

**PRESIDENTS MESSAGE** by: Kimmy Stockli

It's Election time again. Our Norcal end of year meeting is upon us and we have several Officers positions up for election. The positions up for election are as follows, 1st VP, 3rd VP, and Secretary Treasurer, according to the By-Laws. We also have a 4th VP position that has been open since the beginning of the year.



We need officers!! I know you all enjoy going out to tournaments, receiving your newsletter and schedule. Showing up for the Norcal, Team, and State tournaments and knowing that everything has been carefully planned. How about those trophies and plaques? The sympathy and get well cards sent out? Someone has to take care of all of these duties. All of these things take planning and organizing. We need officers that can do these things! If you have ever thought about being a Norcal Officer, now is the time to step up to the plate and help your organization!

If you are interested in running for one of our open positions, please submit via email or snail mail your request to me by October 20th, 2007.

Our Annual Norcal meeting will be held on Saturday, November 10th, at 1:00 p.m. It will be held at the Vallejo Community Center and the address is 225 Amador St. We held the meeting there 2 years ago and it is a much larger facility than where we were last year, so there will be plenty of room. We'll miss the music though! I scheduled the time later in the day so that those of you that live further away do not have to get up at the crack of dawn. We will email directions to all of the club contacts and will look forward to seeing all of the club delegates, and anyone else that would like to attend. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

I'd like to say thank you to everyone involved in making the California State Championships a success!! It was a lot of long hours for the Officers, especially for those pitching. We all pulled together as a team and made it work! Special thanks to the preparation crews that were out there for weeks getting the courts and grounds ready. The new President of the Yolo Horseshoe Club, Dave Harker, along with his wife Jan, worked their tails off almost every day for the month before the tournament. Rick Bermingham, Verdian Zelmar and his love Judy, Wendell and Don Stephens, the Fairfield Boys, Ben Yost, Walt Stafford, Duane McGrath and Marilyn. I know that there were more than I listed, so thanks to all of you too!!!

Special thanks to Kevin Smith of the Santa Rosa Horseshoe Club for setting up the mister at the back courts. I know personally how much we all appreciated being able to stand under that cool water in the awful heat that we had to deal with that weekend. Great job Kevin!

I'm sorry to say that Bill Harris will not be running for re-election. He has been invaluable as the Editor of our Newsletter and as our By-Law Officer. As most of you already know, his health has not been the best and this is his reason for not running. Bill, we appreciate all of your help and hard work over the past few years. You were a valuable member of our team and you will be missed by all of us. Thank you from all of the NCHPA Officers!

One last thing, if you haven't signed up for the Team Tournament, PLEASE DO! We need more teams. Deadline is October 1st. Here is the link to the application [http://www.nchpa.com/nca-pdf/club team champions.pdf](http://www.nchpa.com/nca-pdf/club%20team%20champions.pdf)

It's a great event. See ya on the courts!

1st. Vice President.....Sharon Paddock

I would like to Thank All of the generous people and Clubs who sponsored Trophies



for the Calif. State Tournament.

They are as follows: Gail Kane, Duane McGrath, Pat Murtha, Tri Valley Club, Willows Club, Gold Country Club, Sonoma Club, Marty and Martha Dunn, Al Crabtree, Verdian Zelmar, Stockli's Gun Works, Vern Gosney, Ben Yost, Vallejo Club, John Sylvester, Fred Lavett, Shingle Springs (Dave Cardinali), Ukiah Valley Club, BackyardScoreboards.com, Lucky Shoe Pro Shop, Linda Jessee, Sacramento Club, Cardiff Riviera Club, Harland and Sharon Rippetoe, Inyo, Mono Club, Stockton Club, Bill and Kay Webbe, Tuloumne Club, Glenn and Shirley Jamieson, Don and Janet Kies, Henry Clark, Bakersfield Club, Half Moon Bay, Fortuna Club, Fritz Oberst

Kimmy and Mitch Stockli, Kimmy's Horseshoe Shop, Wally Shipley Horseshoe Outlet, R.C. Drafting (Robert Cocagne), Tulare Club, Boron Club, Apple Valley Club, Jim and Carleen Gorth, Balboa Park Club.

