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Nor-Cal News & Views

Northern California Horseshoe Pitchers Association website address is: <http://www.nchpa.com>

Secretary

Thank you to the clubs learning the HS Master/EShoe program. It helps to keep all records straight for our members and updates averages very quickly. For those of you that haven't tried yet – I promise it is easy and we will be glad to help you learn.

A Special THANK YOU to **Corinna Mills** for stepping up to help clubs by both teaching and using EShoe to run tournaments for some.

Reminder – PLEASE send your \$45.00 to cover the state (\$25) and NorCal (\$20) raffle prize purchases.

Thank you to **Danny Kyle** for helping us secure a host hotel for the state tournament in Stockton. The host hotel will be the Hilton 2323 Grand Canal Blvd Stockton. We have stayed there the last two times and it is nice.

To make your reservations use the information below: The cost is \$124.00 per night Friday to Monday.

Your group page has been approved and has been published to the web.

Your web page address

is: https://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/S/SCKSTHF-HORSE-20210903/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

Group Name: Horseshoe State Finals
Group Code: HORSE
Check-in: 03-SEP-2021
Check-out: 06-SEP-2021
Hotel Name: [Hilton Stockton](#)

Hotel Address: [2323 Grand Canal Blvd](#)

[Stockton,](#)

[California](#)

[95207-8233](#)

Phone Number: 209-956-1306

Please consider sponsoring a trophy for this tournament. Due to Covid we didn't have tournaments last year to build up our funds for the State tournament. Don't forget to get your entry in before the deadline, the entry forms for the State and the NorCal are in this Newsletter along with the sponsor form. **Gail Sluys**

1st VP

To this point in the 2021 season we have had 39 new members. We have had 31 Men, 3 Women, 2 Cadet Boys, 2 Junior Boys and 1 Elder join the NCHPA.

The McBean Club has added 9 new members, San Jose 8, Stockton 6, Exeter and Tuolumne 3 each, Tri-Valley, Sonoma County, Willows, and San Francisco 2 each, and Lindsay and Forebay Park have each added 1 new pitcher.

As California is finally opening up after the Covid Lockdown, hopefully we will see more horseshoe pitching activity and more new members.

Good Luck to the Northern California Pitchers in the World Tournament coming up next month in Winnemucca, NV. Our own Rick Birmingham will be in the Men's A1 Class. Rick's impressive 72.83 % gives him the seventh best ringer percentage in the world! Go Rick...get it done! Norcal is represented in Men's A2 by Nathan Williams seeded 4th, by Dave Lane in 8th position, and by Bobby Bartell in 13th. In Men's B2 we have Robert Gillett Jr. in the 2nd position, with Cesar Espinola in 9th and Paul Machado in 14th. In Women's B our Charter is represented by Diane Luiz of Tulare with a 52.95 ringer percentage. In Elder's B1 Gil Tournour will be pitching from the 10 position. Rick Della Santina is at number 6 in the Elder B2 Class. Jerry Smith will represent at number 3 in

Elder's C2. Frank Arroyo is at the 9th seed in Senior Men's A. Luke Zepponi of the San Francisco Club takes his 41.97 average to 9th position in Junior A, and Teo Espinola will be in the 4-spot in Junior B. Four Norcal Juniors will pitch in Junior C Class: Kaidence Begaye in the 4-position, Colter Rice at number 8, Tim Allen 9th, and Tryden Rice in the 10-hole. Cadet A finds the incomparable Hastin Begaye in the top-ranking position with his eye solidly on the Cadet World Championship. Also representing the NCHPA in Cadet A will be Evelyn Espinola ranked 2nd and Ian Allen in 6th position. Adakai Begaye will compete in Cadet B from the 3rd spot. Ringers to all our NCHPA World Tournament Pitchers! **George Davis**

3rd VP

As of the end of the first week of June the 2020-2021NCHPA season has seen 55 tournaments pitched and 18 tournaments cancelled due to COVID-19 or weather. The 55 tournaments pitched had 695 NCHPA pitchers entered and 38 non-NCHPA pitchers entered in 57 total classes. So in spite of weather and pandemic NCHPA is getting it done!

