

Nor-Cal News & Views

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President

As your newly elected NCHPA president I would like to wish all of you a Happy New Year. I sincerely appreciate the support and confidence that you have in me, and I will do my best to serve you in the next two years.

I would like to thank the outgoing officers for their service to Nor-Cal. My personal thanks to President Kimmy Stockli, who has served our organization for the past six years. Hopefully we can continue to utilize her expertise.

During the next year we will be the sponsor for the California, Nor-Cal, and Team Championship tournaments. Hopefully we will be able to continue to utilize the Yolo courts. We will be working with the Yolo Club to secure a lease (if possible). I know that the courts are vital to our organization and if we lose them then we must have plan in place for future Nor-Cal Tournaments.

I am pleased to have a hard working group of people who will serve as my Executive Council. Of particular note is John (Jhon) Barney (Gold Country) and Lee Roy Lassiter (Shasta/Willows) who have agreed to fill the one year vice-President vacancies. My sincere appreciation to all the Executive Council. I believe we have an excellent organization and with the help of all of you we can make it better.

During the next year it is my intent to meet as many of you as possible. I know that you have ideas to improve the operation of Nor-Cal. I want to hear from you. All that I ask is, if you see a problem that needs correction or action, let us know, but also give us a possible solution. I will ask all of the Nor-Cal officers to make themselves available and assist me in providing better communications to you.

The disbanding of local clubs and the decrease in membership is of major concern to me. Gas prices, bad economy, and high cost of travel has an affect on our membership. I will be exploring your recommendations to stop the bleeding in those areas.

I will also look into score keeper up grades. There has got to be a way we can train and retain folks willing to keep our score and properly reward them for doing so.

As an old horseshoe pitcher from Missouri once said the shoe stops here. If it's broke we will try to fix it, but I will need all your help as we go along. **Harlen A. Rippetoe**

Secretary/Treasurer

The Northern CA Club Team Championships has been moved to Memorial Day Weekend. The dates of the

tournament are May 28th and 29th and the location is the Tri-Valley Club in Pleasanton. The cutoff date for entries is set as May 23rd but it is possible we may extend that at the time to allow last minute entries. See the flyer in this newsletter for the full details.

The 2011 State entry form is included in this issue of News and Views. We always have to have the information to SCHPA in January so I believe you should have it at the same time. The entries will be sent to me, please see the enclosed flyer.

At the Annual Meeting it was decided to purchase a brick at the NHPA Hall of Fame located in Wentzville, Missouri. I spoke with Shirley and we agreed on the following to be inscribed on the brick.

Glenn Jamieson, Natstats Guy, An NCHPA Treasure We Miss You

The State By-Laws and Playing Rules had a change proposal, which we discussed at the NCHPA Annual Meeting. It was decided by the delegates that I would write up the final version to have SCHPA present at their meeting. This is how the final version was presented and passed by SCHPA.

Rules #10 and #11 as written originally failed as presented.

Rule #11 (Change to read)

In all Adult Championship Divisions the games shall be 40 points. The Cadet Championship Division will play games of 30 points not to exceed 40/50 shoes, depending on skill level of the group, to be determined by the tournament committee.

The Junior Championship Divisions shall be 40-point games except when the tournament committee determines the groups(s) entrants skill levels warrant games to have 40 point or 50 shoe maximum games (whichever comes first).

This change will now be made to the State By-Laws and Playing Rules, effective January 1, 2011.

ARTICLE VIII Special Tournaments SECTION 1. NorCal Championships will now read: Entry in said tournament is restricted solely to NHPA/NCHPA current members who have pitched in a minimum of **three (3)** NCHPA sanctioned tournaments. (**Jr. and Cadet** entrants need a minimum of **one (1)** NCHPA sanctioned tournament) prior to the eligibility closing date set by the E.C. New NCHPA pitchers joining after August 1st need **only one (1)** sanctioned tournament

Standing Rules #17 of the By-Laws has been added and will now read: Any sanctioned tournament that is not open to all Northern California pitchers shall **not** be allowed to count towards "**The Northern California awards.**"

We look forward to the beginning of the 2011 season. Hope you all had a wonderful Holiday. **Gail Sluys**

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on your way to the World
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botherin' ya none.

All of life's problems can be solved with two things—
duct tape and WD-40. If it moves and it shouldn't,
you need duct tape. And if it doesn't move and it
should, you need WD-40.

2nd Vice President

Hi all, first I want to say congratulations to Cathy Kauffman being elected 5th Vice President at the Annual Meeting in November. I think she will be a great asset to our northern officers. I hope we all get along and work well together in the future. She writes well and has some good ideas for our upcoming pitching year. Also, I hope we get a great turnout at the 2011 Team Tournament as it will be held in Tri-Valley in the month of May and is on Memorial weekend. Congrats to Kimmy Stockli winning another state title beating Lisa Atwell at Bakersfield at the State tournament!!!! Lisa is a solid 60% pitcher with a double flip and has a lot of potential of beating Kimmy Stockli, Linda Hoelscher, and Elaine Butcher. It will be fun to watch them battle. I also wish, whoever is going to the World Tournament, good luck in Monroe, Louisiana. Let's all have a great season this year and good luck to everyone. It is early but if you have someone in mind for the 2011 NCHPA hall of fame, the deadline is August 1st.

Rick Bermingham 2nd VP, Hall of Fame Chairman

4th Vice President

Life isn't about how you survived the storm... it's about how you danced in the rain! I would like to thank all of the past and present officers, volunteers, parents, and spouses that helped and or supported the sport of Horseshoe Pitching for the year 2010. I am hoping to see even more Jr's for the year 2011, but we need everyone's help and support to make it happen. I believe we need more Jr' in our sport because they are the next generation. Some will stay, some will go away and some will come back. All I ask is to at least take the time to introduce the sport to them. By going to some horseshoe activities outside NHPA (such as fundraiser's) I have been able to talk about NHPA (which most don't know it even exists) which leads to signing up some new Jr. and adult NHPA members. The more Jrs you see on the courts, the easier it is for another Jr. to want to pitch with them. There will be a Jr. Fundraiser (dbls, limited to 1st 20 paid teams) March 26, 2011 (cheaper entry fee this year) and an all Jr. tourney in April at the Tulare Horseshoe Club, making it a total of 16 Tulare tourney's for the year 2011.

