

Nor-Cal News & Views

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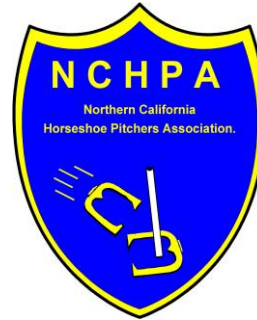
President



Statistician: Thank you to Wayne George for his service as statistician. Wayne resigned so he could focus on getting healthy. Hopefully Wayne will be on the courts soon. Now it's time to meet our new statistician. Drum roll, meet Joe Ross, from our Lindsay Club. Joe is an excellent addition to our association and we are excited to have him on board.

Regional Director: Frank Arroyo has accepted the position as NHPA Regional Director for the NCHPA. Frank travels to over thirty tournaments annually, he led the charge to build and then have sanctioned the last newly constructed facility in the NCHPA, the Lindsay courts, and had started measuring courts last summer in the southern part of our charter as a favor to Rick Bermingham. Thus, the transition should be seamless. Thank you to Rick and Travis Sluys for their service to our association.

Www.NCHPA.Weebly.Com: Please send photos from the past, recent past or future to share on our website which is



www.nchpa.weebly.com. Send photos to catdkauffman@gmail.com. Soon the website will have forms so that you can easily submit nominations for the Hall of Fame or Scorekeeper of the Year.

NCHPA Clinic: The Clinic will be held in Tri-Valley, March 5. The morning session will feature pitching tips, how to keep score, judging and court etiquette and HSMaster instruction. A non-sanctioned tournament will follow at noon. This tournament is open to nonmembers. The fee is \$10. Bring a friend or maybe your spouse who would like to pitch. This is a great tune up for the season.

Thank you to the officers, Joe Summers, Rick Bermingham, John Barney, Lorena Tournour, Nicole Saunders, Gail Sluys and Casey Sluys for their dedication to the association.

It has been a pleasure to work with you on behalf of our sport. Have a safe holiday season and happy, healthy 2016!

CathyKauffman

Statistician



Meet Joe and the [Lindsay Bangers](#)

Joe Ross is the NCHPA new statistician. Joe is a member of the [Lindsay Bangers Club](#) located in the Central Valley. The NCHPA is excited to have Joe on board. Joe is a wiz with numbers and is computer savvy. Joe welcomes your help and patience as he dives into his new position beginning in January.

Lindsay is approximately four hours south of Sacramento. Joe and the Bangers can be found at the courts Thursday evenings for some pitching fun. The Lindsay Bangers are an active club. Last year they sponsored a free, instructional day of pitching for children and they participate in community events as a club always promoting the sport.

The Bangers are excited to announce that they are recipients of a grant from the NHPF. The grant will be used to add two additional courts as the Bangers have excellent attendance at their tournaments. The Bangers and the City of Lindsay will break ground in early 2016. The Bangers are grateful to the NHPF for helping them improve their facility with a grant and to the City of Lindsay for partnering with them to make the courts a pitching destination.

If you are in the Central Valley, try to join the Bangers. They have great lights and pristine courts. They provide an excellent lunch after their tournaments. Because of the limited number of courts and the great attendance, the Bangers have pitchers pre-register so you will know what time you play.

Statisticians Report:

I want to say good bye as Statistician but not as a pitcher or friend. Best wishes to Joe and please support him as you did with me.

I want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Congratulations on the Officers that were elected and I know that they will support us in a positive way to go forward in the New Year and upcoming years to come.

We will have another great year of pitching ahead of us this upcoming year. I want to thank everyone for their support while I held this position. Pitch-On, *Wayne George*

2nd Vice President



Hello everyone, I hope all of you had a nice Thanksgiving Day. This will be my last News and Views article as 2nd Vice President. I want to thank all the officers of what a pleasure it was working with them. Cathy Kauffman has great leadership and

new ideas being in charge of the NCHPA. We pitchers are fortunate to have Casey and Gail Sluys as their love of horseshoe pitching and great friends as well help run our organization over several years. Lorena Tournour is a classy lady who does a great all around job. Nicole Saunders our new addition to the organization is a good officer and great personality. John Barney is the quiet one but very witty at times when you least expect it. Joe Summers is great to work with. one of the best man I know with excellent work ethic. Funnyman, you can expect anything from Joe! See you all on the courts. ***Rick Bermingham.***