As always you club statisticians can make my task pretty easy if you submit your HSMaster files (boxscore files, one file per class, tournament class standings file, and comma-separated-values Results file) in a timely manner. I would like to have them as soon after your tournament as is convenient. Please email your HSMaster files to me at: 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 need member numbers in every file that you send. That means I want the long version, not brief version, of every file.

Create the HSMaster files as follows:

1) boxscore files, one per class: Tournaments, Play Singles or Play Doubles, Tournament (your tournament number and name), Class X, Load, Standings checked, Box Scores checked, Export; repeat for each class in place of X

2) tournament class standings: Tournaments, Play Singles or Play Doubles, Tournament (your tournament number and name), Reports, Results [not Results (Brief)], preview if desired, Text File

3) comma-separated-values Results file: Tournaments, Clean Up, Post Results to Player Stats set to (your tournament number and name), Results File

You may put these files in any folder you like, but C:\HSMasterData is a pretty common folder to put them in.

Thanks for all your help. **Mike Anderson**

5th VP

It is finally here, summertime horseshoe pitching season. We are off to a great start, getting back to some sort of normalcy in our lives and horseshoe pitching in tournaments again. It is great to be able to see people we haven't talked to over the last 15 months.

Thank you to all the clubs that have hosted tournaments. We appreciate all the work they have done to get their pits ready for us to come and play the game we all love. Don't forget to thank the club members for getting the pits and grounds into shape for the tournament.

I would also like to remind everyone if you or your club is in need of supplies such as score sheets or round robin cards please let me know at least 3 weeks in advance. That way I might be able to arrange transportation, either by myself or another pitcher, and save the NCHPA and your club the mailing charges.

Thanks and happy ringers to all!! **Dave Lane**

So you ask what determines whether or not your tournament results get posted quickly?

The main thing you can do is use HSMaster to tabulate your results. Go to <http://www.horseshoepitching.com> and click on eShoe HSMaster and watch some of the videos to learn the program. Then submit them via email to Gail (verification of membership) Mike Anderson (tabulating year end awards stats) and Casey (for posting on the FB page and ensuring they are submitted to the webmaster for inclusion on the website). If HSMaster is used on each event and you create a mailing list with the three of us on it will help everyone out. Please, if you don't us HSMaster take the initiative to learn it. It will make things easier for all of us.

Notice last week how quickly they were posted? Within minutes of the time I receive them they are posted on the NCHPA Fb page for everyone to see. If you need help with any of this Gail, Mike, Corinna or Rick DS can assist you.

If there is a person in the NCHPA that would like to take over the Newsletter editor please let me know. This is my 25th year with being involved with the News and Views in one way or another and it's time for other people to express their views.



NCHPA CHAMPIONSHIPS ENTRY FORM

October 2, 2021



HOST CLUB – Vallejo Horseshoe Cub

PRE-REGISTER - \$ PRIZE MONEY & PLAQUES

ENTRY DEADLINE POSTMARKED August 28, 2021

Takes just one sanctioned event to enter!

Participants must have pitched in (1) NHPA sanctioned tournaments before September 11, 2021. **New members** who joined after August 1, 2021 and **Junior/ Cadet** Entrants also need a minimum of one (1) NHPA sanctioned tournament before September 11, 2021.

**TOURNAMENT is open to all NHPA Members with Natstats Average
ENTRY FEE \$20.00 per pitcher**

Mail Entries to: Gail Sluys

1721 San Ramon Way

Santa Rosa, CA. 95409

NO EXCEPTIONS TO NUMBER OF TOURNAMENTS WILL BE MADE.

NO REFUNDS AFTER SCHEDULE IS COMPLETED.

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Name: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Address _____

City _____

NHPA CARD # _____ Birth Date: _____

Phone # _____

Please circle the Group you are entering.

