

Nor-Cal News & Views

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NCHPA Annual Meeting Minutes November 11, 2017 Florin Rebekah Hall Sacramento CA

NCHPA Officers Present: Joe Summers (President): Alan Trusty (3rd VP): Lorena Tournour (4th VP): George Davis (5th VP): Gail Sluys (Secretary Treasurer) and Casey Sluys (Regional Director). John Barney 1st VP was not in attendance.

Delegates Present: Mike Anderson and Nancy Cloutier (San Jose), Linda Hoelscher (Fortuna), Rick Della Santina (Half Moon Bay), Fay Dumont (Stockton), Rick Bermingham and Glenn Rippetoe (Sacramento), Joe Summers (Vallejo), Harlen Rippetoe, Tim Gallegos Jr, and Marty Montez (Madera), Mona Della Santina (Tri-Valley), Alan Trusty (Turlock) David Hoelscher (Shasta Willows), Casey Sluys & Gail Sluys (Sonoma County), Gil Tournour & Lorena Tournour (Ukiah), Rick Thompson (Seaside).

No Delegates: Exeter: Forebay Park: Gold Country: Indian Valley: San Francisco: Tulare: and Tuolumne Clubs were not represented. Feather River Club whose members have now announced their disbandment was also not in attendance.

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 by President Joe Summers who welcomed members, led the Pledge of Allegiance and asked for a moment of silence for members who have passed this year.

With 23 votes available to the delegates a simple majority will be 12 and a 2/3 will require 15 votes to pass. If paper votes necessary Linda Hoelscher, Rick Della Santina and Gil Tournour will collect and count the votes.

Self introductions of NCHPA officers followed. Secretary/Treasurer Gail Sluys performed the roll call and delegate count. The minutes to the 2016 meeting were presented and a motion was made to accept the minutes as presented and with a second the motion passed. The 2017 Financial report was presented. A motion was made to accept the report and with a second the motion carried. George Davis 5th VP reminded everyone that John Barney was moving and he will be missed. He informed everyone he will be taking over handling supplies and club welfare until jobs were assigned in 2018. George also reported new and returning members for 2017 equaled 65. He reported that the Turlock club added 10 new members, Sonoma County 9 and Madera 8 making them the top clubs adding new members this year. Alan Trusty 3rd VP reported will assume a new set of duties after January 1st. Lorena Tournour 4th VP asked anyone having any changes to the 2018 schedule to contact her within a week so that she can get the schedule completed.

RD Casey Sluys reported on the World Tournament as he was the Chairperson for the NCHPA.

- NHPA raised Adult dues to ****\$25.00**** as voted on by the membership, making the total including NCHPA "35.00" per year effective in 2018. Junior dues remain \$7.00.
- NHPF will continue to receive a \$1 from the NHPA per member as stipulated in their By-Laws to assist in becoming a constructive, worthwhile asset for growing the memberships.
- He held small meetings, at World, to solicit ideas how to increase and retain membership nationwide. One was to have a possible 2 tiered membership. Have the NHPA become the go to source for all Charters for recruiting tools for everyone to use, perhaps wholesale changes need to be made.
- Anything that comes of this he will report in the Newsletter.

Club Reports: Turlock reported that one of their members brought in 7-8 members this year.

Madera – Harlen feels the NHPA shouldn't have raised dues and to keep the cost down in his club he will eliminate club dues. He also announced he will only allow pitching from 35 ft in his Wednesday Un-Sanctioned league. He said he has 100 pitchers on that night. He suggested to grow your league have friends bring friends. He is planning to have his 2018 tournaments on Friday nights weather is better and has a good turnout. 10:30 am – 10:52 am break. Roll Call – all present as earlier.

Casey /Joe announced the Hall of Fame Storage Pod went away. The Hall of Fame is now in the basement of Gail and Casey. It had been mentioned in the Newsletter. Another comment about the Newsletter was recommended (don't know by whom) that Clubs should take the responsibility of printing the Newsletter for their members without computers. This should be done to save the NCHPA money.

