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Secretary/Treasurer

Here we go the new year of horseshoe tournaments are coming in fast. Please be sure to pay your dues so you don't get caught up not showing as a 2022 member at the first tournament you attend. I know some of you will pay online if you do PLEASE remember to pay your dues to your local club.

Our **NCHPA** **BYLAWS** SECTION 10 states:
All NCHPA members who wish to enter NHPA sanctioned tournaments within the NCHPA boundaries must also be a member of a NCHPA Club.

There really is a good reason for the By-Law – not just to take your money. The club dues help keep your local facility solvent and able to host tournaments. Some facilities have city/parks fees plus all have out of pocket expenses such as paint for the stakes, coffee, donuts, pencils, score sheets, clay and stake replacement. All those items are needed for clubs to survive for everyone's enjoyment.

We are all hoping 2022 will be a better year for everyone and we look forward to seeing you at the courts. *Gail Sluys*

1stVP

I hope everyone had a great Holiday Season! It will soon be time to get back on the horseshoe courts to start the 2022 season; I see there is a McBean Open on the schedule in just 16 days as I write this. It is the time of the year to set some goals for the coming season, maybe this will be the year you finally hit 40%, or 50%, or maybe this is the year that you reach 75% and win the State Championship and become a force at the World Tournament. Sports psychologists all agree that goal setting is a key factor to success in your sport. Lanny Bassham, author of With Winning in Mind writes, "One habit separates the top five percent of competitors who win from the other ninety-five percent who just play: goal setting. Most people never set them...among individuals only the super successful ever bother to set personal goals and plan their work." So set a goal for a ringer percentage that excites you, and set a time limit on when you want to achieve it. For instance, I will have a 50% average by the 4th of July. Make a plan on how you plan to achieve your goal; plan to study top pitchers in person or on video, ask for advice from top pitchers, play against players who are better than you are, and plan a practice and tournament schedule and stick to it in order to reach your goal. I think in all sports your enjoyment has a lot to do with making progress in your game! Make 2022 the year you break out!

As you wait for the season to get started its time to plan your pitching schedule. The 2022 Schedule is now finalized, so sit down and commit yourself to which tournaments you plan to attend. Plan on playing in more tournaments than you did last year, it can only help you to enjoy our sport and to become a better pitcher! There's probably a club that you've never attended one of their tournaments because of a long drive, maybe this is the year to make a road trip out of it, pitching on Saturday, eating at an interesting restaurant, spending the night and pitching there again on Sunday before heading home. The State Tournament will be in Bakersfield this year; plan on attending and finishing higher in your group than you ever thought possible!

If you have never attended a World Tournament, this year's event in Monroe, Louisiana would be a good one to consider. It would make a great trip to fly into New Orleans and to enjoy the history, the food, the music that that great city offers. On the way up to West Monroe, you could visit the Louisiana State Capital City of Baton Rouge. Louisiana's capitol building is the tallest in the country. Louisiana State University is in Baton Rouge and Tiger Stadium holds over 100,000 rabid fans on game days in the Fall! You can learn about former governor and senator Huey M. Long known as "the Kingfish" who was extremely controversial, loved by some as a "man of the people," hated by others who thought he was a fascist dictator! Huey was shot and killed in the capitol building in 1935. A swing westward will put you in Lafayette, ground zero for Cajun Culture in Louisiana, I understand Fred's Lounge in Mamou is a must for Cajun music. Further north on the Mississippi River is Ferriday, the hometown of "the killer," Jerry Lee Lewis. Once you arrive in West Monroe you will be able to immerse yourself in horseshoe pitching, and will have our sport's experience of a lifetime! If you need a break from pitching ringers, Vicksburg, one of the Civil War's most important battle sites is just a little over an hour away. Do plan on playing in the World Tournament, make the trip to Louisiana!

One of the things I always get a kick out of during the off-season is reading some of the old horseshoe publications that are available on the NHPA website. One thing I've noticed over time is that the statistic for "double ringers" was listed when the results of a tournament were publicized in years past. Today for the most part 'Ringer Percentage' is the king of horseshoe statistics and the number of double ringers thrown by a player is largely ignored...I find this interesting, even curious, and just might be negatively effecting your game. An example of what I refer to appeared in the June-July 1942 issue of *Horseshoe World* where the results for the first four places are shown for the 1942 California State Tournament in Santa Cruz held on June 13 & 14, 1942.

	W	L	P	R	DR	SP	%
Guy Zimmerman.....	15	0	750	523	209	652	80.2
"Lefty" Titcomb	14	1	710	527	172	792	66.5
Paul Mori.....	12	3	631	567	171	906	62.5
Clyde Gregson	11	4	694	527	152	814	62.5
Harry Dolan.....	11	4	634	448	118	798	56.5

The columns are labeled: W-wins, L-losses, P-points, R-ringers, **DR-double ringers**, SP-shoes pitched, and %-ringer percentage. In contrast today's results or "box scores" contain all of the same information, **except** we no longer list **double ringers**! What I want to know is what happened to "Double Ringers" as a statistic?

The NHPA scorecard which was used for many years and that you see from some of our historical games that can be found in Ottie Reno's Pitching Championship Horseshoes did have a "Summary" area at the bottom of the card which did include a line for "Doubles." However, the present day NHPA scorecard designed by Norcal's own Genevieve Lavett, although a great scorecard widely acclaimed for the feature of being able to effectively "prove" the game score, does not include "Doubles" as a statistic. Obviously, you can look at today's scorecard and count the innings that show "XX" or "OO" and know your "doubles." My point is that doubles thrown are important enough for a player that it should be on the card as a separate statistic! The HS Master scoring program that has revolutionized running and keeping stats for a horseshoe tournament does not give a stat for double ringers! Somewhere along the line, as important as "throwing doubles" is, as a statistic it has disappeared!