OPEN MEN

OPEN WOMEN

ELDER MEN

JUNIOR GIRL/BOY

CADET 12 & UNDER

SR.MEN

SR.WOMEN

***SENIOR GROUPS NOT HAVING A MINIMUM OF 6 PLAYERS WILL BE MIXED WITH OPEN CLASSES.**

ENTRY FEE

\$20.00

\$ _____



2021 NCHPA DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP

Held in conjunction with the NCHPA Championships at the Vallejo Horseshoe Courts

**Entry Fee \$50.00 per team. Team Cap = 110% closing date September 11th.
The 2021 NCHPA Doubles Championship Tournament will be held at the
Vallejo Horseshoe Club on **October 3, 2021**.**

Pick your partner from any NCHPA, SCHPA, NEVADA Member. Send \$50.00 per team plus completed entry form in by September 11th. Each team will pay the scorekeeper \$2.00 per game (\$1.00 per player). The cap on a team is 110% combined. (Example player A is 65% player B cannot be more 45%) These are Championships – No Handicapping. Groups will be formed based on the number of entries, with a minimum of two (2) groups. Prize money and awards in each group will depend on number of entries.

Send entry form and entry fee to Gail Sluys 1721 San Ramon Way Santa Rosa CA 95409. Phone 707-538-3128.

More information to follow as the tournament nears.

Player A _____ % _____ Charter _____

Phone# _____ Email _____

Player B _____ % _____ Charter _____

Phone# _____ Email _____

Entry Fee \$50.00 per team \$ _____



2021 California State Championships

Hosted by: Northern California Horseshoe Pitchers Association (NCHPA)

Host Club: Stockton Horseshoe Club

4-6 September 2021

Louis Park 3121 Monte Diablo Ave

NHPA #: _____ Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ CA ZIP: _____

Birth Date: _____ E-Mail: _____

Entry fee is **\$40.00** for adults and **FREE** for juniors and cadets

How do you want your pitching schedule sent? Please circle one: E-Mail USPS

Select Your Entry Division (circle one)

Open Men (40ft) Sr. Men (60+ (40ft) Elders or Med Exempt (30ft) Open Women

Sr. Women (60+) Jr. Boys Jr. Girls Jr. Cadets (20ft)

PARTICIPANTS LIABILITY RELEASE: In consideration of participating in such activity, I hereby, waive, release and forever discharge the Northern CA Horseshoe Pitchers Association, all officers, employees, agents and servants of the afore stated organization, and all fellow participants of this event, for any and all action, cause of action, damage, loss or injury, which I may suffer as a consequence of participating in the California State Horseshoe Pitching Tournament. In addition it is understood that the NCHPA has sole rights to any and all pictures and/or articles for publication.

SIGNED: _____ DATE _____

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(Keep this section for future reference – Calif. State Championships, Stockton, 4-6 Sept. 2021)

Adult entrants **MUST** have participated in at least 3 sanctioned California tournaments during the 12 months prior to the below entry deadline date; for junior entrants, at least 1 sanctioned California tournament.

For a division with less than six entries, the tournament committee reserves the right to combine the division with another division with the same pitching distance.

Entrants must wear shirts with their name professionally printed on the back; do not rely on purchased shirts at the tournament because the vendor cannot guarantee timely deliveries.

Entry fee is **\$40.00** for adults and **FREE** for juniors and cadets; no refunds after the entry deadline date.

Entry deadline **date (or post mark date):** 1 August 2021 (**Late entries require an additional \$10 entry fee and will be used on a standby basis only.**) Make checks payable to: **NCHPA** 707-486-0594 Cell

If you must drop out, please immediately **notify** Gail Sluys (707-538-3128 or nchpagail@gmail.com).

Send entries to: Gail Sluys 1721 San Ramon Wy. Santa Rosa, CA 95409 707-538-3128 nchpagail@gmail.com



2021 CALIFORNIA STATE HORSESHOE PITCHING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Awards Sponsorship Form



Northern California Horseshoe Pitcher's Association



The Northern California Horseshoe Pitchers Association (NCHPA) will host the 2021 California State horseshoe Pitching Championships tournament In Stockton at Lewis Park over the Labor Day weekend Sept 4th through Sept 5th 2021. Please consider sponsoring an award for this prestigious event!

Both plaques and cash are awarded to the winners of 20-30 groups of players from throughout the state. This tournament establishes California State Champions for both men and women of all ages plus boys and girls under 19 years old. If you wish to sponsor a first or second place plaque award, each plaque costs about \$50. If we receive your plaque sponsorship by August 15th, the award plaque will reflect your support, and if you have a specific group you wish to sponsor please let us know, we will do our best to accommodate your request based on first come – first served.