After talking with Dick Hansen (NHPA Secretary/Treasurer), I have found out that NHPA are going to discuss if Jrs NHPA pitchers might be able to start receiving prize money (if they choose to pay the entry fee money required by that tournament and if approved by NHPA) at the Jan. 2011 NHPA meeting.
Robert Cocagne

5th Vice President (incoming)

Hello, I'm Cathy Kauffman and was recently elected to the 5th Vice President position. Thank you to the delegates for the vote of confidence electing me to the Executive Committee. I'll do my best to continue the good work of my predecessor, Rich Robbins, a tough act to follow. I'm looking forward to serving on the committee under Harlan Rippetoe's leadership and working with other committee members (*Rick Bermingham, Robert Cocagne, and Gail Sluys*) on behalf of the membership.

I enjoy pitching horseshoes and much of the pleasure is because of the wonderful people that comprise our NCHPA membership. I am from the Sacramento Club and also joined

as an associate member of the Half Moon Bay Club; please know that I will do my best to represent all of the NCHPA. Please feel free to contact me with your updates or suggestions and I will be reaching out to you as well.

The NCHPA has amazing pitchers with so many skill levels, but our real strength is in the quality of our membership. While there will be much work to be accomplished including hosting the State Championships, I know that your Executive Committee is honored to work on your behalf and are ready to hit the ground running. Have a wonderful and happy 2011.
Cathy Kauffman

5th Vice President (outgoing)

Hi everyone, our 2010 season is over and 2011 is ready for change. For the last quarter of the year, in October, Jim Hooks had surgery, Janet Parker fell, Walt Butcher was in the hospital, one of Joe Stone's relatives passed and so did Buddy Huffman's brother. Charlie Masson had an appendix removed. In December, we got word that Fred "the Flash" Lavett is in a care home in Monterey. Our condolences and well wishes go out to all.

I want to thank all the members for letting me serve a term as 5th VP. I'm sorry but I am not running again for personal reasons and traveling in the future. A big thank you to all the officers I got to work with. Good luck to the newly elected and incoming officers. I'm only a phone call or email away if needed by anyone.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS to everyone and have a great 2011! See you around somewhere! **Richard Robbins**

STATISTICAN'S REPORT

The following information covers all of the tournaments held in the NCHPA in the year 2010 from our first tournament at Tulare on February 28th to our last tournament at Half Moon Bay on December 5th. This information will not be the same as the information that was used to determine the winners of the annual awards at the NorCAL Tournament. These results are strictly for the year of 2010.

One new member joined and pitched in his first tournament at the last weekend of tournaments at Half Moon Bay. This brought our total number of members to 454 an improvement of 14 members over last year. Of the total 454 members, 357 or 78.63% pitched in at least one tournament. That left 97 or 21.37% who did not pitch in any tournaments. 64 or 17.92% pitched in only one tournament; 41 or 11.49% pitched in only two tournaments; 30 or 8.40% pitched in only three tournaments. 222 or 62.19% pitched in four or more tournaments.

The 357 members that pitched in tournaments this year were divided as follows; 147 or 41.18% were 30-foot pitchers and 210 or 58.82% were 40-foot pitchers. Once again I am including the top three place winners, separating the 30-foot and 40-foot winners. Keep in mind that the difference in the number of 1st, 2nd and 3rd place wins is because non-NCHPA pitchers made some of the wins. All of this information covers only NCHPA members.

Of the 443 first place winners, 254 or 57.34% were 30-foot pitchers; 189 or 42.66% were 40-foot pitchers. This can be broken down further as follows; 190 or 42.89% were men; 144 or 32.51% were elders; 84 or 18.96% were women; 21 or 4.74% were boys and 5 or 1.13% were girls.

Of the 453 second place winners, 236 or 52.10% were 40-foot pitchers; 217 or 47.90% were 30-foot pitchers. This can be broken down further as follows; 236 or 52.10% were men; 123

or 27.15% were elders; 72 or 15.90% were women; 17 or 3.75% were boys and 5 or 1.10% were girls.

Of the 444 third place winners, 238 or 53.60% were 40-foot pitchers; 206 or 46.40% were 30-foot pitchers. This can be broken down further as follows; 238 or 53.60% were 40-foot pitchers; 106 or 23.87% were elders; 74 or 16.67% were women; 16 or 3.60% were boys and 10 or 2.25% were girls.

Our members pitched 10,245 matches (games) in 2010. Of these matches, 5,563 or 54.30% were won by 30-foot pitchers; 4,682 or 45.70% were won by 40-foot pitchers. This can be broken down further as follows; 4,682 or 45.70% were won by men; 3,474 or 33.91% were won by elders; 1,623 or 15.84% were won by women; 293 or 2.86% were won by boys and 173 or 1.69% were won by girls.

The following information is listed by categories. I have listed the top five winners in each category. Most matches (game) wins; Kimmy Stockli –164 wins; Linda Hoelscher – 147 wins; Pat Murtha – 134 wins; Delia Garza – 133 wins and Don Kies – 116 wins. Most tournaments pitched; Richard Robbins – 45; Pat Murtha – 41; Linda Hoelscher and Kimmy Stockli (tie) – 39; Terry Farrell – 34 and John Sylvester –32. Most first place wins; Kimmy Stockli – 12; Joe Sciarra – 11; Tony Latino and Ken Woolery (tie) – 9; Elaine Butcher, Linda Hoelscher and Bill Paddock (3 way tie) – 8; John Barney and Pat Murtha (tie) – 7.

