

Nor-Cal News & Views

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Secretary/Treasurer

A few thoughts and reminders;

It's that time of year again – please don't miss getting signed up for the Championship tournaments that mean so much to so many of us.

CA State Championships – to be held in Bakersfield this year, Labor Day weekend, requires pitching in three (3) CA sanctioned tournaments since the last state tournament to the deadline of AUGUST 1st. **Entry goes to Hal Griswold in S. CA.**

NCHPA Championships – to be held in Vallejo on OCTOBER 1st minimum of one (1) NCHPA sanctioned tournament before the deadline of SEPTEMBER 17th. **Entry goes to Gail Sluys**

NCHPA Double Championships – to be held in Vallejo on OCTOBER 2nd. No minimum number of tournaments but partners have to be under a maximum combined total average. Deadline

SEPTEMBER 17th. **Entry goes to Gail Sluys**

If you have someone to nominate for the **NCHPA Hall of Fame**, the nomination and information deadline is AUGUST 13th. **Send to Joe Summers.**

Nominations for Scorekeeper of the year are due AUGUST 13th. **Send to Gail Sluys.** Please write up the reason you believe this person should be honored.

All entry forms are included in this Newsletter, except for the scorekeeper they are also posted on our NCHPA web site at <http://www.nchpa.com>

An important reminder – if you pay your NHPA dues online please remember to pay your club dues to your club. Our NCHPA By-laws require club membership. I know some people wonder why and say other Charters don't require this. Well other Charters charge a higher State dues than CA. Other charters don't always share that

income with the facilities around their state. Our past and present officers realize the clubs need funds to keep their facilities afloat and give your clubs voting strength at the annual meeting, which is based on your club membership numbers. If you sign up online you don't get a card but can print your receipt. Thank you, *Gail Sluys*

1st. VP

I'm looking forward to the World Tournament in West Monroe, Louisiana. Sunday morning I'll be leaving for New Orleans from the Sacramento Airport. I'll meet up with my brother who is going on the trip with me (from San Diego) in Austin, Texas, and hopefully we'll avoid flight cancellations and continue on to the Big Easy. We'll spend Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday Sight-seeing, Eating, and Listening to Music on our way to West Monroe, by way of New Orleans, Baton Rouge, Lafayette, Natchez, MS, Jackson, MS, and Vicksburg. I'll be pitching Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of the first week. I'm honored to be a Northern California delegate to the NHPA Convention on Sunday, along with Richard Robbins, and Rick Della Santina. I'll have to write in the next News and Views about my "delegate experience."

When the World Tournament gets serious in the second week I'll be "back in Lodi again," watching the action from West Monroe on my computer screen. Will the great Alan Francis retain his World Title in the Men's group? How could you bet against him? Bobby Bartell will be the top ranked California Man, competing in the World Tournament in Men's A2. The Women's competition should be interesting! Wisconsin's Sarah Chaffee is up from the Jr. Girl's division, and brings the tournament

high 88.3% Ringer Average into competition against the Top Ladies in the World. Will she get the job done? Fascinating....will be fun to watch. I wish 2019's Women's Champ Lindsay Hodgins had made the trip from Canada to compete! Tulare's Diane Luiz, California's current State Champ, will be the highest-ranking Californian in the Women's field in Group B. David Holmes, of West Virginia will probably be the man to beat in the Elder's competition; the top-ranking California Elders, State Champ John Garcia, and Hal Griswold can be found in the 7th and 16th positions in Elders B1. Adakai Begay of Madera will be the #2 seed in the Cadet A Group. Hastiin Begaye sets his sights on the Jr. Boy's Title from the 3rd spot in the Jr. Boy's Division. Dillon Kyle will represent our state from the #3 position in Jr. B. The Sr. Men's competition will have three former Men's World Champions in the top Group. Brian Simmons makes his first appearance in the Sr. Men's Division...he won the Men's World Crown the last time the World Tournament was in West Monroe. Walter Ray pitches out of the 3rd position and is a strong possibility to add another World Title to his incredible horseshoe career achievements. Two-time Men's World Champion, Indiana's Mark Seibold is also competing in the group. Best of Luck to all California pitchers pitching at the World Tournament! *George Davis*

2nd. VP

It's been quite a learning experience since being asked to assume the 2nd VP position last year. Having filled it for one year I'd like to try a full term this election. Thank you for your vote. *Jasmine Brady.*

3rd. VP

As of the end of the first week of July the 2021-2022 NCHPA season has seen 84 tournaments pitched and 9 tournaments cancelled/postponed due to COVID-19 or weather. The 84 tournaments pitched had 1136 NCHPA pitchers entered and 104 non-NCHPA pitchers entered in 210 total classes. There have been 2 games of 80% or more pitched:

Rick Birmingham's 85% game against Steve Goodman in 03-21-086 Lane/Summers Sat. Sep. 25, 2021 in Vallejo.

Rick Birmingham's 80% game against Diane Luiz in 03-22-050 Williams Open Mon. May 30, 2022 in McBean/Lincoln.
Good pitchin' Rick!

So in spite of weather and pandemic the 2021-2022 NCHPA season is pretty much back to normal. Stay healthy and keep on a' pitchin'!