Club Contact list – please be sure the person on the schedule contact list is able to handle the responsibilities that go along with it. If not the person should be changed. Gail Sluys to e-mail a form showing Club officers to each club to be completed. *This has been sent out via email.*

Linda Hoelscher said Shasta/Willows will be hosting more money tournaments in 2018. Last year Robert Gillette sponsored one adding \$500.00 to the prize money. She said Jeff Norried will be adding money in 2018 but she doesn't know the amount.

It was agreed that the Color of the 2018 plates will be Gold with black trim. **After meeting with our provider we found this had to be changed due to pricing. Therefore the plates for 2018 will be black with gold printing.**

Vallejo club will be the host to the 2018 NCHPA Championships Tournament.

Shasta/Willows club will be the host of the 2018 Doubles Championship. This tournament will be set up and run by the NCHPA Officers. A Motion to keep the entry fee at \$40.00 and raise the entering cap to 110 was made and carried. The NCHPA Doubles Championship will be held October 22nd and 23rd.

Tri-Valley club will be on the 2018 schedule as planned as but may be changed if the Fairgrounds make changes. Break 11:50 AM 12:00

New Business:

A proposal was made that since the raffle prizes were not bought but were donated that we donate the raffle money collected to the Fire Victims through the Redwood Credit Union. Motion Carried
Reminder to Sec/Treas – Don't collect \$20.00 from clubs for next year's raffle as we didn't spend that money this year.

Hall of Fame induction presented by Linda Hoelscher who introduced her committee and announced that Richard Robbins, Tri-Valley Club has been inducted into the NCHPA Hall of Fame. Congratulation all around will be relayed to Richard.

Election of Officers:

Gail Sluys – Secretary Treasurer elected by acclamation.

George Davis – moved to 1st VP and was elected to the position all yeas 0 nays.

Mike Anderson nominated as 3rd VP elected unanimously. Mike Anderson with the assistance of Leon Moore will assume the position of NCHPA Statistician.

Jeff Vieira elected to the 5th VP and Alan Trusty was moved to 2nd VP all unanimously.

The 2018 annual meeting is scheduled at Florin Rebekah Hall in Sacramento 9:30 a.m. November 10, 2018.
Meeting adjourned 12:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted **Gail Sluys Secretary/Treasurer**

President

Happy Holidays

Welcome to our new officers. Good to see new blood step up to the plate. It was a hectic end to the year with fires and talk of club closures. The dust is still settling.

We are in the process of re-assessing and delegating duties to the new officers and we will finalize all duties in the beginning of the new year.

I'd like to wish everyone a wonderful holiday season and a Happy New Year. Let's make 2018 the best year yet. *Joe Summers*

2nd VP

At the year-end meeting I was elected as the 1st VP. I look forward to serving our organization in this position. This was John Barney's spot on the board, and I would like to recognize and thank John for his service to the NCHPA. John is a great guy, a fine horseshoe pitcher, and a credit to our sport. Welcome to Jeff Vieira and Mike Anderson, our new board members. Jeff is no stranger to hard work, and will do a good job at 5th VP. Mike is motivated to bring his best to the important Statistician position. Lorena has done a good job with the 2018 schedule, and deserves our thanks. One of the special moments at the year-end meeting was the announcement of the election of Richard Robbins to the NCHPA Hall of Fame. Richard has always been a great promoter of horseshoe pitching because he always had his heart in it; he loves the sport and he loves horseshoe pitchers. Anyone who ever played a game with Richard, win or lose, enjoyed the game. Congratulations Richard, you deserve the honor; Northern California horseshoes is far better because you were involved! My friend, when one such as you, so full of life, has health problems it is terribly upsetting! I pray for your rapid, complete recovery, and I look forward to pitching against our newest Hall of Famer in the coming season! I hope everyone has a good off-season, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. With President Summers' leadership, and our new board, we should be ready to make Horseshoes Great Again in 2018! *George Davis*

3rd VP

One other item is that at the NorCal annual business meeting in November Leon Moore and I volunteered to take on the NorCal Statistician job and our offer was accepted. Leon and I will both learn the job and perform it in a "tag team"

fashion. It will all be a learning experience and hopefully be a little fun along the way. Additionally, the NorCal Statistician job comes with a NorCal vice presidency and I will be performing the duties of the NorCal 3rd VP. You all can make the task pretty easy on us all if you submit your results in a timely manner. I'd love to have them two days after your tournament is complete that way the pitchers will have their averages submitted to Natstats in time for the following weeks update.