Sponsor's Name (business, club, or person): _____

Sponsor's Address: _____

Sponsor's phone and/or E-mail: _____

Donation Amount: \$50.00 (make check payable to **NCHPA**)

Please send this completed form with your check to the NCHPA awards coordinator:

Gail Sluys
1721 San Ramon Way
Santa Rosa, CA 95409

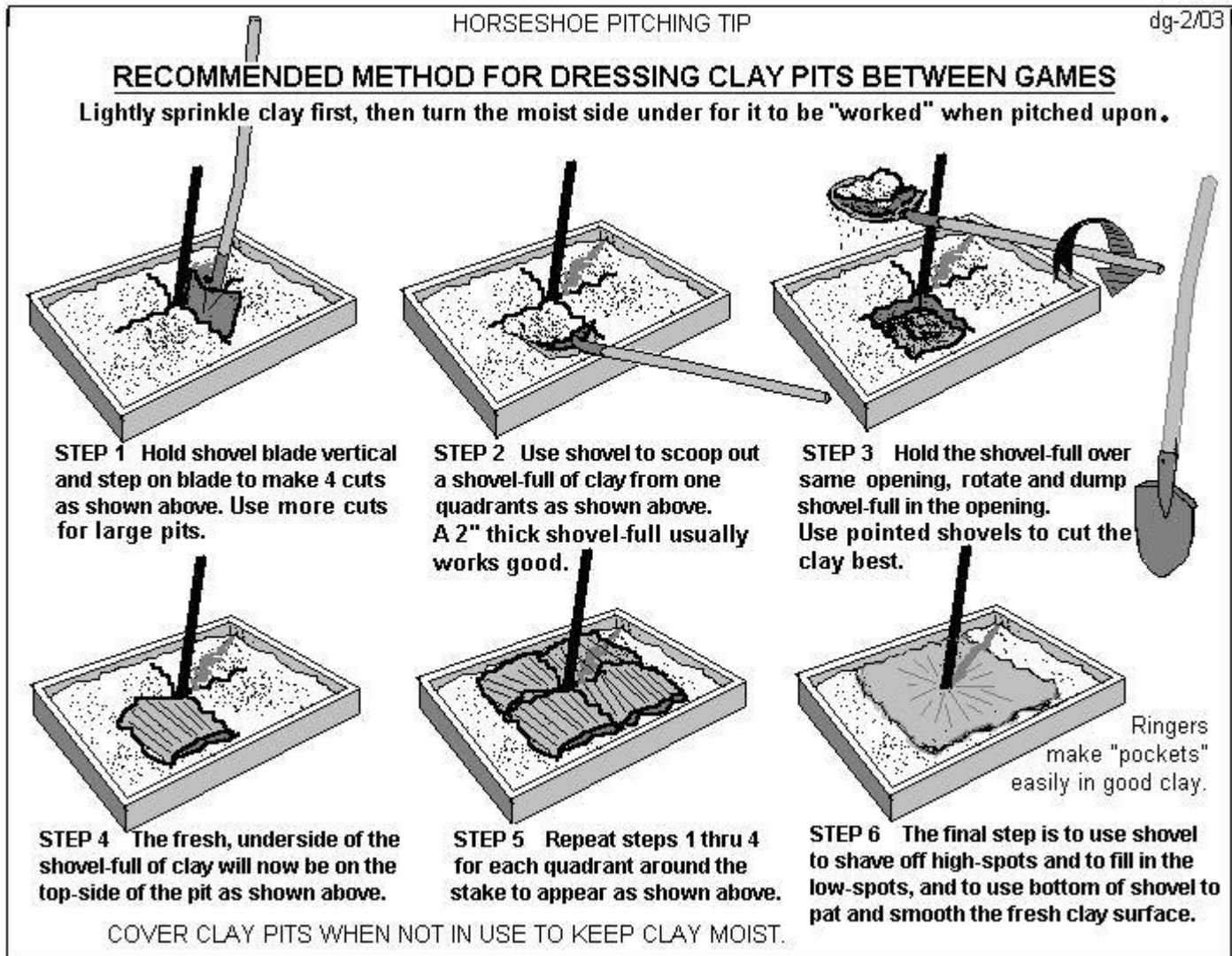
Danny Kyle <dlkyle2346@gmail.com>

Wed, Jun 9 at 11:25 AM

State finals in Stockton will have the Hilton as one of your host hotels at \$124.00 a night from Friday to Monday once again. I checked the rates in the area and this is a pretty good deal for Labor Day weekend. I will have all the fine details as soon as possible. You will be able to make your reservations as early as Monday of next week. Thank you

Danny Kyle

Schpa President



Just in case you've forgotten during the last year of so.

