

Nor-Cal News & Views

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

President

Hello everyone

It has been a challenging year with good results in the end. I'm excited for next year. Our team of officers are united and ready to serve you.

After a long delay Vallejo is ready to host again. The city has completed their remodel. Ben Yost is retiring from running the club. Thank you Ben for your years of service.

Dave Lane has stepped up to replace him. Those are some big shoes to fill and I'm hopeful the transition will be smooth.

The 2017 schedule looks good and I'm excited about the New Year. Let's all sign up early and enjoy pitching together.

It's our year for state, which will be held in Stockton. Let's have a good turnout with record participation with shared work and results. Happy pitching to a united NCHPA!!!!

Joe Summers

Secretary/Treasurer

Well, another year down and the new one ready to go. If you plan to pitch in Arizona over the winter get your dues in to your club so I can get your card out to you ASAP. It would also be great if clubs collect dues early in the year, that way when tournaments start more people will have their 2017 card to show at sign in.

I'm looking forward to 2017 being a great year in N. CA. We have a new statistician/officer Alan Trusty who Wayne George has promised to teach how to do the stats so please, send your stats in right after your tournaments. Also, please keep a copy of your stats for at least 6 months, that way if they don't get posted, or if for some reason, Alan doesn't get them we have records to go back to. If you do your stats by hand, not on HS Master, you will be receiving a form to complete and send in with copies of your stat forms. This will make the statisticians job work much easier and more efficient and will also help us get the information needed for year end awards, including high games.

Remember in 2017 we are the host for the State tournament which will be held in Stockton on Labor Day Weekend. Please consider sponsoring a Trophy for this event. The NCHPA Championships will be held at Vallejo Club. Entry forms for the State and NorCal are included in this issue. We will not have an NCHPA Team tournament in 2017 due to lack of interest, but we are trying something new this year. There will be a Doubles Championship. Shasta Willows will host and run the first doubles Championship tournament so we hope for a have a large turnout for this new experiment. The Shasta Willows Club will be sending out a flyer early in the season. Hope you had a great Christmas and look forward to seeing you on the courts in 2017.

Gail Sluys

1st Vice President

We had quite an interesting year in 2016. There was a lot of distance to cover for each important tournament, the world tournament was in Montgomery, Alabama and the state meet in San Diego and the Northern CA Champs in Santa Rosa.

2017 looks like a good year. The world tournament is in St. George, Utah and state will be in Stockton. Both are close enough for

everyone. I believe that Northern California should have a good representation at these tournaments. "Most everyone I talked to, told me they're going to Utah." Now's the time to

do your planning, we have a couple of months with no tournaments. (See 2017 WT form in this issue.)

Make a new year resolution and practice. Mine is to stay at 40 feet and keep my average in the middle 30%. What will yours be?

And lastly: check your club supplies, make sure you have plenty of score sheets and RR cards on hand. Let me know what you need.

Looking forward to meeting everybody in the new year.

John Barney



NCHPA CHAMPIONSHIPS ENTRY FORM

October 7th and 8th

(One or Two Days of Pitching depending on number of Entries)



HOST CLUB – Vallejo Horseshoe Cub

PRE-REGISTER - \$ PRIZE MONEY & PLAQUES

ENTRY DEADLINE POSTMARKED September 23, 2017

Participants must have pitched in (3) NCHPA sanctioned tournaments before September 23, 2017. **New members** who joined after August 1, 2017 and **Junior/ Cadet** Entrants need a minimum of one (1) NCHPA sanctioned tournament before September 23, 2017.

TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEE \$20.00 FOR ADULTS NO CHARGE FOR JUNIORS OR CADETS

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 _____

NCHPA CARD # _____ Birth Date: _____

Phone # _____

Please circle the Group you are entering.

