

Nor-Cal News & Views

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President

The holidays are over, Happy 2012 to all of you. We have survived the mild winter and it is time for some horseshoe pitching.

I attended the Tulare, tournament last weekend, and I think I need some practice. It doesn't look like we will be having many rain cancellations this year.

We have lost several members of our association over the last several months and I wish to express sincere condolences to all of the family members.

It has been really quiet for the last several months on the Nor-Cal front and I guess that means everything is going smoothly. We will have a very active 2012, pitching schedule and I'm hoping to attend as many out of town tournaments as possible. With current gas prices, I know traveling for all of us is restrictive.

The Western States Police and Fire Games have changed their name to the United States Police and Fire Games, and have established San Diego, California as a permanent venue. The horseshoe pitching event will be held at Balboa Park, on June 22, and 23, 2012. If you are a law enforcement, or firefighter member, this is a good time to spend time in San Diego, pitch horseshoes, and win a brand new medal.

I was pleased to see that St. George, Utah will host the 2013 World Tournament. Sharon wants a two-day Las Vegas, warm up.

As most of you are aware we will be pitching in Bakersfield for the State tournament instead of Lake Isabella. I hope it isn't as hot as it was last year.

See you all on the courts. *Harlen A. Rippetoe*

Secretary/Treasurer

The new season is upon us and I hoping all of you have sent your dues to your club secretary. The dues remain the same \$27.00 plus your local club dues. Club secretaries please forward dues to me so your members are able to start pitching when the rain stops. At this time I'd like to welcome the 36

new members to our organization. We all look forward to meeting you at the courts.

Please change your schedule for Cathy Kauffman's phone number. If you need to contact her, please call her cell phone at 916-397-4146.

At this time I would like to wish Greg Ellisen and Chet Carter strength in their fight against cancer.

Gail Sluys

2nd VP

We are off to a wet Spring, hopefully we can get some tournaments in this April without any more rain. I am looking forward to pitching with the Sacramento club this year, although I will miss pitching at Yolo, but I will not miss the bugs that come in the late spring early summer. My wife, Cherie Bermingham, is going to pitch this year. We are practicing on the weekends, she is pitching a flip and using the Ted Allen shoe. I just got off the phone with John Sylvester and he is doing well. This year in June 22, he will be 83 years old. John is still pitching at 40 feet, close to 50% as well.

If anyone would like to elect any pitcher or promoter that has at least 10 years in the NCHPA for the NCHPA Hall of Fame in 2012, the deadline is August 1st. You can call me, email me with your nomination, or use the form in this issue The Hall of Fame Committee is Dave Loucks, John Sylvester, Sue Lichua Robert Cocagne and myself as chairman.

Congratulations to Ken Woolery of the Sonoma County Club for his induction to the Hall of Fame in 2011. Nice job Ken! See you on the courts, 2nd VP, Hall of Fame Chairman, *Rick Bermingham*

3rd VP

We made it through the winter, summer almost here, are we ready for a new season of horseshoe pitching? If you're like me; you've checked the new schedule and have picked out which upcoming meets are close to home. (Thanks to the high cost of gas). Cont. P-3

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

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

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

It looks like fewer meets for some of us, but we can be thankful we have several tournaments we can choose from this years 2012 tournament schedule.

That reminds me; all you club presidents, you better check on your supplies for score sheets. I've already refilled one clubs request for score sheets.

Luckily he checked and realized he didn't have enough for his upcoming tournaments.

As a friendly reminder the score sheets cost are \$40.00 per 500, and the round robin cards are \$7.00 per 100.

I'm glad to see the South came to there senses and moved the State meet back to Bakersfield. Maddie and I drove past Lake Isabella last year after our state tournament, with a lot of work there was no way it could have supported the members for a state meet.

I'll be looking forward to meeting with all you pitchers this season. So get out there and practice.

