 3 points  
+ if pitched State Championships and placed 2nd 2 points  
+ if pitched NCHPA Championships 5 points  
+ if pitched NCHPA Championships and placed 1st 3 points  
+ if pitched NCHPA Championships and placed 2nd 2 points  
+ if pitched NCHPA Doubles Tournament 3 points )

Cadet with the largest number of total points wins.

Junior Pitcher of the Year (based on points and must have pitched 5 or more tournaments in the year) [Juniors only ]

total points = ( # of club tournaments pitched x 1 point each  
+ # of club tournaments 1st place finishes x 3 points each  
+ # of club tournaments 2nd place finishes x 2 points each  
+ if pitched State Championships 5 points  
+ if pitched State Championships and placed 1st 3 points  
+ if pitched State Championships and placed 2nd 2 points  
+ if pitched NCHPA Championships 5 points  
+ if pitched NCHPA Championships and placed 1st 3 points  
+ if pitched NCHPA Championships and placed 2nd 2 points  
+ if pitched NCHPA Doubles Tournament 3 points )

Junior with the largest number of total points wins. - *Mike Anderson*

## HPO: How do You Promote

One year ago a couple of horseshoe pitchers got their heads together and came up with a Facebook page called "Horseshoe Pitching Online" (HPO). This page has 1400 members and is growing larger each month as more and more horseshoe pitchers discover the rapid fire format of this site. It's really easy to find, simply Google horseshoe pitching online.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/612576172534108/>

There is a section of that page titled "files" there you will find the rules for the format they have developed.

They have had people pitching on a beach in South Carolina, on a park lawn in Taiwan, near the edge of a 1000 foot cliff, in the snow in Wisconsin etc.

Anywhere where you can set up a cell phone to record you pitching along with the target stake without any breaks or edits in the 12 shoe games. HPO holds tournaments each event is 100% payback. The convenience of pitching on your time, in your yard, on whatever type of court you have. Tournament fees range from \$5- \$15 presently is all non-sanctioned although a few sanctioned event using this format have been held. All financial transactions are done online, no checks to write, no envelopes to send, just you and the mouse in your hand.

There is a distinct advantage to this format, it hones your skill. Ask some of the players who have pitched on HPO they will tell you that they've improved anywhere from 4-15% since becoming involved with HPO. Another advantage is you will meet pitchers from all over the world. There will be

an outreach to some other countries this winter to entice them to participate. Countries like South Africa, Namibia, Norway, Germany and Switzerland to name a few that have horseshoe connections already. I encourage you to try this format during the winter months you'll be pleasantly surprised at the results.

Horseshoe pitching has a decent presence on the internet. If you Google horseshoe pitching videos you will find almost anything on YouTube, from instructional videos to 3 hour World Tournament videos. Come view "Promoting Horseshoes" on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/568662210169482/> someday during your slack time. You can also ask questions on National Horseshoes Pitching Association (NHPA) <https://www.facebook.com/groups/NHPAQ/> There are many more Charter sites and pages simply Google your Charters' page and join in the fun.

Regardless of how you may feel and what you've heard about FB, it's entirely up to you as to how involved you get. They will NOT knock on your door to ask for your information it's entirely your call as to how much of your "private" information is put on FB. There is more horseshoe pitching video available now than there ever has been thanks to Ricky Muter, OH. and Steve Gibson, UT. Along with those two many more people have directed tournaments on HPO, Come see what all the fuss is about. If you do nothing else please ask your grandkids or your own kids to "SHOW ME HPO on Facebook please?" Enjoy the Holidays! - *Casey Sluys*

# LOOK OVER THE SCHEDULE FOR YOUR CLUB.

if you're not listed you did not turn in dates. REMEMBER IT'S TENTATIVE AS OF DECEMBER 2019