In 2010 we held a total of 126 tournaments. Total attendance at the 126 tournaments was 2,861. Total ringers were 205,384. Total shoes pitched were 674,083. In addition

154 of our members pitched in 28 tournaments outside the NCHPA area. They made 16,040 ringers and pitched 51,467 shoes in those tournaments.

One last bit of information. 3 members had high games of 87.50%; 4 had high games of 80.00% to 82.50%; 22 had high games of 70.00% to 77.50%; 40 had high games of 60.00% to 68.00%; 42 had high games of 50.00% to 59.38% and 78 had high games of 40.00% to 48.00%.

Hope to see everyone back on the courts in 2011.

Lee Roy Lassiter

EDITORS NOTE:

Your delegates voted **overwhelmingly** to send this publication snail mail. Word is that you might not read it if it's online? C'mon?? Sure it's simple to open the mail, sit down and read this... easier than going online to print a copy I suppose? You could certainly read it at NCHPA.com whenever you'd like it's there before the mail gets to your house. Well so be it...stuck in the 70's, guess we can just spend all the charters money for a newsletter to be sent individually. If you care at all where your dues go then please accept an electronic copy of this publication. Let me know soon? Thanks, **Casey**

CODES FOR 2011 TOURNAMENTS

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|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. See Flyer/Newsletter/Website | 8. All Groups Handicapped | 15. 2-Day Tournament |
| 2. \$\$\$ Money Tournament | 9. 9:00 a.m. Sign-in Deadline | 16. Benefit Tournament |
| 3. RV/ Car Day Use Fee Yolo | 10. 5:30 p.m. Sign-in Deadline | 17. Free Food/Donations OK |
| 4. \$12.00 Entry Fee | 11. 30' Mix & 40' Separate | 18. Free Food-Pitchers Only |
| 5. \$15.00 Entry Fee | 12. Doubles | 19. Food For Sale |
| 6. Count-All | 13. Pre-Register | 20. Drinks For Sale |
| 7. No Handicapping | 14. 6:30 pm Sign-in Deadline | |

EVERY PITCHER MUST PAY THE SCORE KEEPER 50 CENTS PER GAME

FEBRUARY

1. Sat. 2/26 Haagen- Dazs Open 18Tulare
 2. Sun.2/27 Action Security Open.....Tulare

MARCH

3. Sat. 3/12 Willard Ashley MemorialWillows
 4. Sun. 3/13 Mark Verdun OpenWillows
 5. Wed. 3/16 T & M Towing Open 1,13,14.....Tulare
 6. Sat. 3/19 Todd Bifulco Open.....Vallejo
 7. Sun. 3/20 Mary Summers OpenVallejo
 8. Wed. 3/23 Gillespie Ag Service Open 1,13,14.....Tulare
 9. Sat. 3/26 De Leon/Estrada/Gragg Open.....Stockton
 10. Sat. 3/26 Haagen-Dazs Open 1,2,8,12,16,18.....Tulare
 11. Sun. 3/27 Davis/Serra OpenStockton
 12. Sun. 3/27 Abbey Carpet Open.....Tulare

APRIL

13. Sat. 4/2 Harvey & Pat Kooy Open.....Tri-Valley
 14. Sat. 4/2 Jay & Gary Smith 3,11.....Yolo
 15. Sun. 4/3 Chet Carter Open.....Tri-Valley
 16. Sun. 4/3 Erica Foster Open 3.....Yolo
 17. Wed. 4/6 Haagen- Dazs All Junior Open 1,13,14,17...Tulare
 18. Sat. 4/9 John Ortega Open 5,20Turlock
 19. Sat. 4/9 San Jose Open 17.....San Jose
 20. Sat. 4/9 Matt Smith 11.....Sacramento
 21. Sun. 4/10 Leon Moore Open 17.....San Jose
 22. Sun. 4/10 John Mulligan Open.....Sacramento
 23. Sat. 4/16 Bran Starbuck Open 3.....Ukiah
 24. Sat. 4/16 21st Annual Tuolumne Park & Rec.19...Tuolumne
 25. Sat. 4/16 Don & Wendell Stephens Open 3.....Yolo
 26. Sun. 4/17 Vance Ricks Open 3.....Ukiah
 27. Sun. 4/17 Larry Highfill Open 3.....Yolo
 28. Wed. 4/20 D&E Yamaha Open 1,13,14.....Tulare
 29. Sat. 4/23 Park & Recreation pen.....Stockton
 30. Sat. 4/23 Greeott 101 B-Day Sonoma County
 31. Sat. 4/23 Bud Grisaffi OpenWillows

4/24 EASTER

32. Sun. 4/24 Koubec, Parker & Lowe Open.....Stockton
 33. Sun. 4/24 Schulze/Mauzey MemorialSonoma County
 34. Sun. 4/24 Loretta Grisaffi Open.....Willows

MAY

35. Thu. 5/5 Pat McGowan 10.....Half Moon Bay
 36. Sat. 5/7 Ed Cortez & Bill Faler Open.....Tri-Valley
5/8 MOTHER'S DAY
 37. Sat. 5/14 Morris Miller Memorial.....Willows
 38. Sat. 5/14 Mel Roberts Memorial 20.....Turlock
 39. Sat. 5/14 Half Moon Bay MemorialHalf Moon Bay
 40. Sun.5/15 Edwina Leonardo OpenWillows
 41. Sat. 5/21 Ukiah Members Memorial 3.....Ukiah

42. Sat. 5/21 Theil Lippincott Memorial OpenFeather River
 43. Sat. 5/21 Joe & Millie Schultz Open 2,5,6.....Stockton
 44. Sat. 5/21 Herb & Jason Hernandez OpenMadera
 45. Sat. 5/21 Tulare Memorial Open 1,13,14.....Tulare
 46. Sun.5/22 Robert Harrall Open 3.....Ukiah
 47. Sun. 5/22 Frank Spencer Memorial OpenFeather River
 48. Sun 5/22 Stockton MemorialStockton
Mon. 5/23 Deadline NCHPA Club Team Championships
 49. Tue. 5/24 Jim Sample OpenHalf Moon Bay
 50. Tue. 5/24 Glen O'Brien Open 10.....Half Moon Bay
 51. Sat. 5/28 **NCHPA Club Team Championships 1,15,19...Tri-Valley**
 52. Sun. 5/29 **NCHPA Club Team Championship.....Tri-Valley**