When you ask a horseshoe pitcher what the objective is of horseshoe pitching he will tell you it is to "throw a ringer." While certainly being the objective for each individual shoe, a bigger, more ultimate goal is to throw a "double ringer" every inning. I realize that what I'm saying here is sort of subtle word games sort of stuff, but as I wrote earlier in the article goals are important, and one's goal should not be simply to throw "ringers," it should be to throw "double ringers!" Human nature is fragile and subconsciously I think we humans constantly look for ways to expend less energy or to make things easier on ourselves. Putting the first shoe on the stake in an inning might just subconsciously satisfy our goal of throwing "ringers" while allowing ourselves to not feeling so terribly disappointed by not following up the first ringer with a second one. Throwing one ringer an inning gives one a pretty darn good 50% game, but having the goal of "making doubles" might just be what the player needs to start becoming a great pitcher with an "A" level ringer percentage. In a standard 40 shoe game throwing half doubles (10 doubles) and avoiding any "open" frames makes a player a 75% pitcher! Winners throw doubles...the road to championships is paved with double ringers! What do they call a horseshoe pitcher that throws double ringers?...Champ! When you throw doubles nothing but good can happen. When you throw first and throw a double you put pressure on your opponent. Throwing a double when your opponent leaves an open peg gives you the highest possible score you can make in an inning...6 points....and it makes your opponent doubt himself....hate himself even. If your opponent opens by throwing a double he is feeling good....pretty impressed with himself...then when you answer with a double canceling his potential points and taking first pitch back it is the biggest buzz-kill momentum- changer in the sport. If you are throwing doubles no one....not even Alan Francis...can score on you! With doubles it is All Good!

We all know that "throwing doubles" is a big deal! Some of our most colorful expressions in horseshoes such as "6-pack" refers to a double ringer, and can any Northern California pitcher soon forget Turlock's Ken Weir's classic call, "Motel-6....we'll leave the light on for ya!" when throwing a double! Our most celebrated call, which gets fist bumps and praise from surrounding pitchers, is "Four Dead" when BOTH pitchers throw a double.

So do we need to change scorecards and re-write the HS Master Program so it gives a statistic column for double ringers? Of course not! What I'm suggesting though is that pitchers have a goal of throwing "double ringers" not just a goal of "throwing ringers." Certainly a subtle difference, but I think it could raise your ringer average considerably. Know how many double ringers you have in a game...keep track of them...20 double in a row gives you a perfect game! Say to yourself, and believe it, "I'm a pitcher that throws Double Ringers!" Whatever happened to the "double ringer statistic" is definitely a topic for a cold winter off-season afternoon with a cup of coffee. I hope you all have a great 2022 Horseshoe Pitching Season.....Doubly Good! See you on the Courts, soon! ***George Davis***

2nd VP

Hello! I hope you all had a great holiday and are as excited as I am for a new season to begin. If you don't know me, my name is Jasmine Brady, and I am your new 2nd Vice President. My duties consist of club welfare, plus I manage our website, NCHPA.com. I am really excited to be taking on this role. I know I am young and that may give people pause. But, I have been a dedicated member to the Sonoma County club for the past five or so years and really enjoy pitching and promoting horseshoes. We could certainly use more of my generation in the sport of horseshoes pitching. I built the new www.nchpa.com website about a year ago from scratch. We still have a long way to come but, with your feedback we can make it a great tool for promoting our sport and getting our information out into the world. I've also created an Instagram page for NCHPA to help possibly spark interest in younger crowds. We need any and all help we can get promoting ourselves, so please feel free to tag @nchpashoes in your Instagram posts when you're at a tournament or even just in your yard pitching shoes. Anything that gets us connected to the masses helps. I'm diligently working on getting the website updated for our upcoming season and will soon have all new information up on the website. If you see changes that need to be made to the website or would just like to supply photos for our photo page, please do not hesitate to contact me or Casey Sluys. You can also send your photos to either one of us via email. Thank You, ***Jasmine Brady***

3rd VP

The NCHPA Annual business meeting and awards lunch was held Sat. Nov. 13 at Joe and Mary Summer's home in Martinez. At the meeting the following NCHPA Awards for the 2020-2021 season were announced:

Richard Robbins	Player of the Year (based on points, 82)
Steve Goodman	Rookie of the Year (based on points, 46)
John Demello	Most Improved Pitcher (based on ringer percent increase, +22.88%)

Richard Robbins Top Dog (most NCHPA tournaments pitched, 38)

Evelyn Espinola Cadet Pitcher of the Year (based on points, 15)

Luke Zepponi Junior Pitcher of the Year (based on points, 27)

80% and Over Games Pitched in 2020-21 Season Rick Bermingham – 4 games of 80% or over

4/10/2021 03-21-018McBeanOpen-A.txt Lincoln/McBean, McBean Lincoln1
80.0%, 32 ringers, 40 shoes versus Bobby Bartell

5/31/2021 03-21-045McBeanLincoln2-A.txt
Lincoln/McBean, McBean/Lincoln2
83.33%, 25 ringers, 30 shoes versus Richard Robbins

7/3/2021 03-21-063McBean-A.txt
Lincoln/McBean, McBean/Lincoln3
80.0%, 32 ringers, 40 shoes versus Luke Zepponi

7/3/2021 03-21-063McBean-A.txt
Lincoln/McBean, McBean/Lincoln3
82.5%, 33 ringers, 40 shoes versus Bobby Bartell

Congratulations to all the award winners! And to everyone else, better luck next year. :) For those not present at the meeting your award was given to someone to deliver to you.

Below are some stats for NCHPA season 2020-2021. If you need more information then please email me at meanderson99@yahoo.com and I will try to help. Note that NCHPA season 2020-2021 began immediately after the 2020 State Tournament and ended immediately after the 2021 State Tournament.

1223 total NCHPA pitchers in NCHPA club tournaments
69 total NCHPA pitchers in California State Championships (hosted by NCHPA)
28 NCHPA pitchers in NCHPA Championships
15 NCHPA pitchers in NCHPA Doubles Championships

1335 total NCHPA pitchers in NCHPA tournaments

136 total Non-NCHPA pitchers in NCHPA tournaments

1471 total NCHPA and Non-NCHPA pitchers in NCHPA tournaments

92 NCHPA tournaments were pitched in season 2020-2021

17 NCHPA tournaments were cancelled for various reasons (weather, COVID-19, etc.) in season 2020-2021

As always you club statisticians can make my task pretty easy if you submit your results in a timely manner. I would like to have them within two days after your tournament is complete. Please email results to me at: meanderson99@yahoo.com. And please be sure that the boxscore files that you send are generated in HSMaster as Tournaments, Reports, Format, Results [not Results (Brief)]. Keep in mind that I would like to see member numbers in every file that you send. That means I want the long version, not brief version, of every file. Thanks for all your help.