OPEN MEN OPEN WOMEN ELDERS MEN JUNIOR GIRL/BOY
CADET 12 & UNDER (20 ft.) SR.MEN SR.WOMEN

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

ENTRY FEE \$20.00 \$

4th Vice President

Our annual meeting was held al-fresco in Pleasanton at the Alameda Fairgrounds/Tri-Valley horseshoe courts. It was an interesting experience since it was a beautiful day and being outside for our meeting should have been awesome and would have been if it weren't for the LOUD car show going on at the same time. It was unfortunate because it resulted in some confusing and difficult-to-hear conversations, however we managed to have our meeting and it was great to see so many delegates attending. Next year we will be inside a building, it won't be as much fun or as exciting but we will be able to hear and hopefully, conduct a quieter meeting. As this year draws to an end and we look forward to 2017, my hope is that we have learned from our actions and reactions in 2016 and will be able to continue offering our best efforts for pitching and companionship and furthering the sport we all love so much. May God bless you and keep you all safe, prosperous and healthy. **Lorena Tournour**

I have been to a lot of places, but I've never been in Cahoots. Apparently you can't go alone. You have to be in Cahoots with someone. I've also never been in Cognito, either. I hear no one recognizes you there. I have, however, been in Sane. They don't have an airport; you have to be driven there. I have made several trips, thanks to my friends and family. I've also been in Carcerated, but was able to get out unscathed. I would like to go to Conclusions, but you have to jump and I'm not much on physical activity.



Have you thought about a memorial brick for the members of your clubs that have passed on? They are available and may be purchased here. <http://www.nhpf.info/pdf/bricksnew.pdf> On this page also is a view of the brick plaza at your Hall of Fame in Wentzville, Missouri. Here is a sample picture of a large and small brick.



These bricks can be inscribed with anything as long as you can read it in church. There are innumerable options and a fine

way to memorialize a fellow horseshoe pitcher, buddy, friend, father, mother, relative, even a pet. If you have any question please call Casey at 707-477-8893

Tuolumne

The Tuolumne Horseshoe Club would like to say a Happy and Cheerful Christmas and a Happy New Year to each and everyone in the NCHPA and to all the horseshoe clubs.

2016 was a very successful year for our club and we are happy that we are still going for another year. The new officers for 2017 are president, Tom Newell and contact Barbra Persson, 1st VP, Junior Ensminger, treasurer Jo Ellen Lagg and Secretary Sara Hayes/ Barbra Persson. We had a meeting which had small attendance, and these offices were voted in. Congratulations to all the new officers in 2017. The club will hold only three (3) tournaments this coming year. In 2018 we hope to add a few more events, come on up it's a nice quiet place to enjoy some good friends and pitch a few shoes. We appreciate all those that attended our tournament in 2016 and hope that this year you bring a carload of people with you. Please stay healthy throughout 2017 and we wish you the best of holidays. Personally I'd like to wish Harlen Rippetoe a hearty congratulations for being inducted into the Hall of Fame. **Barbra Persson.**

Ukiah

Hello again from Ukiah. Our Northern California weather is nice and wet and getting colder each day – good for our planet but not for throwing. We traveled to Tri-Valley for the fun "Turkey and Platter", followed by the Partners tournaments and in the middle our Annual Meeting. It was a fun and interesting weekend and from the looks of the smiles, it was enjoyed by all. I baked the game hens that Gil "won" at the Turkey shoot and they went down a lot easier than the last place he pitched to earn them!! We missed the Half Moon Bay tournaments in December because of family commitments but our hearts were there and we hope they went well, maybe next year?

Our members are starting to send in their annual fees for 2017 and we are all looking forward to the holidays and then, hopefully some early spring or late winter pitching. Let's all try to procure shirts with names, clubs and "California" clearly labeled on them, it looks so nice and as I said in the last letter, it makes it so much easier for the scorekeepers. Our first tournaments are in April as usual so check the schedule and make plans to drive into our lovely little town. We now have two new fast food restaurants in town - an In N Out burger place as well as a Chipotle Grill. Our motels are the same but some of them are renovating and improving and there is always the hook-ups at the fairgrounds for RVs or you are welcome to pitch a tent at the courts for \$20 per night. You could also consider staying at one of the Lake County casinos or one of the motels on the shores of Clearlake. Many of our members live in Lake County and it is a beautiful place and only about 30 minutes from the Ukiah courts.