As always you club statisticians can make my task pretty easy if you submit your HSMaster files (boxscore files, one file per class, tournament class standings file, and comma-separated-values Results file) in a timely manner. I would like to have them as soon after your tournament as is convenient. Please email your HSMaster files to me at: meanderson99@yahoo.com. And please be sure that the boxscore files that you send are generated in HSMaster as Tournaments, Reports, Results [not Results (Brief)], Text File. Keep in mind that I need member numbers in every file that you send. That means I want the long version, not brief version, of every file. (See the notes below concerning boxscore files and class standings file from doubles tournaments.)

Create the HSMaster files as follows:

1) boxscore files, one per class: Tournaments, Play Singles or Play Doubles, Tournament (your tournament number and name), Class X, Load, Standings checked, Box Scores checked, Export; repeat for each class in place of X. Note that for doubles tournaments HSMaster will only produce class boxscore files that do not have pitcher member numbers.

2) tournament class standings file: Tournaments, Play Singles or Play Doubles, Tournament (your tournament number and name), Reports, Results [not Results (Brief)], preview if desired, Text File Note that for doubles tournaments HSMaster will only produce a tournament class standings file that does not have pitcher member numbers.

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

You may put these files in any folder you like, but C:\HSMasterData is a pretty common folder to put them in. Thanks for all your help. *Mike Anderson*

4th. VP

**Yes, I will run for this office again.
Trying to be helpful for our wonderful game. Jeff Williams**

5th. VP

First I would like to say good luck to all NCHPA participants for the world tournament. I would also like to say good

luck with safe travels to All . Pitch them Ringers.

We are finally here at the halfway point for the 2022 horseshoe pitching season. This season is developing into a great season. It is great that the Covid has calmed down, but we can't forget about it we have to still keep ourselves safe and healthy. Another difficulty that we are having is the price of gas. Hopefully the price will start dropping. as we all know this is a year for bylaw changes if you have any By-Laws that you would like to have changed please get them to Jeff Williams so he can present it at the board meeting. It would be great to have a big turnout at the board meeting. As of supplies the NCHPA has provided 3650 score sheets to various clubs this year. If your club is getting low on score sheets please get a hold of me so I can get them to your club. A box of 500 sheets cost \$50.00. A bigger topic this year has been the plaques. This is a topic that really needs attention . It is stated in the bylaws that each club will receive, from the NCHPA, two plaques at the beginning of the calendar year for free. If a club needs more plaques The club would have to purchase the additional plaques they need at cost of the plaque. The NCHPA ran out of plaques early this year . We priced different places to replace the Plaques. We found out that it was going to cost from \$26 to \$45 for each plaque that we currently issue. The NCHPA generally purchases 100 plaques at a time. The cost to replace our stock of plaques was going to be anywhere from \$2600 to \$4500. That is a lot of money. In its place the NCHPA purchased 50 boards and 50 header plates that were attached by Casey Sluys, the total cost for the 50 plaques was about \$500. It was a heck of a good price and probably can't be duplicated next time, although we

will try. A big thanks to Casey and Gail forgetting a quick fix on the plaques. If you are going to need plaques the cost for the new plaque is \$15.00. As we go forward we really need to discuss what we want to do about the plaque situation. Please keep in mind this is a by-law changing year.

The Madera club by far has been the club of the year in giving out plaques . They have awarded 10 plaques so far this year and are purchasing another 5 plaques at the end of the month at the Vallejo tournament. That's going to be 15 plaques at the halfway mark, and that is all to new members that have joined the NHPA. A fabulous job for the Madera Horseshoe Club, keep it up. Great job Nick And Dee.

Having had a couple of years of experience now and having it set up fairly well, I'd like to state that I will be running for the 5th vice president of the NCHPA this year. Thank you, *Dave Lane*

First of all a bit about how the NCHPA is structured.

1. We adhere to the NHPA National Horseshoe Pitching Associations By-Laws and Rules.
2. We have our own By-Laws. (they cannot conflict with the NHPA's)
3. We have a set of standing rules in our By-laws.
4. A set of Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) have been developed for guidance for the officers.
5. There are a set of "Combined Charter Playing Rules" for the California State Championship. Some of these documents are included in this issue. The By-Laws are posted on the website and in due time these other document will also be online, including the Hall of Fame information..

REGIONAL DIRECTOR

The following is what our By-Laws say regarding officers, these can be found on the website at www.nchpa.com

ARTICLE V: Officers

SECTION 5. Candidates for office

- a. Candidates for office may announce their candidacy to the NCHPA President or be nominated at the annual meeting.*
- b. Nominees must be willing to serve, be present when nominated or have signified in writing that the nomination is accepted.*

SECTION 6. Terms of office

- a. All officers shall serve a two-year term.*
- b. The President, the 2nd, 4th and 5th Vice-Presidents shall be elected in even numbered years.*
- c. The Secretary-Treasurer and the 1st and 3rd Vice-Presidents shall be elected in odd numbered years.*
- d. The newly elected officers shall take office on January 1st of the year following their election.*

This being an even year means that the President is up, the 2nd, the 4th and the 5th VP's are up for re-election also. Anyone wishing to run for any of these office please let **Joe Summers and the News & Views editor know.**

When you become an officer you are entrusted as the custodian of these document that hold the Charter together and are directly responsible to update these as necessary. This is simply one of the many tasks that officers signed up for when they entered the position as an officer of the NCHPA. There are a myriad of day to day tasks that can be found in our By-Laws, Standing Rules, and the Standard Operating Procedures.

Let's develop a new, more up-to-date logo for the charter? The blue shield one is antiquated please submit your suggestions to me for a more modern logo?