Everyone stay safe and let's hope 2022 will be a more nearly normal year than 2021 was. *Mike Anderson*

4th VP

As the NCHPA 4th VP (By-Laws Chairman), I've been reading a lot! At the end of this year, at the annual NCHPA meeting we will be able to change By-Laws' that need to be changed, so maybe you should read and discuss any issues? The NCHPA uses the Delegate system of voting on issues, maybe it should be that if you show up to the meeting you get a vote as a member of the NCHPA!

Also another issue is the NCHPA Hall of Fame! Think about it, ask questions?

The California State Championships will be held in Bakersfield and then in 2023 the NCHPA will be hosting the Championships again, we need to start working towards that cause it is not that far off!!!

I maybe would say some people don't know who I am... Well let me tell ya something!!!

Started pitching 1969/1970, Eureka Ca. And yes, Walter Ray Williams Jr. Deadeye is my brother, he is just 1 year older than I am. I was Junior World Champion in 1973 & 1976. And I have been pitching ever since... Sincerely, *Jeff Williams* 4th VP NCHPA (530)786-1646

In the early 1960s, around Christmas time 1963 ? We lived in Gilroy at the time, I guess what I've heard, that we went shopping and when we came home!!! The Fire department was there and our house had caught Fire, oh I was only 3 or 4 years old... We, 3 girls & 2 boys went over and stayed with Don Titcomb for a couple months. Don Titcomb, the Great, had 3 girls & 1 boy, what a house full. I don't remember, but I was told!!! My Dad and Mr. Don Titcomb were working together at the time. Mr. Titcomb would become my idol as I grew up, he was the 1st Left Handed World Horseshoe Pitching Champion in 1960. *Jeff*

5th VP

I would like to wish everyone a happy new year and I hope that everyone had a great holiday season. I am so glad that 2021 is over. I sure hope that 2022 will bring all a good year. I would like to give a big shout out to Joe & Mary Summers for hosting the NCHPA Officers to have our yearly meeting. The meeting was a success. A big shout out to Jasmine Brady for accepting the nomination for the position of Second VP. She is going to help us all out. Looking forward to working with Jasmine. As you know my position on the board is Fourth VP. That title is for supplies. It took me a while to get a total number of score sheets, plaques, other supplies counted. As we are getting started for our 2022 season please check your score sheet amounts for your club . If you need to order score sheets please give me as much notice as possible. In place of using our mail system I will try to deliver your club the score sheets or if I know someone is going to your club I will have them deliver them too you . Please keep in mind if you need score sheets you will be purchasing them a box of 500 score sheets = 50.00 *Dave Lane*

• Ringer 'round the nation

Lake Mills man pitches horseshoes in all 50 states in less than a year

By Amber Gerber leadereditor@hngnews.com



There is a distinct sound to a horseshoe hitting the stake when pitching. The clinking noise indicates the competitor has hit the target for a ringer.

Gerald Harris knows how that clinking noise sounds in all 50 states. Within less than a year, the 63-year-old has traveled to every state to pitch horseshoes.

It was never his intention to pitch in each state. The journey began in February 2021 when Harris, who moved to Lake Mills from nearby Waterloo a year ago, decided to seek out more tournaments. First, there was a tournament in Iowa, where he could participate in the contest and visit some family. Then, he found some tournaments in Indiana. Before too long, Harris took part in tournaments in South Dakota and then realized a week later there would be a contest in another part of the state, roughly five hours

“I thought, I might as well pitch these two and stay out all week,” he said.

During the week, Harris drove to North Dakota and pitched at three clubs before taking part in the second pair of South Dakota tournaments.

By the end of May, he’d pitched in four states outside of Wisconsin.

“Coming up in July was going to be the World Tournament in Winnemucca, Nevada,” Harris said.

A week before the World Tournament, he competed in a South Dakota tournament.

“At that point I thought, ‘Well, I have a week. Let’s see how many states I can get to before Nevada,’” Harris said.

The seven-day trip included stops in Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, Washington and Oregon before the Nevada tournament. On the return drive to Wisconsin, the man pitched in Utah and Nebraska.

“And that’s when it all started,” Harris said.

Harris began participating in a competitive league five years ago. The retiree who previously worked at Aztalan Engineering in Lake Mills had been looking for an indoor activity to take part in during the winter months. Harris had played horseshoes casually when at bars during the warmer months of the year but never in a league.

When the retiree first started in the indoor Deansville Horseshoe Club competitive league, he had 5% ringers. It wasn’t until the last year or two when Harris started to obtain 30% ringers. For Harris, horseshoes has never been about winning or getting a high pitching percent. The entire experience, from being in the club leagues to pitching in all 50 states, has been about fun and camaraderie.

“I go to have fun and meet people, anything above that is a bonus,” Harris said.

The game can get frustrating,” he added, pointing out how just a slight change in stance or the way a shoe is held can change the ability to get a ringer. “I’ve stayed here for the friendships. I feel like I’ve been part of these clubs forever; I call these people my horseshoe family.”

He belongs to two clubs – the Deansville Horseshoe Club at the Barrel Inn located just outside of Marshall and the Beloit Horseshoe Club. He pitches four times a week during winter – three times at Beloit and once at Deansville, and five times each week during summer – all of them in Beloit.

The weekly travels to Beloit are insignificant to the number of miles Harris has put on to his car since February 2021.

“I have 45,000 on my car from driving to pitch just this year,” he said.

Harris was committed to pitching in each of the continuous 48 states. His travels would take him to a region where he could take part in a tournament then pitch in multiple states that were within driving distance of one another. Sometimes Harris would be able to have a friendly game against people who were already at the pits, in other instances he pitched a practice game alone.

There were tours through the New England states, the southeast part of the country, and the southwest.

There was a bit of a challenge when it came to pitching in Mississippi.

“No one knew of any places to pitch,” Harris said.

A bit of creative thinking helped him find a way to check the state off his list.

A friend manufactured some portable pit elements that could be placed into the ground. While in Mississippi, he set up a temporary pit to be able to pitch a few practice rounds.

“I called it Harris’ Homemade Horseshoe Pitch,” he said.