More fun I am sure. Look forward to working with all you tournament directors. *Mike Anderson*

5th VP

Hello everyone! Who doesn't love the sport of Horseshoes? for one do! I was introduced to the game 5 years ago and since then I rarely give up the chance to play. In 2012 I became a member of the Stockton Horseshoe club for the 2013 season. At first I was just like any other member, I showed up helped set things out, played my games, cleaned afterwards then left. As time went on our Pit master Scott Henne moved to Hawaii and I took over his duties. I was asked to reflect back on what those duties included. So here is what I do, if not more than what is listed. Getting ready for a tournament takes a lot, I arrive at the pits and water, trim the edges, sweep or blow the clippings, and turn clay, and in some extreme cases pump any excess water out the pits from too much rain. At the start of the tournaments, uncover the pits, put out the shovels, fill the watering cans and put them out, place spray paint at each pit, put the flag up and help set tables up. During the games I help change out stakes that need to be replaced and refill the water cans. After the tournaments, I help clean up the area, cover any remaining pits, place everything back in the truck and haul it back to my house and store it until the next tournament. Again, I ask "Who doesn't love the game of Horseshoes?"
Jeff Vieira

4th VP

Hello all! As we look to the new year and the new season of pitching we hope for good health and happiness. Our annual meeting was held on November 11th at Florin Rebekah Hall in Sacramento.

Those of us who attended had a nice time reconnecting with each other and shared a delicious lunch.

We discussed many things, all related in one way or another with horseshoe pitching, and we made a few decisions that you will see reflected in the minutes.

I was making changes to the 2018 schedule until December 7th when I finally got it to the printer and was able to send the copies to club contacts on December 11th. My hope is that next year I will get ALL the 2019 dates no later than September 1st so that the schedule distributed at the annual meeting is as close to complete as humanly possible!!!! Then we can have the completed and final version of the 2019 schedule in our hands before December 1st of 2018!!

God bless you and keep you safe and healthy. Please pray for people in our world who are ill and for those who have pain. *Lorena Tournour*

EDITORIAL

***This will be the last printed copy of this document you will receive. From the April, May June issue on it will be posted on the Facebook page, the website www.nchpa.com and those will email will receive it in their inbox as a PDF file.



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Which means you can print all 12 pages or only the forms or information that pertain to you. As it progresses to an online issue it will no longer be restricted to a 12 page document. We can make it 16 pages if we receive the information.

It's with great pride that I can say in the last 10+ years, as your editor, I've managed to get you 12 pages of Northern CA news, perhaps there was one with only 8 pages in there, but oh well. I can certainly see an end coming to this editor task and I am hoping that someone else will step up and do the job that a few hard working folks in the NCHPA began with cut and pasting effort some 21 years ago.

There are a number of newsletter software programs available that other charters use to add colored pictures, various frames and such. I'll look into something of that sort to make it a little less boring for you to read. Eliminating the paper copies will save the NCHPA upwards of \$1000.00 per year in printing and postage costs. Many, many thanks for all your contributions and keep them coming please? Together we can create one of the best informed charters in the country.*** *Casey Sluys*

Look over the schedule carefully and plan to attend an event at each club. If we all did that we would have very good turnouts at these tournament. We really need to broaden our sphere of influence regarding horseshoe pitching. Be proud of the fact you participate in this sport.



