

# Nor-Cal News & Views

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## President

The horseshoe pitching season is in full swing. The bad weather is mostly past, so your pitching skill should get better. To those of you are attending the World Tournament in Knoxville, Tennessee I wish you good luck. I will by pass this tournament, in hopes of attending the 2013 tournament in St. George Utah.

Next year, Nor-Cal will host the California State Tournament. If any club wishes to sponsor the tournament, I ask that you draft up your request and have your club delegates present your proposal at our annual meeting in Sacramento on November 3, 2012.

So far the Stockton Club, has expressed an interest in holding the state tournament. We would need approximately twenty courts to hold a three-day tournament. Those clubs with sufficient courts and a willingness to help out, please prepare your bids.

Over the past several months, we have lost several Nor-Cal Members. I wish to express my sincere condolences to all the NCHPA Clubs, and all the family members.

I wish to announce to the NCHPA membership, that I will not seek re-election as your president. For the past ten years Sharon, and I have been taking care of her elderly parents. I am a retired military person and for quite some time we have wanted to take advantage of our Military travel benefits. Now that her parents are no longer with us, I feel we need to do some traveling, before our time runs out.

I am extremely proud to have served as your President for the past two years and I truly appreciate all the support that the membership has given me. I will continue to work for the betterment of the NCHPA and all of horseshoe pitching. I am making this announcement early, so that those interested in the President's position, will have time to campaign and present their qualifications to the delegates at the November meeting. I truly believe we have survived the closing of the Davis courts, and will continue to grow as an association.

I wish to thank all of you for allowing me to work with you during these trying times, and I especially thank all the officers of the Executive Council for all the hard work and support they have given me. **Harlen A. Rippetoe**

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**Look for the NCHPA Championship entry in this issue**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> VP**

Hello pitchers, I hope everyone is starting off this year well. Since the deadline was June 1st, this year there will be no Hall of Fame inductees for the NCHPA.

This award is one of the top awards a pitcher or promoter can achieve in the Northern. I sure would like to see more pitchers attend the NCHPA Championships in Vallejo this year as well as The State Tournament in Bakersfield. Please support the Northern Clubs. I see Travis Sluys is off to a great start this year averaging almost 50% with a high game so far at 65% ringers. Nice job Travis. See you on the courts, **Rick Bermingham**

## 3<sup>rd</sup> VP

I hope everyone has survived the wet winter and out practicing now?

I've counted the entries for the World Horseshoe Tournament in Knoxville Tennessee and out of one thousand two hundred thirty Horseshoe pitchers there are only twenty-five of us representing California; that's only one percent of all the entries. Guess the price of gas and economy is affecting everyone.

Everyone that I've talked to; wish they could go; but for sure they will be going to St. George, Utah next year. So will I.

Guess the next big thing everyone should be looking forward too, now; is going to Bakersfield for the state meet. I'm glad the southern committee changed there minds about Lake Isabella and holding the state meet in Bakersfield, except for the heat, there will be plenty of hotels and restaurants available! I'm looking forward to the State Championships.

Checking my records on supplies, I've only had three or four of Northern clubs ordering supplies, you officers better keep your eyes on your score sheets, it's embarrassing to run out them or just have the old ones that that you can't read. I have the forms on hand; so just give me a call.

Well, I hope everyone is ready for a good summer of pitching and I'll see you at one of the meets. **John Barney**

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Do you have a weatherproof barn that you could store the NCHPA Hall of Fame material in? We really need a 15'X20" area that we could use indefinitely. Call Harlen for details.

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**<http://www.nhpf.info/index.html>**

**The NHPA Hall of Fame is now open in Wentzville, MO. It's located right off of I-70 a major East/West interstate, It's a great place to visit and right on the way to this years World Tournament in Knoxville, TN on July 30- Aug. 11, 2012. We still need your financial support ...please help.**

One nice thing about egotists: they don't talk about other people.