One Finger OO=Double Finger X=Dead an empty Count

OFFICIAL SCORE SHEET

Answers	Points	Score	Size	Answers	Points	Score
X X			2	X X		
X X			4	X X		
X X			6	X X		
X X			8	X X		
X X			10	X X		
X X			12	X X		
X X			14	X X		
X X			16	X X		
X X			18	X X		
X X			20	X X		
X X			22	X X		
X X			24	X X		
X X			26	X X		
X X			28	X X		
X X			30	X X		
X X			32	X X		
X X			34	X X		
X X			36	X X		
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Points

Ringers

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O—Ringer OO—Double Ringer X—Dead — —No Count

OFFICIAL SCORE SHEET

Ringers	Points	Score	Shoes	Ringers	Points	Score
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XX	-	-	4	XX	-	-
XX	-	-	6	XX	-	-
XX	-	-	8	XX	-	-
X 0	3	24	10	X	-	-
XX	-	-	12	XX	-	-
X	-	-	14	X 0	3	38
XX	-	-	16	XX	-	-
XX	-	-	18	XX	-	-
-	-	-	20	0	3	41
XX	-	-	22	XX	-	-
X 1	1	25	24	X	-	-
X	-	-	26	X 0	3	44
X	1	26	28	X	-	-
XX	-	-	30	XX	-	-
XX	-	-	32	XX	-	-
XX	-	-	34	XX	-	-
X 0	3	29	36	X	-	-
XX	-	-	38	XX	-	-
-	-	-	40	0	3	47
X 0	3	32	42	X	-	-
XX	-	-	44	XX	-	-
XX	-	-	46	XX	-	-
XX	-	-	48	XX	-	-
XX	-	-	50	XX	-	-
XX	-	-	52	XX	-	-
XX	-	-	54	XX	-	-
X 0	3	35	56	X	-	-
XX	-	-	58	XX	-	-
X 0	3	38	60	X	-	-
XX	-	-	62	XX	-	-
XX	-	-	64	XX	-	-
XX	-	-	66	XX	-	-
XX	-	-	68	XX	-	-
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X 0	3	48	74	X 1	1	48
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			86			
			88			
			90			
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-Points

Ringers

Doubles

Shoes Pitched.

Percent Ringers

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Ukiah Valley

NEWSLETTER ARTICLE - JUNE 2021 Hello from Ukiah. We enjoyed our last tournaments on June 5 and 6 at the Redwood Empire Fairgrounds, the weather was windy and warm but not too hot and all went very well even though attendance was a little low. The people were fabulous and I was able to find some interesting and tasty prepackaged treats at Costco so we had plenty to eat and some icy cold water and Gator aid too. We are proud to announce Scott Kinney and Aaron Hult as enthusiastic new members who are not only very nice people but also great helpers at the courts getting things ready for our tournaments. Scott went to Santa Rosa with Gil in May and won a first place then took second at our tournament on Saturday and Aaron took first place at our tournament in May. Hopefully they will be doing a little more traveling and winning in the future as we all look forward to more pitching at other Northern California courts in the near future. Even though we are pretty far up on highway 101 at the mouth of the redwood forest Sue Lichau, Jasmine Brady and her dad Tim, and Brian Wainwright from Santa Rosa drove up to pitch and enjoy our June tournaments and Vallejo members Steve McGrath, Dave Lane and our esteemed president Joe Summers also joined us at the friendly Ukiah courts. And not only did they enjoy our company and our delicious individually wrapped snacks but Sue and Tim went home with 2nd place plates and Dave Lane drove back to Vallejo with a Tournament Champion patch! It was good to have them here and it was also good to have Gail and Casey on Saturday, spending time with the Sluys always warms our hearts! Our loyal and true members, some from farther away than Ukiah, also helped to make our tournaments in June a good experience. Vance Ricks came both days to help us keep score, Tom Burns, Jr. drove all the way from Concord to take home the 2nd place award on Sunday and Tom Brotherton from Clearlake Oaks and Mike Hayes from Rohnert Park joined us on Saturday. I can't believe it but I'm looking forward to our trip to Winnemucca and hope to see you all there. Bless you all, **Lorena Tournour**