NCHPA 2019 **Tentative** SCHEDULE

#	DATE	DAY	CLUB / LOCATION	TOURNAMENT NAME 20 characters	CODES	DATE RECEIVED	DISTANCE / NOTES
	01/04/2020	Sat	Exeter	Jeff Merrill	16	10/14/2019	
	01/25/2020	Sat	McBean/Lincoln	Warm-up		9/17/2019	
	01/26/2020	Sun	McBean/Lincoln	Warm-up		9/17/2019	
	02/08/2020	Sat	Lindsay	Robert Hurtado	16	10/14/2019	returning club 2020!!
	02/08/2020	Sat	San Francisco	Gino Rinaldi			
	02/29/2020	Sat	McBean/Lincoln	Lincoln Memorial		9/17/2019	
	03/01/2020	Sun	McBean/Lincoln	Lincoln Memorial		9/17/2019	
	03/07/2020	Sat	Madera	Ramiro Coronado		9/3/2019	
	03/14/2020	Sat	Vallejo	spring warm up	4	9/17/2019	
	03/21/2020	Sat	San Jose	San Jose Memorial	20	8/14/2019	
	03/21/2020	Sat	Ukiah	BROTHERTON		10/1/2019	
	03/22/2020	Sun	San Jose	Gary Greensmith	20	8/14/2019	
	03/22/2020	Sun	Ukiah	TAYLOR & PEREZ		10/1/2019	
	03/28/2020	Sat	Exeter	Diego Vargas	16	10/14/2019	
	03/28/2020	Sat	McBean/Lincoln	McBean Memorial		9/17/2019	
	03/28/2020	Sat	Shasta/Willows	Edwina & Loretta		9/15/2019	
	03/28/2020	Sat	Sonoma Co	Smith Brothers		9/4/2019	
	03/29/2020	Sun	Shasta/Willows	Linda & Michelle		9/15/2019	
	04/02/2020	Thu	Half Moon Bay	Pat McGowan	10	9/17/2019	
	04/04/2020	Sat	Exeter	Henry Family	15,16	10/14/2019	
	04/04/2020	Sat	Madera	The Jewelz Open		9/3/2019	
	04/04/2020	Sat	San Francisco	GGP 150 Anniv.		11/9/2019	MAYBE !!!!
	04/04/2020	Sat	Tri-Valley	Jamieson-Kooy		9/19/2019	
	04/05/2020	Sun	Tri-Valley	Morgan Triple \$\$\$		9/19/2019	
	04/11/2020	Sat	Turlock	Bill Lawson Memorial		11/6/2019	
	04/18/2020	Sat	Shasta/Willows	Gillett Electric \$\$\$\$	2,4	9/15/2019	
	04/18/2020	Sat	Tuolumne	Mike Jones	3,20	8/6/2019	
	04/19/2020	Sun	Shasta/Willows	Ray & Lee		9/15/2019	
	04/25/2020	Sat	Vallejo	Vern Gosney	4	9/17/2019	
	04/26/2020	Sun	Sonoma Co	Dale & Roy		9/4/2019	
	05/02/2020	Sat	Lindsay	Chinas Alley	16	10/14/2019	returning club 2020!!
	05/02/2020	Sat	Tuolumne	T.P.R. District 28 Yrs.	3,20	8/6/2019	
	05/02/2020	Sat	Ukiah	FACEY & MERCHEN		10/1/2019	
	05/03/2020	Sun	Ukiah	TOM BURNS, JR.		10/1/2019	
	05/09/2020	Sat	Half Moon Bay	Chet Carter Memorial		9/17/2019	
	05/09/2020	Sat	Turlock	Weir/Trusty		11/6/2019	
	05/16/2020	Sat	Shasta/Willows	Diane Smith Memorial		9/15/2019	
	05/16/2020	Sat	Sonoma Co	Our Girls Rule		9/4/2019	
	05/16/2020	Sat	Tri-Valley	Jean Brown		9/19/2019	
	05/17/2020	Sun	Shasta/Willows	Jerry's Birthday Bash	2,4	9/15/2019	
	05/17/2020	Sun	Tri-Valley	Wayne Major		9/19/2019	
	05/19/2020	Tue	Half Moon Bay	Alex & Richard Voskes		9/17/2019	
	05/19/2020	Tue	Half Moon Bay	Jim Sample	10	9/17/2019	
	05/23/2020	Sat	San Jose	Russell Zelmer	20	8/14/2019	
	05/23/2020	Sat	Stockton	Joe & Millie Schultz		9/4/2019	
	05/24/2020	Sun	McBean/Lincoln	Williams Classic		9/17/2019	
	05/24/2020	Sun	San Jose	Edward Moore	20	8/14/2019	
	06/04/2020	Thu	Half Moon Bay	Dale Koistinen	10	9/17/2019	
	06/06/2020	Sat	Gold Country	Dave Barb Classic		9/16/2019	
	06/06/2020	Sat	Tri-Valley	Richard Robbins		9/19/2019	
	06/06/2020	Sat	Tuolumne	Black Oak Casino	3,16,17,20	8/6/2019	<b>2 day tourn- one number</b>
	06/06/2020	Sat	Ukiah	UKIAH MEMORIAL		10/1/2019	
	06/07/2020	Sun	Gold Country	Wind Walker Classic		9/16/2019	
	06/07/2020	Sun	Tri-Valley	Bill Faler		9/19/2019	
	06/07/2020	Sun	Tuolumne	Black Oak Casino	3,16,17,20	8/6/2019	<b>2 day tourn- one number</b>

