

# Nor-Cal News & Views

Northern California Horseshoe Pitchers Association website address is: <http://www.NCHPA.com>.

## President's Message

**Our people:** Congratulations to Sue Lichau (*Sonoma*) as she became a first time grandmother last November. Please think positive thoughts for Sal Delgado (*Tulare*) who recently had a terrible mishap with a power tool. The Sacramento club had three members pass during the off season who will be missed; Joan Bryan, Doug Mindt and Othal Rippetoe.

**Where to pitch?** We have many great choices, make a day out of it or a weekend if you can. Our clubs along the coast include Half Moon Bay, Fortuna (*plus gorgeous redwoods in Fortuna*), Seaside and San Francisco. Ukiah and Sonoma County are close to the coast in the heart of our wine country. Vallejo, Turlock, Tri-Valley, Madera, Tulare, Stockton, Sacramento and Willows are easy drives with the courts close to the highway. Lindsay, Exeter and Feather River are in the country with scenic orchards and great fruit stands along the way. San Jose has superb courts and is in a large metropolitan area with shopping opportunities. Tuolumne and Indian Valley courts are in quaint mountain towns with fresh air. Gold Country and Forebay have courts that are found in communities who were on the forefront of California's gold rush, antiques and more.

**Some housekeeping items for our new members:** Please remember to take care of your scorekeepers (.50 per a game), both pitchers must agree on the score – don't pick up your shoes assuming your opponent saw the shoes, cover your court after your last game, be prepared and have the proper tools to measure your shoes (*contact Kimmy Stockli*), have fun and make some ringers!

**The Big Three Tournaments:** Get your three tournaments in so you can compete in the State Tournament in Stockton. Officers and the

Stockton Club will be working together so that pitchers have an outstanding experience. Please consider a sponsorship as they help to offset the cost of the tournament. Sponsorships are \$50. Don't forget that any four NCHPA pitchers from any club can form a team for the Team Tournament. The Team Tournament will be held in Stockton. The NorCal Championship Tournament will be held in Vallejo. Last year's champs included Luke Zepponi, Sharon Paddock, Thomas Mandich, Travis Sluys and Glenn Rippetoe to name a few.

I've said it before - but how about a round of applause for Dave Lane as he arranged to store NorCal Hall of Fame items at no cost for the NCHPA. *Cathy Kauffman*

## Secretary/Treasurer

From my desk to yours – is everyone ready to pitch some shoes? Do your club members have their 2015 cards ready to show when they go to their first tournament? I have begun to receive a lot of membership renewals and even some new members, so I appreciate all of the work the clubs are doing to help in this process. Please send email addresses for all of your members that have email, it is so important for them to get information quickly and, of course now receive their National Newsletter. Thanks.

If you have someone pitching their first tournament of the year at your club and they haven't paid their dues yet PLEASE don't send them to me as a new member to your club. You can send their dues in either by sending me the National/Northern dues and show which club they belong to, or by collecting their National/Northern dues and sending them to their existing club who will send their dues in to me. At the same time please either collect their club dues or remind them to pay their home club

dues. Our Charter is the only one that is broken down into clubs and it screws up Natstats if we try to change the number for a pitcher to belong to your club. Thanks that will make Rob and Wayne happy.

Club secretaries please send me your \$45.00 raffle donations for the State and NorCal. The State tournament application is enclosed for completion if you plan to enter as is the Trophy sponsor form. I hope we will get as many sponsors to help cover the cost of the trophies as we have in the past. Thank you to all of you who help in the sponsorship. Looking forward to seeing you soon. *Gail Sluys*

## 2<sup>ND</sup> VP

Hello everyone, Bill Marvin, the NHPA 5th Vice President who oversees the Regional Director program for the NHPA, has asked all Regional Directors to update and re-sanction all of the court complexes this year. I will be traveling to most of the clubs to measure stakes, check pads, check for painted foul lines etc. Travis Sluys our assistant Regional Director will assist me as well. Also, remember the Hall of Fame deadline, I should receive the nominees for this year by August 1st. I don't know about you but I can't wait to start pitchin'. See you on the courts. Hope to see a good turnout this year for the state tournament in Stockton. I'm hoping it will be my year. (Smile.) *Rick Bermingham*