JUNE

53. Thu. 6/2 Charlie Hall Open 10.....Half Moon Bay
 54 Sat. 6/4 Nancy & Hugh Cloutier Open 17.....San Jose
 55. Sat. 6/4 Gold Country 1 OpenGold Country
 56 Sun. 6/5 Janet & Don Kies Open 17.....San Jose
 57. Sun. 6/5 Gold Country II OpenGold Country
 58. Sat. 6/11 Indian Valley Memorial 11,19,20.....Indian Valley
 59. Sat. 6/11 McGrath Family OpenVallejo
 60. Sat. 6/11 Will Facey Open 3.....Ukiah
 61. Sat. 6/11 Jones Family Open 17, 20.....Turlock
 62. Sun. 6/12 Indian Valley Memorial 11,19,20.....Indian Valley
 63. Sun. 6/12 Bernie Merchen Open 3.....Ukiah
 64. Tue. 6/14 Joe Sciarra OpenHalf Moon Bay
 65. Tue. 6/14 Dale Koistinen Open 10.....Half Moon Bay
 66. Wed. 6/15 SS Shirts Open 1,13,14.....Tulare
 67. Sat. 6/18 Fortuna OpenFortuna
6/19 FATHER'S DAY
 68. Sun. 6/19 Fortuna OpenFortuna
 69. Sat. 6/25 Black Oak Casino 1,2,17Tuolumne
 70. Sat. 6/25 Munderloh Family Open.....Sonoma County
 71. Sat. 6/25 Bill Harris MemorialForebay Park
 72. Sun. 6/26 McKeay Family Open.....Sonoma County
 73. Sun. 6/26 Forebay 11.....Forebay Park
 74. Wed. 6/29 T&M Towing Open 1,13,14.....Tulare

JULY

75. Sat. 7/2 Sue Lichau Open.....Sonoma County
 76. Sat. 7/2 Steven Huntoon/Mike Comer.....Tuolumne
 77. Sun. 7/9 Jim Wallace OpenVallejo
 78. Sat. 7/9 Crane Park Open, 20.....Turlock
 79. Sat. 7/9 Fortuna Open.....Fortuna
 80. Sat. 7/9 Scorekeepers Appreciation DayFeather River
 81. Sun. 7/10 Fortuna Open.....Fortuna
 82. Sun. 7/10 Linda Jessee OpenFeather River
 83. Sat. 7/16 Bill Terry 11.....Half Moon Bay
 84. Sat. 7/16 Golddigger Days 2,11,19,20.....Indian Valley
 85. Sat. 7/16 Marge & Bob Nath ... Tuolumne
 86. Sun. 7/17 Keith & Foa Remillong 5 pers. Dbl RR.....Half Moon Bay

- 87. Sun. 7/17 Golddigger Days 2,11,19,20.....Indian Valley
World Tournament July 18-30 Monroe, West Monroe, LA
- 88. Wed. 7/20 Gillespie Ag Service Open 1,13,14.....Tulare
- 89. Sat. 7/23 Scorekeepers AppreciationWillows
- 90. Sat. 7/23 Rachelle & Steve Chavez Open17.....San Jose
- 91. Sun. 7/24 Walt & Elaine Butcher OpenWillows
- 92. Sun. 7/24 Mike Anderson Open 17.....San Jose
- 93. Sat. 7/30 Jerry & Doug Smith Open 3.....Yolo
- 94. Sat. 7/30 H.C. Cotner/Jan Moore.....Tuolumne
- 95. Sun. 7/31 Walt Stafford Open 3.....Yolo

AUGUST

Mon. 8/1 State Championship sign-in deadline

- 96. Wed. 8/3 Caldwell Barber Shop Open 1,13,14.....Tulare
- 97. Sat. 8/6 Chet Carter OpenHalf Moon Bay
- 98. Sat. 8/6 Fred Reibin Memorial 19.....Tuolumne
- 99. Sat. 8/6 Forebay 11.....Forebay Park
- 100. Sun. 8/7 Bill & Kay Webbe 12 walking.....Half Moon Bay
- 101. Sun 8/7 Forebay OpenForebay Park
- 102. Sat. 8/13 Kim & Mitch Stockli OpenVallejo
- 103. Sat. 8/13 Bill Lawson Open 20.....Turlock
- 104. Sat. 8/13 Richard Lowry Open 2, 5.....Feather River
- 105. Sat. 8/14 Lee Oliver OpenFeather River
- 106. Sat. 8/20 Dick McCall Open 17.....San Jose
- 107. Sat. 8/20 Michael Smart OpenMadera
- 108. Sat. 8/20 Tino Faustino Open.....Fortuna
- 109. Sat. 8/20 Cash Special 2,5Sonoma County
- 110. Sun.8/21 Charlie Kerr Open 17.....San Jose
- 111. Sun 8/21 Fortuna OpenFortuna
- 112. Sun. 8/21 Fulwider/Woolery Open.....Sonoma County
- 113. Wed. 8/24 AcClaim Auto Open 1,13,14.....Tulare
- 114. Sat. 8/27 Chuck Smith 3,11.....Sac. @ Yolo
- 115. Sat. 8/27 Dennis James/Ken Bondurant.....Tuolumne
- 116.Sun. 8/28 Scorekeeper Appreciation Open 3...Sac. @ Yolo

SEPTEMBER

117. 9/3-9/4 CALIFORNIA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS 1 Davis