3rd Vice President



Hello to all our members and their families. 2015 has been a good year - there have been some losses and some illnesses but we still have some blessings to be thankful for and the health and ability to look forward to next year. Our Annual meeting and dinner was great, we got to discuss some business and socialize a little with members that we don't see often and hopefully we made some constructive changes for our organization. Blessings to you all for the new year.-
Lorena Tournour

Secretary/Treasurer



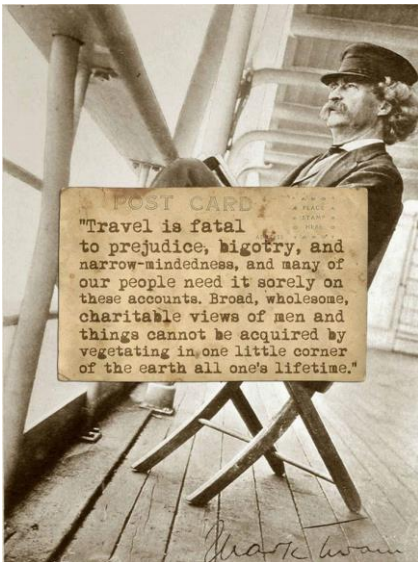
I hope you all enjoyed Hanukah, had a Merry Christmas, or just plain enjoyed December 25th in your own way. Now let's bring on 2016. I look forward to working with and /or seeing you all at some time in 2016.

I have just a couple of requests to make things easier on everyone in 2016. Please use the forms you have for sending me your 2016 new or renewing memberships, and the ones for the tournament reports that you send in with your \$2.00 per adult pitcher. As you sign up your pitchers this year, please check their information with them, such as address, phone number, date of birth, and current email. Their current pitching distances are critical for 2016. Some of our pitchers may be changing from Cadet to Jr or Men to Elder or even Jr girl to Women's classification. Having the correct information will not only make their lives easier, but will help Natstats and our CA statistician with the correct information. It's important if there are schedule changes, illnesses, or even death notices, that way we can keep out members up to date and informed. This will make sure all possible pitchers receive the National Newsline magazine, The NCHPA News and Views,

and they will get all information from us in an expedient manner.

Thank you in advance for getting the correct information to me, if you have a member that moves during the year please send that change to me. If you need membership or tournament report forms please let me know. I will email you one which you can then download and have handy for use in the future. If you don't have a computer/printer, let me know, I'm happy to send them to you snail mail. Thanks and Happy New Year.

Gail Sluys



So remember to travel to other clubs this year. There are 131 tournaments on the 2016 schedule. Try to visit other clubs now that the price of gasoline is down again. Let's make this a banner year for out-of-town events!

How many pitchers on courts

On 4 courts you can pitch 2-5 person groups for 10 per shift. Run 3 shifts at 30 shoe games and you can pitch 30 people in a day.

On 9 courts you can pitch 3-5 person and 1-7 for 22 pitchers per shift or, 3-7 person groups for 21 per shift.

On 10 courts you can pitch 5-5 person for 25 per shift, 2-7 person and 1-8 person groups for 22 per shift, or 2-8s & a 5 for 21 per shift.

On 12 courts you can pitch 6-5 person for 30 per shift, 4-7 person for 28 per shift, 3-8 person for 24 per shift.

On 16 courts 8-5 person groups for 40 per shift, 4-7 person and 1-8 person for 36 per shift, 4-8 person for 32 per shift

On 18 courts 9-5s for 45 per shift, or 6-7s for 42 per shift, 4-8s and 1-5 for 37 per shift,

On 19 courts 8-5s & 1-7 for 57 per shift, 5-7s & 1-8 for 47 per shift or 4-8s & 1-7 for 39 per shift.

Any other scenarios you know of please share them?

CLUBS

San Jose

Happy New Year from San Jose!

In early December we had our business meeting/Christmas party. As part of the business meeting the election of 2016 officers was held with the following results: President - Mike Anderson, Larry Ryan - 1st Vice President, Marisela Mauricio - 2nd Vice President, Brian Zelmar - 3rd Vice President, Nancy Ann Cloutier - Secretary-Treasurer, Russell Zelmar - Groundsman, Leon Moore - Statistician. Russell Zelmar will be our contact person and can be reached at 408-712-7503. After the business meeting we had a wonderful pot luck dinner followed by much fun with a White Elephant/Yankee Swap gift exchange. Fun was had by all. We all want to thank Nancy Ann Cloutier for inviting us to her home and hosting another great event. Again, Happy New Year to all and we look forward to seeing you on the courts in 2016.