Thanks to you we were able to give out more awards to the players for their pitching achievements.

Thank you one and all again for making this years State Tournament a success. ***I will be seeking re-election.***

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2nd. Vice President: Rick Bermingham

Give me a phone call for supplies: 916) 271-4784.

3rd. Vice President: Bill Harris

I have enjoyed the job of Editor of News & Views, but because of health reasons I have to give it up. This issue is my last one. Please check among your club members to see if anyone is interested. The job is very easy but time consuming behind a computer and doing the mailing. *I will not be seeking re-election as your 3rd. Vice President.*

Roy Heyden passed away. He was a charter member of Tri-Valley Club. In 1988, he helped with welding stakes and other chores in preparing the Pleasanton Fairgrounds to host the 1988 World Tournament.

Secretary/Treasurer/Regional Director:

Gail Sluys

State Tournament - at Yolo can we do it???? Yes we can!!!! Thanks to all the great people doing so much of work at the Yolo courts we were able to host our State Tournament in style. I know it was very hot but that was the one thing we couldn't control. Everything we could control seemed to please the pitchers and everyone else involved. We had one stake break, during the tournament;



luckily we could work around it. The trophy's sponsors came through and we had very nice trophies, the food was great – thanks to the food truck lady Rick contacted (by the way, she will be back with her truck for the NorCal tournament). We had more than 200 pitchers compete, yes I know you think that's not like the 300 we used to have, but we also don't have 575-650 members that we had then. To all who came thanks for coming – to all who helped/worked – we couldn't have done it without you and please know we are very appreciative of you.

Please go to our Web site and read the entry from Dale Hughes 5th VP SCHPA. For those without a computer I'll paraphrase for you what Dale says; He thanks NCHPA for a great job running the State this year. He goes on to say we made it look easy and comfortable even with the warm weather. Pits and Clay were in perfect pitching condition – better than the last one he attended here and he is looking forward to coming back in 2 years. I'd like to join Dale in asking NCHPA members to support SCHPA at the state tournament in Bakersfield in 2008. Let's get our entry numbers up to 300 and make this tournament, by working together, what it can be.

Don't forget to get your Club Team names in to me.

Yolo Club by: Dave Harker

The State tournament is behind us and now we're getting ready for NorCal. Gotta love this time of year.

The winners are too numerous to mention, but I think the most riveting game of the weekend was when Rick took out last year's champ, Nathan Williams. Inspiring, to say the least. Those who missed it, it's a shame, those that were watching know what I'm talking about.

To Rick Bermingham, Kimmy, Travis, Verdan, Don Kies, my congratulations. To those of you who do not think it's important to practice, ask one of these folks how much practice time they devote to getting better at their game. You'd be amazed how hard they work at it. To every winner I did not mention, sorry, I'm trying to keep this short.

I'm currently working on next years schedule, we're hoping to host several weekends and next year's NorCal tournament. Anyone in Yolo or in a nearby club willing to help with the upkeep, give me a call or e-mail me. As always, we are a little short of help.

"2008 Tournament Schedule Deadline will be Oct 18, 2007"

All clubs must have their requests in. If no specific dates are requested clubs will receive what's available. We will be monitoring the 100 mile radius between clubs, for conflicting dates.

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Sonoma County Club Champions Since 1936

by: Casey Sluys

The club has been holding and declaring a County Champion since 1936, that's 71 years!

HISTORY of the perpetual trophy:

In 1979 Yvonne Mauzey suggested that a perpetual trophy be created for our annual championship tournament. Tom Webb, Rio Dell Club donated the Redwood Burl. George Greeott, SoCo Club, fashioned a copper horseshoe and attached it to the burlwood. A search was made of all available records, and nameplates of past champions were affixed to the lacquered front surface of the wood. The trophy will forever remain the property of the Sonoma County Horseshoe Club. If ever a recipient moves from the area, or is unable to retain membership in

good standing, the club shall obtain the trophy and hold until won by an eligible Sonoma County Member in good standing.