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	06/07/2020	Sun	Ukiah	GIL TOURNOUR		10/1/2019	
	06/12/2020	Fri	Madera	Quality Painting Open	11	9/3/2019	
	06/13/2020	Sat	Forebay Park	Bill Harris Memorial		11/9/2019	
	06/13/2020	Sat	San Jose	Jim Saunders	20	8/14/2019	
	06/13/2020	Sat	Shasta/Willows	Greenville Memorial		9/15/2019	<b>Shasta @ Greenville</b>
	06/13/2020	Sat	Turlock	Rice/McCormick Fam.		11/6/2019	
	06/14/2020	Sun	Forebay Park	Forebay Park Open		11/9/2019	
	06/14/2020	Sun	San Jose	Nakamoto Family	20	8/14/2019	
	06/14/2020	Sun	Shasta/Willows	Begay & Washoe		9/15/2019	<b>Shasta @ Greenville</b>
	06/16/2020	Tue	Half Moon Bay	Roy Ebbel		9/17/2019	
	06/16/2020	Tue	Half Moon Bay	Larry Pacheco	10	9/17/2019	
	06/20/2020	Sat	Sonoma Co	Faithful & Newbies		9/4/2019	
	06/27/2020	Sat	San Francisco	Peter Zeponi		11/9/2019	
	06/28/2020	Sun	McBean/Lincoln	Independence		9/17/2019	
	06/28/2020	Sun	Vallejo	Ben Yost	4	9/17/2019	
	07/04/2020	Sat	Half Moon Bay	Bill Terry		9/17/2019	
	07/05/2020	Sun	Half Moon Bay	Foa Remillong		9/17/2019	
	07/05/2020	Sun	McBean/Lincoln	Independence		11/9/2019	
	07/11/2020	Sat	Sonoma Co	Our Work Crew Luau		9/4/2019	
	07/11/2020	Sat	Tuolumne	Tony Marino	3,20	8/6/2019	
	<b>07/13/2020</b>	<b>2 wks</b>	<b>Monroe, LA</b>	<b>WORLD TOURNAMENT</b>			<b>7/13-7/25/2020</b>
	07/18/2020	Sat	Half Moon Bay	Jimmy Lintt-NHPF	19?	9/17/2019	
	07/18/2020	Sat	Turlock	Laffoon/Eisma		11/6/2019	
	07/25/2020	Sat	Fortuna	Fortuna 1		9/6/2019	
	07/25/2020	Sat	McBean/Lincoln	CA State Qualifier		9/17/2019	
	07/26/2020	Sun	Fortuna	Fortuna 2		9/6/2019	
	07/26/2020	Sun	Vallejo	McGrath Family	4	9/17/2019	
	08/01/2020	Sat	Exeter	NHPF	16	10/14/2019	
	08/01/2020	Sat	Forebay Park	Forebay Park Open		11/9/2019	
	08/08/2020	Sat	Fortuna	DASH FOR CASH	1,2,5,16,17	9/6/2019	<b>2 day tourn- one number</b>
	08/08/2020	Sat	Half Moon Bay	Joe Sciarra		9/17/2019	