Mike Anderson (Continued on page p9)

Northern California Horseshoe Pitchers Association

2016 Schedule

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Buy a brick and support the NHPF!

Note: The following will apply to all NCHPA scheduled tournaments not having code numbers.

- NHPA/NCHPA sanctioned tournaments are open to all pitchers from the U.S. and Canada with valid membership cards, except those so noted and excluding the NCHPA Championships and CA State Tournament.
- Tournaments shall be mixed distance competition, unless otherwise noted.
- Tournaments are subject to handicapping if there is a 15% or greater spread in a group.
- The Tournament Director has the decision to handicap. It is not guaranteed.
- Tournaments have a 9:30 am entry deadline and a standard entry fee of \$10 unless otherwise noted.
- NCHPA Officers must approve any changes or rescheduling of dates once the schedule is printed.

Support Your Sport: The NHPF continues to solicit tax-deductible contributions to preserve the history, showcase the present and build the future of horseshoe pitching, through grants and educational programs. Go to www.nhpf.info for information.

March 13	Daylight Saving Time Begins		
July 25-Aug. 6	World Horseshoe Pitching Championships	Montgomery, Alabama	
Sept. 3-5	California State Championships	Balboa Park, San Diego	\$40
Oct. 1-2	NCHPA Championships		\$20
Oct. 29	NCHPA Team Championships		\$80 per team
Nov. 6	Daylight Saving Time Ends		
Nov. 12	Annual Meeting & Awards Dinner Meeting: 12:30 pm to 4:00 pm Dinner/Awards: 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm	Florin Rebekah Lodge, 8360 Florin Road, Sacramento	\$20 per person dinner

Payout: The minimum payout in all groups is double the entry fee to 1st place and an amount equal to the entry fee to the 2nd place. This is in addition to plaques, patches, and/or event plates. NCHPA officers must approve all exceptions.

Tournament Codes: Pay the Scorekeeper 50 Centers per Game, \$1 per Game at the State/NCHPA Championships

1. See Flyer, Newsletter, Web	8. All Groups Handicapped	15. Walking Doubles
2. \$\$\$ Money Tournament	9. 9:00 am Sign-in Deadline	16. Pre-registration Required
3. \$12 Entry Fee	10. 5:30 pm Sign-in Deadline	17. 2 Day Tournament
4. \$15 Entry Fee	11. 6:30 pm Sign-in Deadline	18. Limit of 24 Pitchers
5. \$30 Entry Fee	12. 30' Mix & 40' Separate	19. Benefit Tournament
6. Count-All	13. Doubles	20. Food Donation Ok
7. Mystery Money	14. High-Low Doubles	21. Free Food for Pitchers

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February

- 1) Sat. 6 Gino Rinaldi, *San Francisco*
- 2) Sun. 21 Jeff Merrill, (16) *Exeter*
- 3) Sat. 27 Gillespie Ag Service, (4,21) *Tulare*
- 4) Sun. 28 Gillespie Ag Service, *Tulare*

March

- 5) Sat. 5 Non Sanctioned NCHPA Clinic, *Tri-Valley*
10 am-12 Clinic, 11:30 am sign in deadline to pitch,
tournament starts at noon
- 6) Sat. 12 Lindsay Bangers (16, 20) *Lindsay*
- 7) Sat. 12 Kooy-Cowles-Diaz, *Tri-Valley*
- 8) Sun. 13 Major-Kane-Buna, *Tri-Valley*
- 9) Sat. 19 Moreno's Plumbing, (20) *Tulare*
- 10) Sat. 26 Tony Marino, *Stockton*
- 11) Sat. 26 Edwina Leonardo/Loretta Grisaffi,
Shasta/Willows
- 12) Sun. 27 Mark Verdun Memorial & Rob Romans,
(2,4) *Shasta/Willows*