How are the new business card working for you? Does each club have a supply still? We have more for anyone who would like more. Thank You, *Casey Sluys*

NCHPA Hall of Fame Nominee Information Form

Name_____ Birth Date_____

Address_____ City_____ Zip_____

Phone_____ # of years NCHPA member_____

Email_____ Minimum 10 yrs

Highlights of pitching career Tournaments won: where, when, & average

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Highlights of promotional efforts: exhibitions, school instruction, parks & recreation instruction, fund raising tourneys for charity, recruiting of new members, etc.

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NCHPA and/or club offices held: where & when

Use another sheet of paper for any additional information that you have on your nominee.

Send in by **August 1, 2022** to: Joe Summers NCHPA President

231 Escondido Drive Martinez, CA 94553



NORTHERN CALIFORNIA HORSESHOE PITCHER'S HALL OF FAME GUIDELINES

Purpose:

The purpose of the Northern California Horseshoe Pitcher's Association (NCHPA) Hall of Fame is to recognize deserving members who have made significant contributions to the sport of horseshoe pitching at the state level.

Mission Statement:

To seek out worthy people who have set aside years of their personal time to build, organize, promote, fund, and better the sport of horseshoe pitching within the Charter of Northern California whether through their pitching abilities, organizational skills, or promotional efforts.

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Committee:

A Hall of Fame Committee shall consist of a committee chairperson along with four other adults chosen by the chairperson and approved by the Executive Board who are active members of the NCHPA in good standing with a minimum of ten years of membership in the NCHPA. The committee chairperson is appointed by the NCHPA Executive Board. The committee chairperson and committee members shall be appointed to terms of three years. There is no limit to the number of terms the committee chairperson or the committee members may serve.

Committee Chairperson and Committee Duties:

The committee and the chairperson shall have the following responsibilities:

- 1) To appoint an additional 4 members of the committee,
- 2) To communicate candidate information in a timely manner,
- 3) To coordinate any discussions
- 4) To distribute the ballots for voting on nominees,
- 5) To collect and count the ballots and communicate the results to the committee,
- 6) To assume leadership in the preparation of any awards and/or certificates

and perform the induction into the Hall of Fame,

- 7) To ensure all recognitions are conducted in a fair and impartial manner,
- 8) To solicit each club in the charter for their prospective candidates,
- 9) To submit the NCHPA HoF nomination form for publication to the Charter's newsletter editor for the 2nd and 3rd issue of a particular year, and to,
- 10) Obtain additional information from the person submitting a name for clarification and enhancing the nominees qualifications.
- 11) To select qualified candidates for the Hall of Fame on an annual basis.

Hall of Fame Nominations:

Membership: Anyone may nominate another person by completing a nomination form, which is available upon request from the committee chairperson. The nominee must have been a member in good standing of the NCHPA for a minimum of 10 years. His/her attitude and initiative should uphold and enhance the image of the NCHPA.

Hall of Fame Categories:

Player – Anyone who has won multiple State Championship titles while pitching in the Men's, Women's, or Elder's Championship Divisions while displaying good sportsmanship and bringing prestige to the sport.

Player/Organizer – Anyone who has won a minimum of one State Championship title while pitching in the Men's, Women's, or Elder's Championship Divisions and has become a worthy and respected Tournament Director, Promoter, Organizer, or Officer at the state level.

Promoter/Organizer – Anyone who through his or her devotion to the sport has made a significant contribution through time and effort to the advancement of the sport of Horseshoe Pitching in an administrative capacity such as Promoter or Organizer of events or as an Officer at the state level.

All nominees **MUST** meet the criteria listed above in the Membership category and also the criteria requirements in a Hall of Fame category.

Soliciting Nominations:

Each spring issue of the state newsletter will have an announcement of the Hall of Fame nomination process inviting nominations through the use of the nomination form.

Frequency of Inductions into the Hall of Fame:

Inductions of qualified members into the Hall of Fame shall occur at least annually, with frequency at the discretion of the committee chairperson.

Voting Procedures are as Follows:

Each completed nomination form is to be sent to the committee chairperson as soon as possible. Once received by the chairperson, he/she will distribute the nomination information by way of email to the other committee members for review, discussion, and a vote.

Each committee member has a total of 15 points they can use for voting on a 5-4-3-2-1 basis, with a “5” indicating the strongest candidate. No candidate can receive more than 5 points from a single committee member. One’s first choice does not have to be a “5” if the nominee is not a strong candidate. The highest score a candidate can receive is 5 points from each committee member for a total value of 25 points. Then we take 51% of the 25 points. Thus, it will take a minimum of 13 points for the candidate to be inducted into the Hall of Fame. In the event of one individual not receiving enough point a re-vote will occur until a member receives the minimum votes. It is possible to induct 2 (two) candidates a year into the Hall of Fame, though under special circumstances more than two may be inducted during one year. The Hall of Fame committee will attempt to induct a minimum of one person regardless of the category, into the Hall of Fame every year at the Charters' annual meeting.

* This committee is not implemented yet, but the NCHPA Executive Council hopes to have this committee in place by mid 2023. In the meantime the Executive Council has assumed the duties of the HoF committee.

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On the following pages please find the SOP's. The highlighted paragraphs are the changes to the SOP's from last year. They are effective June 20, 2022.