## 5<sup>th</sup> VP

The horseshoe pitching season is well underway. Hopefully you are throwing well and in good health. I wanted to mention how nice it is to see Terry Farrell back and wish Jose DeLeon all the best as he's been having a severe health issue. I was asked recently as an officer what type of things comes up that I may be asked to assist with. I can't speak for the other officers but I've been asked to: inform someone to pay his scorekeeper, to not use profanity and in once incident; had to tell someone that his scorekeeper was embarrassed as every time he bent over she received a "backside" view. And no - the scorekeeper was not my mother. Needless to say, our "backside" person was very gracious and the scorekeeper grateful.

Please make your way to the Stockton Club if you have not done so. The courts are pristine. George, Danny, Delia, Robert, John and company run a smooth tournament and are very welcoming. I had the pleasure of pitching in San Jose recently. Great people, Don, Leon, Nancy, Charlie and the Saunders' family to name a few. Who could pick a favorite Saunders; an incredible family. The San Jose Courts are pristine as well and very easy to find so don't let the Bay Area traffic keep you from attending. I'll also have some of the San Jose Cookbooks available; so please let me know if you would like to purchase one.

I also pitched in Turlock recently which is in a beautiful park. Madera Club, Tuolumne and Turlock members were in attendance and they are competitors at every level. I had the pleasure of meeting Delfino Duran and Dee Rice, very nice people. Don't miss an opportunity to pitch at Forebay. Rick Eddy runs a great tournament; you are surrounded by pine trees and a blue sky. Not to mention, you want to win the jelly on the raffle table, it's the best. Feather River is another club that you should check out with their new back boards donated by Lee. The competition is tough with Audrey, Lois, John and their new members Gary and Larry. The Willow's club loss of Leroy is difficult; however, their newest member Linda has stepped up to help fill the void. It's always nice to see members Mike, Darrel and Mark. Indian Valley is well represented by Marshall and Harry who are always great to see. The competition in Willow's can be fierce; especially when Lorena brings the

wild bunch from Ukiah, Gil, Will, Bob and Bernie, then you throw in Fortuna's Tom and Vallejo's Kimmy. These folks can throw over 50% at any time like the rest of just breathe. I look forward to visiting the other clubs and telling you about the amazing people who make up Nor-CAL. Have a great summer. *Cathy Kauffman*

***How would you like to become our webmaster? Would you like to try your hand at it? We have a fantastic website that has been around since 1995. We had local people do it, but now its done by Steve Summerlin in MI. Is there any interest here in N.CA. for a person to take over the updates and periodic maintenance of our website?***

**\*\*\*All clubs have received the NHPA list of rule proposals, please look them over carefully and send me your votes. This will be the last time you are asked for your opinion on these proposed rule changes for 2012.\*\*\***

**World Tournament Experience Raffle** tickets are for sale in this Charter. They are \$5.00 each or 5 tickets for \$20. Make your check out to NHPA mail it to me for your tickets. They will be available at every tournament we attend. Prize list is available upon request. See Charter email dated 2/24/12 for details. Available until after the State Championships in Bakersfield!

### ***More schedule updates and make-up dates.***

Please cross out the following two tournaments and mark them as canceled. **81.** Sun 8 Douglas R Elf & Ron Pratt Open Tuolumne **119.** Sun 26 Sharon Blades & Joanne Verhauz Open Tuolumne. **July 15 Vallejo, September 8th and 9th San Jose, October 27 Tuolumne**

**Look for the State Championships entry form in this issue**

# STATISTICIAN'S REPORT

Please send me your results as soon as possible.

I want to keep you informed on the results in which shows the top 10 pitchers competing for Player of The Year Award. Please refer to the rules to award Player of The Year.