## 3rd VP

Welcome back to a new year of pitching. We officers are all ready receiving our assignment for the state meet, it's in the north at Stockton. This is an ideal location for all participants, so we should have a large crowd. It's time to get out and practice, of course we had a relatively dry winter I'm sure it will start raining and ruin our practice time. Those of you intending on going to the world tournament this year, it's being held in Topeka Kansas. Book your rooms early! They expect a huge turnout. Maddie and I are looking forward to visit with all the club members this year, also if your club needs score sheets or round robin cards let me know, if I'm at

your tournament I'll have them with me. *John Barney*

## 4<sup>th</sup> VP

As we all are enjoying this fabulous early Spring weather and beginning to practice the sport of horse shoes, we look to the sky for more rain and find sun! While it is nice to see the sun, we lament our lack of water and look to a hot and dry summer, which will be fine for our sport – just not too good for our vegetation! As I write this, I am making preparations to attend our first tournament of the year at Tri-Valley and looking forward to seeing some of our horse-shoe friends. I hope to see many of you this year as we travel around Northern California – I send my wishes for a healthy and happy throwing season. - *Lorena Tournour*

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

Hello everyone. I was recently voted in to help out this season as your NCHPA 5<sup>th</sup> Vice President replacing Scott Henne who will be dearly missed. I am looking forward to learning more about how I can help and be involved in this wonderful sport. The season is close to being underway and so far I have been receiving lists of new members that have signed up and I have been sending them new member packets of information which include a general flyer, rules and regulations, a 2015 season schedule, and information regarding 2015 Northern CA State Horseshoe tournament Trophy Sponsorship. A \$50.00 donation can go towards a plaque for this year's CA State tournament. If you wish to send a donation, there is a form in this issue you can fill out and mail to my address for processing. As I receive the donations being mailed to me I am tracking them on a spreadsheet and making sure that Gail receives the checks. Make checks out to NCHPA please.

I am looking forward to seeing you all soon out on the courts. I will definitely be at the Tri-Valley tournament they are having on Saturday March 21<sup>st</sup> and I hope to see some of you there. Happy Horseshoe pitching everyone! *Nicole Saunders*

## Statisticians Report:

LET'S HAVE ANOTHER GREAT PITCHING YEAR! Tournament Directors please provide me the results of your tournaments as soon as possible. Please send me the complete text file, file that show each group results, and a combined file that has each group listed in a file and they show the pitcher's Name, NHPA Number, and Date of the Tournament, shoes pitched, ringers, wins, losses, placed position and very important each players Hi Game of that tournament. One of my jobs is to keep track of pitchers that earn awards and also when they are entitled to a NCHPA Plaque. Earning awards is quite an accomplishment and anyone who does so should get credit for it. It is the clubs responsibility to get the results to me, please be sure that I get the complete results as soon as possible. Clubs please make sure what names the pitcher wants to go by, for an example nickname (Bob) instead of Robert. If you feel that your tournaments have not been recorded please let me know so I can research and get them included and accurate. Pitching has started this year of 2015 and they clubs that have had tournaments are Exeter, Tulare, and Madera. *Wayne George*, [waynenatstat@hotmail.com](mailto:waynenatstat@hotmail.com) 1573 E Sandalwood Ave Tulare, CA 93274 Phone: (805) 540-0842

# CLUBS

## TUOLUMNE

Hi everyone, hope you're all ready for the 2015 season to start, we are! First I will be fine after hip surgery, my heart is alright. It's just my left hip needs to be fixed. All will be well, your prayers are appreciated.