San Jose

San Jose kicked off the 2021 pitching season with its March 13 San Jose Memorial tournament. The weather was good, the courts were thoroughly prepared, and 15 pitchers in 3 classes had a good day. In spite of masks not being worn by everyone and social distancing not practiced by all no COVID-19 cases were reported after the tournament. Thank goodness!

Our April and May tournaments turned out much like the March tournament and fun was had by all.

If possible please join us for our remaining 2021 tournaments later this year:

Sat. Sep. 11 Saunders Family

Sat. Oct. 30 Nakamoto Family

We hope to see you and best of luck in your pitching. **Mike Anderson**

Half Moon Bay

The Half Moon Bay Horseshoe Club has 9 members plus 1 associate member going to this years World Tournament. We wish them all a lot of success.

Our Club website has been terminated. It was hosted on Wikifoundry, who has decided to shut down. Our new website will be hosted on WordPress, which is also free. It is up and running, but there is some editing that needs to be done in the Past Season Highlights section. Almost all of what was on our last website is in the new website. You can still see some great horseshoe video's.

If you want to get out of the heat, come pitch with us during the July 4th weekend! We will be hosting 3 tournaments before the WT and 5 tournaments before the State Championships at Stockton. The deadline to sign up for the State Championships is August 5th.

We wish everyone good health & safety for all your Family & Friends.

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

Vallejo

The Vallejo Horseshoe Club wishes all pitchers going to the World Horseshoe Pitching

Championships in Winnemucca, NV good luck and safe travels.

Vallejo Horseshoe Club upcoming tourmanents

Sunday 6/27/21

Saturday 8/21/21 (A makeup turnament for Tri-Valley

Sunday 8/22/21

Please refer to the schedule on the website, www.nchpa.com for more upcoming dates and information. If there are qustion you can call Richard Robbins. Happy ringers, *Dave Lane*

Sonoma County (Santa Rosa)

We were in the same boat with the Half Moon Bay Club in regards to our "free" website. Therefore our club does not have a website yet, but we do have a Facebook page, as does the NCHPA, we encourage all of you to take a look at them sometime.

We have two tournament on July 10 & 11. We'd like to invite all of you up to wine country for the weekend and enjoy two days of pitching at one of the most pristine set of courts in the NCHPA. An added feature will be Jhon & Maddie Barney as they will stop by here on the way to the WT. These two events will give everyone a great opportunity to hone your skills for the WT.

There'll be another event coming up called the Paul Machado Chaos. What will happen at this tournament in something that was tried 40 years ago at some "fun" tournaments. Everyone will begin at the sound of a whistle, everyone will stop at the sound a two short blasts. Regardless of what end you're on as long as the inning is complete (an inning is two shoes by each player). Game two will begin from the South end of the courts at the whistle and once again end on two short blasts. (Hence the name CHAOS). It could be 40 shoes, it could be 22 shoes, you will not get an advance notice. We will play 6, 7, or 8 person round robins, it will depend on who's there, and after all games are played you could conceivably have 212 shoes or as many as

336. This number will depend on the speed of pitch and your opponents speed of pitch. Give it some thought, but I believe it could be entertaining. Feedback is welcome at kcslus@sbcglobal.net
Casey Sluys

Forebay Park

Well we got our stats guy Ted Rytel back this year after Covid. Now our vice president Bill Lee is out because he fell through a roof breaking 4 ribs! Had our weekend tournaments on June 12th and 13th. We had a pretty good showing both days 16 players. On Saturday had 4 groups no handicaps! I ended up in the last group, because my ringer % had dropped all the way down to 17%. Yea used to be 45%. Everybody kept calling me sand bagger! Well it was nice to finally, after all these years, make it into the sand bagger club! Going into the world at 17% woo hoo! So those of you that know me I blew-out my right eye about 7 years ago and it left me seeing double. I had to learn to pitch all over again. But right now I'm pitching 30% and climbing rapidly. I want to thank all of you who came to Forebay last weekend and help set-up and take down. We were real shorthanded again this year but just got 4 new members thanks to an ad in the local gold panner. All for now see you at the world!

