



## Welcome to the 2010 California State Horseshoe Pitching Championships 4-5 September 2010

The Southern California Horseshoe Pitchers Association (SCHPA) sponsors this year's Championships and the Bakersfield Shoe Crew is your host horseshoe-pitching club. The California State Tournament Bylaws and Playing Rules shall govern these Championships as follows:

**Location:** Beach Park, Bakersfield, Calif. The Beach Park is one block east of the 99 fwy at the 178 hwy east exits. From either north- or south-bound 99 fwy, take highway 178 east to Oak St.; turn right (south) on Oak St. and go one block to 21<sup>st</sup> St.; turn right (west) on 21<sup>st</sup> St. and the park entrance is immediately to your right. The road inside the park is one-way and circles counterclockwise. The horseshoe courts are in the northwest corner of the park.

**Eligibility:** Adult entrants must have played in at least 3 sanctioned California tournaments from 1 August 2009 through 2 August 2010 (junior entrants must have played in at least 1 sanctioned California tournament).

**Tournament Entry:** The entry fee for adults is \$25 and juniors are free. The entry fee and a completed entry form must be received by or postmarked by **2 August 2010**. See the entry form for the mailing address.

**Tournament Format:** Tournament divisions for Open Men, Open Women, Elders, Juniors, Cadets, Senior Men, and Senior Women are offered; however, depending on the number of entrants for each division, the Tournament Committee reserves the right to combine a very small division with another logical division. Each division will be divided into 10-12-player classes (seeded by player ringer percentage) with the highest ringer percentage class being the division's Championship class. Championship classes will play 40-point scratch games (the Cadets will play 40-points not to exceed 50-shoes games). Other classes will play 40-shoe scratch games. Any lower ringer percentage class with more than 12% spread will use an 80% handicap and play alternate pitch, 40-shoe games. Most classes will play their games over 2 days. Class assignments, pitching days, at start times will be distributed to players at least one week before the tournament starts. Players must check-in 30 minutes before their start time. Players' game win/loss records determine each class' finishing positions. Ties for first are broken by playoff games. For lower level ties, ringer percentage breaks ties for scratch classes and total points breaks ties for handicap classes. Class results will be posted approximately 30 minutes after class play concludes and all score sheets turned in.

**Scorekeeper:** Each player shall pay your volunteer scorekeeper \$1 per game. Players must validate their game's score sheet immediately after play concludes and **before** it is turned in for results recording.

**Awards Ceremony:** The awards ceremony for all classes will start approximately 60 minutes after tournament play concludes and will be near the horseshoe courts.

**Player Attire:** While on the courts, players must wear shirts with their name professionally printed (at least 1-inch lettering) on the back. No sleeveless shirts, tank tops, or open-toe shoes allowed on the courts. Attire will be checked during player check-in. Please do not rely on purchased shirts at the tournament because the vendor cannot guarantee timely deliveries.

**Parking:** Parking is allowed on both sides of the park road, along 21<sup>st</sup> St., and the parking lot southwest of the horseshoe courts.

**Concessions:** Various mobile food vendors will be available for most of each day. For special dietary needs, bring your own food and drink.

**Player and Fan Comfort:** Expect very warm sunny days and all attendees are encouraged to bring seating and shade equipment for themselves and to share with friends.

**Accommodations:** The Bakersfield area has plenty of motels for your convenience. We selected the Best Western Crystal Palace Inn & Suites as our "host" motel for horseshoe pitchers because it is very close to Beach Park and it offers an excellent "horseshoe group rate" – advanced reservations required. For RVers, we have selected nearby River Run RV Park as "host" RV park (see the attached motel and RV park flyer).

**Awards Sponsorship:** Please see the awards sponsorship form for directions. All awards sponsors are greatly appreciated! And, we greatly appreciate your help-soliciting sponsors. NCHPA and SCHPA horseshoe pitching clubs, individuals, local businesses, or families of past players can use the awards sponsorship form to donate much-needed funds for our California State Championships awards.

**Shirts and Caps:** Vendor information coming soon.

# 2010 California State Championships

**Sponsor: Southern California Horseshoe Pitchers Association (SCHPA)**

**Host Club: Bakersfield Shoe Crew**

**4-5 September 2010**

**Beach Park, Bakersfield, California**

Tournament Entry Form

NHPA #: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ CA ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

How do you want your pitching schedule sent? Please circle one: E-Mail      US Mail

**Championship Divisions:** (circle one)

Open Men (40ft)      Sr. Men (40ft)      Elders or Med Exempt (30ft)      Open Women      Sr. Women

Jr. Boys      Jr. Girls      Jr. Cadets (20ft)

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 divisions with less than six entries, the tournament committee reserves the right to combine divisions for playing purposes only.

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): **2 August 2010** (Late entries require an additional **\$10** entry fee and will be used on a standby basis only.)

Make checks payable to: **SCHPA**

Send entries to:      Hal Griswold      (949/496-0577 or setibird@yahoo.com)  
32612 Balearic Road  
Dana Point CA 92629

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

## **Bakersfield Area Motels and RV Parks**

### **Best Western Crystal Palace Inn & Suites -- Host Motel**

2620 Buck Owens Blvd.  
Bakersfield, CA 93308

661/327-9651 ask for the “horseshoe group rate”

Horseshoe group rate: \$65.00 (plus 12% tax) per night.

Full breakfast vouchers for all room occupants (service tip NOT included)

All reservations require advance payment for entire stay or a credit card room guarantee.

90 rooms with 1 king or 2 queen beds reserved until the 4 August reservation deadline.

For more motel or restaurant information, please contact the Greater Bakersfield Convention and Visitors Bureau at 1/866-425-7353, or [www.bakersfieldcvb.org](http://www.bakersfieldcvb.org)

Discounts for AARP, AAA, other affinity groups may apply to all properties except the host motel, which has a prearranged rate.

## **Bakersfield Area RV Parks**

**The Bakersfield River Run RV Park (Host):** Across the river (dry in September) and 99 fwy from the horseshoe courts (less than 0.5-mile walk); swimming pool; and, full hook-ups:

3715 Burr St.  
Bakersfield CA 93308

661/377-3600 ask for the “horseshoe group rate”

Horseshoe group rate: \$32 per night; additional \$2 for pets

For more RV, camping, or restaurant information, please contact the Greater Bakersfield Convention and Visitors Bureau at 1/866-425-7353, or [www.bakersfieldcvb.org](http://www.bakersfieldcvb.org)

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## Awards Sponsorship Form

The Southern California Horseshoe Pitchers Association (SCHPA) will host the 2010 California State Horseshoe Pitching Championships tournament at Beach Park in Bakersfield, California, over the Labor Day weekend 4-5 September 2010. 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 Horseshoe Pitching 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 15 August, the award plaque will reflect your support.

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

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

Sponsor's Phone and/or Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation Amount: \$\_\_\_\_\_ (make check payable to **SCHPA**)

Please send this completed form with your donation check to the SCHPA awards coordinator:

Bob Ober  
2124 Hughes Lane  
Bakersfield CA 93304

661/832-8382 or ezbearpair@cs.com