Now I would like to tell everyone that we are getting the courts ready so that we will once again have a very successful season, just like last year. We have a new 1<sup>st</sup> VP, Junior Ensminger of Oakdale. Tom Newhall will be our tournament Director for 2015. We have signed up a new member Jo Ellen Lagg and hope to get more this year, We have only 9 members in the

club, but will do the best we can to make your trips to Tuolumne a memorable one, Our first tournament is April 11, it begins at 10AM We hope to have some exciting times this year. Thank You, *Barbra Persson* 209-928-4618

## FORTUNA

One of our past members Susanne Kruger passed away suddenly on Feb.5, 2015. It was a huge shock to her husband John and the rest of her family and friends. She was the sister of Del Trask who is married to our daughter Candice. John and Susie spent a lot of time deer hunting and playing horseshoes with Boy and Betty Stapp. Boy and Betty have both passed away but they were instrumental in getting Sharon and I to play backyard horseshoes along with Susie and many others. Also Gwen Brightman just passed away, Gwen was the wife of Vern Brightman, both Vern and Gwen belonged to the Rio Del - Scotia and Fortuna Club. Years ago I used to run heavy equipment building highways in the summer months and when I was off work in the winter, I purchased a portable sawmill and would manufacture lumber for people. They would have me come to their property and mill their trees into lumber. One day after milling logs on Vern's ranch, Vern came by the work site and invited me to stop by his house and have a drink before I drove (long distance) home. I was tired and told him, that I better get home. Vern said you have to have time for a drink and insisted, he was such nice person I could not turn him down. So I stop by his house and fixed me a highball and says, how about a game of horseshoes. He belonged to the Rio-Del horseshoe club, I did not know such a thing existed. So I went out and played a game with him, I might have got a couple ringers during the game and he tells me you can throw a ringer you better come down to Rio-Del this weekend and play in the tournament with us. Again I had trouble turning him down, went there to please him and ended up liking the pitching. To make a long story short Vern and Gwen Brightman, Bill and Sharon Paddock and Tom and Marilyn Webb would get in a car or two cars and head down the road, just about every weekend during the summer months to a horseshoe tournament. For us to make a weekend

tournament, it is a minimum 400 mile round trip with many of the tournaments being 700 miles. Tom Webb won an award for traveling the most miles of any horseshoe pitcher, over the course of a year, pitching in Northern California. The more that I think about it, I bet he has the record for the most miles traveled and the most hours traveled of anyone in the Nation. **Bill Paddock**

## **SAN FRANCISCO**

Since the weather has been so nice we started early with our 1st Saturday tournaments in Jan & Feb and have signed up 3 new members. On January we had a "Ring in the New Year" and in February in the spirit of Valentines Day we had a "Shoulda Put a Ring On It" tournaments.

We are making good progress on establishing the presence of horseshoe pitching in San Francisco! But things take time working with local government agencies as many of us know. I've heard several clubs talking about difficulties dealing with their local Parks & Recreation Departments. Trying to get a horseshoe club going in a historic venue in Golden Gate Park has not been, so to speak, a walk in the park. When I used to work for a large architecture firm in San Francisco young employees would come to me every year and ask for advice getting a raise. They'd tell me their woes, and why they need a raise, and how expensive everything is... And then I'd share a little secret with them: The bosses could care less about their problems. We all have our own problems. If you really want a raise or a promotion there are three things you must do during your annual review. 1) Tell your boss how you make him more money 2) Tell your boss how you make his job and life easier 3) Tell your boss why he is better off with you than without you. It's a simple formula that works. Everything is a two way street, and when you are asking for something, turn the table around an imagine sitting on the other side of it and ask yourself if you'd take the deal you were just offering. It may come as a shock to some of us, but horseshoe pitching is not one of the most glamorous and high profile sports out there. But it doesn't matter. Our clubs matter and they matter to the communities they serve. And it's our job to explain that to people. I've taken my

three principals and applied them to our club. When we started this in 2008, the courts had been abandoned for 20 years, were overgrown and a major homeless encampment with official talk of turning them into the park dump transfer station. All that was pretty bad. ....and all the more reason that the Park needed us. 1) How do we make them money? We clean up and reactivate the courts so they can be reserved and rented out. We have received grants, and donations, and 1,000's of hours of volunteer labor. 2) How do we make their job easier? Homeless encampments, drug use, and vandalism are a huge expense and problem, and the horseshoe courts were one of the worst locations in the park. Now they are occupied with horseshoe pitchers and those three issues have dramatically been reduced. 3) Why are they better off with us? Because WE care about our courts. We are there; we are maintaining them, using them, providing a community service, raising money, raising awareness, and all the other things we do.