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Northern California Horseshoe Pitchers Association 2018 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 11 Daylight Saving Time Begins

July 9–21 2018 World Horseshoe Pitching Championships Florence, South Carolina

Sept. 1-2 California State Championships Bakersfield, CA \$40 entry fee

Oct. 6-7 NCHPA Championships Vallejo, CA \$20 entry fee

Sept. 22-23 NCHPA Doubles Championships Willows, CA \$40 per team entry fee

Nov. 4 Daylight Saving Time Ends
 Nov. 10 Annual Meeting & Awards Lunch
 Meeting: 9:30 am to 12:30 pm
 Lunch/Awards: 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm
 Florin Rebekah Lodge, 8360 Florin Road, Sacramento Lunch cost \$10

NCHPA Awards: 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

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| 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. 20 Tulare Club Membership Sign-ups, *Tulare*

February

- 2) Sat. 10 Jeff Merrill, (2,16) *Exeter*
 3) Sat. 10 Gino Rinaldi, *San Francisco*
 4) Sat. 17 Hoss Moreno, *Tulare*

March

- 5) Sat. 10 Richard Stacey, *Tulare*
 6) Sat. 17 Horseshoe Warm-up, *Vallejo*
 7) Sat. 24 Edwina Leonardo/Loretta Grisaffi, *Shasta/Willows*
 8) Sun. 25 Shasta Willows Memorial, *Shasta/Willows*

April

- 9) Sat. 7 Fred and Marge Wood, *Tri-Valley*
 10) Sat. 7 Vern Gosney Memorial, (4) *Vallejo*
 11) Sun. 8 Donald & Laurence Henry, (2,15,16) *Exeter*
 12) Sun. 8 Tim and Sue Saunders, *Tri-Valley*
 13) Sat. 14 San Jose Memorial, (20) *San Jose*
 14) Sat. 14 TPOY – Del Tex, *Tulare*
 15) Sat. 14 Bill Lawson Memorial, *Turlock*
 16) Sat. 14 Taylor & Perez, *Ukiah*
 17) Sun. 15 Tex Ronning, (20) *San Jose*
 18) Sun. 15 TCHC Annual Memorial, (9,16,20) *Tuolumne*
 19) Sun. 15 Davis, Defino & Chana, *Ukiah*
 20) Sat. 21 Javier Espinola & Alva Ramirez, (20) *Seaside*
 21) Sat. 21 Stockton Parks & Recreation, *Stockton*
 22) Sun. 22 Garza, Hernandez, DeLeon, *Stockton*
 23) Sat. 28 David Hoelscher, *Shasta/Willows*
 24) Sat. 28 George Greeott Memorial, *Sonoma County*
 25) Sun. 29 Corning Carpet Jeff Norried (2,4) *Shasta/Willows*

May

- 26) Thu. 3 Pat McGowan, (10) *Half Moon Bay*
 27) Sat. 5 Robert Sr. & Jr./ Gillett Electric, (1,2,4) *Shasta/Willows*
 28) Sat. 5 Brown-Jamieson, *Tri-Valley*
 29) Sat. 5 United AG Solutions, *Tulare*
 30) Sat. 5 Tuolumne Park Rec District 27 Yrs, (9,16,20) *Tuolumne*
 31) Sun. 6 Linda Hoelscher, *Shasta/Willows*
 32) Sun. 6 Kooy-Cowles, *Tri-Valley*
 33) Sun. 6 Thomas Newell, (16,20) *Tuolumne*
 34) Fri. 11 Donovan Automotive, (11,18) *Madera*
 35) Sat. 12 Chet Carter Memorial, *Half Moon Bay*
 36) Sat. 12 Ken Weir, *Turlock*
 37) Tue.15 Alex & Richard Voskes AM, *Half Moon Bay*
 38) Tue.15 Jim Sample PM (10), *Half Moon Bay*
 39) Sat. 19 Gold Country, *Gold Country*
 40) Sat. 19 Brian & Russell Zelman (20), *San Jose*
 41) Sat. 19 Facey & Burns, Jr., *Ukiah*
 42) Sun. 20 Hoss Moreno, *Exeter*
 43) Sun. 20 Gold Country, *Gold Country*
 44) Sun. 20 Edward Moore, (20) *San Jose*
 45) Sun. 20 Hayes & Ricks, *Ukiah*
 46) Sat. 26 Paul Machado Hawaiian, *Sonoma County*
 47) Sat. 26 Joe & Millie Schultz, *Stockton*
 48) Sat. 26 Growview Enterprises, *Tulare*
 49) Sun. 27 Faye Dumont Scorekeeper Appreciation, *Stockton*