April

- 13) Sun. 3 Donald & Laurence Henry (15,16), *Exeter*
- 14) Sat. 2 Bill Lawson & Mel Roberts Memorial,
Turlock
- 15) Sat. 2 Saunders Family, *Tri-Valley*
- 16) Sun. 3 Nicole Saunders, *Tri-Valley*
- 17) Sat. 9 Madera Big Valley Pro T's, *Madera*
- 18) Sat. 9 San Jose Memorial, (20) *San Jose*
- 19) Sat. 9 James Taylor & Brett Lewis, *Ukiah*
- 20) Sun. 10 Janet Kies Memorial, *San Jose*
- 21) Sun. 10 Earl & Cody Davis, & Dave Delfino, *Ukiah*
- 22) Sat. 16 TCHPA Memorial, *Tuolumne*
- 23) Sat. 23 Sal's Distributing, *Tulare*
- 24) Sat. 23 Stockton Parks & Rec., *Stockton*
- 25) Sat. 23 Shasta Willows Memorial, *Shasta/Willows*
- 26) Sat. 23 Fred Lavett Memorial, *Seaside*
- 27) Sun. 24 Garza, Hernandez, DeLeon, *Stockton*
- 28) Sun. 24 Linda & David Hoelscher, (2,4)
Shasta/Willows
- 29) Sat. 30 Donovan Automotive Open, *Madera*

May

- 30) Sat. 30 George Greeott Memorial, *Sonoma County*
- 31) Thur. 5 Pat McGowan, (10) *Half Moon Bay*
- 32) Sat. 7 Chet Carter Memorial, *Half Moon Bay*
- 33) Sat. 7 Mike Loveless, *Sacramento*
- 34) Sat. 7 Rice Family, *Turlock*
- 35) Sat. 7 Will Facey & Bernie Merchen, *Ukiah*
- 36) Sun. 8 Doug Mindt Memorial, *Sacramento*
- 37) Sun. 8 Vance Ricks & Mike Hayes, *Ukiah*
- 38) Sat. 14 Joe Pearce, *Feather River*
- 39) Sat. 14 Jamieson-Brown, *Tri-Valley*
- 40) Sat. 14 TPRD 25 Years Ann., (3,16,20)
Tuolumne
- 41) Sun. 15 Lee Oliver, *Feather River*
- 42) Sun. 15 Carvallyo's Sr. & Jr., *Tri-Valley*
- 43) Sun. 15 Quality Painting, *Madera*
- 44) Tue. 17 Ebbel & Hofland, AM, *Half Moon Bay*
- 45) Tue. 17 Jim Sample, (10) *Half Moon Bay*
- 46) Sat. 21 Gold Country NHPF Benefit, (19) *Gold Country*
- 47) Sat. 21 Diane & Jim Saunders, (20) *San Jose*
- 48) Sat. 21 D&E Yamaha, *Tulare*
- 49) Sun. 22 Gold Country, *Gold Country*
- 50) Sun. 22 Charlie Masson, *Sonoma County*
- 51) Sun. 22 Larry Ryan, (20) *San Jose*
- 52) Sat. 28 Joe & Millie Schultz, (2,4) *Stockton*
- 53) Sat. 28 Central Valley Classic, (16) *Exeter*
- 54) Sun. 29 Stockton Memorial, *Stockton*

June

- 55) Thu. 2 Charlie Hall, (10) *Half Moon Bay*
- 56) Sat. 4 Mike Hammer, *Sacramento*
- 57) Sat. 4 Tom Burns Jr. & Collin Phenicie, *Ukiah*
- 58) Sat. 11, Wanted Dead or Alive, (16) *Exeter*
- 59) Sun. 5 George Mertz, *Sacramento*
- 60) Sun. 5 Yoda Jarvis & Weldon Trusty, *Ukiah*
- 61) Sat. 11 The Bill Harris Memorial, *Forebay Park*
- 62) Sat. 11 Indian Valley Memorial, (12) *Indian Valley*

June

- 63) Sat. 11 Brian Zelmar, (20) *San Jose*
64) Sat. 11 Vince Eisma & Carlos Baltazar, *Turlock*
65) Sun. 12 Forebay Park, *Forebay Park*
66) Sun. 12 Richard McCutcheon & Joe White Memorial, (12) *Indian Valley*
67) Sun. 12 Russell Zelmar, *San Jose*
68) Tue. 14 Sam Caputo, AM, *Half Moon Bay*
69) Tue. 14 Koistinen & Pacheco, (10) *Half Moon Bay*
70) Sat. 18 Faubush T. Construction, *Tulare*
71) Sat. 18 Peter Zepponi, *San Francisco*
72) Sat. 18 Break Em Out, *Fortuna*
73) Sat.-Sun. 18-19 15th Annual B.O.E., *Tuolumne*
74) Sun. 19 Throw Em Straight, *Fortuna*
75) Sat. 25 Gold Country, *Gold Country*
76) Sat. 25 Sluys Family (2,4), *Sonoma County*
77) Sat. 25 Don Shuler Ringer Nights, *Stockton*
78) Sun. 26 Gold Country, *Gold Country*