On Saturday March 14, a non-profit I co-founded called the Friends of the Oak Woodlands, Golden Gate Park reached a milestone. The Oak Woodlands is a native pre-settlement old growth forest of coast live oaks. That is the forest in which the Golden Gate Park Horseshoe Courts are located. We created this organization as an umbrella organization for all of the different little sub community groups working in that area, including the SF Horseshoe Pitching Club. It is an official park partner with SF Parks Alliance, and we are able to channel park donations through them. But on March 14, 2015 we had a dedication ceremony to add the Oak Woodlands into the national Old Growth Forest Network. The SF Rec & Parks department issued a general media Press Release to all the news outlets talking about the history of the Oak Woodlands and the Historic Horseshoe Courts. Upon reading the press release the family of the artist who did the 'Horse' & 'Pitcher Man' sculptures contacted me to make a generous donation to assist in their restoration, and at the ceremony I was able to speak with senior park officials and get commitments to move forward with the restoration work we are doing. I make a point to

thank and support the park employees every opportunity I get and after nearly eight years they're starting to believe that we are on their side, and perhaps they are better off with a horseshoe club than a dump transfer station.

We are continuing our community outreach with two big events coming up. They are targeted to recruiting new horseshoe pitchers and volunteers, not necessarily NHPA members. (But you're welcome to come!)

On April 25 we are co-hosting the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Ancient Eight - Ivy League Open Horseshoe Tournament & BBQ. We have partnered up with the SF Dartmouth Alumni Club who reached out to us to help with our park restorations. Rather than just one Ivy League University, I suggested they invite the other seven Ivy League University Alumni Associations to join them and send teams in order for us to reach a much broader audience. So now we also have teams from Yale and Cornell, and others that are interested. This is an Open Tournament to everyone, not just Ivy Leaguers, and we're planning a great BBQ as part of the \$15 entry fee to get as many people out as we can. It will be a non-handicapped recreational Group Round Robin team doubles cancellation games to 21, where leaners COUNT as 2! Prizes TBD. The top team/s from each group will advance to finals. Detailed information and online registration is on our club website [www.sfhorseshoepitching.com](http://www.sfhorseshoepitching.com)

To raise a little extra money and have some fun we are implementing a NEW RULE for the Ancient Eight tournament: Ringer Mulligans! Similar to Golf Tournaments, teams will have an option to BUY 1 point "Ringer Mulligans" before the Tournament. This will allow you to start off with a handicap advantage. It's impossible to handicap these open recreational games because most people are new to horseshoes and don't have an NHPA ringer percentage rating. This will give teams who think they need it an option to give themselves a bit of an edge. Of course all you Alan Francis's out there won't need them! ... but us backyard pitchers might! The Entry Fee is low for a Tournament AND full BBQ, so why not get yourself a little insurance for \$5!... but plan ahead and use them wisely! Ever had a day

where you felt like you couldn't buy yourself a ringer? Well Not today!

Ringer Mulligan Rules: (Some other clubs might want to try it for non-NHPA tournaments)

- All Mulligans to be purchased BEFORE tournament play begins and recorded on the Tournament Flow Chart.

- Up to 6 'Mulligan' points MAX can be used per 21 point game.

- \$1 per Mulligan Point, to be used in the match(s) of your choice during the group round robin.

- "Two Ringers" for \$5 = 6 points, or \$1 per point.

- i.e. Four Ringers for \$10 = 12 handicap points available for you to use.

- Must Declare use of Mulligans BEFORE the match starts and how many points you want to use for the match. (1-6 pts)

- If not declared BEFORE first shoe is tossed, NO Mulligans will be allowed! Call out the score, and THEN start pitching.

- i.e. Before starting the game, if 6 points are used, call out "Score is 0 to 6." So everyone knows.

- NOT VALID in Semi Finals or Finals, only in the Round Robin Group phase. NO handicapping of the playoffs.-This is a cancellation tournament, so you can 'cancel' your opponents Mulligans, by using your own. i.e. If a team declares they want to use the max 6 pts mulligan against you, you can "cancel" those by applying 1 to 6 points of your own. If you used 2 Mulligan points the game would start with a score of 4 to 0 and go to 21. If you used 6 pts against their 6 pts the score would start at 0-0.