June

- 50) Sat. 2 Bill Harris Memorial, *Forebay Park*
 51) Sat. 2 Richard Morgan, *Turlock*
 52) Sun. 3 Forebay Park Open, *Forebay Park*
 53) Thu. 7 Charlie Hall, (10) *Half Moon Bay*
 54) Sat. 9 Indian Valley Memorial, *Indian Valley*
 55) Sat-Sun. 9-10 17th Annual Black Oak Casino Resort (1,2,9,16,17,20) *Tuolumne*
 56) Sat. 9 Brotherton, Bushby & Tournour, *Ukiah*
 57) Sun. 10 Diego Vargas, (2,16) *Exeter*

- 58)** Sun. 10 Richard McCutcheon & Joe White Memorial, *Indian Valley*
59) Sat. 10 Mills & Belvail, *Ukiah*
60) Tue. 12 Sam Caputo, *Half Moon Bay*
61) Tue. 12 Koistinen & Pacheco, (10) *Half Moon Bay*
62) Sat. 16 Rick Bermingham, *Sacramento*
63) Sat. 16 Jim Saunders Tournament, (20) *San Jose*
64) Sat. 16 Marin Trophy Special, *Sonoma County*
65) Sun. 17 Mike Hammer, *Sacramento*
66) Sun. 17 Nakamoto Family Tournament, (20) *San Jose*
67) Fri. 22 PRO T's, (11,18) *Madera*
68) Sat. 23 Peter Zepponi, *San Francisco*
69) Sun. 24 Ben Yost, (4) *Vallejo*

July

- 70)** Sat. 7 Bill Terry, *Half Moon Bay*
71) Sat. 7 Jones Family, (20) *Turlock*
72) Sun. 8 Keith & Foa Remillong, *Half Moon Bay*
July 9 - July 21 World Tournament, Florence, SC
73) Sat. 21 Golddigger 1, (12), *Indian Valley*
74) Sun. 22 Golddigger 2, (12), *Indian Valley*
75) Sun. 22 McGrath Family, (4) *Vallejo*
76) Sat. 28 Rowley Family, (1) *Fortuna*
77) Sat. 28 J.C. Miller, *Sacramento*
78) Sat. 28 Jo Ellen Lagg & Bonnie Conlin, (2,9,16,20) *Tuolumne*
79) Sun. 29 Kurtz & Gower, (1) *Fortuna*
80) Sun. 29 Glen Rippetoe, *Sacramento*
81) Sun. 29 Ralph Soto & Ford Canutt, (9,16,20), *Tuolumne*

August

- Wed. 1 Sign up Deadline for State Championships**
82) Sat. 4 Huffman-Morgan, *Tri-Valley*
83) Sun. 5 Buna-Carvallyo's, *Tri-Valley*
84) Sat. 11 Forebay Park Open, Forebay Park
85) Sat.-Sun. 11-12 DASH FOR CASH, (1,2,5,8,16,17), *Fortuna*
86) Sat. 11 Joe Sciarra, *Half Moon Bay*
87) Sat. 11 Alan Trusty, *Turlock*
88) Sun. 12 Glen O'Brien-Walking Doubles, (15) *Half Moon Bay*
89) Sun. 12 Sonja DeLaney & Darlene Podberger, (9,16,20), *Tuolumne*
90) Sun. 19 Dave Lane & Joe Summers, (4) *Vallejo*
91) Fri. 24 Quality Painting, (11,18) *Madera*
92) Sat. 25 Passed Members Tribute, *Sonoma County*
93) Sun. 26 R Ur Ears Ringing, (2,4) *Sonoma County*