The final stop would be California on Halloween weekend. By the start of October, the Lake Mills resident decided to go all in and booked a trip to Alaska for the second week of the month and a trip to Hawaii for the following week.

The 2021 50-state journey is tracked on his horseshoe box, each one marked with a sticker.

Some of the state stickers are marked with a star, indicating Harris had competed in a tournament while there.

His favorite place to pitch while on the 50-state tour was the National Horseshoe Pitchers Hall of Fame and Museum in Wentzville, Missouri.

“It has such a great set-up,” he said of the location, adding it was unreal to be able to compete there. “I’m looking forward to pitching there again.”

Pitching in each state is just part of his journey, by May of this year he will have competed in 83 tournaments within a 12-month period. The current record is 74.

Once Harris completes the challenge of getting the most tournaments in 12 months record, he plans to scale back on the number of competitions he attends. But he has no plans to hang up the horseshoes and step away from the pits anytime soon.

Thank you Gerald Harris & the Wisconsin Charter for such an effective ambassador for horseshoe pitching.

AmazonSmile

Please use AmazonSmile if purchasing online this year. Use the NHPF as your Charity of choice and we receive 1/2 of 1% of what you spend. It sounds like a pittance, but in the last few years it has garnered the Foundation \$1121.61 Email me for details and thanks to all those who already use AmazonSmile.

Schedule SNAFU

There were a myriad of mistakes for one reason or another on the 2022 schedule. No matter what I sent out something was always wrong. I'll list the ones that remain

wrong and if I can please have a volunteer for the 2023 NCHPA pitching schedule I'd be much obliged!

1. Harlan Rippetoe Madera contact, phone number is (559)-871-9504
2. Joe Summers email is: 40ftforever@gmail.com
3. # 93 is Mystery Money on Sat Sept 24 in Santa Rosa
4. #17 Tri-Valley code is 16
5. #28 should be Russell

REMEMBER ALL TRI-VALLEY TOURNAMENTS ARE PRE-REGISTERED CALL RICHARD by Friday noon!

*****Please vote in the Half Moon Bay survey, let em know you come into town for Horseshoe Pitching.**

Your **sanction certificates** are being created on my computer. I began printing them out but by the time I got to the 25th. certificate I determined that I would go through about \$120.00 worth of ink. I therefore stopped printing them and you will be receiving them in an email before your tournaments begin. There are some clubs that have them already through March. Due to a huge FUBAR with our NHPA's 4th VP's move from AZ to OH, her "stuff" was delayed and I will order the rest of the patches by Feb 1st.

● Court Etiquette

1. A player is expected to stand at the back of the court, at least 2 feet behind their contestant. When play is mixed distance the short-distanced player is expected to move back to the rear of the full-distanced platform.
2. Harassment will not be tolerated either by opponents or spectators.
3. Loud profanity is not acceptable, (we all mutter on occasion).
4. Do not pick up your shoes until your opponent has had time to observe the position of all shoes and mutual agreement is reached regarding the point score.
5. You are encouraged to settle point determinations. If you cannot agree on a point, or a ringer, please call for a judge to come to your court number.
6. The decision of a judge is final.
7. Please observe carefully before leaving your immediate court. The courts are dangerous with flying horseshoes, and it is discourteous to walk in the line of vision of a player in the act of pitching a shoe.
8. There may be times when you disagree with the way a host club conducts their tournaments. Please take the issue to the club officers, or tournament committee, as there may be a reason not readily apparent.
9. If the conduct of one of your opponents is other than acceptable for some reason, please do not put your "brand" on him or her. Get the tournament director to straighten things out.
10. Please do not take extended breaks during round robin play, in the interest of saving time and as a courtesy to those groups who follow.
11. If you determine at 9:30 sign-in that you will not pitch until the afternoon, please ask the tournament director if there is something you can help with.
12. Each player is expected to water (if needed) and turn a court prior to commencing a game.

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2022 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 & Regional Director must approve any changes or rescheduling of dates once the schedule is printed.
- **Payout:** The minimum payout in all groups is double the entry fee to 1st place and an amount equal to the entry fee to the 2nd place. This is in addition to plaques, patches, and/or event plates. NCHPA officers must approve all exceptions.

March 13	Daylight Saving Time Begins		
July 11 – 23	2022 World Horseshoe Pitching Championships	Monroe/West Monroe, Louisiana	Deadline in early May
Sept. 3-4	California State Championships	Bakersfield, CA	\$40 entry fee
Oct. 1	NCHPA Championships	Vallejo, CA	\$20 entry fee
Oct. 2	NCHPA Doubles Tournament	Vallejo, CA	\$40 per team entry fee
Nov. 6	Daylight Saving Time Ends		
Nov. 12	Annual Meeting: 9:30 am to 12:30 pm	To be announced	Lunch

NHPF Buy a brick at your Hall of Fame \$100 or \$200 13 characters per line 3 lines on a small & 6 lines on a large: NHPA 100 Bluestem Way Wentzville, MO 93385

Pay the scorekeepers 50 cents per game, \$1 per game at the State, NCHPA & Doubles Championships

-Tournament Codes-

1. See Flyer, Newsletter, Website	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. 8 Jeff Merrill, (16) Exeter
- 2) Sat. 29 McBean Open, Lincoln

February

- 3) Sat. 5 Theresa Hurtado Memorial, (16) Lindsay
- 4) Sat. 5 Gino Rinaldi, San Francisco
- 5) Sat. 26 Lincoln Open, Lincoln

March

- 6) Sat. 5 Windwalker & Corrina, Gold Country
- 7) Sat. 12 Edwina & Loretta, Willows
- 8) Sat. 12 Spring Warm up, (4) Vallejo
- 9) Sat. 12 Madera Open, Madera
- 10) Sun. 13 Sharon & Bill, Willows
- 11) Sat. 19 Henry Family Walking Doubles (15,16) Exeter
- 12) Sat. 19 Spring Open, Lincoln
- 13) Sat. 19 San Jose Memorial, San Jose
- 14) Sat. 19 Brotherton, (9) Ukiah
- 15) Sun. 20 Bushby & Dashiell, (9) Ukiah
- 16) Sat. 26 Kevin Smith World Champ, Sonoma County