	08/08/2020	Sat	Sonoma Co	Mystery \$\$ Madness		9/4/2019	
	08/08/2020	Sat	Turlock	George/Hernandez		11/1/2019	
	08/09/2020	Sun	Fortuna	DASH FOR CASH	1,2,5,16,17	9/6/2019	<b>2 day tourn- one number</b>
	08/09/2020	Sun	Half Moon Bay	Glen O'Brien-Doubles	15?	9/17/2019	
	08/15/2020	Sat	Madera	Cyrus Marvin		9/3/2019	
	08/15/2020	Sat	Tri-Valley	Buddy Huffman		9/19/2019	
	08/15/2020	Sat	Tuolumne	Diana Fred Lund	3,20	8/6/2019	
	08/16/2020	Sun	Tri-Valley	Regalado Kane		9/19/2019	
	08/16/2020	Sun	Tuolumne	Alan Bernikoff	3,20	8/6/2019	
	08/23/2020	Sun	Vallejo	John Kitzner	4,6	9/17/2019	
	08/29/2020	Sat	McBean/Lincoln	Hot August		9/17/2019	
	<b>09/05/2020</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>BAKERSFIELD</b>	<b>Championships</b>			<b>2 day tourn-1 number</b>
	<b>09/06/2020</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>BAKERSFIELD</b>	<b>Championships</b>			<b>2 day tourn-1 number</b>
	09/12/2020	Sat	Fortuna	Fall Round-up		9/6/2019	
	09/12/2020	Sat	San Jose	Marisela Mauricio	20	8/14/2019	
	09/12/2020	Sat	Turlock	Jones Family		11/6/2019	
	09/13/2020	Sun	Fortuna	Turn Em Loose		9/6/2019	
	09/13/2020	Sun	San Jose	Dick McCall	20	8/14/2019	
	<b>09/19/2020</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>Half Moon Bay</b>	<b>DOUBLES Chmp</b>		9/17/2019	2 day tourn- one number
	<b>09/20/2020</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Half Moon Bay</b>	<b>DOUBLES Chmp</b>		9/17/2019	2 day tourn- one number
	09/26/2020	Sat	Gold Country	Everheart Classic		9/16/2019	
	09/26/2020	Sat	Vallejo	Lane & Summers	4,6	9/17/2019	
	09/27/2020	Sun	Gold Country	Decamp Classic		9/16/2019	
	<b>10/03/2020</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>Vallejo</b>	<b>NCHPA Champ</b>		9/17/2019	Sched for 1 day-2 day if enough join
	10/07/2020	Wed	San Francisco ?	Golden Gate Classic ?	???????	11/9/2019	?????????
	10/15/2020	Thu	Half Moon Bay	Big Pumpkin	10	9/17/2019	