The top 10 pitchers listed alphabetically by last name with their points for the Player of The Year Award - Tournaments points September 9, 2011 to June 04, 2012

Barney John	35
George Wayne	49
Harrall Robert	34
Merchen Bernard	28
Paddock Bill	31
Robbins Richard	37
Sciarra Joe	28
Tournour Gil	43
Webb Tom	34
Woolery Ken	30

The above results are a total of 1 point for each tournament you pitch in plus 3 points for every 1<sup>st</sup> place or 2 points for every 2<sup>nd</sup> place in those tournaments then you receive 5 points for competing in the California State Tournament plus 3 points if you place 1<sup>st</sup> or 2 points if you place 2<sup>nd</sup> then you receive 5 points for competing in the Nor-Cal Championship Tournament plus 3 points if you place 1<sup>st</sup> or 2 points if you place 2<sup>nd</sup> then you receive 3 points if you compete in the Nor-Cal Team Tournament.

If you feel you should be considered in the top 10 or if my calculations maybe in error please provide proof to me and I will check my records. I want this to be correct and accurate after all it is an honor to hold the title of Player of The Year.

I want to thank all of the Tournament Directors for doing a job well done. **Wayne George**  
[wayne.george@yahoo.com](mailto:wayne.george@yahoo.com) (805) 540-0842

**NEW MEMBERS** The Northern California Horseshoe Pitchers Association welcomes you into our organization! If you ever have any question please call any officer on the back of this Newsletter. Thanks for joining and we hope you have a pleasant experience with many ringers.

Gary Dillon	Feather River
Steve Johnson	Feather River
Bill Melbourne	Forebay Park
Tom Moore	Forebay Park

Tim Thomas	Gold Country
Isaac Clark	Gold Country
Byron Beck	Half Moon Bay
James Mazzi	Madera
Robert Bell	Madera
Robert Phillmore	Madera
Nick Flores	Madera
Ed Sanchez	Sacramento
Hayden Lee	Sonoma County
Andrew Marlan	Sonoma County
Abby Marlan	Sonoma County
Stacey Burrows	Sonoma County
Jan Sunner	Sonoma County
Danny Herverg	Sonoma County
Scott Henne	Stockton
Bob Uballe	Stockton
Jeff Renebome	Stockton
Cameron Farrens	Stockton
Davis Coronado	Tulare
Amanda Klaassen	Tuolumne
Jeff Hurley	Tuolumne
Warren Walker	Tuolumne
Rick Hoffman	Tuolumne
Tony Mullen	Turlock
Myron Zuber	Turlock
Junior Ensminger	Turlock
James Taylor	Ukiah Valley

This looks as though we are growing some? We can only hope that most of the 2011 members joined again for 2012. If they have not yet joined please contact them and encourage them to join us again.

## Lithuania

From July 3-12 Travis and I will be traveling to Lithuania to participate in the TAFISA games. Gary Roberts OH will also be coming along. The three of us plan on introducing horseshoe pitching to the other 130 countries that are participating. Since our trip to South Africa and our participation in their indigenous sport of Jukskei we have together decided to join forces as a group and call it, "Precision Throwing Sports". Along with Horseshoe Pitching and Jukskei we eventually hope to include Bocce, and Petanque, to become a force to be reckoned with. In order to get any recognition on a world wide basis we feel that this partnership will be worthwhile. The eventual goal is that these Precision Throwing Sports become recognized by the international community as viable sports and worthy of Olympic consideration.

At the 2013 World Horseshoe Pitching Championships, in St. George, UT we intend on having an International Jukskei Tournament with both South Africans and Namibians attending. We anticipate that each country will send a team of Jukskei players and that some of them will also participate in the WT as horseshoe pitchers. There is also a plan to return to South Africa with a US Jukskei team to participate in their Jukskei Championship in 2013 and further strengthen our relationship with those two countries.

## Regional Director

Thanks to all the clubs who have returned the blue court sanctioning forms. Those of you who have not will need to add another 1-cent stamp to the envelope. Those that have returned their court sanctioning forms can look forward to first choices in tournament dates. I need to hear from the rest real soon.