July

- 79) Sat. 2 Bill Terry, *Half Moon Bay*
80) Sat. 2 Ken Weir, *Turlock*
81) Sun. 3 Keith & Foa Remillong, *Half Moon Bay*
82) Sat. 9 Linda Jesse, *Feather River*
83) Sat. 9 Danny Thompson/Todd Bifulco, *Vallejo*
84) Sun. 10 Garrett Oliver, *Feather River*
85) Sun. 10 The USMC Special, *Sonoma County*
86) Sat. 16 Growview Enterprises, (20) *Tulare*
87) Sat.-Sun. 16-17 Fortuna Money Tournament, (2,5,8,9,16,17), *Fortuna*
88) Sat. 16 Goldiggers 1, (12) *Indian Valley*
89) Sun. 17 Goldiggers 2, (12) *Indian Valley*
90) Sat. 23 Forebay Park, *Forebay Park*

July 25-Aug 6 World Tournament, Montgomery, AL

August

Mon. 1 Sign up Deadline for State Championships

- 91) Sat. 6 Audrey Winters, *Feather River*
92) Sat. 6 Mike & Brian Jones, *Turlock*
93) Sat. 6 Fred & Marge Wood, *Tri-Valley*
94) Sun. 7 Bill Bynum, *Feather River*
95) Sun. 7 Bernard-Hughes, *Tri-Valley*
96) Sat. 13 Noe's Tree Service, *Tulare*
97) Sat. 13 Cool Down, *Fortuna*
98) Sat. 13 Joe Sciarra, *Half Moon Bay*
99) Sun. 14 No Sweat!, *Fortuna*
100) Sun. 14 Glen O'Brien, (13) *Half Moon Bay*
101) Sat. 20 Tom Mandich, *Stockton*
102) Sat. 27 Gold Country, *Gold Country*
103) Sat. 27 Smith Brothers \$\$, (7) *Sonoma County*
104) Sun. 28 Gold Country, *Gold Country*

September

105) Sat.-Mon. 3-5 State Championships, San Diego

- 106) Sat. 10 Darryl Beardall 33K, *Sonoma County*
107) Sun. 11 Carver & Erickson, *Half Moon Bay*
Thu. 15 Deadline to Submit Nominations for Hall of Fame and Scorekeeper of the Year
Thu. 15 Sign up Deadline for NCHPA Championships
108) Sat. 17 Gold Country, *Gold Country*
109) Sat. 17 Mike Anderson, (20) *San Jose*
110) Sat. 17 Alan Trusty, *Turlock*
111) Sun. 18 Gold Country, *Gold Country*
112) Sun. 18 Dick McCall, (20) *San Jose*
113) Sat. 24 Marvin Sanders, (16) *Exeter*
114) Sat. 24 Elaine & Walt Butcher/Niki Spece, (2,4) *Shasta/Willows*
115) Sat. 24 Rick & Mona Della Santina, *Tri-Valley*
116) Sun. 25 Faler & Robbins, *Tri-Valley*
117) Sun. 25 Fritz Oberst/Mike Robinson, *Shasta/Willows*

October

118) Sat.-Sun. 1-2 NCHPA Championships, Sonoma County

- 119) Sat. 8 Turkey Shoot, *Fortuna*
120) Sat. 8 Seaside, *Seaside*
121) Sat. 8 Jeff Viera, *Stockton*
122) Sun. 9 Turkey Shoot, *Fortuna*
Fri. 14 Sign up Deadline for Team Tournament
123) Sat. 15 Golden Gate Classic, *San Francisco*
124) Sat. 15 Lindsay Bangers, (16,20), *Lindsay*
125) Sat. 22 NCHPA Team Tournament, *Stockton*
126) Sat. 29 Madera Big Valley Pro T's, *Madera*

November

Sat. 12 Annual Meeting (12:30-4:00 pm) & Awards Dinner (5:00-8:00 pm), Sacramento

- 127) Sat. 12 Turkey Shoot, *Tri-Valley*
128) Sun. 13 PPFF-Partners Pitch for Fun, (1), *Tri-Valley*
129) Sat. 19 Donovan Automotive, *Madera*

December

- 130) Sat. 3 Terry Farrell, *Half Moon Bay*
131) Sun. 4, Rick Della Santina, (13) *Half Moon Bay*

Miscellaneous: Send tournament photos to catdkauffman@gmail.com to place on the web.