See you on pits, *John Barney*

Statistician

I am looking forward to my position as the NCHPA Statistician. I want to wish Lee Roy Lassiter and his family the very best in their move back to Missouri. I also want to thank Lee Roy for working with me and teaching me how to do this job. I need your help for me to be successful in this position and I will promise that I will do my very best. Here is what I need from you; please provide me the results of your tournaments as soon as possible. Information that needs to be sent to me is the player name, player NHPA number, tournament date, shoes pitched, ringers, wins, losses, placed position and very important; each player's highest scored game of that tournament. Another part of my responsibility is to help determine pitching awards based on the data that is collected. Data collected from your games will determine NCHPA honors such as Pitcher of the Year (2011 Wayne George). Earning awards is quite an accomplishment and anyone who does so should be acknowledged. I am listing the Top 10 pitchers as of October 8, 2011 and they are:

Name:	Tournaments	Match	Wins	1 ^s	2 nd	Hi Game
Richard Robbins	8	15	0	1		37.50 %
Wayne George	6	25	2	2		45.00%
Alan Trusty	5	17	2	0		72.00 %
Dick McCall	5	16	1	2		30.00%
Ken Weir	4	5	0	0		40.00 %
Travis Sluys	4	11	2	0		53.33%

Joe Sciarra	4	13	0	1	66.67 %
Harvey Kooy	4	14	0	3	47.50%
Don Kies	4	10	0	1	75.00 %
Gloria Callahan	4	15	1	1	52.50%

It is the clubs responsibility to get the results to me, please be sure that I get the complete results as soon as possible. **Wayne George**

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C L U B S

Half Moon Bay

I would like to share two thoughts with everyone. The first being, if you know someone who is thinking about joining the NCHPA, please have them read my take on why they should join. The second thought is about HS Master.

If you are considering joining the NCHPA, I would like to point out that we are not professional Horseshoe players. We are folks like you, who like to play Horseshoes. My very first opponent 19 years ago said it best. **"Let's have fun!"** He is Chet Carter, one of many you need to meet. Chet will be 95 this April, the perfect representative of the membership of the NCHPA, of which he has been a member of over 50 years. He has also been an associate member of every club in California and has received the award for the most tournaments in a season. If you are lucky enough to meet Chet, you will soon see through his demeanor and presence, the perfect example of what we are all about. You will be glad you joined and definitely will have fun, as I have for over 19 years, playing the great American Game of Horseshoes.

I have started learning HS Master in the off season. It is a free program used throughout the NHPA. I urge everyone to learn this program for these reasons. If we are all running our tournaments on the same program, we will have more members to help when needed. The other main reason is to help our NATSTAT person compile our stats and tournament results. I would like everyone know that I had several problems operating HS Master using Windows 7. I will be glad to help anyone overcome any problems with getting this program to run. It is an easy program to operate once you learn the sequence of operation. The best way to learn it is to

run the help video and set up a test tournament as you go. When you are ready to send your results, send them to yourself. This program can be downloaded from the NHPA website.

The HMB Club would also like to welcome Larry Pacheco to our club.

See You on the Courts, *Rick Della Santina*

Ukiah

Thank you to all who take the time to write something for our newsletter. Keeping us updated on what is happening in our horseshoe pitching community is an important and vital service which helps to keep our organization alive. I forgot to submit an article for the 1st quarter of 2012, but hopefully will be more expeditious in the coming months!

Quick catch-up for 2011: Our last tournament was in September then some of us traveled to Fortuna for their last tournament and then to Vallejo for the NCHPA championships and then to Willows for the tournament in October. In November Dave Shelton, UVHS club member of long standing, traveled to Sacramento for the Annual meeting of NCHPA and came back with lots of information. In December, Gil and Will and respected wives were planning on traveling to Half Moon Bay but family emergencies changed those plans, hopefully we'll make it next year.

This year the Ukiah club members are looking forward not only to some wonderful and entertaining pitching in our fabulous Northern California and beyond but also reconnecting with the awesome friends we have made over the years. We are also preparing for our 4 Ukiah tournaments in 2012 - the first one is on April 14 and 15, and there will be plenty of fresh and tasty pastries and fruit to go with the strong and hot coffee and icy cold water - all free!