April

- 17) Sat. 2 Tim Saunders (4,16) Tri-Valley
- 18) Sun. 3 Fred & Marge Wood (4,16) Tri-Valley
- 19) Fri. 8 4:30 Sign-in Madera
- 20) Sat. 9 Stockton 50th Anniversary, (21) Stockton
- 21) Sat. 9 Bret Burns, Gold Country
- 22) Sat. 9 Hayes & Ricks, (9) Ukiah
- 23) Sun. 10 Christina Cordova, Stockton
- 24) Sun. 10 Tom Burns Jr., (9) Ukiah
- 25) Sat. 16 Easter Open, Lincoln
- Sun. 17 **EASTER**
- 26) Sat. 23 Lee, Ray, Richard, & Fred, Willows
- 27) Sat. 23 Remembrance past Members, (4) Vallejo
- 28) Sun. 24 Russel Zelmair, San Jose
- 29) Sun. 24 Daryl, Tony & Gene, Willows
- 30) Sun. 24 Chris McDonald's Golden Ringers, Sonoma Cty
- 31) Thu. 28 Pat McGowan, Half Moon Bay (10)
- 32) Sat. 30 Gillett Electric \$\$\$, Willows (2)

May

- 33) Sun. 1 Lance & Lisa, Willows
- 34) Sat. 7 Espinola Family, Half Moon Bay
- 35) Sat. 7 Chinas Alley, (16) Lindsay
- 36) Sun. 8 NHPF fundraiser, (4,19) Vallejo
- 37) Sat. 14 Tuolumne P&R, (3,20) Tuolumne
- 38) Sat. 14 Kooy & Cowles (4,16) Tri-Valley
- 39) Sat. 14 Scott Kinney, (9) Ukiah
- 40) Sun. 15 Travis Ritter (4,16) Tri-Valley
- 41) Sun. 15 Ukiah Memorial, (9) Ukiah
- 42) Tue. 17 Alex & Richard Voskes 9:30am, 1/2 Moon Bay
- 43) Tue. 17 Jim Sample, 5:30pm (10) 1/2 Moon Bay
- 44) Fri. 20 Sign-in by 6:30 PM, (11) Madera
- 45) Sat. 21 Joe & Millie Schultz Memorial, Stockton
- 46) Sat. 21 Dave & Cathie Loucks, Gold Country
- 47) Sat. 21 Roy's Roundup, Sonoma County
- 48) Sun. 22 David Goldstein, Stockton
- 49) Mon. 30 Williams Open, Lincoln

June

- 50) Thu. 2 Dale Koistinen, 5:30pm (10) Half Moon Bay
- 51) Fri. 3. 6:30 PM, Madera (11)
- 52) Sat. 4 Joe Navarro, San Jose
- 53) Sat. 4 Rick Bermingham, Gold Country
- 54) Sat. 4 Gil & Lorena, (9) Ukiah
- 55) Sun. 5 Gail & Casey Sluys, (9) Ukiah
- 56) Sat. 11 Tyson Newton Night 5PM, sign-in (21) Stockton
- 57) Sat. 11 Gail & Casey Sluys (4,16) Tri-Valley
- 58) Sun. 12 Mark Norman Open, Stockton
- 59) Sun. 12 Summers & Lane (4,16) Tri-Valley
- 60) Tue. 14 Roy Ebbel (9) 9:30 A M, Half Moon Bay
- 61) Tue. 14 Tim Atwell (10) 5:30 PM Half Moon Bay
- 62) Sat. 18 Marsha, Marsha, Marsha, Sonoma County
- 63) Sat. 18 Black Oak Casino (2,4,9,16,17,20) Tuolumne
- Sun. 19 CONTINUATION FROM ABOVE 1 tourney 2 days

June

- 64) Sat. 25 Bill Harris Memorial, Forebay Park
- 65) Sat. 25 Peter Zeponi, San Francisco
- 66) Sun. 26 Pollock Pines Open, Forebay Park
- 67) Sun. 26 Lane & Summers, (4) Vallejo

July

- 68) Sat. 2 Bill Terry NHPF Fundraiser (19) Half Moon Bay
- 69) Sat. 2 Independence Open (10) **5:30 sign-in**, Lincoln
- 70) Sun. 3 Foa Remillong, Half Moon Bay

July 11 – July 23 World Championship, Monroe, LA

- 71) Sat. 9 Skeeter Open, Sonoma County
- 72) Sat. 16 Jimmy Lintt, Half Moon Bay
- 73) Sat. 16 Keith Dale Wann VFW 4748, (2,4,9,16,18,20) Tuolumne
- 74) Sat. 23 Pierce & Thacker, **Evening start 4PM**, Gold Country
- 75) Sat. 30 McGrath Family, (4) Vallejo

August

Thu. 1 Sign up Deadline for State Championships

- 76) Sat. 6 NHPF, (16) Exeter
- 77) Sat. 6 Joe Sciarra, Half Moon Bay
- 78) Sun. 7 Glen O'Brien Doubles, (13) Half Moon Bay
- Sat. 13 Deadline to Submit Nominations for Hall of Fame and Scorekeeper of the Year**
- 79) Sat. 13 Rogers & Morely, (4,16) Tri-Valley
- 80) Sun. 14 Buddy & Adrien Huffman, (4,16) Tri-Valley
- 81) Sat. 20 Saturday Open, Forebay Park
- 82) Sun. 21 John Kistner, (4) Vallejo
- 83) Sat. 27 State Warm-up, (9) McBean/Lincoln
- 84) Sat. 27 Six-Pak Sue Classic, Sonoma County
- 85) Sun. 28 Last Chance State Warm up. (4) Vallejo

September

Sat. 3 State Championships, Bakersfield

Sun. 4 State Championships, Bakersfield

- 86) Sat. 10 Corning Carpet/ Jeff, (2, 4) Willows
- 87) Sun. 11 Happy Birthday Linda, Willows
- 88) Sun. 11 Saunders Family, San Jose
- Sat. 17 Sign up Deadline for NCHPA Championship**
- Sat. 17 Sign up Deadline for NCHPA Doubles Tournament**
- 89) Sat. 17 Andy & Maggie Loobey, Gold Country
- 90) Sat. 17 Major & George remembrance (4,16), Tri-Valley
- 91) Sun. 18 Bill Faler & Bill Terry (4,16), Tri-Valley
- 92) Sat. 24 Autumn Open, McBean/Lincoln
- 93) **Sat. 24 Mystery Money Open ???\$ (4,7) Sonoma County**

Important note: ALL Tri-Valley tournaments are now pre-registered. Call, text or email Richard by noon Friday. His details are listed.