Wed. 9/07 NorCal Championships sign-in deadline

- 118.Sat. 9/10 Phil Thomas Open 3.....Ukiah
- 119. Sat. 9/10 Duane EricksonTuolumne
- 120. Sun. 9/11 Ukiah Members Open 3.....Ukiah
- 121. Sat .9/17 Lee & CB Henninger OpenTri-Valley
- 122. Sat. 9/17 Diane & Baylee Cocagne Open.....Madera
- 123. Sat. 9/17 Fortuna Open.....Fortuna
- 124. Sun. 9/18 Shingle Springs OpenShingle Springs
- 125. Sun. 9/18 Fortuna OpenFortuna
- 126. Sat. 9/24 8th Annual Mother Lode 1,2, 17.....Tuolumne
- 127. Sat. 9/24 Verdian Zelman Open 3Yolo
- 128. Sat. 9/24 Diesel Doctor Open 1,13,14.....Tulare
- 129. Sun. 9/25 NCHPA Hall of Fame Open 3.....Yolo

OCTOBER

- 130. **Sat. 10/1 NCHPA Championships1, 2,3,15,19..... Yolo**
~~~ Sun.10/2 NCHPA Championships cont.....Yolo
- 131. Sat.10/8 Elton Cowles & Ray Kinores.....Tri-Valley
- 132. Sun.10/9 Tri-Valley MemorialTri-Valley
- 133. Sat.10/15 Birge/Marino OpenStockton
- 134. Sat. 10/15 Whine Country OpenSonoma County
- 135. Sun.10/16 Garza/Hernandez Open..... Stockton
- 136. Sat.10/22 Day, Whipp & Coates MemorialWillows
- 137. Sat. 10/22 Golden Gate Classic 1.....Half Moon Bay @ SF
- 138. Sat.10/22 Art Flores 11.....Madera
- 139. Sun.10/23 Fritz Oberst OpenWillows
- 140. Wed. 10/26 D&E Yamaha Open 1,13,14.....Tulare

DECEMBER

- 141. Sat. 12/3 Terry Farrell OpenHalf Moon Bay
 - 142. Sun. 12/4 Rick Della Santina 12 walking.....Half Moon Bay
- Rain Dates for above are 12/10 & 12/11**

IMPORTANT DATES

MINIMUM PAYOUT IN ALL GROUPS IS DOUBLE THE ENTRY FEE TO 1ST PLACE AND AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE ENTRY FEE TO 2ND PLACE. THIS IS IN ADDITION TO PLAQUES, PATCHES, AND/OR EVENT PLATES.

- ☆ March 13th Daylight savings time begins
- ☆ May 28th-29th NCHPA Club Team Championships, Tri-Valley
- ☆ July 18th-30th World Horseshoe Pitching Championships
Monroe, West Monroe, LA
- ☆ Sept. 3rd-4th California State Championships @ Davis
- ☆ Oct. 1st-2nd NCHPA Championships @ YOLO
- ☆ Nov. 5th Annual Meeting - TBA
- ☆ Nov. 6th Daylight Savings Time Ends

*******PLEASE READ*******

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 (excluding the NCHPA Championships and CA State Tournament).

1. **These tournaments will be mixed-distance competition.**
2. **These tournaments are subject to handicapping if there is a 15% or greater spread in a group.**
3. **The tournament director decides group handicapping, it is not guaranteed.**
4. **These tournaments have a 9:30 A.M. entry deadline and a standard entry fee of \$10.**
5. **(Code #1) This information should be available approximately 30 days prior to the tournament date.**

Also, check with either your club or the tournament host club contact person for more details.

6. **The executive board must approve any changes or rescheduling of dates once the schedule is printed.**
7. **Please notify Gail Sluys or another officer so the changes can be approved and the information relayed to all clubs in a timely manner.**
8. **COURT LOCATIONS can be found online by clicking on 'CLUBS' at www.nchpa.com**

CLUB NEWS

Shingle Springs

Jack Couch was pretty well already "Smartened Up," what, with the few "Natural Lights," he'd swallowed enroute to a couple of "Thrashings," he administered to the rest of us last Thursday morning at our weekly "Let's see who can lay out the biggest lie," horseshoe outing.

Yessir, Jack was right in the groove when he pulled up to the stop light at South Shingle and Durock Road.

He'd had a couple of extra "Pops," after the tossing was over and while the lying was going on, and I'll be damned if he didn't get to figuring that he was getting "Good Looking," too.

This attitude was still with Jack at the stop light when a couple of young "Twists," pulled up along side of him and whistled and honked the horn a couple of times and cinched Jack's chain up pretty snug around his neck. Now he reckoned he was really getting "Matured Sexy," and all. Old Jack was swelled up like a "Powder Puff Pigeon," when one of the young ladies sang out thru the window----

"Way too much 'Old Timer,' where in the hell did you get that 'Tricked Out,' primo '65' Mustang? You must have borrowed it from your Great Grandson."

That's when Jack's fantasies all came tumbling down and he realized that he indeed was driving his white, all original, perfect "65 Pony," that he'd bought new some 45 years ago. His "Sexy Good Looking," trip got cancelled right pronto like and he just laid on the throttle and left the taunting, laughing, vexatious, little tarts in a cloud of blue Michelin residue.

That's a funny occurrence when guys get to hitting the "Barley Pop," a little too steady like. You can see it developing---first comes the "Smartening Up," mode and not too much later---here comes the "Good Looking," phase. Hell, I know all about it as I've been there countless times. Horseshoe Pitchers are really good at it.

Although I got "Good Looking and Smartened Up" plenty of times at some tavern or another----When I really got "Super Good Looking," was when I'd show up at home on Friday afternoons with a nice, fat, construction pay check in my shirt pocket. "Oh Marie a Lena," was I a "Spiffed Out Jimmy Jack Johnny," on Friday afternoons.

This phenomenon stayed pretty much in effect until just after a trip to the grocery store and a filling up of the refrigerator and freezer, along with a full tank of gas in my ex-wife's Chevy Blazer on Saturday afternoon. Then-----I didn't have to look in the mirror to know that my attractions were fading fast. Fast I tell you, until along about Sunday morning when it was time to light out for whatever town I was staying in---I figured I should be wearing a sack over my head.

Rich King needed a little work done on his 2009 Toyota pickup the other day---tune up and getting the "Check Engine Light," turned off in his dash display, so he took it up to the "Toy Shop," there in Shingle Springs.

Now the "Toy Shop," is a fine business run by Bill and his lovely daughter Jenna. They do good work and are competitive, but fairly high with their prices. They employ about

4 or 5 mechanics though and Toyota parts are outrageous, so they have to keep prices up to keep the doors open.

Well old Rich got his estimate from Jenna and it torqued his jaws down to around 120 foot pounds, and curled up his toes pretty much. Rich is a clever little devil though, and he said----

"You ought to call this place 'Bill and Jenna's Rehab Center.'" Jenna said---- "Why's that Rich?"