Northern California Horseshoe Pitching Association

Standard Operating Procedures

1. Copy fees and postage for mailing NCHPA related materials, will be reimbursed upon submission of your completed expense report/receipts attached, to the Secretary/Treasurer.
2. Cost of Stationary, envelopes and flyers for State, Team, Class Tournaments are paid for by the NCHPA.
3. The Newsletter Editor shall receive \$50.00 per issue to be paid at year-end.
4. Editor will endeavor to use the most economical source of distribution. The NCHPA Newsletter shall be the primary source of communication with the membership and shall include:
 - A. Notices for tournaments schedule requests
 - B. Information regarding new members
 - C. Soliciting nominees for the Hall of Fame
 - D. Soliciting changes/additions to bylaws or standing rules and notifying the membership of same, for voting decisions prior to the annual meeting.
 - E. Soliciting and sharing information regarding junior promotions from the clubs.
 - F. Sharing information and results of publicity and/or sponsorships.
 - G. Sharing statistical information out of the ordinary.
 - H. Sharing any interesting news regarding members.
 - I. All NCHPA officers are required to write an article quarterly to be published in the News and Views.
5. The Tournament Director for the NCHPA sponsored tournaments shall receive \$25.00 per day of duty. The State Tournament Director shall receive \$50.00 per day.
6. The Schedule Director shall receive requests for tournaments from clubs, by September 1st of every year.
 - A. Schedule Director shall email to each club a form soliciting dates for their tournaments.
 - B. Schedule Director shall compile all information into a workable schedule.
 - C. Schedule Director will keep in mind things such as proximity of clubs, (generally a 100 mile radius between clubs is considered) two-day events scheduled, and size of club when completing the schedule.
7. The Vice President in charge of Club Membership and Welfare shall, twice a year E-mail or write a letter, to charter presidents inquiring about the condition of the club and its members.

8. The Hall of Fame Committee(the NCHPA officers) Chairperson (NCHPA President) shall solicit from each club candidates for induction into the Hall of Fame and shall decide by vote which candidate(s) will be selected. In the event of a tie in voting the officers will vote again for the two candidates who are tied.

9. The Vice President of the By-Laws shall solicit, from each club, changes for the year that they are to be revised.
10. The Vice President of Junior Promotion shall solicit each club quarterly to promote juniors.
- A. This person shall contact the National Junior promoter to gather information.
 - B. The information gathered will then be distributed to each club, with follow up quarterly.
11. All NCHPA officers sending correspondence to clubs or individuals shall CC the all other NCHPA officers.
12. All Vice Presidents must be familiar with the Presidents duties in the event of an emergency.
13. Statistics will be kept of each sanctioned event.
- A. The method of recording tournament results will be determined by the NCHPA statistician.
 - B. All Charter Tournament Directors or secretaries shall mail or email expeditiously, the results of their event to the NCHPA statistician and the person in charge of updating our Website, Facebook pages or any other social media format.
14. The President shall appoint a publicity chairperson
- A. This person shall appoint a committee of three (3) members to assist him or her.
 - B. This committee will develop a directory of names and addresses of media personal in the cities where the NCHPA has Charter Clubs. (News media is defined as television, newspaper, radio, social media outlets and Park & Recreations departments of the cities).
 - C. This committee will assist Charter clubs by being the initial contact with the news media.
 - D. Contact with the news media for publicity purposes prior to the State, Team and NorCal Tournaments in the area of the clubs hosting these tournaments.

These SOP's are developed as per the NCHPA By-Laws ARTICLE V: Officers: Section Duties of Officers #7. Develop, revise and maintain Standard Operating Procedures (SOP'S) which are the business guidelines and statements of the E.C. and committee duties, travel regulations and expense reimbursement procedures. These SOP's shall be presented annually to the delegates.

(Revised 6-20-2022)

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California State Tournament Bylaws and Playing Rules

(Revised 8/31/20)

1. The Northern California Horseshoe Pitching Association (NCHPA) and the Southern California Horseshoe Pitching Association (SCHPA) shall work in harmony while sanctioning, sponsoring and staging the California State Tournament. Any changes to these bylaws and playing rules must pass by agreement of both Charters. The method used to establish the vote will be as follows. On low impact and/or minor changes, the vote will be the majority vote of the Charter Officers present at the "State" meeting. On major or controversial changes, the vote will be the majority vote of the delegates at the Charter's Annual Business Meeting. If both Charters vote in favor of a proposed change, said change will go into effect on January 1st of the following year unless specified differently in the original motion.
2. To be eligible for the State Tournament a player must:
 - a. Be a member of the State and National Horseshoe Pitchers Association.
 - b. Be a resident of the State for a minimum of 60 days.
 - c. Have pitched in three (3) California sanctioned tournaments in the one-year period between August 1st & July 31st. (Note: Juniors need to have pitched in only one (1) California sanctioned tournament)
3. These bylaws and playing rules shall in no way conflict with NHPA bylaws and playing rules. NHPA bylaws and rules govern all bylaws or rules not covered herein.
4. The State Tournament shall be held during the Labor Day weekend unless an alternate date has been agreed upon by both Charters. A change must allow sufficient advanced notice to let players plan their attendance well beforehand. It shall be the only sanctioned tournament scheduled during this time.
5. The NCHPA shall host the tournament in odd years and the SCHPA shall host the tournament in even years unless both Charters approve a change. The Host Charter shall determine the tournament site.
6. Any State Tournament that is rained out or cancelled for any reason shall not be made-up at a later date. If the tournament is called while underway and over one-half of the scheduled games for any group have been completed. The tournament for that group will be official.
7. The Tournament Director/s shall be from the Host Charter and shall supervise and manage the tournament. The Tournament Committee shall consist of the two Charter Presidents and the Tournament Director/s who shall agree upon playing format and schedule prior to publication.
8. The interpretation of the Tournament Committee covering technical points and their ruling on matters not covered herein or NHPA bylaws or rules shall be final. Any protest shall be made in writing immediately, if the occasion arises, and presented to the committee.
9. The State Tournament must offer the following divisions: Open Men, Open Women, Elders, Junior Boys, Junior Girls, Cadet Boys and Cadet Girls, (ages 12 and under). Senior Men and Senior Women may be offered at the discretion of the Tournament Director. In each division, the highest percentage group shall be the Championship Class. Additional Classes will be formed if courts and time are available. An effort shall be made to not mix the Open Men and Open Women divisions' championship classes with other divisions; however, if mixed division play is needed, no mixed pitching distances are allowed. All other classes may be mixed with other classes at the discretion of the Tournament Committee. Handicaps in classes having a 12% or greater spread may be used but a Division Title must be determined by scratch play. Handicap % used is to be determined by Host Charter and must not be less than 66 2/3 or exceed 80%.