To prepare for this season we have evaluated our courts according to the NHPA guidelines and sent the report to Casey, we have paid our rent to the Redwood Empire Fair, obtained our Insurance Certificate, we've ordered and received our plates, patches and certificates, fixed broken water lines and made necessary repairs and adjustments at the pits. The pitchers are practicing and the secretary is writing this article for the newsletter, collecting dues and sending them to Gail, researching vendors for new team shirts and evaluating her computer skills for use with HS Master. If we have overlooked something it will soon become evident and we will fix it if we can! Hope all is well with all of you and we look forward to hosting you at our lovely courts for as many tournaments as you can make. Don't forget we have over night parking right next to the courts for only \$10 which includes power but no hook-ups and just a few steps away from the courts, the Fairgrounds has a very nice RV park which includes: - Pull-thru sites; Full & Partial Hook-ups; Dump Station; Shower & Laundry Facilities - for \$25 with your senior discount.

-Lorena Tournour

Feather River

I hope everyone has had a good winter. We're all looking forward to the new horseshoe season and hoping we're not rained out in Willows. Feather River Club has two new members brought in by Larry King - Gary Dillon from Yuba City and Steve Johnson from Marysville. Lois, Larry and I spent a lovely Saturday qualifying them and we welcome them to our club.

Lois and I spent one Saturday morning at a Health and Wellness Fair put on by the Oroville YMCA. We had several people show an interest in joining NCHPA. Although they have not joined yet, I am keeping in touch with them and think we will possibly acquire at least two more members.

Lee is planning on improving some of our courts before our May tournaments. See you all soon. *Audrey Winters*

Madera

The Madera, Big Valley Horseshoe Club has recently completed renovation of the Rotary Park Horseshoe courts. Metal plates and rubber pads have been installed on the court foul lines and the cement walkways have been painted. Two new horseshoe courts have been installed. The courts are now ready to be certified. The additional courts will hopefully enable the club to pitch four groups during the first session and prevent, holding an afternoon shift. The complex now totals twelve (12) courts. The club members volunteered over a two-month period to complete the work.

The Madera Club members, for the third year in a row will assist the Clovis, Viet Nam Veterans Association, in conducting a fund raising tournament on April 11, 2012.

The Madera Club, will hold four tournaments during the 2012 season. Check the schedule and come join us. **Harlen A. Rippetoe**

Indian Valley

Just add for Indian Valley a reminder about our Gold Diggers tournaments. Greenville will be celebrating 150 years, so will be many fun things down town on Saturday night if any of the pitchers are interested. Also I had Gail send out warnings to all that motel it to get their reservations in early as it will be a crowded town that week end. They will require a 2-day minimum for the rooms. As usual there will be plenty of room for the campers at our courts. *Richard McCutcheon*

Stockton

These are the minutes of our recently held Officers Meeting called by Peter P. Chavarria, Secretary/Treasurer.

Members of the Board present were Millie Schultz, George Davis, Chris Koubek, & Peter P. Chavarria. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Secretary/Treasurer.

To elect a President to our Club and how it could be done in the fastest possible way.

After the agenda was finished the meeting was open to any additional subjects to be discussed.

(1) George Davis informed the Board the Stockton Horseshoe Clubs name was thrown into the pot at the NCHPA meeting to be accepted as the next State Tournament site in 2013.

(2) Prior to the NCHPA Peter emailed Jose DeLeon notifying him the Parks & Recreation Supervisor Brandt Evans was excited to have the State tournament in Stockton.

Jose DeLeon agreed that I should notify NCHPA President Rippetoe Stockton wanted to be the site for the 2013 State Tournament.

(3) Millie Schultz informed the Board the Key Codes in The New Tournament Schedule for our Money Tournament in May were left out and we could only charge a \$10.00 entree Fee and the club would have to send out flyers notifying all Clubs that our May Tournament was indeed a Money tournament.

(4) Peter informed the Board that he has sent in the New Schedule for 2012 and the Key Codes were included.

(5) Peter informed the Board he has been contacted by a Jeffery Renebome from Manteca, he and three other retirees wanted to join our Club and wanted to get qualified as soon as possible.

After informing Mr. Renebome qualifications have to be performed With-In 30 days before his first Tournament, arrangements have been made for Peter to go to Manteca and qualify four men after the 1st day of March 2012. We need at least four qualifiers to qualify the four men in Manteca.