Rick Eddy

Stockton

On May 22nd the Stockton Club hosted the Joe and Millie Schultz Tournament. This event which celebrates two of the Stockton Club's founders, was the first tournament held at Louis Park in almost two years! It was a beautiful sunny day, perfect for horseshoe pitching. Esther Williams was at the tournament in support of son Nathan; it was good to have California's first Women's Champion (1964) in attendance, and keeping score! Gail and Casey Sluys made the trip from Santa Rosa. Gail ran the tournament on the laptop while Casey kept score; the Stockton Club appreciates their support, and salutes the long-time tireless contributions these two Norcal Legends have made to horseshoe pitching. We had three groups of 8 pitchers for the day.

Group A was a handicapped affair won by Sonoma's Sue Lichau with a nice 6-1 record. Sue's tournament win was witnessed by her daughter and grandkids which made it a special day. She pitched 50.36% for the event, which included a nice 60% game against Nathan Williams. I hope Sue makes an appearance at Stockton for the State Tournament, she should be a solid contender for the Women's State Title! Ray Looper of Turlock had a nice second-place finish in Group A. Ray finished a half game behind Sue pitching almost 6% over his average. Ray gave Sue her only loss, 60-43, pitching a solid 45%. Ray also threw 50% at Delia Garza. The top men in Northern California were represented by Nathan Williams, Dave Lane, and Ramiro Coronado. Nathan pitched 60% to beat Ramiro, and threw 65% in the final game to win over Dave Lane. Coronado had a nice 62.5% win against Lane. If there was any disappointment on the day, it was a lack of top Men Pitchers in Stockton, which will be the site of this year's California State Championship. Notably, there were no pitchers in the top group by the name of Rick, Bobby, or Marty!

Group B was un handicapped and came down to the last game. Oakdale's Wayne McGhee and Josie Tellers came into the final tilt undefeated. Wayne pitched his high game of the day (32.5 %) to edge Josie 27-20 to give him the Class B Title. Josie had the high average for the group at 30.71%, and had the top game for the group by pitching 37.5 % in her opener against Dee Rice.

Group C was won by Travis Ritter. Travis and Byrum Swinford both finished the day with 6-1 records. Travis won the group on the Ringer % tiebreaker, pitching 16.07% to Byrum's 12.14%. Stockton's David Goldstein, one of our new pitchers, finished third in the group with a 5-2 record. High game for the group was a sizzling 35% by Mona Larian against Stockton newcomer Christina Cordova! A third new Stockton pitcher, Jose Soto finished in 6th place. Since we had several new pitchers, NCHPA President Joe Summers decided not to pitch in the tournament so he could score and mentor the new pitchers. He gave a great explanation of filling out scorecards (who knew instead of writing in the date on the card you could just write "today"), and gave a rousing demonstration on properly turning the clay. The most memorable moments came when he lectured the new recruits on properly calling their scores. One of the new pitchers was heard to say, "I think I

understand the "one ringer each-no score call, but I'm having a little trouble with the "pair, no... what did he say?" call! I kid Joe, but it was great he took the time to teach the newcomers; his enjoyment and love of the game is very obvious, and contagious!

It was great to be back on the courts at Louis Park. We look forward to hosting the State Tournament over Labor Day and hope that all of you are planning to attend!

In closing my article I would like to thank Christina Cordova, new Stockton pitcher, for her efforts in recruiting new members. Christina has been scouring every park in Stockton, and every backyard where the clank of horseshoes can be heard to find new members. Her energy and enthusiasm for growing our sport should be exemplary for all Northern California Horseshoe Pitchers. *George Davis*

As you can see there are some open spaces in this issue. With electronic issues there is no need to limit to 12 pages anymore. If you would like to publicize your club or have an article you'd like the rest of us to read, please submit one. The deadlines for each issue are March 15, June 15, Sept. 15, and Dec. 15.

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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 calk 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 fifty (50) 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 opponents 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.