Has anyone ever heard someone say that there are not enough young horseshoe pitchers out there? Well we're hoping to recruit a few more! On May 16 my wife and another family are hosting an Old Skol Shoes 'N' Q! Public Elementary School Family Horseshoe Picnic and BBQ! This is the public elementary school our kids attend. We placed this item in our annual school auction fundraiser with 80 spots available and it SOLD OUT at \$35 per person! So we expect to have 80+ parents and their kids hanging out, picnicking, and playing horseshoes. Apparently some people still think a picnic and horseshoes sounds fun! You just have to invite them. If I were retired I think another good way

to get young pitchers would be to host a kid's summer horseshoe camp through the local Park & Rec Dept. I know all the working families around here are scrambling to find affordable activities to put their kids in during the summer while school is out. It might just be a couple hours a day or one of several activities the kids rotate through during the week. If you have the time and will be out there pitching anyway, talk to your park directors about being part of their youth summer programs. It might be a good way to get some new young members...and their parents.

Looking forward to seeing you in the pits! –  
**Peter Z.**

## **LINDSAY**

Lindsay is looking forward to the 2015 pitching season and we have big plans for the year. We have added six new members and continue working to increase our membership, we are currently at 16 members. We have started fundraising for the 2015 season and want to thank new Sponsors Lindsay Kaweah Delta Health Clinic, Wild Bills Barbershop, Awake Clothing Co, Robert & Theresa Hurtado for their support of the Lindsay Association. Please visit our website at <http://lindsaybangers.weebly.com/> for more detailed information on our Club. We can also be followed on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/LindsayBangers>

So far this year the Lindsay members have participated in tournaments in Exeter and Tulare as well as hosting a tournament of our own in March. We are planning on traveling to Bakersfield for a tournament on March 29<sup>th</sup> and look forward to our first time playing on clay. We will also be hosting a free youth clinic and tournament on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. If anyone has youth size horseshoes they would like to donate or has suggestions on where we can get a good deal on a quantity of youth size shoes for our clinic please contact President Isaac Rodriguez at [irod\\_twelve@hotmail.com](mailto:irod_twelve@hotmail.com) or visit our website for phone number contact information. Any and all help will be greatly appreciated.

The Lindsay club is also working to raise the necessary funds to add two new pits to our current site which would bring our total to 6.

We are active in our community and have helped others to host fundraising tournaments most recently the Lindsay High School Baseball team which held a very successful event. We are also working with the local community to host a Health Wellness fair in conjunction with one of our future tournaments.

Lastly we would like to thank the Tulare, Exeter and Bakersfield clubs for participating in our March 14<sup>th</sup> tournament. We were also honored to have a Pitcher compete from Oregon, even though we had record heat of 86 degrees for this time of year, he was in the area visiting family and found our tournament on the NCHPA website. We are looking forward to a very exciting and busy 2015 horseshoe pitching season. **Isaac Rodriguez**

## **FEATHER RIVER**

As I write this, it is nice to see we've had a bit of rain overnight so all of my plants have been watered. Any amount received is more than welcome. This gorgeous weather we've been having has certainly been conducive to pitching, so hope everyone is practiced up for our forthcoming tournaments. Our Elks group which includes Lee Oliver, new pitcher, Steve Skinner, and myself has not missed too many days due to rain. We're looking forward to seeing all our horseshoe friends soon. In the meantime Happy Pitching to all. **Audrey Winters**

## **SONOMA COUNTY**

Once again this year we will be hosting the horseshoe pitching segment of the Senior Games at our courts. This year it will be held on Thursday June 11. You can sign up through this website if you want to play. <http://www.councilonaging.com/news-events/sonoma-wine-country-games/>



This year we will host a money added event along with the Mystery Money tournament,

check the schedule for these events and we hope to see you there.