Learn to judge, keep score, get pitching tips and bring a friend to pitch in the NCHPA Clinic, March 5, at Tri-Valley. This is a non sanctioned tournament.

Submit nominations for the Hall of Fame or Scorekeeper of the Year by September 15, to catdkauffman@gmail.com.

Club Locations & Number of Courts

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Forebay Park (10): Forebay Rd., Pollock Pines, (RVs Ok \$)	Rick Eddy: 5477 Russell Hollow Road, Pilot Hill CA 9566 (530) 823-8658, redy2ctsp@aol.net
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Feather River

We're so grateful for the rain we are getting and all the snow in the mountains.

I don't know how our club will manage without John Sylvester who has been in NCHPA for 44 years and the backbone of our club, but he is dropping out due to health problems. We will surely miss him but know we will be seeing him at some of our tournaments. Our club will also be losing Steve Skinner who has been a member for a year or two. He came up from San Diego and will be moving back as soon as he sells his house here.

We're hoping we can increase our membership next year. Lee Oliver has started radiation treatments so will be spending five days a week at Travis until Feb. 9th. He said there are a lot men there going through the same treatments and he even met a fellow who is a friend of Fritz Oberst. I've also been in touch with Buddy Darnold who used to be in the Willows Club. He recently had a part of his right foot removed due to an infection and has been in the hospital and rehab. He really misses horseshoes and all his friends and says hello to everyone. His address is 1078 Bond St., Redding, CA 96002, if anyone would like to send a card.

The Recreation and Park Department has increased our rates the last couple of years to \$40 per tournament which takes a big chunk out of our budget. We were so fortunate last year to have an anonymous donor pay the entire amount.

We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and prosperous New Year and look forward to seeing all of you at the courts in the spring.

Audrey Winters

Ukiah

In the June newsletter I forgot to mention some names and so I corrected that error in the September issue of our newsletter, however my article was inadvertently edited and the last four paragraphs were cut. Maybe I'm too wordy? Anyway here are the paragraphs that were cut from the September issue!

On Saturday, September 12: Will Facey, James Taylor and Brett Lewis came over from Lake County and Travis, Gail & Casey Sluys, Reed Beaman, Ken & Sally Woolery and Sue Lichau from Sonoma County joined Tom Burns, Jr. (from Concord) and Gil Tournour and Collin Phenicie

from the Ukiah Club to enjoy the company, keep score and pitch a few shoes. It is always good to see Gloria Callahan and her niece Carrie who joined us as well.

On Sunday, September 13: the temperature was a very comfortable 73 degrees – we were so happy. And we had the same number of pitchers (11) only some different faces! Reed Beaman and Sue Lichau and Ken & Sally from Sonoma County returned and in spite of the devastating fire Will, Dave Defino, and Earl & Cody Davis from Lake County joined Gil, Collin and Tom to visit, pitch and worry about our neighbors in Lake County. Elaine Butcher of Shasta/Willows braved the roaring flames of the fire to come over and take 2nd place in the championship group with Gil taking 1st. In group 2 Reed Beaman and Earl Davis took home 1st and 2nd. James Taylor couldn't return on Sunday since he was hosting some friends who were escaping the fire. The rest of us pitched, scored and watched the smoke spread over the horizon.

You have most likely heard of the devastating destruction going on in the counties around Clear Lake. All I can say right now is our prayers are needed for the people, animals and property that have been destroyed in the unrelenting path of the blazing Lake County fires. The destruction is horrific and we hear heart breaking stories every day. Just today we spoke to one of our local farmers who drove to Williams to pick up 500 bales of hay which were donated for the many animals that have been relocated and cared for by a wide variety of generous people. Lets all hope that with the coming rain the fire season is ending!

So, for this issue: we have had the Northern Championships, the Team tournament and the Annual dinner and if you were there, you know they were good pitching and socializing events and if you weren't there we missed you!

A few of us from the Ukiah club drove down to Half Moon Bay for a delightful weekend of pitching – on Saturday a wonderful sunny experience and on Sunday we learned that pitching and keeping score in the rain has some disadvantages!

The Ukiah Valley Horseshoe Club wishes you all a very happy, healthy and prosperous holiday season.

We all look forward to next year, plenty of rain and a new pitching season.- *Lorena Tournour*

Half Moon Bay

We have some important news.