## Ukiah

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Hello, hope you are all doing well and looking forward to 2020 . . . I remember when that sounded so futuristic and lo and behold, it's here!

The rains have begun and hopefully we will have a good, fertile year. We have been keeping an eye on our courts and as soon as the weather permits will begin to prepare not only the courts but also our hopes that you will be coming to pitch with us. Those of us up here in far Northern California realize it is a long way to travel but we believe it is worth the trip. So if you have not been here, try it this year. We are very nice and our food is yummy and we are very appreciative of your participation. God bless you and keep you healthy, happy and prosperous. *-Lorena Tournour*

## San Jose

Happy, happy New Year from San Jose!

Nancy Cloutier and Mike Anderson represented the San Jose Horseshoe Club at the NCHPA Annual business meeting and awards lunch on Sat. Nov. 9 in Sacramento. The meeting moved along smoothly with little or no dissension. Election of officers amounted to re-electing the 2019 officers to continue to serve in 2020. Among other things that means that 2020 club tournament statisticians should continue to send their 2020 tournament files to Mike Anderson at email address [meanderson99@yahoo.com](mailto:meanderson99@yahoo.com). The meeting was adjourned, a pizza lunch was served, and awards were given out.

Saturday Dec. 7 San Jose Horseshoe Club had our business meeting/Christmas party hosted by Nancy Cloutier at her home. The evening started off with our Annual Business Meeting including Election of 2020 Officers. That was followed by a very tasty pot luck dinner with a white elephant/yankee swap gift exchange after that. Great fun was had by all.

The 2020 San Jose Horseshoe Club officers are:

Mike Anderson - President

Leon Moore - 1st Vice President, Statistician, and club contact at 408-867-5135

Russell Zelmar - 2nd Vice President and Groundsman

Marisela Mauricio - 3rd Vice President

Nancy Cloutier - Secretary-Treasurer

The San Jose Horseshoe club would like to thank Nancy Cloutier for hosting the evening and for all that she does for the club.

Again, Happy New Year to all and we look forward to seeing you at the courts in 2020. *Mike Anderson*

## McBean/Lincoln

McBean/Lincoln Horseshoe Pitching Club

I for sure had Fun pitching Horseshoes this year. Did I mention all the new members we got in our new Club, I got names here somewhere. **NCHPA 2019 Tentative SCHEDULE** as of 12/1/2019  
 Josefine Tallers, Debra Aitkens, Denise Frye, Wayne Lockhart, Louie Manes. We have a Team in the GSHL - Golden State Horseshoe League, here in the Sacramento area, our home base is the Valencia Club in Penryn Ca. We finish in 3rd place this season, March thru Sept. Next year I think we will get 1st, but I say that every year! Bobby Bartell had a great year winning Class D World Champion, moving on up! Bobby also was awarded the NCHPA "Most Improved Pitcher of the Year." Wayne Lockhart "Rookie" won "E" Class at the California State Championships in Stockton and also won the GSHL "Rookie" Tournament in Rio Linda Ca. Josie, Debra, Denise, Wayne, and Louie all pitched in their 1st Ca State Championships at the Stockton courts. Jeff, Nathan, and Bobby also pitched in the Ca State. We will be having several Sanctioned Tournaments in the 2020 Season. Our new members are pretty excited about the pitching a lot next year, 2020 and beyond. Have been working on a couple of projects for the Future of Horseshoe Pitching, we'll see what happens? Also "scanning" the ScrapBooks/Photo Albums from Hall of Fame building that was in Yolo. Hope everyone has a "Merry Christmas" and a "Happy New Year", our 1st tournament of 2020 will January 25th & 26th, rain or shine, "Let's Pitch some Horseshoes." **Jeff Williams, McBean/Lincoln Horseshoe Pitching Club. McBean Park, Lincoln Ca. Phone # (530)863-7456**  
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## Sonoma County Club

Some of you may have seen this before? Our club has had an ongoing club championship since 1936. Maybe longer, but we found records back to 1936. *Make us one of your stops, come visit us in 2020!* Here is a list of all the past champions:

1936 – Dr. Peoples	1966 – Arnie Peters	1994 – Yvonne Mauzey
1937 – Dr. Peoples	1967 – Max Vice	1995 – Gail Sluys
1938 – Arnie Peters	1968 – Max Vice	1996 – Dale Loranger, age 13
1939 – Clarence Petersen	1969 – Max Vice	1997 – Gail Sluys
1940 – Oscar Petersen	1970 – Mel Ristau	1998 – Gail Sluys
1941 - 43 WW-II	1971 - Mel Ristau	1999 – Ken Schulze
1944 – Oscar Petersen	1972 – Mel Ristau	2000 – Charlie Nadar
1945 – Oscar Petersen	1973 – Art Hunsaker	2001 – Charlie Nadar
1946 – Bill Kelly	1974 – Arnie Peters	2002 – Gail Sluys
1947 – George Pitts	1975 – Bob Hanlon	2003 – Gail Sluys
1948 – Arnie Peters	1976 – Bob Mauzey	2004 – Ken Woolery
1949 – Arnie Peters	1977 – Bob Hanlon	2005 – Charlie Masson
1950 – Ted Lee	1978 – Bob Hanlon	2006 – Ken Woolery
1951 – Ted Lee	1979 – Bob Mauzey	2007 – Charlie Masson
1952 – Ted Lee	1980 – Bob Mauzey	2008 – Charlie Masson
1953 – Arnie Peters	1981 – Bob Mauzey	2009 – Sue Lichau
1954 – Leonard Bridges	1982 – Bob Mauzey	2010 – Sue Lichau
1955 - Arnie Peters	1983 – Bob Mauzey	2011 – Sue Lichau
1956 – Burt Zumwalt	1984 - Bob Mauzey	2012 – Travis Sluys age - 15
1957 – Burt Zumwalt	1985 – Bob Mauzey	2013 – Hayden Lee age – 15
1958 – Arnie Peters	1986 – Bob Mauzey	2014 – Hayden Lee
1959 – Burt Zumwalt	1987 – Bob Mauzey	2015 – Hayden Lee
1960 – John Hagerman	1988 – Chuck Farrell	2016 - Paul Machado
1961 – Burt Zumwalt	1989 – Chuck Farrell	2017 - Sue Lichau
1962 – Arnie Peters	1990 – Yvonne Mauzey	2018 - Paul Machado
1963 – John Hagerman	1991 – Yvonne Mauzey	2019 - Sue Lichau
1964 – Arnie Peters	1992 – Gail Sluys	
1965 – John Hagerman	1993 – Yvonne Mauzey	

## Stockton Club

As we relax with our families and friends to enjoy the Holidays, the Stockton Club can look back on some great horseshoe pitching memories in 2019.

In May our Joe and Millie Schultz Tournament featured a classic top group which included State Champions Rick Bermingham and Nathan Williams, legendary all-time great Walter Ray Williams, Jr., and the phenomenal Cadet Hastiin Begaye. Jeff Williams pitched, and mom Esther Williams was on hand to keep score, and watch her boys, making the day sort of a Williams family reunion. The highlight of the day was the showdown game between Hastiin and Walter Ray. Hastiin pitched a remarkable 80% game to defeat Walter Ray for the Tournament Title. What a thrill to see such a promising young pitcher pitch such a great game against one of the best horseshoe pitchers that has ever lived! The Press came out to cover the tournament, and we had a day of great memories!

In September the 100<sup>th</sup> State Tournament held in Stockton turned out to be a fine championship. It was great to see a new Men's State Champion. Marty Montez pitched an undefeated tournament to beat California's best pitchers, and brought the men's title back to Northern California.

The Stockton Club wishes all Norcal pitchers a Merry Christmas, and a Happy Horseshoe Pitching 2020! ***George Davis***

## Half Moon Bay

The Half Moon Bay Horseshoe Club would like to wish all of you Happy Holidays as we end the year!

Reflecting on the 2019 season, we had a pretty good year. We hosted 10 NCHPA Tournaments, plus the NCHPA Walking Doubles tournament. We did have four tournaments rained out, but if it helps to end the drought, we are fine with the situation. Our Club would like to thank everyone who came from far & near to compete in Half Moon Bay.