YOUR TOURNAMENT DATES SHOULD HAVE BEEN SENT IN TO kclusus@sbeglobal.net Casey Sluys 1721 San Ramon Wy. Santa Rosa, CA 95409 by Sept. 1st.

October

- 94) **Sat. 1 NCHPA Championship, Vallejo**
- 95) **Sun. 2 NCHPA Doubles, Vallejo**
- 96) Sat. 15 Golden Gate Classic, San Francisco
- 97) Sat. 15 Kyle Family, (16) Lindsay
- 98) Sat. 15 Whittle & DeCamp, Gold Country
- 99) Sat. 15 Rick Della Santina, (4,16) Tri-Valley,
- 100) Sun. 16 Richard Robbins, (4,16) Tri-Valley,
- 101) Sat. 29 Hoss Moreno, (16) Exeter
- 102) Sun. 29 Nakamoto Family, San Jose
- 103) Sat. 29 Halloween Open, McBean/Lincoln

November

Sat. 12 Annual Meeting (9:30 am - 12:30 pm) & Awards Lunch (1:00 pm - 2:30 pm),

- 104) Sat. 19 Diego Vargas, (16) Exeter
- 105) Sat. 26 Turkey Open, McBean/Lincoln

December

- 106) Sat. 3 Terry Farrell, Half Moon Bay
- 107) Sun. 4 Rick Della Santina-Walking Doubles, (15), Half Moon Bay
- 108) Sat. 10 Lindsay Banger, (16) Lindsay
- Sat. 10 RAIN DATE Terry Farrell, *Half Moon Bay*
- Sun. 11 RAIN DATE Rick Della Santina-Walking Doubles (15), *Half Moon Bay*
- 109) Sat. 31 New Year Open, McBean/Lincoln

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TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS:

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 PRESIDENTS:

Set your 2023 tournament dates no later than September 1, 2022 and send in the dates no later than October 1, 2022. This assures timely printing and distribution of the new schedule and gives you plenty of time to plan your 2022 tournaments.

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Please read the codes and dates carefully. There are some evening plus weekday events this year.

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July 11th – July 23rd

Monroe, Louisiana

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All applicable information above is required.

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

Entry Deadline May 17th 2022No refunds will be made after May 20th, 2022

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

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All Entries must be on this signed form and mailed with a postmark no later than **May 17th, 2022**. You may enter at anytime prior to May 17th, 2022. Entries received with a postmark after May 17th shall be put on a waiting list and entered into the tournament only as space is available. All adults must have pitched in a minimum of four (4) US/Canadian sanctioned events in the twelve (12) months prior to May 17th, 2022, in the same division you are entering. Only one (1) event is required for Juniors. Exceptions for US Armed Forces members and family and foreign competitors (other than Canadians) are outlined in Rule 11, Sec D.1 of the RGS Book. Contact NHPA for more information regarding qualifying exceptions. All averages used will be the average on record in eShoe/ CANSTATS as of May 17th, 2021. Anyone qualifying under an exception must have those scores recorded by the same date. All NHPA and any special tournament rules apply. Please see note regarding refunds. **READ CAREFULLY:** Any adult male pitching from the full distance platform may enter the **OPEN MEN'S DIVISION** regardless of age, just as any adult female may enter the **OPEN WOMEN'S DIVISION**. To enter the **SENIOR DIVISION**, you must be 60 years of age or older before the end of 2022. Any man that turns 70 years of age in 2022, is older than 70, or has an approved medical exemption may enter the **ELDER MEN'S DIVISION**. Entrants in the **JUNIOR BOY** and **JUNIOR GIRL DIVISION** must be 18 years old or less for the entire 2022 calendar year. **CADET BOY AND CADET GIRL DIVISION** entrants must be 12 years old or younger for the entire 2022 calendar year.

Note # 1. 30ft Men with Medical Exemptions must be in eshoe as exempt to pitch in this division.

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

Note # 3. Junior Boys & Junior Girls divisions will be mixed for preliminary play. Cadet Boys & Cadet Girls divisions will be mixed for Preliminary play. For Championship play a min of 8 must enter this division or it will be canceled. The pitching schedule will be finalized by **May 20th, 2022** and published on the NHPA website. If you indicated above to receive the schedule by mail, it will be mailed to the address you have listed above during the second week in June.

Please note: The NHPA reserves the right to disallow your participation for any of the following reasons; any errors on this form, if your records don't appear in eShoes or CanStats, any false or misleading information on this form, if the NHPA cannot verify through its established procedure the validity of any Medical Exemption, or for any other reason by majority vote of the NHPA Council. The NHPA also reserves the right to add qualified entrants and to make class participant changes after the deadline. No pitcher will be moved from class time or division, without notification, after final schedule has been published.

Clubs

Half Moon Bay

The park where our club is located, Smith Field in Half Moon Bay is going to be improved with a Master Plan. We have been asked what improvements would benefit our club? Of course we have a wish list. Our concern is that we might be charged for the use of our courts or that we might be perceived as not being relevant to the community as a recreational activity. All based on attendance and use of our courts. We need your help! We have been asked by Gates + Associates to fill out a survey for the Master Plan of Smith Field. If you have ever been to our courts, would you please fill out this short survey before January 31? Please be honest. It is just as important to show that we are attracting people that contribute to the economy of Half Moon Bay as well as locals using the park.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9MZKSMT>

www.smithfieldmasterplan.com

Our Club looks forward to pitching with all of you this next season. *Rick Della Santina*

San Jose

Happy New Year from San Jose!

Nancy Cloutier and Mike Anderson represented the San Jose Horseshoe Club at the NCHPA Annual business meeting and awards lunch on Sat. Nov. 13 at Joe and Mary Summer's home in Martinez. The meeting went well with several people attending in person and several attending via a Zoom meeting. Business was taken care of, the meeting was adjourned, and pizza was enjoyed by all.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the San Jose Horseshoe Club again did not hold its usual December business meeting/Christmas party and again it was decided to not elect new officers, but to have the 2020-2021 officers continue again in their positions through 2022.