The dismal turnouts at most tournaments are due to people not traveling to other clubs. To remedy this the NCHPA should limit the number of tournament per weekend. Here is what I propose: *no more than two (2) tournaments per weekend regardless of history. The distance apart must be 200 miles or more.* Some fodder for the annual mtg. This pitching schedule thing has gotten completely out of hand.

Please get ready to send you next year's tournament requests to Casey? They need to be in my hands by **October 1, 2012**

**I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not sure.**

## Do you know the rules?

### Section D – Seeding Contestants

Contestants shall be seeded into Tournament Classes based on their current NatStats ringer percentage at the time of the entry deadline. An exception could be the top seeding of a defending champion (not required) when his/her current NatStats ringer percentage isn't the highest percentage within the Championship group. All NatStats average ringer percentages shall be based on the three (3) highest NHPA sanctioned events pitched in the preceding twelve (12) months, or among the last ten (10) sanctioned events pitched during the same period, whichever occurs first. The NatStats average ringer percentage is calculated by dividing the total number of ringers by the total number of shoes pitched for those three (3) events. If a Sanctioned League ringer average is one of the three (3) highest NHPA sanctioned events, that Sanctioned League ringer average shall be converted to an average that is based on four hundred (400) shoes.

This rule is very clear in the way contestants are to be seeded into tournament Classes. We have received reports that some Tournament Directors are using other methods to seed contestants, and if so, those practices cannot continue.

If any member has a concern or question regarding the method by which tournament entrants are to be seeded, please contact Dan Sanders, NHPA Rules Committee Chairman at [dsanderling@yahoo.com](mailto:dsanderling@yahoo.com)

**PLEASE SEND YOUR NAME IN TO HARLEN FOR THE FOLLOWING OFFICES 1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT AND PRESIDENT.**

**2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> are also up for re-election in Nov. now is your opportunity to lead this charter into the future!**

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### **Chester Harvey Carter**

Born April 5, 1917 - Died June 9, 2012

Resident of San Jose, California  
Son of Frank and Irene Carter (Smith). Chet was born in San Jose, California and was the brother to Alvin and Clifford Carter. Chet was

wed to Florence Carter for 42 years. Chet and Florence bought their first house on Milton Way in Willow Glen in 1941. For the next 71 years, Chet resided in Willow Glen.

Chet was raised on a ranch in Cupertino of which his driveway is now Stelling Avenue. Chet attended Fremont High School and graduated from San Jose Technical High School where he learned the trade of welding.

Chet went on to work for San Jose Well and Pump and worked for them for 8 years. Chet then used his welding skills repairing damaged ships in the U.S. Navy. He went back to work for San Jose Well and Pump for a short time then began running his own business, Baldwin and Carter. Subsequently, he then worked for Pittsburgh Des Moine Steel Company for 24 years. After the closing of the plant in Santa Clara, Chet worked for PSP Steel Company for 10 years.

Throughout his life Chet was very competitive participating in football, baseball, and track at Fremont High School. The competitiveness carried over to his interest in car racing in the early 1950's. He held a track record in his class racing a modified roadster at Little Bonnevillie drag strip on King Road. Chet is best known for his involvement in the racing community for being a starter at Fremont Dragstrip beginning in 1957 later to become Baylands raceway. Chet rarely missed a Sunday driving to Fremont Dragstrip in his modified 1921 Ford Touring. One of Chet's proudest moments was being cast in the film "More American Graffiti." Chet played himself as the starter at the drag strip.

Along with racing Chet had a passion for playing horseshoes. This began with his family playing horseshoes at family gatherings and going on to compete with the Golden Eagles

Horseshoe Club of San Jose winning many trophies in his class. Chet traveled the state in his later years and was a member of the horseshoe club for over 50 years. Chet will be remembered for good nature joking around and bantering with anyone who would engage him. Chet was feisty and could remember names and dates better than many people half his age. An avid sports fan he followed the Giants from the time they came to Candlestick in the late fifties and if you didn't know the starting pitcher that particular day he wouldn't hesitate to correct you. Chet truly enjoyed the sport of drag racing and could often be found watching the races on T.V.