Check your schedule because on Friday July 4<sup>th</sup> we will host a tournament called the Independence Day Open. This will be a benefit tournament to support the NHPF. It's a great weekend to make three tournaments Half Moon Bay, Stockton and us. See you all on April 19<sup>th</sup> for the Greeott Memorial.

We will spend a little money out of our treasury for promotion, two banners are being made, and they will be displayed in a different section of town each week. Our members have agreed to take the banners to their areas and display them prominently. The banners will have our phone number and website along with the words horseshoe pitching. Reed says he'll park his pick up in front of Dicks Sporting goods with the banner attached to his truck. Other say they'll attach it to a fence close to their property. As we rotate these signs we will monitor the calls to see where the best location is. Try this in your area!  
*Casey Sluys*

## **HALF MOON BAY**

We are preparing for the 2015 season. Bill Terry has brought in new top sand for all our courts. The sand is similar to Hawaii. We will meet every Thursday at 5:30 PM. On Sunday March 29, we will have our only club meeting followed by a doubles tournament. We will host 14 NHPA Tournaments and 9 Club Tournaments during the 2015 season.

To improve our awareness in our community, we posted an article about our club in the two coast side newspapers, placed a message of when we meet under a clubs & sports section in the papers. We also have a message about our club in the Community Message Board on our local cable TV which serves the San Mateo County coast. See you on the Courts, *Rick Della Santina*

## **UKIAH**

Hello all you hale, hearty, and happy horseshoe pitchers. We are beginning to prepare our courts and clean the spider webs out of our shed to start the 2015 pitching season. Our first tournaments are April 11 & 12 so mark your calendars, fill your gas tanks, and pack your shoes and come on up or down to the Ukiah courts. The Discovery Inn is advertising rooms at \$49 and the restaurant right next to it that has been closed for several years is now a Wing Stop! We haven't tried it yet but maybe by the time you get here we will have a report. There is always the Broiler in Redwood Valley or Club Calpella in Calpella and also Crush in Ukiah for a delicious dinner. So make your plans and head on up (or down) to join us at the pits for some sport and snacks and camaraderie. And don't forget, this year we have 2, not one, but 2 weekends of pitching in Ukiah in May – the 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> and also, May 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> so the fun just never stops here in Mendocino County. - *Lorena Tournour*

Do you know how to subscribe to the Horseshoe Pitching Newline Magazine the National publication put out by the NHPA? IT'S FREE! Simply go to the front page of <http://www.horseshoepitching.com> There you'll see a banner with this wording on it: *Stay connected to your NHPA through the new electronic version of Newline.Free.*

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Click on it and enter your email. This is only applicable for new members or for any of you who do not yet receive the Newline. Two issues have been sent Jan/Feb and March/April. If you received them you do not need to do this.

The NHPF recently registered with AmazonSmile. We were notified by Amazon that some shoppers using AmazonSmile wanted the .5% donation to go to the NHPF. In that light we provided the necessary information to Amazon to get the ball rolling.

There is no difference between Amazon and AmazonSmile (same products, etc) except that AmazonSmile donates .5% of the sale to the charitable organization designated by the buyer.

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Thank you for spreading the news, **Gary Buehler**, Treasurer NHPF



**At Stockton**

**ENTRY FORM**

**At Stockton**

**2015 California State Horseshoe Pitching Championships**

Sponsor: Northern California Horseshoe Pitchers Association –NCHPA

**September 5, 6, & 7<sup>th</sup> 2015 Louis Park, 3121 Monte Diablo Ave, Stockton,**

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CIRCLE YOUR DIVISION (1 only)

OPEN MEN (40FT) SENIOR MEN (40’) ELDERS/MED EXEMPT MEN short distance (30’)

OPEN WOMEN SENIOR WOMEN JR BOY JR. GIRL JR CADETS (20FT)

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Keep this section for future reference – California State Championships, Stockton - Sept 5,6,7 2015

**Louis Park, 3121 Monte Diablo Ave, Stockton.**

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

**OPEN:** Men (40ft.) shall enter “OPEN MEN” /Women shall enter “OPEN WOMEN” divisions. Pitchers eligible as Seniors may also choose to pitch in the “OPEN” division. ELDERS short distance (30’) cannot.