George Davis agreed to be on the qualifying team. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. **Peter P. Chavarria**

Tuolumne

Time sure does fly by doesn't it? Here it is another year and we are already 3 months into it. Hope everyone is ready for the tournament coming up? Our club will have 10 tournaments this year.

We held our first meeting in Feb. There were 13 members and 1 associate member present. It was great to have that many club members together at one time..

President Del introduced one of the new club members to all of us. Kevin Flanagan is one new member and Warren Walker is another new one. Not a whole lot going on right now, but we'll be ready for our first tourney in April, weather permitting.

At our last tournament help Sep. 24, 2011 each pitcher was given a ticket issued by our club for a pair of horseshoes. Steve Bookout or the Turlock Club was the winner, congrats Steve! Hope to see you all at some of our 2012 tournaments? *Barbara Persson*

San Jose

The year started off with very sad news. The President of our club, and my husband, Hugh Cloutier, passed on December 31st. Hugh was very instrumental in working with the City of San Jose, to get the location and the building of the wonderful Horseshoe complex that we now enjoy. Hugh will be missed by everyone that knew him. Our Cloutier family thanks everyone for their wonderful cards and their love and support.

It is with great pleasure that we announce Steve Chavez, as our Club President. We are all looking forward to Steve's enthusiasm and his love of the sport. The Chavez family is very involved with the club. Their daughter Elena is becoming a very good pitcher at only age 10. Steve's wife, Rachelle, is very supportive with keeping scores and helping to organize our pot-lucks.

It was great to see so many of our club members at the courts, as we kicked the off the season for a day of fun in February. About 15 pitchers were there for a practice session and a great BBQ! It was really nice to see everyone after the holidays and before the main tournaments get started.

We are excited that we have two members of our club that will get their membership patches this year. Nicole Saunders for 10 years and Dick McCall for 20 years. Congratulations to both of them for a lot of fun and great pitching!

A note of appreciation to Bill Chandler, Ron Gascon, Darran and Larry Ryan for their effort in keeping the club's recycling program going. This has been a very successful program which brings in nearly \$500 annually to our club.

We will again have our "Ringer of Recipes" books for sale. If you didn't get yours be sure to get one or more this year. These make wonderful wedding, birthday or Christmas gifts. Also, don't forget the young folks that are starting out at college or in their own homes. Several members of the club have these books on hand and will be bringing them to all the tournaments. The cost is only \$15.00 and I

know that you will enjoy them. Our club thanks you for your support.

We are all looking forward to another exciting year of Horseshoes. *Nancy Cloutier*

Exeter

To all the members of the NCHPA the Exeter Ironbenders thanks you all for accepting them into your charter and look forward to seeing you in the future. We had our first tournament of the year and we had three new pitchers join from Lindsay and Exeter. We also put a bid into the city of Exeter to have two new courts added. We had a positive response from our proposal and the city is already looking into getting this completed. That will give us 6 courts and the opportunity to have different types of tournaments other than having only pre-registered events. If you have received a paper schedule the codes on there are incorrect for our tournaments but if you have access to the internet the online schedule has the correct codes. The state finals are in Bakersfield this year and we look forward to having a good turnout of Ironbenders at this event. Thank you from the Exeter Ironbenders.

Sonoma County

Our first tourney of the season is the Greott Birthday Open on 4/22. George is still kicking, but I can't guarantee that he will make it to the tournament? He'll be 102 after all. Charlie Masson was successful in soliciting a 1/2 case of fine wine from one of our many local wineries. Looks for that as an additional prize at some of our selected tourneys. We will also hold one called "Smitty's Mystery Money" you must attend to figure out how this one will work. It may be held during the "Smith Bros Open."

Not good news on Greg Ellisen, I spoke to him and walked with him a bit and asked if I write something "Greg, what do I say?" He responded with, "well it's terminal and could be any month." Life is pretty damned heart wrenching at times! *Casey Sluys*

***All clubs have received the NHPA list of rule proposals, please look them over carefully.**

You should see the great NEW look that horseshoepitching.com has, very user friendly and everything is a click away! Nice job Steve Summerlin!