10. The Adult Championship Classes shall have a minimum of six (6) pitchers unless the % spread is considered by the Tournament Committee to be excessive for competitive play; the lowest player in the group will be given the option to stay in the group. The total number of entries and percentage spread shall determine all other class sizes. The Host Charter has the option of running qualifying rounds for any contestants. In all classes below the Championship level that are eligible for money awards, the money should be distributed equally based on the number of entries in the group. When formulating the pitching schedule, every effort shall be made to give all groups the opportunity to pitch two days.
 11. In all Adult Championship Classes, the games shall be 40 points. The Junior and Cadet Championship Classes will play games consistent with the skill level of the entrants, to be determined by the Tournament Committee.
 12. Games won and lost shall determine final positions. All first-place ties shall be broken by playoffs and governed by NHPA rules. All other ties shall be broken by percentage. Except handicapped groups where ties for 2nd place will be broken by who beat whom.
 13. Adult entry fees shall be \$40.00 and must be paid by the entry deadline date. (Juniors do not pay) These fees shall be sent to the Secretary/Treasurer of the Host Charter. There shall be a minimum of two (2) trophies (awards) per each pitching group. The Host Charter shall provide all awards for the tournament. Monetary awards shall be distributed from entry fees at the discretion of the Host Charter.
 14. All junior pitchers shall be recognized with a State Tournament participation award or trophy. Each Charter shall be responsible for having the Juniors Perpetual Trophies present at the State Tournament.
 15. The first-place trophies in the Championship Classes shall be larger and more significant than the first-place trophies in open classes. Junior participation awards shall be smaller and less significant than second-place awards in any other class.
 16. Pitcher's entering averages shall be determined by "Eshoe" or each Charter's official statistician's averages, whichever is most current. Averages on record as of August 1st should be used.
 17. Each contestant shall pay the scorekeeper \$1.00 per game. Judges will be paid by collecting \$1.00 from each contestant at the start of each session, each day of pitching and divided between the judges on duty during that session.
 18. All contestants shall be appropriately and completely attired at all times while on the courts. This is to include appropriate footwear. No open-toed shoes are allowed. All contestants must have their name printed on the back of their shirts in a professional manner. Names hand-written with a felt pen or written on a piece of cloth or paper and attached to shirts are not acceptable.
 19. The Host Charter shall furnish nameplates for the scoring devices being used.
 20. Host Charters may elect to have a handicap tournament in conjunction with the State Tournament with a \$5.00 entry fee. This is optional for the contestants.
 21. A stand-by list of late entries may be used to fill in groups at an additional fee of \$10.00, and must comply with original entry rules to be admitted.
 22. Host Charters must have State entry applications distributed by January 1st and information packages distributed to the Guest Charter by June 1st.
 23. A meeting of State Officers of both Charters shall be conducted during the State Tournament at a time set by the Host Charter President. Charter Officers are to send, in writing, to the Host Charter President, by the entry deadline, any subject they would like discussed at the State Officer's Meeting. (Snail mail or email is acceptable).
 24. Opening ceremonies are to be conducted between shifts near mid-day Saturday. The ceremonies should, at a minimum, honor the Flag, Deceased Members, any Special Guests, and Charter Officers and in general be a dignified presentation.
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_____ Date _____

_____ Date _____

Joe Summers President NCHPA

Danny Kyle President SCHPA

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NCHPA CHAMPIONSHIPS

ENTRY FORM

October 1, 2022



HOST CLUB – Vallejo Horseshoe Cub

PRE-REGISTER - \$ PRIZE MONEY & PLAQUES

ENTRY DEADLINE POSTMARKED September 17, 2022

Takes just one sanctioned event to enter!

Participants must have pitched in (1) NHPA sanctioned tournaments before September 11, 2022. New members who joined after August 1, 2022 and Junior/ Cadet Entrants need a minimum of one (1) NHPA sanctioned tournament before September 17, 2022.

TOURNAMENT is open to all NHPA Members with Natstats Average

ENTRY FEE \$20.00 per pitcher

Mail Entries to: Gail Sluys, 1721 San Ramon Way, Santa Rosa, CA. 95409

NO EXCEPTIONS TO NUMBER OF TOURNAMENTS WILL BE MADE.

NO REFUNDS AFTER SCHEDULE IS COMPLETED.