We all send our best wishes for your prosperity, good health and a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Lorena Tournour

2017 California State Championships

Sponsor: Northern California Horseshoe Pitchers Association (NCHPA)

Host Club: Stockton Horseshoe Club 2-4 September 2017

Louis Park 3121 Monte Diablo Ave

NHPA #: _____ Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ ZIP: _____

Birth Date: _____ E-Mail: _____

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

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 Cadets 12 & under (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, 2-4 September 2017)

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 2017** (Late entries require an additional **\$10** entry fee and will be used on a standby basis only.)

Make checks payable to: **NCHPA**

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

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

Northern California Horseshoe Pitchers Association

2017 Schedule

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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 12	Daylight Saving Time Begins		
July 17–30, 2017	World Horseshoe Pitching Championships	St. George, Utah	
Sept. 2-4	California State Championships	Stockton, CA	\$40 entry fee
Oct 7-8	NCHPA Championships	Vallejo, CA	\$20 entry fee
Sept. 14	NCHPA Doubles Championships	Willows, CA	\$40 per team entry fee
Nov. 5	Daylight Saving Time Ends		
Nov. 11	Annual Meeting & Awards Lunch Meeting: 9 am to 12:30 pm Lunch/Awards: 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm	Florin Rebekah Lodge, 8360 Florin Road, Sacramento	Lunch cost TBA

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 & Doubles 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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January

1) Sat. 21 Tulare Club Membership Sign-ups, *Tulare*

February

2) Sat. 4 Hoss Moreno, *Tulare*

3) Sat. 11 Gino Rinaldi, *San Francisco*

4) Sun. 19 Jeff Merrill, (2,16,21) *Exeter*

March

5) Sat. 4 Wayne & Vicki George, *Tulare*

6) Sun. 5 Richard Stacey, *Tulare*

7) Sat. 11 Bill Faler, *Tri-Valley*

8) Sun.12 Fred & Marge Wood, *Tri-Valley*

9) Sat. 18 Vallejo, *Vallejo*

10) Sat. 25 Tony Marino, *Stockton*

11) Sat. 25 Edwina Leonardo/Loretta Grisaffi, *Shasta/Willows*

12) Sun. 26 Shasta Willows Memorial & Robert Gillette Jr & Sr, (2,4) *Shasta/Willows*