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

World Tournament Experience Raffle tickets are for sale in this Charter. They are

Save this section and mark your schedule to reflect these changes or omissions:

- 1. Add Wayne George as Statistician 1122 N Gem St. Tulare CA 93274 Cell Phone: (805) 540-0842**
- 2. All San Jose tournaments have a #20 code**
- 3. Willows contact is: Linda Hoelscher 24334 Hoag Rd. Corning, CA 96021 (530) 824-1392 Email: linal74@aol.com**
- 4. 3rd VP Cathy Kauffmans phone is: 916-397-4146.**
- 5. Stockton #47 needs codes 2, 5, 6**
- 6. Tuolumne Dels # prefix is 962**
- 7. Shingle Springs: Cancel # 143**
- 8. State Championships are in BAKERSFIELD**
- 9. Exeter codes need to be: 16 all their tournaments are pre-registered.**
- 10. Vallejo has been granted July 15 for last weekend's rainouts. Mark your schedule for July 14 and 15 in Vallejo.**

The National Horseshoe Pitchers Foundation

Yes, this is a different font and a bit larger as I find this subject critically important to the future of horseshoe pitching.

Has horseshoe pitching been good to you? Have you met many great people, are you going to cities you would have never gone to were it not for horseshoes, do you have fun playing this game? If you've answered yes to any of these do you realize that there is a foundation that exists that will provide all these things for future generations of horseshoe pitchers? It is the NATIONAL HORSESHOE PITCHERS FOUNDATION it is yours, ours, horseshoes! It exists because of members like you who contribute to it. Your contribution to this foundation is 100% tax deductible. Not only will this foundation preserve the future, but it's also set to promote Junior programs, it can assist, through grants, with the rebuilding of a court facility or construction of new courts, provide educational assistance for pitching, the possibilities are endless as to what this foundation can do for us.

Other than some monetary income this foundation receives through fundraisers, benefit tournaments and such it is supported mainly by your contributions, but with membership being down so are donations. Are you able to put away \$1.00 a week in a jar, maybe some of your scorekeeping money, and contribute that to the NHPF? Even 50 cents a week would still be a \$26.00 check that the NHPF could be receiving. Please assist in any way you can to keep this fine foundation alive and flourishing.

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Make-up tournament approved:

The Vallejo Club has requested rescheduling last weekends rained out tournaments. They want to combine the two tournaments and host them using **July 15th** as the makeup date. This date coincides with their scheduled Mitch and Kimmy Stockli tournament on the 14th of July. The only other tournament on July 15th is Fortuna. Fortuna is well outside the 100-mile radius (249 miles) and only other tournament scheduled on that date.

Vallejo's request has been approved by the council. Please let your members know about this change.

Thanks, NCHPA Executive Council

Increasing attendance

These are some tough economic times we are wading through, but we will get through them just like all the other times this great country has bitten the bullet and raised it's proud head and risen to a position of comfortability. There's is no need to mention all those things that contribute to our tightened budgets, but fuel prices have to be the number one contributing factor that this organization has seen such a dramatic decline in participation at tournaments, Man! it's tough to justify a tank of gas to pitch some shoes isn't it? Let's everyone carpool to tournaments. Perhaps Tournament Directors and club officials could give a discount in entry fee to the driver if he/she brings 3 or more people to a tournament. We must come up with some innovative

methods to attract people to our events! Whether it be extra prizes that you give out to the winners or more money (where would that come from?) Please come up with some ideas of your own to entice people to attend your club even we seriously need to increase participation.

Another way we can increase participation is to find and sign up new members. It is difficult to keep people in this sport, why is that? Do our tournaments take too long, are games too long, too many rules, all these thing contribute to the 30% turnover that the NHPA has. Yes, it's at least 30% in the NCHPA also by looking at the new address labels for this issue. It's obvious to the NHPA officials and should be obvious to the rest of us that this is something we need to work on. Let's change this turnover trend and hang on to our members we get.

Create a sanctioned league with your club and the members, it really doesn't take a lot of effort. I will supply you with all the details, just let me know please?

Casey



Anyone who hasn't signed up yet for 2012 should do so quickly, the pitching season has begun!