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Name: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Address _____

City _____

NHPA Card # _____ Birth Date: _____

Phone # _____

Please circle the Group you are entering.

OPEN MEN

OPEN WOMEN

ELDERS MEN

JUNIOR GIRL/BOY

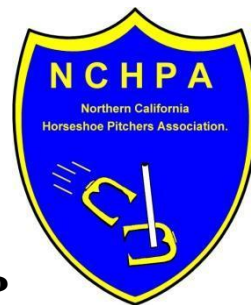
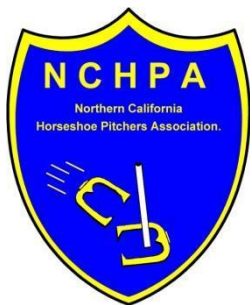
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***SENIOR GROUPS NOT HAVING A MINIMUM OF 6 PLAYERS WILL BE MIXED WITH OPEN CLASSES.**

ENTRY FEE \$20.00 \$ _____



2022 NCHPA DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP

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

**Entry Fee \$50.00 per team. Team Cap = 110% closing date September 17th.
The 2022 NCHPA Doubles Championship Tournament will be held at the
Vallejo Horseshoe Club on October 2, 2022.**

Pick your partner from any NCHPA, SCHPA, NEVADA Member. Send \$50.00 per team plus completed entry form in by September 17th. Each team will pay the scorekeeper \$2.00 per game (\$1.00 per player). The cap on a team is 110% combined. (Example player A is 65% player B cannot be more 45%) These are Championships – No Handicapping. Groups will be formed based on the number of entries, with a minimum of two (2) groups. Prize money and awards in each group will depend on number of entries.

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

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Player A _____ % _____ Charter _____

Phone# _____ Email _____

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2022 California State Championships Entry Form

Sponsor: Southern California Horseshoe Pitchers Association (SCHPA)

Host Club: Bakersfield Shoe Crew

3-4 September 2022

Beach Park, Bakersfield, California

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(Keep this section for future reference – Calif. State Championships, Bakersfield, 3-4 September 2022)

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

Entry fee is \$40.00 for adults and FREE for juniors and cadets; no refunds after the below entry deadline date. All championship classes will have similar payouts and all lower level classes will have similar payouts.

Entry deadline date (or post mark date): 1 August 2022 (Late entries require an additional \$10 entry fee and will be used on a standby basis only.)

Make checks payable to: SCHPA

Send entries to: Hal Griswold (949/496-0577 or setibird@yahoo.com)
32612 Balearic Road
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2022 California State Horseshoe Pitching Championships

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Clubs

Madera

What started as watching my parents play their friends in a game of horseshoes at backyard BBQ's and camping trips, has quickly turned into one of my favorite games to play today. I thought I was pretty good amongst my friends but once I saw that there is a whole horseshoe community out there I quickly realized that I have a long way to go. After competing in some local backyarders and seeing the competition out there, I started to dig in to find out how these people were so good. I looked around and discovered a horseshoe league out in Madera that I was able to get myself and a friend into back in 2018.

Once out there, I started to see a lot of the people that I had previously competed against and that's when I knew we were in the right place. I thought to myself, this is it! After playing a few weeks in the league I started to hear rumblings of an upcoming sanctioned horseshoe tournament at the Madera pits that weekend. In order to play you had to throw 100 shoes and get sanctioned. I had never heard of this but I was definitely interested, so I did it. Coming from a sports background where I used to travel to play I thought that this was perfect, and a lot like what I used to do. I had an average now in horseshoes and I loved it! I loved the format and seeing the plaques and plates being given to the winners.

After that first tournament in Madera I got my wife and friends sanctioned, grabbed a schedule, and we set out to hit as many sanctioned tournaments as we could from Sacramento down to San Luis Obispo. We absolutely loved it! We started planning fun trips with friends out of town supporting local clubs based on where the tournaments were. Every place we went had the nicest people to play against and more friends were made.

After the covid shutdown and hearing that the sanctioned tournaments were in trouble and in need of someone to take over in order for them to continue in Madera, I knew that we couldn't lose such an awesome program that Harlan Rippetoe had started. I wanted my friends and others to be able to enjoy the same opportunities that I had being sanctioned so I decided to give it a go. We hit the ground running! With the help of my wife De'Anna, this year we've been able to get over 50 members signed up in Madera with over 30 of them being new members including several new women pitchers!

The tournaments we've had were maxed out with the least being 30 people and the last one with 44 pitchers! The word is out and the people are having fun. Now we travel in groups to surrounding tournaments and represent Big Valley Horseshoes and the NHPA to the fullest. Seeing the interest and enthusiasm that has revamped everyone has been very exciting.

I placed an order for over 60 shirts to be made for those who are interested in playing in this year's state tournament in Bakersfield. Big Valley will be well represented this year and I'm very proud! A great BIG THANK YOU to everyone who helped guide me through this whole process. I couldn't have done it without the help of Harlan Rippetoe, Danny Kyle, Gail and Casey Sluys and numerous others for helping me to learn the process and Horseshoe Master system, eShoe, etc. This is just the beginning and the future is bright. Let's all keep pitching and making memories! See you in Bakersfield! **Nick Balderama**