April

13) Sat. 1 Wayne & Vicki George, *Tri-Valley*

14) Sun. 2 Donald & Laurence Henry, (15,16) *Exeter*

15) Sun. 2 Tim & Sue Saunders, *Tri-Valley*

16) Sat. 8 Donovan Automotive (12) *Madera*

17) Sat. 8 Javier Espinola & Alva Ramirez, (20) *Seaside*

18) Sat. 8 TCHC Annual Memorial, (3,16,20) *Tuolumne*

19) Sat. 8 Rice Family, *Turlock*

20) Sat. 15 Gillespie Ag Service, *Tulare*

21) Sat. 15 Vern Gosney Memorial, *Vallejo*

22) Sat. 22 Memorial Tournament, (20) *San Jose*

23) Sat. 22 Stockton Parks & Recreation, *Stockton*

24) Sat. 22 Taylor & Perez, *Ukiah*

25) Sun. 23 Leon Moore, (20) *San Jose*

26) Sun. 23 Garza, Hernandez, DeLeon, *Stockton*

27) Sun. 23 Davis & Defino, *Ukiah*

28) Fri. 28 PRO T's (11,12,18) *Madera*

29) Sat. 29 Elaine Butcher & Linda Hoelscher, (2,4) *Shasta/Willows*

30) Sat. 29 George Greeott Memorial, *Sonoma County*

31) Sat. 30 David Hoelscher & Rob Romans, *Shasta/Willows*

May

32) Thur. 4 Pat McGowan, (10) *Half Moon Bay*

33) Sat. 6 Jamieson-Brown, *Tri-Valley*

34) Sat. 6 Tuolumne Park Rec Dist 26 Yrs,(3,16,20) *Tuolumne*

35) Sun. 7 Kooy-Cowles, *Tri-Valley*

36) Sat. 13 Hoss Moreno (16,21), *Exeter*

37) Sat. 13 John Sylvester, *Feather River*

38) Sat. 13 Chet Carter Memorial, *Half Moon Bay*

39) Sat. 13 Ken Weir, *Turlock*

40) Sun.14 Lee Oliver, *Feather River*

41) Sun. 14 Vallejo, *Vallejo*

42) Tue.16 Alex & Richard Voskes AM, (9) *Half Moon Bay*

43) Tue.16 Jim Sample PM (10), *Half Moon Bay*

44) Sat. 20 Jay Smith Memorial, *Sacramento*

45) Sat. 20 Russell Zelman (20), *San Jose*

46) Sat. 20 GrowView Enterprise, *Tulare*

47) Sat. 20 Facey & Burns, Jr., *Ukiah*

48) Sun. 21 Bill Virgen Memorial, *Sacramento*

49) Sun. 21 Edward Moore, (20) *San Jose*

50) Sun. 21 Hayes & Ricks, *Ukiah*

51) Sat. 27 Joe & Millie Schultz, *Stockton*

52) Sun. 28 Fay Dumont Scorekeeper Appreciation, *Stockton*

June

53) Thu. 1 Charlie Hall, (10) *Half Moon Bay*

54) Sat. 3 Bill Harris Memorial, *Forebay Park*

55) Sat. 3 Alan Trusty *Turlock*

56) Sat. 3 Brotherton, Trusty & Tournour, *Ukiah*

57) Sun. 4 Bill Harris Memorial, *Forebay Park*

58) Sun. 4 Johns & Belvail, *Ukiah*

59) Sat. 10 Diego Vargas, (2,16,21) *Exeter*

60) Sat. 10 Indian Valley Memorial, (12) *Indian Valley*

61) Sat. 10 16th Annual Black Oak Casino Resort,(1,7,8,16,17,20) *Tuolumne*

62) Sat. 10 Ben Yost, *Vallejo*

63) Sun. 11 Richard McCutcheon & Joe White Memorial (12) *Indian Valley*

64) Sun. 11 Rob Chandler Teachers, *Sonoma County*

June

- 65) Sat. 11 16th Annual Black Oak Casino Resort, (1,7,8,16,17,20) *Tuolumne*
66) Tue. 13 Sam Caputo AM, (9) *Half Moon Bay*
67) Tue. 13 Koistinen & Pacheco PM, (10) *Half Moon Bay*
68) Sat. 17 Lois Edwards, *Feather River*
69) Sat. 17 Matt Smith & Brenda Keeling, *Sacramento*
70) Sat. 17 Gary Nakamoto, (20) *San Jose*
71) Sun. 18 Audrey Winters, *Feather River*
72) Sun. 18 George Mertz, *Sacramento*
73) Sun. 18 Tom & Mike Nakamoto, (20) *San Jose*
74) Sat. 24 Fortuna 1, *Fortuna*
75) Sat. 24 Gold Country, *Gold Country*
76) Sat. 24 Peter Zepponi, *San Francisco*
77) Sun. 25 Fortuna 2, *Fortuna*
78) Sun. 25 Gold Country, *Gold Country*
79) Sun. 25 Paul Machado Hawaiian, *Sonoma County*

July

- 80) Sat. 1 Bill Terry, *Half Moon Bay*
81) Sun. 2 Foa & Keith Remillong, *Half Moon Bay*
82) Sat. 8 Paddocks, *Fortuna*
83) Sat. 8 Ken & Sally Woolery, *Sonoma County*
84) Sat. 8 Andrew Ryan, *Turlock*
85) Sun. 9 Webb, *Fortuna*
86) Sun. 9 McGrath Family, *Vallejo*
87) Sat. 15 Goldiggers 1, (12) *Indian Valley*
88) Sun. 16 Goldiggers 2, (12) *Indian Valley*
July 17-July 30 World Tournament, St. George, UTAH