2012 California State Championships

Sponsor: Southern California Horseshoe Pitchers Association (SCHPA)

Host Club: Bakersfield Shoe Crew

1-2 September 2012

Beach Park, Bakersfield, California

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Sr. Women

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(Keep this section for future reference – Calif. State Championships, Bakersfield, 1-2 Sept. 2012)

Adult entrants **MUST** have participated in at least 3 sanctioned California tournaments during the 12 months prior to the below entry deadline date; for junior entrants, it is only one (1) sanctioned California tournament.

For a division with less than six entries, the tournament committee reserves the right to combine the division with another division with the same pitching distance.

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 **\$25.00** for adults and **FREE** for juniors and cadets; no refunds after the below entry deadline date.

Entry deadline **date (or post mark date):** 3 August 2012 (**Late entries require an additional \$10 entry fee and will be used on a standby basis only.**)

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 Dana Point CA 92629

If you must drop out, please immediately **notify** Hal Griswold (949/496-0577 or setibird@yahoo.com).

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NCHPA April 2012 Edition
Today's date: March 7, 2012

Fortuna Horseshoe Pitching Club is planning our largest ever Tournament on August 18&19, 2012. This is a (Pre-Register Tournament) sponsored by Bear River Casino. See Fortuna Bear River Casino Pre-Register (entry form) in this edition of News and Views. We have a (Circle the Wagons) theme for this tournament. Our club is preparing some covered wagons, bond fire, seating and campfire entertainment. We have extra tents and queen size air mattress for them. We are encouraging pitchers and their spouses to, call and reserve a camp site. Bring blankets, sleeping bags, air mattress, pillows and a tent or (reserve) one of our tents with a queen size air mattress in it. We have nicely remodeled bathrooms at the courts, electricity and water. No need to motel it. In August we have mild weather, probably 60 degrees at night and 70-75 degrees daytime. Friday afternoon Aug. 17, starting at 4:00 pm, we are having a walking doubles warmup tournament. All pitchers and their families are invited to eat (free of charge) at the campfire Friday evening about 6:30. We are cooking a big pot of chili beans, bring a can of beans to add to the pot, turns out better than you think, plus we are having corn bread, salad and coffee. After relaxing around the camp fire, you can hit the hay, sleep right at the courts. Saturday and Sunday mornings 6:30 to 7:30 we are having (free of charge) breakfast at the courts this is for everyone whether camping at the courts or elsewhere. Saturday and Sunday pitching will be in two shifts, morning and afternoon. Saturday night we are inviting everyone to dinner at Bear River Casino (everyone pays for there own meal) at 6:00 pm. We will present a certificate to each pitcher who had the high game in their division for Saturday pitching (need not be present to win). There will be two drawings one for scorekeepers (pouch of silver dollars) and the other will have their horseshoe pitching dues paid for the year of 2013. Our club will provide (free of charge) hot dogs and salad at noon on Sunday. This should be a fun event and be a lot of good pitching.

This year our members went to a lot of work making and buying some really unique raffle prizes. The raffle table is going to be a pleasant surprise. There is even going to be some unique horseshoe art sculpture's.

I spent a good part of the winter building a mechanical horseshoe pitching person. It stands 5 foot 7 inches tall and weighs about 180 pounds. It is built mosily of steel, I am looking for input from pischers and family as to what to name the mechanical pitcher. He/ She will be at Fortuna courts, to pitch a few. See attached picture.

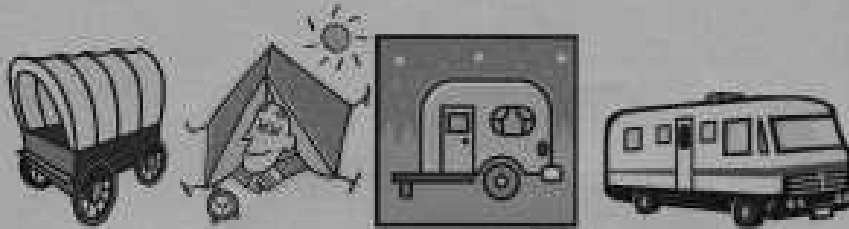
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