ELIGIBILITY: Only the top 8 pitchers, with 6 or more months of continuous Sonoma County residency and an active club member, in good standing, as determined on the day of the tournament, shall be eligible to win the trophy. Games shall be 40 points.

Other groups will be formed as they occur, but only the winner of group one (1) will hold the title of Sonoma County Champion.

LIST OF CHAMPIONS(By Most Wins)

Arnie Peters:	1938,48,49,53,55,58,62,64,66,74	=====	10
Bob Mauzey:::	1976,79,80,81,82,83,84,85,86,87	=====	10
Gail Sluys:::	1992,95,97,98,2002,2003	=====	6
Burt Zumwalt:::	1956,57,59,61	=====	4
Yvonne Mauzey:	1990,91,93,94	=====	4
Oscar Petersen:	1940,44,45	=====	3
Ted Lee:::	1950,51,52	=====	3
John Hagerman:::	1960,63,65	=====	3
Max Vice:::	1967,68,69	=====	3
Mel Ristau:::	1970,71,72	=====	3
Bob Hanlon:::	1975,77,78	=====	3
Dr. Peoples:::	1936,37	=====	2
Chuck Farrell:::	1988,89	=====	2
Charlie Nadar:::	2000,2001	=====	2
Ken Woolery:::	2004,2006	=====	2
Clarence Petersen:	1939	=====	1
Bill Kelly:::	1946	=====	1
Geo Pitts:::	1947	=====	1
Leonard Bridges:::	1954	=====	1
Art Hunsaker:::	1973	=====	1
Dale Loranger: (Age 13):	1996	=====	1
Ken Schulze:::	1999	=====	1
Charlie Masson:	2005,07	=====	1

Janet Faye Pimentel....wife of Roy Pimentel....passed away on July 11, 2007.

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Sacramento Club by: Joan Bryan

Will start this TOOTING the SACRAMENTO CLUB horn a little for the excellent pitching in the STATE tournament this year. CONGRATULATIONS to Rick Bermingham for capturing the Men's Champion Division averaging 60 percent for the ten 40 point games and then to our defending champion Nathan Williams for holding on to second place with 56 percent. Othal Rippetoe took first place in the Men's A Division. Juanita Haas won the Women's A Division. Greg Virgen got a second place in the Men's H Division and our two Cadets, Nikki and Matthew Williams were second and third in their Division. We are all proud to be wearing the same Club shirts with such pitching talent.

As we are gearing up for our last weekend of tournaments, for the season, there is not much to report now.

We will all be welcoming the early fall, good pitching weather, soon. SEE YOU ALL AT NOR-CAL!!

Feather River Club by: Audrey Winters

Does anyone know where the summer has gone? Hard to believe we are winding up another season of pitching. Our July tournaments which seem so long ago went very well with the following winners.

July 7, Group 1 - 30': 1st - Dave Loucks, 2nd - Carl Newsom; Group 1 - 40': 1st - John Sylvester, 2nd - Gene Washoe; Group 2 - 40': 1st - Bill Virgen, 2nd - Harry Begay; Group 3 - 40': 1st - Ernie Maia, 2nd - Jim Atcher; Group 4 - 40': 1st - Ron Shaw, 2nd - Sandi Abbott.

July 8, Group 1: 1st - Gloria Callahan, 2nd - Don Williams; Group 2: 1st - Fritz Oberst, 2nd - Peter Chavarria; Group 3: 1st - Dave Harker, 2nd - Bob Bruce; Group 4: 1st Jim Atcher, 2nd - Ron Shaw.

Linda Jessee would like to thank everyone who helped with the tournaments.

Feather River Club members who did well in the State Tournament in their respective divisions are as follows:

Carl Newsom - 6th; Linda Jessee - 3rd; Lee Oliver - 2nd; Don Williams - 2nd; Ed Parish - 4th; Lois Edwards - 6th.

Our club gained a lot of new members this year and our tournaments had excellent participation. Thanks to all the other clubs who participated. We are planning on having a BBQ potluck and playday this fall although no date has been set. We will inform all members and hope to have a good turnout. Thanks to all our members for their participation in the various tournaments.