August

- Tues. 1 Sign up Deadline for State Championships**
89) Sat. 5 Garrett Oliver, *Feather River*
90) Sat. 5 Huffman-Morgan, *Tri-Valley*
91) Sun. 6 Feather River Memorial, *Feather River*
92) Sun. 6 Buna-Carvallyo's, *Tri-Valley*
93) Sat. 12 Forebay Park, *Forebay Park*
94) Sat. 12-13 Fortuna Money Tournament, (1,2,5,8,9,16,17) *Fortuna*
95) Sat. 12 Joe Sciarra, *Half Moon Bay*
96) Sat. 12 Jones Family, *Turlock*
97) Sun. 13 Glen O'Brien Walking Doubles, (13) *Half Moon Bay*
98) Sat. 19 Scorekeepers Special \$1.00, *Sonoma County*
99) Sat. 19 State Warm-up, *Stockton*
00) Sun. 20 Joe Summers & Dave Lane Special, *Vallejo*
01) Fri. 25 Quality Painting, (11,12,18) *Madera*
02) Sat. 26 NHPF, (16,19) *Exeter*
03) Sat. 26 Gold Country, *Gold Country*
04) Sun. 27 Gold Country, *Gold Country*

September

- 105) **Sat.-Mon. 2-4 NCHPA State Championships, Stockton**
106) Sat. 9 Rowley & Shaw, *Fortuna*
107) Sat. 9 John Carver, NHPF Benefit, (19) *Half Moon Bay*
108) Sat. 9 Vince Eisma & Carlos Baltazar, *Turlock*
109) Sun. 10 Sjoquest & Gower, *Fortuna*
Thu. 14 Deadline to Submit Nominations for Hall of Fame and Scorekeeper of the Year
Thu. 14 Sign up Deadline for NCHPA Doubles Tournament
110) Sat. 16 Rick & Mona Della Santina, *Tri-Valley*
111) Sun. 17 Major-Kane, *Tri-Valley*
112) **Sat. 23-24 NCHPA Doubles Tournament, Shasta Willows**
Sun. 24 Sign up deadline for NCHPA Championships
113) Sat. 30 Marvin Sanders, (16,21) *Exeter*
114) Sat. 30 Marisela Mauricio, (20) *San Jose*

October

- 115) Sun. 1 Mike Anderson, (20) *San Jose*
116) **Sat.-Sun. 7-8 NCHPA Championships, Vallejo**
117) Sat. 14 Golden Gate Classic, *San Francisco*
118) Sun. 15 Mystery Money Open, *Sonoma County*
119) Sun. 15 Jeff Vieira, *Stockton*
120) Sat. 21 Donovan Automotive, (12) *Madera*
121) Sat. 21 Cesar Espinola & Brian Allen, (20) *Seaside*
122) Sat. 28 Bernard-Hughes, *Tri-Valley*
123) Sun. 29 Robbins-Summers, *Tri-Valley*

November

- 124) Sat. 4 Turkey Shoot, *Tulare*
Sat. 11 Annual Meeting (9am-12:30 pm) & Awards Lunch (1:00-2:30 pm), Sacramento
125) Sat. 18 PRO T's, (12) *Madera*
126) Sat. 18 Turkey Shoot, *Tri-Valley*
127) Sun. 19 P4F Partners for Fun, *Tri-Valley*

December

- 128) Sat. 2 Terry Farrell, *Half Moon Bay*
129) Sun. 3, Rick Della Santina Walking Doubles, (13) *Half Moon Bay*

Miscellaneous:

REMINDER: For each tournament, keep scoresheets and copies of stats that were sent in to the Statistician for at least one year. This will help if any data needs to be researched or verified for accuracy and it is a safety net in case email or mail is lost in transport.

NEW TIME: The NCHPA Annual Meeting will be from 9am to 12:30pm on Saturday, November 11, 2017. The awards luncheon will begin at 1pm and both will be held at Florin Rebekah Lodge, 8360 Florin Road, Sacramento, CA

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Club Locations & # of Courts

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5th Vice President/Stockton

The Stockton Horseshoe Club held our final event of the year on October 22, the Jeff Vieira Tournament. Jeff, one of the club's most valuable and reliable members, was honored for his work in preparing the courts and clay, and for transporting and setting up tournament equipment.