"Well if you're having a little trouble controlling your alcohol intake and it's getting out of hand--just come on in here and get an estimate for some work and I'll guarantee you'll sober up in a hurry."

That cracked Jenna up, and Bill too, and the rest of the customers all had a good "Belly Laugh," over it all.

Dan Sorensen showed up a couple of weeks ago and the first thing out of his mouth was---

"I've got to tell you guys about what I heard on TV last night." We all quit lying and listened--

"Well this guy was talking about the problems of growing old (Which we can all relate to as the average age of our members is somewhere between 90 and 98,) and he said that if you want to keep your brain more active and fight off senility and such, you should start your days by using the opposite hand from the one you usually use for your morning tasks."

Oh my, Oh my!!!!!!!!!!!! Although Dan's illustration was---

"Eating your breakfast, holding your utensils in your opposite hand," that wasn't how this band of perverts up here took it. I'll not go any further with this, no sir, I'll not take another step, but you could hear the whooping and hollering clear up at Hwy. 50. Went on for quite a spell until Dan just uttered-- "Jesus, I never, ever should have brought that up here with me." All I can say is---

"If you don't have a thick skin, best be staying away from the 'Shingle Springs Horseshoe Club."

Things are just "Peachy, Rosy" up here. We've had some rain.

We let the soccer folks use the commodes and the little #\$\$%^&&^@\$ trashed the place so we tossed them out on their little cheeks and told them---

"Do not darken these doors again."

We got the Community Center paid up again for what little water and electricity we use so we are OK there.

We're scheduled for next year and things keep rolling right along. Hope to keep it that way.

MERRY CHRISTMAS to Y'all. Yes, I meant what I just wrote there---MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!!!!

Dave Cardinalli

Ukiah

Hello and Happy Holidays from Ukiah. Some of the excitement has ebbed but the 4 Ukiah pitchers that traveled to Dixon for the Team Tournament were very happy and excited people as they posed and smiled for their picture with the winning trophy. I worked with Gail on the stats for the tournament and was able to witness all that goes on to put on a comprehensive activity like that. I was impressed to say the least! Gil Tournour, Dave Shelton, Robert Harrall and Bernie

Merchen were four very happy guys since this is the first time they entered the Team Tournament – good job, gentlemen!

Our September tournament was one of the best, we had 18 pitchers show up and the weather was good and the noise level was good and the pitching was good, it was an all around GREAT day and a joy to be part of such a wonderful sport. We were so fortunate this year to be able to offer our tournaments without the noise from the motorcycles and look forward to the same peace and quiet next year (let's hope!)

Our weather has turned cold and wet so there is not much practicing going on at the "pits." However, some of our members are getting ready to travel to the south-west part of our country where they will pitch and practice and get ready for competition in 2011.

We would like to offer our thanks and gratitude to Kimmi Stockli, Sharon Paddock, Linda Hoelscher and all outgoing officers for their services and hard work. We wish Harlan Rippetoe and all the incoming officers good luck and good fortune. It is difficult to be an official of any organization and NHPA is no exception therefore, we are thankful for the hardworking individuals who have served us and who will continue to serve us. Being an officer is a difficult, sometimes impossible, job and any organization is only as good as the time and effort it's members give.

Happy and blessed holidays to all, we hope to see you soon as we look forward to pitching in 2011.

Lorena Tournour

Turlock

It has been too cold to do much pitching, but we are looking forward to the next season. Come out pitch with us. We have lost a couple of our older pitchers over the last year for various reasons, but are looking forward to pitching with our three new members (one is a junior). They will be at our tournaments so you can all get to know them and give them your encouragement.

Hope you all have a great Christmas season and a high ringer New Year. **Paul Laffoon**

Stockton

The last Stockton Horseshoe Club Tournament weekend was October 16th & 17th, 2010. We had a pretty good attendance, Sat. 16th, 22 adults and Sun. 17th, 20 adults. Thanks to all who came to Stockton.

Sorry for all who got wet trying to finish their groups. Group three was the only group that could not finish their last game due to rain as the tournament got cancelled.

We had our annual Election of Officers meeting at courtside and the new Officers elected were Nadine Martin, President, Jose DeLeon Vice-President, Peter Chavarria Sec/Trea, Peter Chavarria contact person.

We did well in all our Tournaments, except one in the red, in 2010 and hopefully we will do better in 2011.

George Davis did pretty well in the World Tournament by placing 12th in the Sr. Men's H Class. He also pitched in the State Championships in Bakersfield in the Men's G Class and won a runner-up plaque and a sizable check to go with it. Congratulations George.

It is my sad duty to announce our newly elected President Nadine Martin has stepped down from her position due to health problems and we are once again without a Club President. Until we elect a new President, our Vice-President Jose DeLeon will assume the duties of the President.

Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving Day, I know I did. And HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL and great pitching in 2011.

Peter Chavarria

Madera

The Madera, Big Valley Horseshoe Club continues to gain new members. As of the end of 2010 we have 27 members.

The club has been working with several veterans' groups by sponsoring tournaments at the local American Legion Post and the Clovis Vietnam Veteran's group. Club members also completed restoration of two horseshoe courts at the local Elks Club. Scorekeepers and juniors are being recruited.