Chet is survived by his son, Jim Carter (Terri) and daughter, Linda Carter Wallerstein (Larry), four grandchildren, Seth, Kyle (Nicole), Allison and Chad; two step-grandchildren Jennifer and Katherine; two great grandchildren Bella and Levi; and good friend Teresa Thomas.

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# CLUBS

## Half Moon Bay

From the Half Moon Bay Horseshoe Club

If you are going to Bakersfield for the State Tournament this year, we would like to invite you to stay with many of us NCHPA pitchers and families at the **Four Points by Sheraton**. Their phone number is 661 325 9700. The poolside visit always hits the spot in the evening after pitching. The Rooms go for \$69 for a single or double. Our reservations are under the Half Moon Bay Horseshoe Club.

Many of us have talked about increasing membership and tournament attendance. This is part of our marketing plan. Most newspapers have a section for clubs and activities. Make sure your club is listed in as many newspapers in your county or nearby cities as possible. Also, if any of these cities have community TV channels, you might be able to have your club activities listed on their bulletin board. We like to make labels with a picture of the member

our tournament is named after. We then place the label on a product of our choice. We use the relabeled product as one of the raffle gifts. This label art work can be used in a mass e-mail to members as a reminder for your upcoming event or for a press release that a tournament is about to take place. I recommend that you start taking individual digital photos of all your members and players and store them on your computer. You will always have a use for them. Always take digital photos during the warm up before your tournament starts. This is the time to stage your photos (without bothering your players) for your press release when you give your tournament results. Remember, if you can get your tournament in the paper twice, you double the exposure to gaining new members.

We do have a stigma of being professional horseshoe players, making new members reluctant to join. Try having a tournament possibly named after a historic person, event, or a fictitious person. I am going to help my Moose lodge install Horseshoe courts. They want to get as many members playing shoes as possible. We are going to use what I call jungle rules, 3 points for every ringer, 2 points for a leaner, 1 point six inches away or the closest shoe scores a point no matter where it is in the pit. Fouled shoes will also count for points. We will post the NHPA scoring next to the Jungle rules, so everyone will know the difference. You want new players to be successful while having fun. I also found that most people like

a doubles. I plan to use this format as a recruiting tool for our NHPA Club. You have to think outside the box! Remember, it's easier to gain new members when they show up and have fun.

**Rick Della Santina**

## Feather River

Feather River had two successful tournaments on May 19 and 20 with 19 pitchers each day. Weather was good and all went well. We're looking forward to our next tournaments on July 7 and 8 and hope to also have a good attendance then. Our courts look great with all new backboards, thanks to a lot of work by Lee Oliver and John Sylvester. The Parks Department was very cooperative and mowed the grass. With a lot of work edging it all looked well groomed.

I enjoyed Willows' makeup tournament on June 2. My English friend, Pat, went along with me and enjoyed meeting everyone. She remarked how everyone was so friendly and nice and I agreed with her. All of our members are friendly and nice. That is one of the best parts of pitching. Pat is living in Canada now and when she flies back on June 10, my daughter who lives in Paradise and I will fly back with her and will spend a week visiting my oldest daughter who lives in Nanaimo, BC, on Vancouver Island. **Audrey Winters**

## Fortuna

On this date, June 6, 2012 Fortuna Club is preparing for our first tournament June 16 & 17. Give Bill & Sharon Paddock a call if you are

coming to any one of our tournaments and want a tent and queen size air mattress set up for you. We are ready, no need to pay for a motel, we have nice mild summer weather. Don't forget about our big event, August 18 & 19 money tournament. Circle the Wagons theme, with entertainment, prizes and money. Lots of camping available, call us to reserve a tent or covered wagon with double tall queen size air mattress. Free food and entertainment. If you play a musical instrument bring it along. Warm-up doubles pitch 4:00pm Friday afternoon. There is going to be a lot fun for everyone. All you need is your pillow and some blankets or sleeping bag. The mechanical Horseshoe pitching man has changed looks and has been named (Horace Shoes), he's been working on some new tricks and becoming a show off.