We would also like to say good-bye to the Sacramento & Seaside Clubs. They were great Clubs that had many Great Members over the years. Both Clubs are irreplaceable and will be greatly missed.

There are 25 tournaments scheduled for Half Moon Bay next season. 15 NCHPA, 9 Club tournaments and the NCHPA Walking Doubles Championship. We hope you will be able to attend as many tournaments as possible at our courts.

My 2020 vision sees another good year ahead. May it happen for all of us!

See you on the courts! ***Rick Della Santina***



# OFFICIAL HORSESHOE PITCHING RULES

## National Horseshoe Pitchers Association of the United States

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Minnesota State Horseshoe Pitchers Association,  
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Ironwood Horseshoe Club, Ironwood, Michigan,  
Illinois State Horseshoe Association,  
Oklahoma State Horseshoe Association,  
Idaho State Horseshoe Association.

### Grounds and Courts

**Rule 1.** The grounds shall be level as possible. The pitcher's box shall be filled with potter's clay or any substitute of a like nature, the clay must be kept moist and worked to a putty-like condition and to a depth of not less than 6 inches and at least 18 inches around the stake.

#### Pitcher's Box

**Rule 2.** The pitcher's box shall extend three (3) feet on either side to the rear and front of the stake. Said box shall be constructed of material 2x4 inches and shall not extend more than one inch above the level of the ground. Where several or more courts are constructed, a 2x4-inch shall be laid the full length of such courts 3 feet in front of the stakes. In delivering the shoe into the opposite pitcher's box a contestant may stand anywhere inside the pitcher's box. For indoor pitching the boxes shall not exceed 6 inches in height above the adjoining grade.

#### Stakes

**Rule 3.** The stakes shall be of iron, one (1) inch in diameter perpendicular inclined one (1) inch toward the opposite stake and extending eight (8) inches above the ground in the pitcher's box. On single courts the stakes shall be set in the center of the pitcher's box. Where several or more courts are constructed, the stakes shall be not less than eight (8) feet apart, in a straight direct line where possible.

#### Horseshoes

**Rule 4.** No horseshoe shall exceed the following regulations: Seven and one-half (7 1/2) inches in length, seven (7) inches in width, two and one-half (2 1/2) pounds in weight. No toe or heel call shall measure over three-quarters (3/4) of an inch in length. Opening between the calks shall not exceed three and one-half (3 1/2) inches, inside measurements. No horseshoe constructed in a freak design will be considered regulation.

#### Regulation Games

**Rule 5.** A standard regulation game shall consist of 50 points and the contestant first scoring this number after all shoes have been pitched, shall be declared the winner. In all match or exhibition games between two contestants, eleven (11) games of 50 points each shall be an official series, the one winning six (6) games shall be declared the winner.

#### Pitching Distance

**Rule 6.** The standard regulation distance shall be forty (40) feet from stake to stake, measuring where the stake enters the ground. For women in contests and tournaments the distance shall be thirty (30) feet.

#### Pitching Rules

**Rule No. 7.** No contestant shall walk across to the opposite stake and examine the position of his opponent's shoes, before making his first or final pitch. All contestants shall pitch both shoes from the pitching box, into the opposite pitching box or forfeit the value of one (1) point to his opponent. All contestants shall, when having first pitch, after delivering both shoes, stand back of a line even with the stake and out of the pitcher's box. Any contestant failing to comply with this rule shall forfeit the value of such shoes pitched. Any contestant delivering his shoes landing outside of the opposite pitcher's box shall forfeit the value of his pitch. Wrapping the fingers with tape, or the wearing of gloves shall be permitted in any or all games. If at any time a shoe is broken, such as striking another shoe, the frame of the pitcher's box, the stake or other cause, such shoe shall be removed and the contestant entitled to another pitch.

#### Ringers

**Rule 8.** Any shoe to be scored as a ringer shall encircle the stake far enough to permit a straight edge to touch both heel calks and clear the stake.