The Madera, Big Valley horseshoe club will hold four tournaments during the 2011 year and will continue to increase membership. Club President, Ted Haynish has set a goal to reach thirty members by July.

Serving biscuits and gravy to the Madera tournament players has propelled Sharon Rippetoe into consideration for the Betty Crocker award. Thank you Sharon.

Art Burt, and Ted Haynish continue to improve their game. Both are winning tournaments within the A groups.

Congratulations to Madera, member Ruben Duran, winner of the state championship (B-Group) in Bakersfield. **Harlan A. Rippetoe**

Sonoma County

Here it is Christmas 2010 and I am more than half way through my 100th year. I am doing very well and have a happy life here on my ranch.

I am trying this new way of sending cards, don't seem to have the energy for such things this year. Best wishes to you for the coming New Year. **George Greeott**

Gotta love the fact that George's friend Catherine Landis, taught Geo how to send an electronic Christmas card. Those of you that received it, thanks for the comments, I'll compile them and give them to Geo on his 101 B-Day Special in April. This man's gonna be 101 soon and he's learning the computer, how's that make all you young-uns feel?

Further news out of Sonoma County is that Terri Treder and Danny Thompson were married in mid-December. How about that folks? They are living in Pleasant Hills, let's all congratulate them when you see them on the courts.

Reed Beaman, our pit-boss bought a tree, he and Rob Munderloh planted it recently. In about 2-3 years that tree will provide a nice shady area for our scorekeepers and might even shade some of the courts. Looking forward to 2011 and hope all of you can visit us during the year. We have some weekend Sat. and Sun. tournaments as per our memberships' vote. Come to Santa Rosa for some of the best pits in the NCHPA! **Casey Sluys**

Feather River

There doesn't seem to be a lot to report about in this last edition of the year. Today in Paradise is rainy, foggy and

windy so our usual Tuesday pitching at the Elks Club will not be happening. Lee, Janet, Bud and I pitch Tues. and Thurs. but have had to cancel a number of times in this rainy weather we have been having.

Congratulations are in order for Lee Oliver who was inducted into the NCHPA Hall of Fame. He always goes the extra mile so is definitely deserving of this honor. At the moment he is having a problem with tendons in his leg. We hope he will be better soon. Bud Temple recently had carotid artery surgery but is back on track now.

I'd like to remind all of our players to send in their \$32 dues soon after the first of the year.

I would like to thank all of the officers who have worked so hard to keep our NCHPA on track this past year and also offer encouragement to the new ones elected for 2011.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to our horseshoe family. I am grateful to be a part of this group.

Audrey Winters

Yolo

There was a meeting held on 12/11/10 with Yolo County regarding the costs to use the facility and to discuss lease options. The Yolo facility is one of the few clubs that can accommodate major tournaments like the State Tournament with its ample parking, restrooms, lights and more than 20 courts. The horseshoe side was represented by Rick Bermingham, Casey Sluys, and Jerry Smith. Yes, Jerry was in town and wanted to give Ray Groom some history of the Grasslands area. It may have helped our cause.

Things discussed were possible water meters for all 3 parties to better separate our expenses. Ray kept mentioning an example of a gun club in Yolo that pays the County a penny per square foot of land that they use. IF we have to abide by that figure, it would end up costing us, for our 4 acres, \$1,740.00 a year.

We think that the upcoming contract will be significantly less than that figure. Then there is the Possessory Interest Tax that will also be levied on whatever the Yolo County Tax Assessor values the buildings and the 3 to 4 acres of land, there is hope that this may be negotiated. We will need to remove buildings that are not up to code, remove the Elmer Wilson sign, remove or burn the debris piles. There is a possible 20-year lease IF we all agree to stay at the Grassland Regional Park area. Yolo County will draw up a preliminary contract within 30 days.

We'd love to have you come out and support Yolo, we have enough pits for everyone! **Rick & Casey**

Tulare

The Tulare Club will be kicking the new year off with 16 tournaments, most of them at night and most of the nights on Wednesday's because of the busy weekends and or heat during the day. Last year night tourneys turned out with a lot of success, thank you to everyone that helps make them run smooth. On March 26, 2011 there will be a doubles Jr. Fundraiser. The fee will be lowered to \$20 per pitcher. Refer to the flyer for more information or contact one of the officers from the Tulare Club. The club will have a sponsored tourney named "Häagen-Dazs All Junior Open Tourney" Wed. night April 6, 2011 at the Tulare Horseshoe Club. Free T-shirts for

pitchers and food for everyone. For the year 2011 the club has gotten sponsors for 15 out of 16 tourneys, thank you Don Henry, Richard Stacey and Luis Moreno for finding our sponsors. **Robert Cocagne**

Tuolumne County

TCHC had its annual Turkey Shoot on Nov. 13, 2010. There were 12 participants and the weather was wonderful for this event. Winners were 1. Tom Munoz, 2. Teddy Guillotte, 3. Bob Nathe for group 1. Group 2 were: 1. HC Cotner, 2. Barb Persson, 3. Steven Huntoon. The club gave out 6 turkeys to the winners. They were certainly happy for receive them.

Several poplar trees collapsed under the weight of heavy snow and came down on the perimeter fence of the horseshoe courts. "The horseshoe pits look like a hurricane swept through", said Parks maintenance supervisor James Wood. We are also dealing with having to move the pits to a different location within the park, BUT they only want to build 6 pits! We're negotiating with them at this point to get at least 4 more.

Barb Persson

Shasta/Willows

Well another year is behind us. Some of us had a great year pitching horseshoes, some of us had a so-so year and some of us don't want to talk about it. Next year!! We had to cancel our last two tournaments, but we did hold ten tournaments at Willows. We had attendance from a low of 16 to a high of 29 at two of them. Pitchers at our 10 tournaments made 17,443 ringers while pitching 56,178 shoes. Our top five pitchers were Fritz Oberst (pitcher of the year), Mark Verdun, Elaine Butcher, Russ Hodge and Walt Butcher. Our top four Rookies were Theresa Hodge (rookie of the year), Daryl Adams, Greg White and Jose Meraz.