The October day was perfect, and so was the Tournament Winner Ken Weir, going 6-0 to win the A Group. The fall air was filled with calls of "Four, I want some more!" and "Motel 6, we'll leave the light on for you!" as the Turlock tosser posted a nifty 42.08 ringer percentage. K-Dub was pounding his pickup stick on the fence as he put up a beautiful 50% in his final game, and I haven't seen so much fist pumping since Tiger Woods won the US Open, and that's been a long time ago! Hank Langley was second, and Gavin Begaye a new pitcher from Madera took third. The B Group was won by Richard "Rotator Cuff" Robbins who also had a 6-0 record. Richard was pitching with a sore shoulder that would have kept a lesser man in a scorekeeper's chair. Throwing light shoes to keep the pain to a tolerable level, Richard threw almost 5 points over his average, including a group high game of 32.5%. New pitcher Jeffery Chepo made the trip up from Madera for the tournament, and of course, the tournament's cutest couple was Janice and Mark from Tri-Valley!

At the Year-End Meeting at Tri-Valley Stockton's own Fay Dumont won the Scorekeeper of the Year Award. Fay's winning of the award was well deserved and long overdue. Jeff Vieira won the NCHPA Top Dog Award for the second year in a row, and I was elected to serve the NCHPA as 5th VP. The Stockton club would like to congratulate Harlen Rippetoe on his election to the NCHPA Hall of Fame. What a great job Harlen has done with the Madera club, and what service he has given to Norcal Horseshoes! A congratulation also to Sharon Rippetoe whose support of and patience with Harlen cannot be underestimated!!

The Stockton Club was saddened by the passing of Larry Figueria. Larry and his wife Mary were involved with the Stockton Club a few years ago. Mary served as club Secretary/ Treasurer, taking over for Millie Schultz (now that was a tough act to follow). Mary and Larry moved to Oregon where Larry died recently of congestive heart failure and other complications. He was 94 years old, and he was a real good guy. He was buried at Eagle Point National Cemetery in Oregon. Mary is still active in Horseshoes in Oregon pitching in 5 tournaments this last year, and carrying a 20% average. I'm sure that Mary would appreciate a card from her NCHPA friends. Her address is Mary Figueira, PO Box 913, Shady Cove, Oregon, 97539.

I hope you all have a great Christmas, and a great off season! I can hardly wait for the 2017 pitching season to start. See you all on the Courts in the New Year.

George Davis

Half Moon Bay

As I reflect back, this has been an interesting season. The year started sadly as we lost a good friend and member, Jeffrey Erickson on 1-3-2016. We started our season with Half Moon Bay Mayor Rick Kowalczyk throwing out the first shoes of our first tournament. Our Club Tournament was won by 89 year young Sam Caputo a former Half Moon Bay Teacher. Sam beat a former student Pat McGowan in a play-off game 32 to 13 to be the club champ. In July, we got a visit from a brown headed cow bird. She stayed at our feet, while we pitched for both of our weekend tournaments. We named the bird Hop-Along Outlaw. Alex Voskes surprised us with an abstract metal sculpture of Bill Terry. The sculpture has been named Iron Man. A second surprise came when Alex & Richard Voskes, Matt DeChane & Pat McGowan cemented the pitching platforms on courts 7 & 8. In September we received a Grant from the NHPF to help improve our courts. We hope to get started soon, weather permitting.

On the road, at the Tri-Valley Turkey Shoot, which had 32 players, HMB swept the tournament with Dale Koistinen 1st, John Carver 2nd, Richard "Pops" Voskes 3rd & Jim Sample winning the 50-50 drawing.

We held 14 tournaments with 221 players competing. Foa Remillong had the high game for the HMB season pitching 76.67%. Thanks for all of you who came to our tournaments. Our goal has always been to make Horseshoes fun for the players and our guest.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the Half Moon Bay Horseshoe Club. Rick Della Santina

You want horseshoes? Talk to Rick Della Santina. (650) 438-8691 He can get any horseshoe related equipment for you. New shoes, bags, pick-up sticks, towels. Be ready for the World Tournament with your new equipment.

Sonoma County

Be sure to check the schedule closely for the always fun mystery money tournament at our. Mark your calendars early, it's on October 15th.