**Bill and Sharon Paddock 1-707-443-1913**

## Shasta-Willows

It has been a rather unsettled weather pattern this spring, but seems to be coming around lately and we are ready to pitch. Our first tournaments in March were rained out, but re-scheduled and we held them on June 2 and 3.

We played the April and May tournaments with no rain. Had a good turnout in April, but the May one was on Mothers Day weekend and consequently poorly attended. Our next one is the last weekend of July, hope to see everyone there. **Fritz Oberst**

## Stockton

I guess a good place to start would be the beginning of the year. As all of you know we got rained out on Sunday March 25 and things didn't get too much better since. In April we found out the codes were left out from the Joe & Millie tournament so we rushed to let all the Clubs and NCHPA know which codes were for Joe & Millie's tournament. I neglected to

notice that the date on the schedule was wrong so again we had to rush to correct it.

Then we got another surprise in April, we were notified that our tournaments in May and Tri-Valley's tournaments were on the same week-end. Hopefully that will not happen next year.

We did get approved to have a make up tournament on Sunday June 10 for the March tournament that was rained out. Hope you all can come.

We lost four members this year but we gained four new members, the new members are Cameron Farrrens (Stockton), Scott Henne (Stockton) Jeff Renebome (Manteca) and Paul Uballe (Lathrop). Welcome to our club guys. Paul Uballe came in after our membership list was sent out and is not on the list so just write him in on your membership list Paul Uballe 15901 Warfield Lathrop, CA 95330 209-597-9089

We have a new President in our club and his name is George Davis, no change in the other offices.

Jose (Joe) DeLeon our Vice-President last year has been very sick with Puscular Soriasus. He was in the hospital in Modesto for about two months (Feb. & Mar.) and released to his home in April. I went to see him and I did not recognize him at first, he had lost some weight. He was still under a doctor's care in April when I saw him. He was not able to do much of anything including Horseshoes. Hopefully he will be back next year.

**Peter P. Chavarria**

## Sonoma County

### Our next tournaments are June 23 and June 24.

The 23rd is an NHPF fund-raiser. What that amount to is that we give all the profits to the National Horseshoe Pitching Foundation as a donation. It will be a \$15.00 entry fee with plate and patch for first and a plate for second, but no money. The monies collected from both tournament entry fees and the raffle will go to the NHPF. Please let's show the NHPF that our club supports the Foundation. If you'd like more information about the Foundation please let me know. It is the same Foundation where we (Sonoma County Club) have bought a memorial brick for Ken Schulze, Ray Parnay, Frank Cmelik and Greg Ellisen. Where other clubs and individuals have also bought a memorial brick for some of their members.

The 24th is the Travis Sluys Open and we will be conducting the "Mystery Money" tournament. Each pitcher will receive an envelope with money before pitching begins. It will be handed out with your round robin card. When you win a game YOU get half the money in your opponents envelope. If you lose the game you GIVE half your money to your opponent. It works this way for every game you play. When it's over and you've won all your games you will have quite a sum of money, plus you will receive a plate and patch for first place and a plate for second place. It's a fun way of changing it up a bit.

Then 2 weeks later we have another 2 tournaments these are the Independence Day Open and the PMAEC open. PMAEC stands for piss and moan about everything club. The president of this club belongs to our club and has created a nice plaque that will be raffled off at this tournament. Both these are your standard \$10.00 entry fee with \$20.00 for first and \$10.00 for second along with the plates and patch.