Elaine Butcher was having a great year but had to drop out to have hip replacement surgery. She did come back and pitch in the NCHPA Championships. She will be ready to take on all comers next year. Along with his other medical problems, Buddy Darnold is loosing his site. As good a pitcher as he is, he could probably still beat me.

I am sure that all of you have heard by now about Russ Hodge. According to the CHP he was driving under the influence of alcohol when he struck and killed a Cal Trans worker. I, for one, had no idea that Russ had a drinking problem. It was Russ that kept our courts in Willows looking so good. Russ pitched in 24 NCHPA sanctioned tournaments in 2010. His mother, Linda Jessee, would like for us to send her letters indicating what you thought about Russ and please mention if you were not aware that he had a drinking problem. Russ and all of his family need all the support we can give them. Please send your letters to Linda Jessee at 2165 Algonkin Avenue #4, Chico, CA 95926.

We will have some new officers in the NCHPA this year. We all need to give them our support as we go forward next year. We should also thank those officers that are being replaced for their hard work and dedication to our sport over the years that they served as officers. **Lee Roy Lassiter**

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*******GET YOUR TEAM TOGETHER NOW!*******
NCHPA CLUB TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

DATES: May 28th/ 29th, 2011

LOCATION: Tri-Valley Club

1. ENTRY FEE: \$80 per team. This is a **2-day event** and **pre-registration is required**.
2. Teams may be mixed, may include juniors (but may not be all juniors), and must have 4 players per team. Each team may register 1 alternate player to be used in case of injury.
3. All players must be NCHPA members and be a member or associate member of the club they represent. **All participants must wear a shirt of the club they represent and have their name neatly on the back.**
4. Day One Tournament play will consist of 7 - 30 shoes, count-all games using an 80% handicap. We will need to have scorekeepers, therefore, a final decision has not yet been made to pitch all teams at once or in two shifts. Pitching times for Saturday will be **10:00 A.M. & 12:30 P.M.** – depending on the number of entries a final decision will be made about the pitching schedule when we know how many teams are signed up. The finals will consist of the top 8 teams from the Saturday's rounds carrying over totals and will be played at 9:30 A.M. Sunday. Finals will be 7 - 40 shoe, count-all games using an 80% handicap with 20 bonus points for each player win and 40 bonus points for each team that wins 3 or more games in any single round. The 2-day points total including bonus points will determine final standings. All teams should plan to play on Sunday because the first alternate team will replace any team not able to return for the finals.
5. Prize money will be determined by the number of teams entered and will be announced.

It would be great to have **24 teams fielded**. Each day will count as a separate tournament because they are played under different formats. Pitchers are required to pay scorekeepers **.50 cents per game each day**.

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Club Name _____

Team Members: 1. _____ **2.** _____

3. _____ **4.** _____

Team Captain _____ **Alternate** _____

Pitching time request _____

**Send check, made payable to NCHPA, in the amount of \$80 per team to:
Gail Sluys - 1721 San Ramon Way, Santa Rosa, CA 95409**

Be sure to mark your pitching time request.

ENTRY FORM
California State Horseshoe Pitching Championships

Hosted by the NCHPA - September 3rd – 4th, 2011

Please Print Clearly or Type

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Address: _____ E-Mail _____
City: _____ Zip Code: _____
Phone: (____) _____ - _____ NHPA#: _____ Club: _____ Charter: **N** or **S**
CIRCLE YOUR DIVISION (1 only)

OPEN MEN

SENIOR MEN (40')

ELDERS short distance (30')

OPEN WOMEN

SENIOR WOMEN

JR BOY

JR. GIRL

CADETS

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◇ **State Champions** will be declared in the divisions described below. ◇

OPEN: Men (40 ft.) and Women shall enter "OPEN MEN" or "OPEN WOMEN" divisions. Pitchers eligible as Seniors may also choose to pitch in the "OPEN" division. ELDERS short distance (30') cannot.

SENIORS: Pitchers 60 years of age and over (EXCEPT ELDERS) may participate in either the "OPEN" or "SENIOR" divisions, but not both. Senior Men/Senior Women Division entrants may be moved to open divisions if the number of entries and/or the % spread does not allow for competitive groups.

ELDERS: Any male 70 years and older or physically impaired person of any age who have an established short distance (30') average may enter the ELDER short distance (30') division.

JUNIOR: "JUNIOR BOY" and "JUNIOR GIRL" divisions will be formed for pitchers whose 19th birthday does not fall in 2011. "CADETS" are junior pitchers whose 10th birthday does not fall in 2011.

⇒ Eligibility requires **Adults** have pitched in **three (3)** California sanctioned tournaments- **Junior and Cadet** pitchers require **one (1)** since **August 1st, 2010**.

⇒ Pitching averages will come from NATSTATS.

⇒ Entry **Deadline** is **August 1st, 2011** (Late entrants will be used on a standby basis, and will pay an additional fee of \$10).

⇒ **ADULT ENTRY FEE \$25/JUNIORS FREE. No refunds after August 8th, 2011.**

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Northern California Horseshoe Pitcher's Association



The Northern California Horseshoe Pitchers Association (NCHPA) will host the 2011 California State horseshoe Pitching Championships tournament at Yolo County Grasslands Park in Davis, California over the Labor Day weekend September 3rd and 4th 2011. 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 20th, 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.

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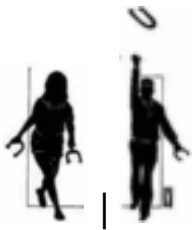
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