Ukiah

NEWS from UKIAH VALLEY HORSESHOE CLUB Our year has been an interesting one so far! We had successful tournaments in March, April and May, however our June tournaments were cancelled due to positive COVID tests. We were lucky this year because the weather was pleasant on every one of our tournaments even though March experienced a little drizzle. In June it rained on Sunday so cancelling the tournaments turned out to not be such a bad idea although we all missed having one last get together. We have been doing a little traveling and enjoying tournaments at Vallejo, Sonoma and Willows as we look forward to NCHPA Championships and doubles. Our time has been occupied by caring for 6 adorable puppies and their mom so travel has been a little difficult. Dogs are a wonderful part of our lives as you undoubtedly know and there are few things more precious than puppies. As we prepare to send our AKC registered and smartest, best looking, puppies in the world to their forever homes, we look

forward to more tournaments and a wider area of travel. Who knows maybe all the way to Lincoln one day? Blessings, **Lorena Tournour**

Half Moon Bay

Sadly, I would like to let everyone know that we lost a long-time member, Charlie Hall. Charlie passed away June 28, 2022. He was a president of the Half Moon Bay Horseshoe Club for two different terms.

There are many Charlie Hall memories and stories that I will let the membership share with everyone else. He was a good guy and asset to our club.

Good Luck to all the NorCal members competing at the World Tournament. When you receive this you should be able to view some of our members competing live on the NHPA web site.

Our Club will be hosting 5 more tournaments before the season ends. We hope you can make it? See you on the courts. **Rick Della Santina**

Stockton

We enjoyed hosting 5 tournaments this Spring and Early Summer!

Our opening tournament on April 9 was the 50th Anniversary Tournament, celebrating the first NHPA tournament played in Stockton; in fact, it was 50 years to the day. Richard Robbins was the Tournament Champion. He tied with Dave Lane at 6-1, but had managed to beat Dave 31-25 in their head-to-head game. Lane threw two back-to-back 55% games which were the high games of the tournament. Stockton's Rick Padilla won B Class with a 7-0 record. Byrlyn McCormick was 2nd , and had the Group high game of % 30. Mike Zepponi won

group C. Mike tied at 6-1 with Byrum Swinford, but was awarded the group win by virtue of his 22-18 win in their face-to-face game. Mike is San Francisco Club's Peter Zepponi's brother, and Luke's uncle!

The Christina Cordova Tournament was held on April 10th . Stockton's Wayne McGhee was the Tournament Winner, going undefeated. Wayne had a 56% game, high game for the tournament, against second place finisher Richard Robbins. McGhee pitched 4.68% over his entering average. Cody McNeely of Nevada took group B with only a tie game with Jose De Leon blemishing his record. Mona Larian took second place a half game behind. High game for group B was a 30% effort by McNeely.

Our traditional Joe and Millie Schultz tournament was held on May 21. Wayne McGhee was the Tournament Champ. He tied with Stockton's Rick Padilla with a 4-1 record, but McGhee prevailed in their head-to-head contest 45-37. Wayne threw the group's high games with back-to-back 40%'ers. Gerald Harris of Wisconsin pitched in the group as did Texas' Daren Chambers. Group B was won by Rudy Bambico of the Stockton Club with a 4.5-.5 record. Onan Rice was second, and had the group's high game of 30%. Group C was won by Stockton's Kevin Craven with a 4-1 record. Craven had the group's high games with a pair of 17.5% games. Lawdell Williams finished second, one game behind Craven. The Rice family, led by Matriarch Dee Rice was well represented at the tournament, with 6 members of the family taking to the Louis Park Courts.

The David Goldstein Tournament was held on May 22. Josie Tellers was the Tournament Champion with a 4-1 record, fittingly losing her opening game to the day's honoree David Goldstein. Byrlyn

McCormick was second a half a game back. Josie had the group high game with a 57.5% stunner against top seed Wayne McGee. A key game in the group saw Tellers win by 1 point, 50-49, over 2nd place Byrlyn McCormick; a game that essentially gave Josie the group title.

On June 11 we held a night tournament honoring second-year pitchers Tyson Newton and Mark Norman. Wayne McGhee was the Tournament Champion going undefeated and notching a 50.5% ringer percentage for the tournament! Josie Tellers was second in the group. High game in the group was a scorching 60% by McGhee in a win over Richard Robbins. Rick Padilla won Group B with a 4-1 record. Padilla threw the group high game with a nice 37.5% against President Joe Summers! Fay Dumont was second, and Christina Cordova finished 3rd . This night tournament was a rare opportunity for pitchers to pitch a "double header." Mona Larian, Joe Summers, Josie Tellers, Marshall Merino, and Richard Robbins all pitched at Tri-Valley in the morning and at Stockton in the evening...a grueling double header!

Stockton's tournaments are done for the year. We hope to see you all in Bakersfield for the 2022 California State Tournament.
George Davis,

San Jose

The 2022 pitching season rolls on! San Jose tournaments are still being held at Half Moon Bay (Thank you HMB!) as San Jose Parks and Recreation works on their schedule for Columbus Park demolition and reconfiguration. The latest word is that San Jose Horseshoe Club will not be holding tournaments at Columbus Park until at least the spring of 2025!!!! :(So all San Jose

tournaments for the foreseeable future will be held at Half Moon Bay.

San Jose held their April tournament Russell Zelmar on Sun. April 24. With 9 pitchers entered Rick Della Santina suggested that we could have 1 class and give everyone a chance to win a Tournament Champion patch. We did that and you can guess who got that Tournament Champion patch; Rick Della Santina. Bill Terry finished 2nd giving HMB a sweep of all the money. :) Congratulations guys. San Jose's own Steven Nakamoto finished 3rd and Russell Zelmar finished 5th.