First, I would like to thank everyone for coming to our tournaments, especially our last tournament. Those that came as competitors, scorekeepers and spectators, you have my upmost respect for going through a rainy day when the weatherman said the rain would stop at the start of our tournament.

We proved that we could run HS Master at courts without electricity (Seaside, San Francisco & Half Moon Bay). All we needed to add was a backup power pack that has a converter to 120 volts.

If you are planning to attend the NCHPA Clinic in Tri-Valley on March 5 and would like to learn about HS Master, I would recommend you download the program from the NHPA website and practice with a four person group to learn as much as you can before the clinic. Your club should have at least two members who know the program (it's easy). * Don't forget to bring your laptop to the clinic.

I have become a club distributor so that we have a source to purchase Horseshoes and other game related items. It is best to call me at 650 355-8465, e-mail tworingersrick@aol.com (don't laugh, it has happened) or go to our website <http://halfmoonbayhorseshoeclub.wikifoundry.com/>. The advertisement at the top of our website is not my website. That is there to keep our website free!

The Half Moon Bay Horseshoe Club would like to wish all of you the Happiest of Holidays!

See you on the courts, *Rick Della Santina*

Sonoma County

We sincerely thank those of you who attended out events this year. We hope you found it an enjoyable pitching facility

We were privileged to host the Northern California Championships. It certainly seemed that everyone enjoyed themselves and will entertain you in 2016 for the NCHPA Championships again. Now that you've been here bring a friend or two the next time you visit us.

After high school graduation and the 2016 World Tournament in Alabama, Travis will be joining the U S Marines. His departure date to San Diego will be around August 10th. Therefore the name of one of our tournaments "The USMC Special." Hope you can all come, on July 10th to wish him the best of luck? *Casey Sluys*

Shasta/Willows Club

We held our end of the year meeting at Linda's & Al's home on Oct. 10th. Everyone enjoyed a nice bar-b-que of baby back ribs cooked by Al and the ladies brought the side dishes and desserts. After the meal we had our meeting many things were discussed about the club and the upcoming Northern meeting. Mike said he would attend the northern meeting for our club this year. Thanks Mike. Elections were held and our new officers for 2016 will be Linda President, Mike 1st V. P. and Edwina Sec./ Treas. Our club is still devastated by the loss of Mark. We were pleased with the support and attendance of the various clubs at his memorial as was his family. RIP MARK we know your pitching ringers up in horseshoe heaven.

We would like to say THANK YOU to FRITZ for all of his years serving our club as president and for his devotion of driving down from Weaverville for each and every work party. Not only will this club miss him but, several others that he attended because wherever he went he lean a helpful hand. Even though he's moving to Washington they promised to come back and pitch with us. So we look forward to that. From our club to yours We wish you a Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year. Looking forward to seeing everyone in Willows in 2016. *Linda Hoelscher*

It is never good to burn your bridges behind you unless you can fly or if swimming is your favorite mode of transportation.

GPS coordinates to all Northern California Horseshoe Clubs

1. Exeter is: City Park, Exeter, CA 36.2932266, -119.138519
2. Feather River is: 2275 Williams Ave, Palermo, CA 39.43292, -121.545637
3. Forebay Park is: 5581 Gail Dr., Pollock Pines, CA 95726 38.772078, -120.58715
4. Fortuna is: 98 Park St, Fortuna, CA 40.601824, -124.150406
5. Gold Country is: 3988 Park Ave. Nevada City, CA 39.259066, -121.010081
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8. Lindsay is: 920 Parkside Lindsay, CA 36.2124745, -119.091608
9. Madera Hwy 99 & Cleveland 36.970415, -120.071436
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11. Sacramento is: Granite Park 38.546248, -121.403153
12. Seaside is: 986 Hilby Ave 36.6021096, -121.845989
13. Sonoma County is Santa Rosa 1700 Hoen Ave. Santa Rosa, CA 38.440569, -122.694722
14. Stockton is: 1300 Occidental Ave Stockton, CA 95203 37.956894, -121.342184
15. Tri-Valley, Alameda County Fairgrounds 37.661102, -121.891589
16. Tulare's address is: 900 North H St. Tulare, CA 36.218639, -119.35277
17. Tuolumne, Tuolumne Park and Rec. area 37.960986, -120.239697
18. Turlock, Crane Park 37.500796, -120.831102
19. Ukiah, Fairgrounds 39.165784, -123.207657
20. Vallejo, City Park 38.108748, -122.257689
21. Willows is: 815 W. Loral St. Willows, CA 39.518249, -122.202296