We sincerely hope that you will participate in these upcoming tournaments of ours in Santa Rosa. Here's for you Rv'ers: Sonoma County Fairgrounds RV Park 1500 Aston Ave. Santa Rosa, Ca.- 95404  
Latitude:38.429224Longitude:-122.701173  
Phone:(707)293-8410RV@SonomaCountyFair.com

On a very sad note Greg Ellisen passed away. **Casey Sluys.**

## Ukiah

Hello all, from Ukiah. We've had three tournaments so far and they have been fabulous. I just love the people who are involved in this wonderful game, they are so generous and friendly and cooperative.

Our April tournament was fairly well attended with 14 pitchers on Saturday and 15 on Sunday. Rain was cooperative and came before and after but not during our tournaments although Saturday was questionable for a while. I made some beans and ham hocks to share with the pitchers, they liked them a lot. On Saturday we divided the 14 into 2 groups of seven and Bernie Merchen and Bob Harrall took the honors in group 1 and in group 2 Bill Paddock and Dave Shelton pitched a play off game which Bill won. On Sunday we had 3 groups and Tom Webb and Travis Sluys placed in group 1 and Dave Shelton and Blair Rowley ruled group 2 and Dale Haskin and Tom Burns, Jr. won 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in group 3.

In May we said goodbye to Greg Ellisen and it was sad to see a true gentleman of our sport leave us. We will miss him as I'm sure will many of our fellow pitchers. Our May weather was kind to us again, a little wind to keep us cool (sometimes even cold!!) but fine pitching weather that drew 9 pitchers on Saturday - four of our friends from the North and 5 Ukiah members. Many pitchers were attending Greg's service. The pitchers from Fortuna (cleaned our clock as the saying goes), Sharon Paddock took 1<sup>st</sup> and Tom Webb 2<sup>nd</sup> in group 1 and Bill Paddock took 1<sup>st</sup> in group 2 leaving 2<sup>nd</sup> place to John Brotherton (from Ukiah club)! So on Sunday fourteen of the avid fans of horseshoe pitching arrived at our courts and we divided them into 3 groups and Robert Harrall (Ukiah) won 1<sup>st</sup> and Sharon Paddock (Fortuna) 2<sup>nd</sup> in group 1. Blair Rowley won 1<sup>st</sup> and Bill Paddock 2<sup>nd</sup> (both from Fortuna) in group 2 and Vance Ricks won 1<sup>st</sup> and Tom Burns, Jr. 2<sup>nd</sup> (both from Ukiah) in group 3.

Our June tournament was this past weekend, (June 9 & 10) and I'm sad to report that we had only 10 pitchers on Saturday and 13 on Sunday - I'm only sad because I would love to see a bigger turn out for our tournaments since it's pretty nice up here and for the last few years the weather has been good for our tournaments, no rain and not too hot. On the other hand, I'm VERY HAPPY

that we had a tournament and were able to share our hospitality with those that were lucky enough to be able to attend. On Saturday we divided the 10 pitchers into one group of 6 and one group of 4. Tom Burns, Jr. and Dale Haskin were the top two in group 2 and Gil Tournour and Ken Woolery in group 1. On Sunday we divided the 13 pitchers into 3 groups: 2 groups of four and 1 group of five. Bernie Merchen and Sue Lichau placed in group 1, Gil Tournour and Will Facey pitched a play-off game which Gil won in group 2 and in group 3 Hayden Lee (a junior pitcher from Sonoma) and Tom Burns, Jr. took 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Saturday's weather was very cool and quite windy and Sunday was beautiful with a little breeze and by the time we closed up it was 88 degrees - what a difference a day makes! On Sunday we learned of the loss of our dear friend Chet Carter, another fine gentleman of our sport who will be missed but never forgotten.