Therefore the 2022 San Jose Horseshoe Club officers are:

Mike Anderson - President

Leon Moore - 1st Vice President, Statistician, and club contact at 408-867-5135

Russell Zelmar - 2nd Vice President and Groundsman

Marisela Mauricio - 3rd Vice President

Nancy Cloutier - Secretary-Treasurer

San Jose Horseshoe Club hosted 5 successful Saturday tournaments in 2021. With the scheduled spring of 2022 demolition of Columbus Park and the rebuilt park not scheduled to open until December of 2024 the number of 2022 tournaments that we will

actually host is a little uncertain. If we manage to hold our scheduled Mar. 19, 2022 tournament then that will probably be our only 2022 tournament in Columbus Park. If we do not manage to hold our March tournament then we will probably need help from some other club to allow us to use their courts to get one 2022 tournament in the books. Time will tell. We will keep you advised as to what tournaments will actually be held.

Again, Happy New Year to all and we look forward to pitching with you in 2022. Stay safe. **Mike Anderson**

Tulare

Happy New Year horseshoe family. We will be kicking off the New Year with our New court facility in Tulare California at the golf course on Laspina St. The courts are immaculate and the people are the same. All tournaments in Tulare are pre register just like Lindsay and Exeter until we get the proper lighting to be able to run 2 flights effectively. One other thing about the Tulare courts is that all food and drinks must be purchased on site. No outside food or alcohol is allowed. The food is great and the atmosphere is the same. We can run 30 pitchers max but it makes smaller groups but the payouts are bigger and the chance of winning is greater. Most the time we run 4 groups of 7 so that we have scorekeepers to help out and have more games. You can call me, text, email or message me on Facebook. I'm easy to get a hold of. Jeff Merrill is the President of the club in Tulare and he plans on helping me out to become a successful club. Lindsay will be having their season opener on February 5th for the Theresa Hurtado memorial. The Lindsay bangers always provide a free BBQ lunch for family and friends. Good luck and don't forget to head south January 22nd if you can to help me Celebrate my 56th Birthday at Beach Park (home of the 2022 state championship) Thank you,

Danny Kyle Northern tournament director, SCHPA President

Vallejo

The *Vallejo Horseshoe Club* (VHS) wishes all Clubs and all pitchers a Healthy and Happy New Year . With everything that 2021 brought us and took from us the VHS had a good year of tournament's and looking forward for tournament's in 2022 . The biggest hurdle that the VHS is having in 2022 is that the *Greater Vallejo Recreation and Parks* (GVRD) of Vallejo is now charging the VHS for the use of the Horseshoe courts, bathrooms and the use of the storage rooms at the courts . A yearly fee of 120.00 for the storage areas and a fee of 50.00 per tournament will be charged to the VHS club . When we the VHS was notified that these fees were going to take place we panicked what were we going to do how are we going to come up with those fees. The Vallejo horseshoe club as a lot of club's is down on membership. One thing that we are going to try to do in 2022 is try to increase membership . We the club members talked about increasing tournament fees but we Thought that that would scare participants away. We thought about having a non-sanctioned tournament for making some extra money for the club . As a couple other ideas came in we didn't think it was fair to the membership of the NCHPA. We the VHS Club will pay the fees to GVRD with no increase to

our members. We the VHS asks all participants at the VHS tournament's to keep in mind of what is going on. I will have a Donation Jar available for your Generosity Donation . At the NCHPA meeting a big thanks to Jasmine Brady to start things off. She donated \$200.00 to the VHS . Thanks Jasmine. John Kistner donated \$120.00 . Thanks John . We are off to a great Start . Our NCHPA Membership is amazing. As of 2022 tournament's we will be hosting 6 Tournaments and the NCHPA Championships and the NCHPA Doubles and hopefully a couple other tournaments in the works . Let's keep in mind all clubs can use help . Please ask at all tournaments is there something you can do to help . Thanks, *Dave Lane*.

Lincoln/McBean

Welcome to 2022! The McBean/Lincoln Horseshoe Pitching Club started out pitching on January 1st 2022, 12 pitchers, Bobby Bartell was the big winner. Nathan Williams and Bobby Bartell have the exact same ringer percentage, good luck in 2022.

John Demello won most improved pitcher. Steve Goodman received Rookie of the Year awards. Take a look at our awards?

Today at practice we might have picked up a couple new members. I could always say that...

Our 1st tournament of 2022 is January 29th Saturday at McBean Park Lincoln Ca. Hope to see you there, *Jeff Williams*.

Ukiah

NEWS from UKIAH VALLEY HORSESHOE CLUB As I sit here in my office looking out at the bright and glorious day there is so much hope for a better year. We have scheduled 8 tournaments for 2022 and are looking forward to welcoming pitchers from all over the world, well ok all over California!!! The weather may or may not be wet but we will not complain about the rain. We hope to see you all in the new year and we hope for all pitchers good health and happiness and ringers. *Lorena Tournour*

I discovered a book as I was "web surfing" that I thought was interesting. "Science at the Stake" by Roy W. Smith. Some of you may have heard about it or even read it while some of you may not have. So I included a bit of the forward to pique your interest. "A great many people take up the game of Horseshoe Pitching without realizing that it is one of great science. Some start by using fairly good playing form but the majority who do not receive the proper instruction, develop one or more bad playing habits which handicap them. Others play day after day, paying little or no attention to their fundamentals and cannot understand why they fail to improve beyond a certain stage. After practicing for a time without much success they become discouraged and lose interest. Unless they watch themselves closely, even the champions sometimes develop certain bad habits which adversely affect their playing. They must be quick to analyze and correct such faults that may manifest themselves during prolonged and tiresome tournament competition. The first and main purpose of this book is to acquaint the player, especially the beginner, with the basic fundamentals of the game and to outline the playing methods used by the champion pitchers. Having access to this information will enable a player to avoid numerous mistakes and much unprofitable experimentation, thus assuring him of a more rapid progress. Of course, all who play the game cannot become a district, state or national champion, but they can bring their