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

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

**JUNIOR:** “JUNIOR BOY” and “JUNIOR GIRL” divisions will be formed for pitchers whose 19th birthday does not fall in 2012. “CADETS” are junior pitchers whose 12th birthday does not fall in 2015.

⇒ Eligibility requires **Adults MUST** have pitched in **three (3)** California sanctioned tournaments-**Junior and Cadet** pitchers require **one (1)** after **August 1, 2015.**

⇒ Pitching averages will come from NATSTATS as of **August 1, 2015.**

⇒ Entry **Deadline** is **August 1, 2015** (Late entrants will be used on a standby basis, and will pay an additional fee of \$10.00).

**ADULT ENTRY FEE IS \$25.00/JUNIORS FREE. No refunds after August 8, 2015. ALL entrants** will pay **\$1.00 per day** at sign-in to cover compensation to be paid to judges working each shift.

Mail top of Entry Form and check to: **Gail Sluys (707) 486-0594 - (707) 538-3128**

Make checks payable to **NCHPA** 1721 San Ramon Way Santa Rosa CA 95409

**Don’t forget to sponsor a trophy for the State Championships.**

# 2015 CALIFORNIA STATE HORSESHOE PITCHING CHAMPIONSHIPS



## Awards Sponsorship Form



### **Northern California Horseshoe Pitcher's Association**

The Northern California Horseshoe Pitchers Association (NCHPA) will host the 2015 California State Horseshoe Pitching Championships tournament in Stockton, CA Louis Park 3121 Monte Diablo Ave Stockton; over the Labor Day weekend September 5th, 6th, & 7th 2015. Please consider sponsoring an award for this prestigious event! Both plaques and cash are awarded to the winners of 20-30 groups of players from throughout the state. This tournament establishes California State Champions for both men and women of all ages plus boys and girls under 19 years old. If you wish to sponsor a first or second place plaque award, each plaque costs about \$50. If we receive your plaque sponsorship by August 20<sup>th</sup>, the award plaque will reflect your support, and if you have a specific group you wish to sponsor please let us know, we will do our best to accommodate your request based on first come – first served.

Sponsor's Name (business, club, or person): \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's phone and/or E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation Amount: \$50.00 (make check payable to **NCHPA**)

Please send this completed form with your check to the NCHPA awards coordinator:  
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Please make the following correction on your schedules: Rick's zip code is 95678; Nicole's phone number is 408-828-4933; eliminate the code 9 from all Madera tournaments; change San Jose's Russell Zelmar's phone to 408-712-7503; Mike Jones - Turlock Club. His new address is 3033 Village Park Ct Turlock 95382 Cathy's address is wrong.

\*April 18 is the first of two Seaside tournaments let's make this a successful year for them.

# NCHPA HALL OF FAME

## *Nominee Information Form*

Name\_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_ City\_\_\_\_\_ Zip\_\_\_\_\_

Phone\_\_\_\_\_ # of years NCHPA Member\_\_\_\_\_

**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

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

Send in by August 1, 2015 to: Rick Bermingham 700 Vallejo Ave #40

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**All statistics for all Northern CA tournaments are posted on the website. Simply scroll across the schedule window and you will see another widow appear. When you click on it all tournaments will be listed and those in hypertext have results listed.**

I did talk to Amelia Santana, Rays Wife and she wanted me to tell everyone thank you for all your thoughts and prayers. Ray passed away today around 4:00 p.m. he was 93 and lived a long life and survived by his wife Amelia (Horseshoe Pitcher) 3 sons and multiple grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Amelia said that they will have a small family gathering and Ray didn't want to have a funeral gathering. Amelia also said if anyone wanted to donate any funds in Ray's name they can give to Optimal Hospice Foundation, 2439 West Whitendale Avenue #B, Visalia CA 93277 and of course if anyone wanted to donate in Ray's name to all of our wonderful foundation, the National Horseshoe Pitching Foundation. NHPF, 100 Bluestem Way, Wentzville, MO 63385.

Ray Santana's family address is:  
Amelia Santana  
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\*\*\*Late news: 2017 WT bidders are St George, Utah and Monroe/West Monroe, LA \*\*\*

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