September

- Sat.-Sun. 1-2 NCHPA/SCHPA State Championships, Bakersfield**
95) Sat. 8 John Carver, NHPF Benefit, (19) *Half Moon Bay*
96) Sat. 8 Vince Eisma, *Turlock*
Fri. 14 Sign up Deadline for NCHPA Doubles Tournament
Fri. 14 Deadline to Submit Nominations for Hall of Fame and Scorekeeper of the Year

- 97)** Sat. 15 Elaine Butcher/Shonda Annis, *Shasta/Willows*
98) Sat. 15 Rick & Mona Della Santina, *Tri-Valley*
99) Sun.16 Mike Robinson, *Shasta/Willows*
100) Sun.16 Major-Kane, *Tri-Valley*
101) Sat.-Sun. 22-23 NCHPA Doubles Tournament, Shasta/Willows
Sun. 23 Sign up deadline for NCHPA Championships
102) Sat. 29 Gold Country, *Gold Country*
103) Sat. 29 Marisela Mauricio Tournament, (20), *San Jose*
104) Sat. 29 Mystery Money ??\$\$, *Sonoma County*
105) Sun. 30 Marvin Sanders, (2,16) *Exeter*
106) Sun. 30 Gold Country, *Gold Country*
107) Sun. 30 Dick McCall Tournament, (20) *San Jose*

October

- 108) Sat. 6-7 NCHPA Championships, Vallejo**
109) Sat. 13 Golden Gate Classic, *San Francisco*
110) Sun.14 Jeff Vieira, Peter Chavarria, *Stockton*
111) Fri. 19 Donovan Automotive, (11,18) *Madera*
112) Sat. 20 Cesar Espinola & Brian Allen, (20) *Seaside*
113) Sat. 27 Bernard-Hughes, *Tri-Valley*
114) Sun. 28 Robbins-Summers *Tri-Valley*

November

- 115)** Sat. 3 Turkey Shoot, *Tulare*
116) Sun. 4 NHPF Fundraiser, (2,16) *Exeter*
Sat. 10 Annual Meeting (9am-12:30pm) & Awards Lunch (1:00-2:30pm), Sacramento
117) Sat. 17 PRO T's, (9) *Madera*

December

- 118)** Sat. 1 Terry Farrell, *Half Moon Bay*
119) Sun. 2 Rick Della Santina-Walking Doubles, (15), *Half Moon Bay*
 Sat. 8 RAIN DATE Terry Farrell, *Half Moon Bay*
 Sun. 9 RAIN DATE Rick Della Santina-Walking Doubles (15), *Half Moon Bay*

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SEND TOURNAMENT RESULTS IN TO THE
STATISTICIAN WITHIN 2 DAYS OF TOURNAMENT
this assures that results will be posted in time for the
next tournament.

CLUB PRESIDENT:

Set your 2019 tournament dates no later than August 1, 2018 and send in the dates no later than September 1, 2018. This assures a timely printing and distribution of the new schedule.

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Half Moon Bay

We have had a great Club Year. I would like to congratulate Richard Robbins (associate member) for winning his class at the World Tournament as well being voted in to the NCHPA Hall of Fame. Larry Pacheco (HMB Member) took third in his Group at the WT. Mark Bernard (associate member) won his class at the California State Championship. Foa Remillong placed second in the woman's Championship. We are proud to have you as members. Good Job to all.

Our courts are only 2 Cadet pads away from our upgrade being complete. Thanks again to the NHPF and to Pat McGowan & Bill Terry.

We finished our last 2 tournaments with the most accomplished field of players we have ever had. Denise Daly & Dalton Rakestraw came from Illinois and were joined by Hayden Lee of Sonoma Club, all three were past World Tournament Juniors Champions. Mike Anderson past WT Class Champion, Larry Pacheco, 3rd in his class at the last WT. Foa Remillong, past Women's California State Champion, Bill Terry, Pat McGowan, & Chris Benson, all were Class Champions at the California State Championship. We had many other great pitchers who I don't know how well they finished, like Gil Tournour.