ringer percentages up to provide more competition for those who are the champions. It must be clearly understood that a definite set of rules cannot be made for everyone to follow because each individual possesses his own particular style in delivering the shoe. However, regardless of methods, the basic fundamentals remain the same and must be mastered by all. A beginner can learn much to his advantage by associating with experienced players. This does not mean that he should discard his natural style for that of every champion who comes along. If he does this, he will always be in a state of experimentation and doubt. THE SECRET OF GOOD HORSESHOE PITCHING IS TO MAKE EVERY MOVE AS EASY AND NATURAL AS POSSIBLE. Various rule pamphlets often include a few skimpy lines of instruction, but do not go into sufficient detail as to how or why certain things should or should not be done. While the rules serve their purpose by specifying the equipment and governing the conduct of players, they were never intended to instruct one in the scientific art of pitching. This knowledge must be acquired from other sources and applied through long periods of patient practice. However, it isn't so much the amount but HOW one trains that is important." This data was added to the end of the forward: DEMONSTRATING THE ONE AND ONE-QUARTER GRIP RECORDS: 87 Ringers out of 100 Shoes Pitched 46 Ringers out of 50 Shoes Pitched 16 Consecutive Double Ringers Has made a Ringer percentage of . . . 81% for 5 Consecutive 50 Point Games And 78.2% for 21 point Games.

Stockton

The Stockton Club was pleased with the 2021 State Tournament that we hosted over the Labor Day Weekend. It took a lot of work to get things ready, but we were happy with the way the event turned out. Thanks to Rick Bermingham and Diane Luiz the Men's and Women's Championships are back in Northern California!

We are looking forward to hosting 6 tournaments in 2022! Our first tournament of the year will be on April 9th. It will be the 50th anniversary to the day of the first tournament put on by the Stockton Club in 1972. We will celebrate with lunch and a cake to commemorate the big day. So much has changed in the world in the last 50 years! In 1972 Richard Nixon was the President of the United States, and Ronald Reagan was the Governor of California. We will play music from the year 1972 and reminisce about what was going on in Northern California horseshoe pitching at that time. It should be a fun day so we are hoping you will be planning to join us. The next day we will be holding the Christina Cordova tournament in celebration of all Christina has done to grow the club and keep spirits high. On May 21st we will hold our annual Joe and Millie Schultz tournaments to honor two very important Stockton members that were trailblazers for our club. The next Day we will celebrate one of our new members from last year, David Goldstein from Galt. David did a tremendous amount of work painting miles of backboards and shovel tons of clay for the State Tournament. On June 21 we will hold an evening tournament which will recognize a new pitcher Tyson Newton. We will be serving food that night. Tyson did a great deal of work with the court watering system, shoveled a lot of clay, and tightened stakes in preparation for the State. The next day will be a tournament held to honor Mark Norman who is a new pitcher who resides in Stockton. Mark was key in preparing clay for the State Tournament, and also showed a lot of skill in tightening stakes. Mark plans to transition from a flip shoe to a 1 ¼ turn this year!

We look forward to adding new members again this year. Please come pitch with us in 2022! **George Davis**, President Stockton Horseshoe Club

Sonoma County (Santa Rosa)

We can only hope that this plague is mostly gone and perhaps we can get on with our lives? I have to say though that if you are the traveling kind you'd best have a few friends to carpool with! Don't miss out coming to Santa Rosa to pitch though, they have some great courts and if all the trees are still standing we will be pitching 7 tournaments this year. As I was preparing the schedule I had one too many drafts in my computer and this created more mistakes than I care to acknowledge. In any event I've added a Sept 24 Mystery Money tournament. Those who know this format can attest that it's a fun type event.. I urge you to come out and try it .

We can only hope that all our pitchers that joined last year show up again for 2022. I hope each one brings a friend.

Congratulations are in order for our very own Jasmine Brady on accepting the position of 2nd Vice President of the NCHPA. She was already doing the NCHPA's website and now steps up to assume an officers position. Well done young lady, and we look forward to great, innovative and technologically modern and things from you! *Casey Sluys*

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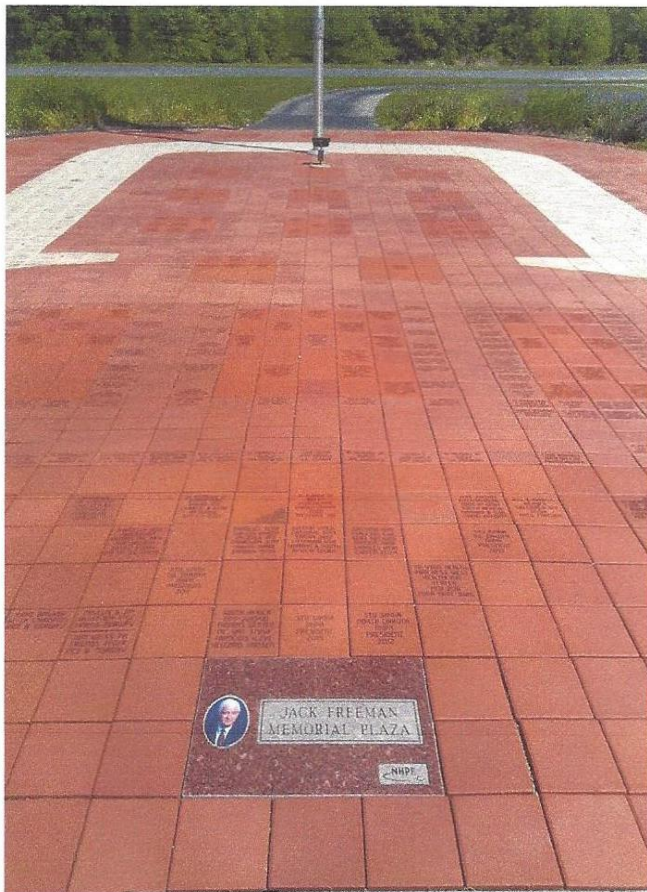
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Buy a brick and support the NHPF!



Commemorative Brick Order Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Print 4" x 8" Brick

Text; \$100/brick

or 3 for \$250 13 Characters per line

Print 8" x 8" Brick

Text; \$200.00 per Brick

If you are ordering more than one 4" x 8" brick, you may use another order form or insert text for 2nd or 3rd brick in above area. Please specify number and size of brick being ordered.

4" x 8" quantity _____ 8" x 8" quantity _____

Make checks payable to: NHPF. Mail this order form with payment to:

Commemorative Brick Program

National Horseshoe Pitchers Foundation

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