San Jose's June tournament Joe Navarro Sat. June 4 had 19 pitchers in 3 classes. In Class A Richard Robbins finished 1st and San Jose's own Steven Nakamoto finished 2nd. In Class B Johnny Armenta finished 1st and San Jose's own Jonathan Meza finished 2nd. In Class C San Jose's own Edgar Carabajal finished 1st and visiting trial pitcher Rick Valdez finished 2nd.

San Jose tournaments for the rest of the year are:

03-22-088 Sun. Sep. 25 Saunders Family
03-22-102 Sat. Oct. 29 Nakamoto Family

Note that the date for 03-22-088 Saunders Family has been moved to a new date and is now different from the date shown on the NCHPA 2022 Tournament Schedule; was Sun. Sep. 11 now Sun. Sep. 25.

On a little different note, for those pitchers who paid their 2022 NHPA and NCHPA dues (total \$35) online via eShoe if you have not also paid your club dues (\$15 for San Jose Horseshoe Club, send check to Nancy Cloutier, 1551 Walters Ave, Campbell, CA 95008) you are not a fully sanctioned

pitcher. Please be sure to pay your 2022 club dues if you have not yet done so. Thanks.

I look forward to seeing everyone on the courts, stay healthy, and I hope all the 2022 World Tournament attendees had a great time. *Mike Anderson*

Vallejo

We are finally here at the halfway point of the 2022 horseshoes season. I would like to give a big shout out to all of the pitchers that come to the Vallejo Horseshoe Club and help put things away tidy up the courts as we exit after our tournament. Your help is very appreciated the Vallejo horseshoe club. As of from one club to another club we are all in the sport to help each club out the Vallejo horseshoe club donated to the Lincoln Horseshoe Club 12 Pit cover locks. The Sacramento club donated to the Vallejo Horseshoe Club scoresheet fence holders I think there was six. Thank you Rick Birmingham. The Vallejo Horseshoe Club has a upcoming two day tournament. They are separate tournaments but the last Saturday and Sunday of July 30 and 31st hope you all can make it. Don't forget to get your entries in for our upcoming state tournament held in Bakersfield. The cut off is August 1st and our Norcal tournament coming up in October. Entry forms for each are included in this issue. *Dave Lane*

Sonoma County (Santa Rosa)

We had a nice turnout on our last tournament 23 people. Thanks for coming all of you. On Sat. August 27 we have the Six-Pak Sue Classic, you can all guess who that is I suppose? In Sept on the 24th we are bringing back the Mystery Money Open. Those of you that have played this before

realize it can be a lot of fun. The entry fee is \$10.00, you receive back an envelope with \$6.00 in it. This amount can be divided in half numerous times. For each win you collect 1/2 of your opponents money (it goes into your envelope) Therefore if you win you now have \$9.00 in yours the loser has \$3.00 in theirs. and on it goes until the end of the tournament. The person with the most wins will have the most money in their envelope. Each envelope has a pencil in it so you can keep accurate track of who has how much money. The goal to win all your games and thereby collect the most money. Questions will be addressed at the tournament write them down so you don't forget them. Perhaps other clubs would want to try this? Come on over to Santa Rosa for some excellent facilities and great pitching.

Sorry to say our cement man, Kevin Smith is suffering from cancer. We will update you at the tournaments. *Casey Sluys*

McBean/Lincoln

July 2nd 2022: We had our first evening sanctioned tournament. We were lucky because the weather changed from 100+ to the nice cool 80s to 90s with a nice breeze. Bobby Bartell won the top class, had 15 pitchers. And it was nice to see Dave Lane's Wife at the tournament. We started at about 6 pm, and finished a little after 9 pm. Then the Lincoln Potters, baseball team, had a great fireworks display for us to watch.

July 4th 2022: Here in Lincoln Ca, they have a Annual 4th of July Festival. They start off with a pancake breakfast and then a parade around downtown Lincoln at 10:00 am. They even have a Horseshoe Pitching Tournament, Bring your own Partner. 21 points, double elimination. It's a Fund raiser tournament for scholarships from the Native

Sons of the Golden West and Lincoln Community Foundation.

They were going to cancel this year's horseshoe tournament because they had no one to run/direct the tournament, so I stood up saying I would "McBean/Lincoln Horseshoe Pitching Club". Total of 23 teams (46 pitchers) participated that day, same amount of teams as the year before in 2021. Carol Lanfair & Cody McNeely "Mooseheads" defeated (twice) Nathan Williams & Josie Tellers for the Championship that day July 4th 2022, I finished 4th. Thanks to Esther Williams doing the stats/brackets, all I did was yell out names and court numbers and lost my voice.

Our "Thirsty Ringers Thursday" Sanctioned League is growing ever week, and had the Greatest Flipper show up and pitch a few, he hadn't pitched in 5 or so years. He showed up twice for our league. Did you know that Jesse Gonzales just turn 90 years old/young. His daughter had just moved to Lincoln, Ca about a mile from the park. Hopefully we will be seeing more of him.

The World Horseshoe Pitching championships are going on now, and our Club has 3 members pitching in the World Championships. Bobby Bartell, John DeMello, and Wayne Lockhart. Good Luck gentlemen, bring home the trophy! We need to get the World Championships back here in California, 2005 Bakersfield, 1988 Pleasanton, 1973 Eureka, 1970 Southgate... Hope to see everyone in Bakersfield for the CA State Championships, and 2023 in Stockton. *Jeff Williams*



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