We have one called the Hawaiian where everyone needs to wear an Hawaiian shirt. If it has your name on it good, if not that will be okay. One called Teachers where Travis's History teacher, Rob Chandler (now a pitching member) will bring 5-6 teachers from high school to pitch.

Even though our facility is one of the best in the NCHPA we will not be hosting the Nor-Cal again. We are simply not centrally located. Our club will be available to the NCHPA in the event of an emergency situation. Pit Master Reed is laid up for a while we hope he recovers soon. **Casey Sluys**

ENTRY FORM (READ CAREFULLY)**National Horseshoe Pitchers Association**

July 17th - July 29th St. George, Utah

2017 World Horseshoe Pitching Championships

Name: (Please Print)		_____	_____	2017 NHPA Card # (or Canadian #)	_____
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<u>Check One</u>		<u>I will print my schedule.</u>		<u>Mail my schedule to me.</u> (One per household please.)	
Circle the Division you are entering: - You can enter only one division (See notes near bottom of page)					
OPEN MEN 40ft	SENIOR MEN 40ft (see note #2)	OPEN WOMEN 30ft	SENIOR WOMEN 30ft (see note #2)	ELDER MEN / ME 30ft (see note #1)	JR.BOY JR.GIRL 30ft (see note #3)
					CADET 20ft

All applicable information above is required.

Form will be returned if not signed below or is incomplete.

Entry Deadline May 15th, 2017No refunds will be made after May 21st, 2017

Note: A processing fee of \$15.00 will apply to all refunds.

PARTICIPANTS LIABILITY RELEASE: In consideration of participating in such activity, I hereby waive, release and forever discharge the National 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 World Horseshoe Pitching Tournament. In addition it is understood that the NHPA has sole rights to any and all pictures and/or articles for publication.

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MAIL THE TOP PORTION OF THIS FORM along with REGISTRATION FEES (PAYABLE TO NHPA)

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All Entries must be on this signed form and mailed with a postmark no later than **May 15, 2017**. Entries received with a postmark after May 15th shall be put on a waiting list and entered into the tournament only as space is available. All adults must have pitched in a minimum of four (4) US/Canadian sanctioned events in the twelve (12) months prior to May 15, 2017, in the same division you are entering. Only one (1) event is required for Juniors. Exceptions for US Armed Forces members and family and foreign competitors (other than Canadians) are outlined in Rule 11, Sec D.1 of the RGS Book. Contact NHPA for more information regarding qualifying exceptions. All averages used will be the average on record in NATSTATS / CANSTATS as of May 15th, 2017.

Anyone qualifying under an exception must have those scores recorded by the same date. All NHPA and any special tournament rules apply. NHPA and CANADIAN entrants must show their 2017 membership card when checking in. You may enter at anytime prior to May 15th. Please see note regarding refunds.

READ CAREFULLY: Any adult male pitching from the full distance platform may enter the **OPEN MEN'S DIVISION** regardless of age, just as any adult female may enter the **OPEN WOMEN'S DIVISION**. To enter the **SENIOR DIVISION**, you must be 60 years of age or older before the end of 2017. Any man that turns 70 years of age in 2017, is older than 70, or has an approved medical exemption may enter the **ELDER MEN'S DIVISION**. Entrants in the **JUNIOR BOY and JUNIOR GIRL DIVISION** must be 18 years old or less for the entire 2017 calendar year. **JUNIOR CADET DIVISION** entrants must be 12 years old or younger for the entire 2017 calendar year.

Note # 1. 30ft Men with Medical Exemptions must include a copy of their NHPA Charter Acceptance letter or a copy of their NHPA card showing the ME box checked to verify your eligibility to participate in this division.

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

Note # 3 Junior and Cadet divisions will be mixed for preliminary play.

The pitching schedule will be finalized by **May 31st** and published on the NHPA website. If you indicated above to receive the schedule by mail, it will be mailed to the address you have listed above during the first week in June.

Please note: The NHPA reserves the right to disallow your participation for any of the following reasons; any errors on this form, if your records don't appear in NatStats or CanStats, any false or misleading information on this form, if the NHPA cannot verify through its established procedure the validity of any Medical Exemption, or for any other reason by majority vote of the NHPA Council. The NHPA also reserves the right to add qualified entrants and to make class participant changes after the deadline.