Stockton Club by: Peter Chavarria

Since my last report on the News & Views some our members pitched in other tournaments.

6-10-07 Forebay Park Open – Pollock Pines.

Group A- Harvey Monk 5th place, Group B- Peter Chavarria 4th place.

6-10-07 Black Oak Casino–Final Standings.

Doug Martin 10th place \$35.00, Robert Russ 20th place-No money.

Group 2 Class Play- Doug Martin 2nd place, Robert Russ 7th place.

6-30-07 Anzelone & Bridgers Open-Stockton.

Group 1- Bob Birge 4th place, Group 2- Robert Russ 6th place.

7-1-07 Carter, De Rose and Richmond Open-Stockton.

Group 1- Robert Russ 4th place, Bob Brige 6th place, Group2- Tommy Bridgers 3rd place, Peter Chavarria 4th place.

7-7-07 Vince Eisma & Paul Laffoon-Turlock.

Group 2- Robert Russ 4th place, Group 3- Tommy Bridgers 3rd place.

7-08-07 Bill O'Brien Open-Palermo.

Group 2- Peter Chavarria 2nd place.

8-11-07 Nelson Diehl Memorial-Turlock.

Group 1- Robert Russ 2nd place, Group 3-Tommy Bridgers 1st place, Daniel Hernandez 8th place. (What are you trying to do Danny, lower your percentage?)

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GEORGE ERNEST GILLETT, father of Robert Gillett Sr. passed away on september 7, 2007. services were held on wednesday, september 12th at the vina community Babtist Church.

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8-19-07 McGarth Family Open-Vallejo.
Group 2- Peter Chavarria 7th place.
9-1&2-07 Calif. State Championships-Davis.
Elder Men's 30' Championship Class-Bob Birge 7th place.
Elder Men's 30' Division A- Harvey Monk 10th place.
Elder Men's 30' Division C- Tommy Brigers 6th place.
Men's Division A-Doug Martin 9th place.
Men's Division Championship Class- Robert Russ 4th place.
Senior Men's Division A- Daniel Hernandez 4th place (O.K. Daniel I take back what I said)
9-8-07 Admission Day Open-Pleasanton.
Group 2- Robert Russ 7th place, Group 3- Tommy Bridgers 1st place.
9-9-07 Remembrance Day-Pleasanton.
Group 3- Peter Chavarria 4th place.

Glad to see our members are active in other tournaments. On a sad note: Another of our long time members has passed on, Dora Deckert, she was very active in our Club and she kept busy with the RaffleTable. Dora will be dearly missed.

Shasta/Willows Club by: Lee Roy Lassiter

Our clubs had 14 people pitching in the state tournament. we ended up with 1 first place, 1 second place, 1 third place, 2 fourth place, 2 fifth place, 2 sixth place, 2 seventh place, 1 ninth place, 1 tenth place and 1 eleventh place. congratulations to the people who got the courts cleaned up and had the whole place looking good. there were a few problems getting scorekeepers for some of the games and the "heat" was a problem, but all in all it was a great tournament.

Speaking of scorekeeping, I think everyone who pitches horseshoes should learn how to keep score. In large tournaments like the "state" you could keep score when you are not pitching and possibly pick up some pointers on how to improve your own game by watching the pitchers you are keeping score for. Scorekeepers have a front row seat to the action. You may end up scoring a game like the one I was keeping score for when Ray Looper scored 40 points and only pitched 26 shoes. His ringer percentage for that game was 76.08%. It is always interesting to watch the different styles of pitching.

Birthday party at the Indian Valley tournament on July 21 st we had a 90th birthday party for Bud Grisaffi. There was a great turn out for the tournament and the potluck dinner was great. A picture and half page article about the tournament and Bud's birthday party was in the Indian Valley newspaper.

We celebrated Bud's birthday again at the willows tournament on July 28th. We had great turn outs at both of these tournaments and had to have a second round of games in the afternoon.

At the Indian Valley tournament on the 21st we had a "51" tournament with 20 entrants in the tournament. Joe White of the Indian Valley club was the winner receiving \$105.00 for his effort.

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