#### Foul Lines

**Rule 9.** A foul line shall be established three (3) feet in front of the stake and any pitcher stepping over the foul line in delivering his shoe shall lose the value of his pitch and no score shall be credited to him.

#### Foul Shoe

**Rule 10.** A shoe that does not remain within six (6) inches of the stake, in all National Tournaments and match contests, shall not be entitled to score. (This does not apply to informal pitching or games where the players decide otherwise.) If a shoe strikes the frame of the pitcher's box or other object, such shoe shall be considered a foul shoe and shall not score.

### Points

**Rule 11.** The most points a contestant can score in a single game shall be fifty (50) points. A pitcher shall be credited with all ringers pitched. If a shoe when thrown moves another shoe, both shoes are counted in their new positions.

#### Ties

**Rule 12.** All equals shall be counted as ties. If both contestants have one shoe each an equal distance from the stake, or against the stake or ringers, they shall be counted tie and the next closest shoe shall score. In case of all four shoes being tie or equal distance from the stake, or four ringers, no score shall be recorded and the contestant who pitched last shall be awarded the lead.

#### Measurements

**Rule 13.** All measurements shall be made by the use of calipers and a straight edge.

#### Coaching

**Rule 14.** No contestants during the progress of a game, contest or tournament, shall coach, molest or in any way interfere with a pitcher in any manner, except that in four handed games, partners shall have the right to coach each other.

#### First Pitch

**Rule 15.** At the beginning of the game the contestants shall agree who shall have the first pitch, either in single, three or four-handed games, by the toss of a coin, the winner to have his choice of first pitch or follow. At the beginning of the second game the loser of the preceding game shall have first pitch.

#### National and State Tournaments

**Rule 16.** In all championship tournaments the Rotation Group method shall prevail. In each group each pitcher will pitch each other one game. Same procedure shall prevail in the finals. All tie games shall be pitched off. No Championship shall be won or lost, only in a legal tournament.

#### Disputes and Final Jurisdiction

**Rule 17.** In case of any dispute, or where the rules do not specifically cover a disputed point, the referee or committee in charge shall have full power and final jurisdiction.

#### Scoring Rules

**Rule 18.** Any shoe that does not remain within six (6) inches of the stake shall not be scored or counted. The closest shoe to the stake (within six (6) inches) shall score one (1) point. If both shoes are closer than the opponent's they shall score two (2) points.

A ringer shall score three (3) points.  
A ringer and a closest shoe shall score four (4) points.  
A double ringer shall score six (6) points and is the highest score a contestant can make.

In case of each contestant having a ringer, the next closest shoe shall score and all such ringers shall be credited as ringers pitched but not counted as a score.

If each contestant has a double ringer, both double ringers are cancelled and no points scored.

If a contestant shall have two ringers and his opponent one, the pitcher having two ringers shall score three (3) points.

In case of a tie of all four shoes, such as four ringers or all four shoes an equal distance from the stake, no score shall be recorded and the contestant who pitched last will be awarded the lead.

Where ringers are pitched and cancelled, they shall be credited to the contestant who pitched such ringers and no score shall be credited as points scored.

All equals shall be counted as ties and no points scored.  
Any shoe leaning against the stake shall have no advantage over a shoe lying on the ground and against the stake; all such shoes are ties. If a contestant has a shoe leaning against the stake it shall count only as a closest shoe.

#### Three-Handed Games

**Rule 19.** In three-handed games, where two contestants each have a double ringer and the third contestant no ringers, the two contestants having double ringers shall score their closest shoe. If all three contestants each have a ringer they shall score the closest shoe. If two contestants each have a ringer and the third contestant no ringers, the two contestants having ringers shall score their closest shoes.

In all three-handed games, the contestants having ringers shall at all times score their closest shoes over their opponents who have no ringers, whether it be two contestants with double or single ringers each.

In any and all games the contestant scoring shall have the lead or pitch.



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