Thank You

I want to express my sincere appreciation to the Hall of Fame Committee for inducting me into the Nor Cal Hall Of Fame. The National Horseshoe Pitchers Association (NHPA) has given me such pleasure to work with, pitch with and enjoy the company of some of the finest people I have ever met. I want to thank all of the members of Nor Cal for the support, you have given me over the past twenty eight years.

I will always appreciate your friendship.

A special thank you, to my wife Sharon who has put up with my horseshoe pitching over the years and my friend, Gilbert (Gilly) Gallegos, who nominated me for such an honor.

I will place my plaque on the wall with special pride and appreciation for the Hall Of Fame honor you have bestowed on me. Thank all of you, **Harlen A. Rippetoe** Madera, Big Valley Horseshoe Club

Madera

The Madera, Big Valley Horseshoe Club has completed the 2016 season. Early in the year we had a couple of Tournament cancellations due to rain but was able to make them up later in the season... The club has experimented with a couple of Friday night tournaments, and they were successful. We have scheduled additional Friday night tournaments for the 2017 season.

The Madera courts, are so hot during the summer, night tournaments may be our future. The Big Valley Horseshoe league has completed our 16 year season. Over one hundred fifteen, pitchers participate in league play every Wednesday night. The horseshoe club is recruiting new members to Nor Cal every year from the horseshoe league.

Congratulations, to our Club and League founder, Harlen A. Rippetoe for his induction into the Nor Cal Hall of Fame. We are very proud of his accomplishments over the years.

We will be looking forward to a good 2017 season and invite all of Nor Cal members to come pitch with us in Madera. Merry Christmas, and a happy New year **Gilbert (Gilly) Gallegos**

Sacramento

Hello everyone, first, I would like to congratulate mike hammer this year winning the state championship class B group in San Diego labor day weekend. He won in a playoff game. I think he is ready for the class A group in my opinion! Next year the Sacramento club has two tournaments in the month of may and two tournaments in June. We would like to welcome all who can attend to our 8 beautiful clay courts that also have full walkways. During and after our tournaments, lunch will be provided by Mike hammers wife Nancy .she will most likely have pizza or hot dogs from Costco and chips with a beverage for \$5. Please call mike hammer on the schedule contact list for details on which day either Saturday or Sunday we will be serving lunch. Hope to see a great turnout. See you on the courts, **Rick Bermingham**

Vallejo

The Vallejo Horseshoe Club wishes all N C H P A Clubs & all there members a Very Merry Christmas and a Ringer of a New Year . We at the Vallejo club are very excited for this coming 2017 season with our very own Mr. Joe Summers as President of N C H P A leading the way and with all the other officers to help our organization be the best it can be . WE THANK YOU . We will be holding 6 tournaments + the N C H P A Championships in 2017. Hope to see lots of pitchers Happy Holidays. **Dave Lane** The Vallejo Horseshoe Club

San Jose

Happy Happy New Year from San Jose!

The first Friday in December San Jose Horseshoe Club had our businessmeeting/Christmas party hosted by Nancy Cloutier and Larry Ryan. The club would like to thank Nancy and Larry for the warm and friendly atmosphere that they provide each year for our meeting/party. The evening started off with a great pot luck dinner followed by the business meeting. As part of the business meeting the election of 2017 officers was held with the following results:

Mike Anderson - President; Brian Zelmar - 1st Vice President; Marisela Mauricio - 2nd Vice President

Larry Ryan - 3rd Vice President; Nancy Cloutier - Secretary-Treasurer; Russell Zelmar - Groundsman and club contact at 408-499-0565; Leon Moore - Statistician

After the business meeting lots of loud and boisterous fun was had with a White Elephant/Yankee Swap gift exchange. It was great fun and everyone came away witha "wonderful" gift. To top it all off Mara Murphy from Scotts Valley (who had joined us for the evening just to get a feel for the club) enjoyed the group so much that she joined the club at the end of the evening! We look forward to seeing you at the courts in 2017. **Mike Anderson**

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