The Half Moon Bay Horseshoe Club would like to wish all of our NHPA Family & Friends, Happy Holidays and we look forward to seeing everyone next Year. Rick Della Santina

San Jose

Happy Happy New Year from San Jose!

Early in December San Jose Horseshoe Club had our annual business meeting/Christmas party hosted by Nancy Cloutier and Larry Ryan. The club would like to thank Nancy and Larry for all the hospitality that they provide each year for our meeting/party. The evening started off with the business meeting.

s part of the business meeting the election of 2018 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

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After the business meeting a wonderful potluck dinner was enjoyed by all.

Following dinner lots of loud and boisterous fun was had with a White Elephant/Yankee Swap gift exchange. It was great fun and everyone came away with a "great" gift.

Again, Happy New Year to all and we look forward to seeing you at the courts in 2018. **Mike Anderson**

Stockton

The highlight of our year was hosting the 2017 State Championship. Our thanks to the NCHPA Board, the Players North and South, and the City of Stockton for making it a successful and memorable one! The "Global Warming State Tournament" was a hot one!

We hope you will all mark your calendars for Saturday, April 21, for our traditional Stockton Parks and Recreation Tournament, and for Sunday, April 22, when we will hold the annual Garza, Hernandez, DeLeon Tournament. The Stockton Asparagus Festival will be held that weekend, so it is a good weekend to come to Stockton We plan on no rain that week.

The Stockton Club congratulates one of our favorite horseshoe pitchers in the world, Richard Robbins, on his induction into the NCHPA Hall of Fame.

Our club is proud to have Jeff Vieira, our Pit Master, elected as an NCHPA board member.

Happy Holidays, and Happy Off-Season from Stockton! **George** **Davis**

Sonoma County

Man it's tough to have to write this, but the NCHPA has lost another lifetime member of the NHPA. Roger McKeay succumbed to lung cancer after a valiant effort to stave off this dreaded disease. His fight lasted a full 3 years and at one point thought he was cancer free. Unfortunately on a regular checkup it reappeared and took him out. He passed away on December 12th, Roger began in the sport of horseshoe pitching with some people like Stu Snyder, John Hagerman, Bob Hanlon, Bob Mauzey and has been a 50 year member. Our club will purchase a brick at the Hall of Fame in Wentzville, MO. on Rogers behalf. It will say ROGER MCKEAY, 1954 MERCURY, 50+ YR LF MBR. He belonged to the classic car club in town and owned a 54 glass topped Mercury, which starred in the movie "Peggy Sue Got Married" Per his request there will be no services. For those wanting to send a card to his widow it's Joyce McKeay 623 Hoen Ave, Santa Rosa, CA 95405. Donations on his behalf can be sent the NHPF 100 Bluestem Way, Wentzville, MO 63385 Thank you.

Casey Sluys

Ukiah

In my last newsletter article, I wrote about the heat that was oppressive in Ukiah and in Stockton.

Today I am looking out at a vineyard bright with sunshine and a deck on which you could sit and enjoy the weather. Sadly we have no rain, but joyfully we can experience the sunshine and comfortable temperatures of an unusually warm December! The rain will come in January and some in February and March, hopefully it won't cause any cancellations!!

Gil and I drove to Half Moon Bay on December 2nd and had a wonderful time. Half Moon Bay is a great club and if you haven't been there yet, you must make the trip. The people are so kind and welcoming and each day of the tournament they serve lunch for a small fee. There is nothing like a barbecued Polish sausage enjoyed in the fresh ocean air.

The NHPA dues have gone up to \$35 so our club will have to raise our dues to \$40. We hope that won't be a deterrent to membership so we have decided to do a drawing in April for one free

membership to the Ukiah Valley Horseshoe Club. We are anticipating that might attract both new and returning members.

During the first ever NCHPA Doubles Tournament in Willows, Gil pitched his first but hopefully not last 80% game. Gordon Bushby, our son-in-law was Gil's partner - they earned third place which made them both happy but looking forward to next year! Our club has had a good year with lots of pitching and some fun times at our courts and at some of the other clubs too.