We have our last tournament in September and if I can manage my time efficiently I'll have some chili beans to share and maybe even some cornbread!! I hope to see you all there. I have almost mastered the HorseShoe Master program

(pardon the pun) and I love it. It's so easy to come home, get on line, write a little note to Wayne and attach a couple of files and hit send. That's all there is to it, really! It takes longer to write the check to NCHPA for the tournament fees. When they work, computers are fabulous! See you all in September in Ukiah and in the mean time see you in Fortuna, Sonoma, Vallejo, or wherever the road takes us.

both Fritz Oberst and Gloria Callahan drove for 3 hours or more! Our very own member, Tom Burns, Jr. travels at least 3 hours from Concord. We appreciate the effort and wish to thank them for joining us here in sunny, warm and friendly, Ukiah! We look forward to hosting you for our September tournament and hope you will find the time and treasure to travel here. We'll leave the coffee on for you! **Lorena Tournour**

And speaking of the road: we understand and appreciate the travel distance required to reach our pleasant and beautiful area and we would like to thank everyone that makes the effort to drive to Ukiah, especially those that travel for 2-3 hours or more. Our Fortuna friends, Bill & Sharon Paddock, Tom Webb and Blair Rowley drive for 2 or more hours to get here, and

*If the world were a logical place, men would be the ones who ride horses sidesaddle*

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## 2012 AWARDS RULES & POINT SYSTEM

- A. If there is a tie – both players will win.
- B. All awards are determined from the cutoff date after the 2011 State Tournament through the 2012 State Tournament.

### 1. PLAYER OF THE YEAR (limited to one player only)

Regular Tournaments: 1 point each + 1<sup>st</sup> place = 3 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> place = 2 points

State Championships: 5 points + 1<sup>st</sup> place = 3 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> place = 2 points

Nor-Cal Championships: 5 points + 1<sup>st</sup> place = 3 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> place = 2 points

Nor-Cal Team Championships = 3 points

### 2. ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

Same point system as player of the year

### 3. MOST IMPROVED

The starting ringer % is determined by the first tournament pitched by new members, not their qualifying ringer percentage. The rest are determined by their ringer percentage after the 2011 State Tournament.

### 4. TOP DOG AWARD

Most tournaments pitched in the NCHPA after the 2011 state tournament to the cutoff date after the 2012 State Tournament.

### 5. 80% GAMES AND OVER

Award certificates from Wayne George, NCHPA statistician.

### 6. JUNIOR OR CADET PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Same point system as adults, with the requirement that they must pitch in a minimum of 5 tournaments to be eligible for the award.

### 7. SCOREKEEPER OF THE YEAR

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## \$\$TOURNAMENT\$\$

JUNE 30, 2012

ENTRY FEE: \$20.00

ALL ENTRY FEES WILL BE RETURNED TO  
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6 PERSON - 1,2 & 3 (MIN. FOR 1<sup>ST</sup> \$50.)

THE TOURNAMENT WILL BE HELD AT  
PIONEER PARK IN NEVADA CITY. WE'VE  
BEEN RAINED OR FLOODED OUT FOR THE  
LAST 2 YEARS SO WE HOPE YOU'LL COME  
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# 2012 NCHPA CHAMPIONSHIPS

## ENTRY FORM

September 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>

(Two days of pitching for all groups)



### HOST CLUB - VALLEJO

*PRE-REGISTER - \$ PRIZE MONEY & PLAQUES  
ENTRY DEADLINE POSTMARKED **August 27, 2012***

Participants must have pitched in (3) NCHPA sanctioned tournaments before August 27, 2012. *New members* who joined after August 1, 2012 AND **Junior and Cadet entrants needs a minimum of one (1) NCHPA** sanctioned tournament(s) before August 27, 2012.

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

Mail Entries to: **Gail Sluys**  
1721 San Ramon Way  
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**Camping and Motel Information to follow**  
**NO EXCEPTIONS TO NUMBER OF TOURNAMENTS WILL BE MADE.**  
**NO REFUNDS AFTER SCHEDULE IS COMPLETED.**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please circle the Group you are entering.

OPEN MEN   OPEN WOMEN   ELDERS MEN   JUNIOR GIRL/BOY   CADET 9 & UNDER  
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**\*SENIOR GROUPS NOT HAVING A MINIMUM OF 6 PLAYERS WILL BE MIXED WITH OPEN CLASSES.**

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