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Feather River	314	*	122	270	65	175	85	295	211	70	148	176	160	120	155	290	195	165	160	120	50	
Forebay Park	250	122	*	329	67	170	310	257	198	57	142	170	159	102	148	266	98	141	219	114	141	
Fortuna	482	270	329	*	335	290	310	489	409	265	253	297	200	315	280	485	390	360	135	245	250	
Gold Country	279	65	67	335	*	270	150	288	204	55	146	175	150	105	160	275	150	150	180	115	100	
Half Moon Bay	339	175	170	290	270	*	265	347	171	15	30	40	90	110	50	255	155	125	155	55	156	
Indian Valley	366	85	202	310	150	265	*	374	292	160	228	257	240	210	240	380	285	285	245	205	130	
Lindsay	9	295	257	489	288	347	374	*	83	232	245	215	292	186	212	16	181	138	352	248	317	
Madera	75	211	198	409	198	171	292	83	*	146	163	128	210	102	129	68	98	58	270	165	231	
Sacramento	228	70	57	265	55	115	160	232	146	*	87	115	95	50	95	220	125	95	150	60	85	
San Francisco	239	148	142	253	146	30	228	245	163	87	*	48	54	80	39	231	140	105	114	31	140	
San Jose	206	176	170	297	175	40	257	215	128	115	48	*	98	100	40	197	165	100	138	65	168	
Sonoma County	284	160	159	200	150	90	240	292	210	95	54	98	*	120	90	290	220	165	65	45	155	
Stockton	178	120	102	315	105	110	210	186	102	50	80	100	120	*	65	170	75	45	185	75	145	
Tri-Valley	204	155	148	280	160	50	240	212	129	95	39	40	90	65	*	205	120	80	155	45	145	
Tulare	18	290	266	485	275	255	380	16	68	220	231	197	290	170	205	*	200	125	360	245	315	
Tuolumne County	177	195	98	390	150	155	285	181	98	125	140	165	220	75	120	200	*	75	285	150	210	
Turlock	134	165	141	360	150	125	255	138	58	95	108	100	165	45	80	125	75	*	230	120	190	
Ukiah Valley	344	160	219	135	180	155	245	352	270	150	114	158	65	185	155	360	285	230	*	110	125	
Vallejo	240	120	114	245	115	55	205	248	165	60	31	65	45	75	45	245	150	120	110	*	110	
Willows	309	50	141	250	100	165	130	317	231	85	140	168	155	145	145	315	210	190	125	110	*	

Most mileages are from city center to city center originally done by J.D. Smith in 1994

Revised and updated 4-30-15 Casey Sluys. Use with GPS location list. You can't miss with both.



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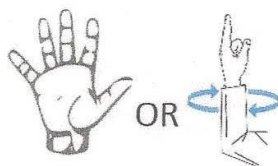
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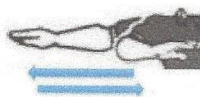
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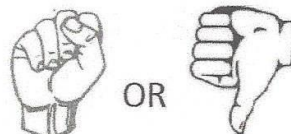
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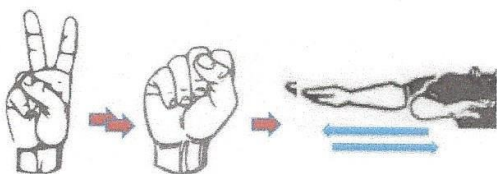
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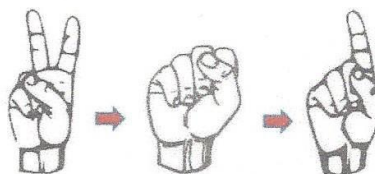
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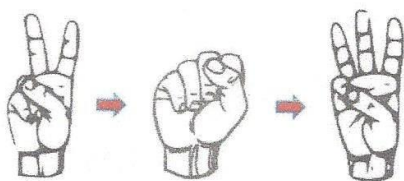
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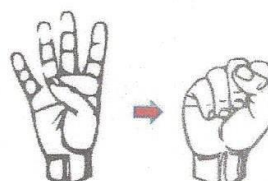
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Two Dead, One Point



Two Dead, Three Points



Four Dead

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

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(Keep this section for future reference – Calif. State Championships, San Diego, 3-5 September 2016)

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