We are all looking forward to Ukiah tournaments in 2018 and our desires include good weather and your attendance - so we hope to see you all here!

Lorena Tournour

Sacramento

Happy holidays everyone! From the Sacramento Horseshoe club we hope everyone has a great Christmas and a safe and happy new year. 2018 schedule is out and I hope all are anxious to pitch this spring, as I am. I recommend practice the off season to stay in rhythm so when the season starts, you hit the ground running! See you on the courts,
Rick Bermingham.

San Francisco

Happy Holidays and I hope you Ring In the New Year!

On Saturday December 30th from 11:00 AM-12:00 PM (PST) I will be a guest on KWMR Radio on program called Off Center Sports talking about the sport of horseshoes for an hour. This is a West Marin radio station and it is also online. Tune in if you can.

We are looking forward to 2018 and growing the club. 2017 had a lot of rainy weekends, but this year we're hoping to have better weather and getting more new people out playing horseshoes. We will continue to promote and support recreational community tournaments to keep exposing new people to the game and NHPA. As with all of us, it involves working with the rec and parks department to balance our NHPA club and the public who can reserve the courts. For the first year since we started the club we have been seeing multiple groups pitching and reserving the courts on the weekends. That means that the word is getting

out, but also creating a new problem of groups wanting to reserve the courts on the same day. Not a bad problem to deal with, but another thing to coordinate with the reservations department. NHPA tournaments are not big money makers, so our club needs to work closer with the reservations department to help promote private horseshoe events which do make money for the parks. Being able to balance both NHPA and Rec tournaments and working with the park is going to be important to sustaining a club.

This year we submitted several NHPA rule proposals in an effort to promote NHPA as well as Recreational horseshoes and create a pathway for more people to be involved with the NHPA either through provisional memberships or 'drop in' tournaments fees. By some estimates over 100 million people have played horseshoes in the USA, and there are numerous rec and bar leagues with no affiliation to the NHPA. There needs to be some way for all these other people to be involved and associated with the sport of organized horseshoes. If nothing else, to at least create a database and receive the News and Views. We proposed the idea of a two tier membership system and associate or provisional memberships for members of these other groups to be associated with the NHPA, and be able to pay an additional drop in fee, like at the YMCA and be able to pitch in an NHPA tournament. We host and help with several community tournaments every year, but there is no way for any of these people to have any association with the NHPA except by becoming a full member. That is a huge missed opportunity. There are several people thinking similarly in other states and I understand more rule changes have been proposed this year than usual. Pay attention to the new rules proposal coming out of committee this year. Also speak up and have an opinion. Clearly some changes need to be made to not only stop the

decline of membership but increase it. If the estimates are correct, there are millions of people who play horseshoes. The NHPA needs to create a system where everyone can be associated with the NHPA, not just the most dedicated. There needs to be a 'minor league' or 'Farm Team' system that people can join, with looser rules for everyone who just wants to play for fun. That's where most of the future champions will eventually come from.

This year our junior member Luke Zepponi was the CA State Junior Champion, and is now a two time state champion. We are trying to leverage that as much as possible to build the Junior Club and with media exposure. In June he was featured in San Francisco Magazine and has been able to use his horseshoe experience and success on high school applications. We hope to start a horseshoe club in whatever high school he ends up going to. Also this year we will try to create a SF Brewers league or tournament. Partnering with local breweries (or businesses) to create a fun rec league with sponsors will help us reach more potential new members and create additional revenue for the park and our club. If this league becomes successful, it would be nice if there was a way for them to be associated with the NHPA to get info about our tournaments, events and even be able to drop-in and play. If anyone else has ideas they'd like to share or would like to see our ideas, contact me at peter@sfhorseshoepitching.com. We want the membership and NHPA officers to start looking hard at how to improve the organization into the next century. I have started calling it the NHPA 2020 Vision as a 3 year plan to revitalize the sport and make it relevant to the next generation. *Peter Zepponi*

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