



Why Join?

“Horseshoe pitching is a piece of Americana...a lifetime sport open to men, women and youth.”

It seems horseshoe pitching has been popular with soldiers in America from the Revolutionary War up until the present day. The modern game of “horseshoes” began in earnest when the first World Championship was played in 1910. Since then rules have changed, the shape and style of shoes have evolved, and the specifications of the court have seen many revisions over the years ... but the game still offers the same benefits as it did over 100 years ago.

There are more than 100 current members of the Clearwater Horseshoe Club who have *not* joined for fame and fortune or to become a renowned horseshoe- pitching legend in their own time! Instead, our members have come to appreciate that joining the Club is an opportunity to meet new people, develop friendships, improve horseshoe pitching skills, have fun pitching in our premier Florida facility located in a lovely park setting, relieve stress, enjoy the benefits of non-strenuous exercise and practice the sport we have come to enjoy. Past World Champions have been Club members and at present two World Horseshoe- pitching Champions still actively pitch at our Club! Who knows? “Practice can make perfect.”

Although club membership is not required to use the facility, it does afford one the privilege of having access to all Club resources like participation in league play, joining in on the fun during club-sponsored social activities, and having a voice in Club business plans at our Annual Membership Meeting

held in March of each year. In fact, several Club members no longer routinely compete in Club horseshoe pitching events, but still they continue to maintain their membership in order to help support the Club and enjoy the membership benefits. The Clearwater Horseshoe Club is fully sanctioned by the National Horseshoe Pitching Association of America.

How to Join

The annual Club membership fee is only twenty dollars (\$20.00) per member. If you are a horseshoe pitcher of any skill level... novice or accomplished... or if you have never before pitched horseshoes but think you might like to learn, then stop by and visit with us during league play or when our monthly tournaments are held.

You can meet and chat with Club Officers and Club members and all your questions will be answered. You will quickly come to see why we have been an on-going organization and a popular City of Clearwater recreational opportunity since the Club began back in 1916.

Those wishing to be first-time Club members who at the same time join the National Horseshoe Pitching Organization (NHPA) and Florida State Horseshoe Pitching Association (FSHPA) will receive a free Clearwater Horseshoe Club team tee-shirt with our Club logo printed on the front and back of the shirt and will also have the first year of annual club membership dues waived, in total a \$40 value.

It is not necessary to join the NHPA and FSHPA in order to be a Clearwater Club member, but joining the NHPA & FSHPA will entitle you to additional benefits. The additional benefits as a member in good standing of the CHC, NHPA and FSHPA permit you to compete, if you choose to do so, in NHPA sanctioned League play at the Clearwater Club and in all Tournaments in Florida . Also, members of NHPA can compete in sanctioned Tournaments at

Horseshoe Pitching Clubs all over the United States and Canada.

A person who is not a member of the NHPA and FSHPA will first need to join in order to participate in monthly sanctioned state-wide horseshoe pitching competitions, the Florida State Horseshoe Pitching Championship Tournament or the World Horseshoe Pitching Championship Tournament. The current annual NHPA membership fee is \$25.00 and the FSHPA annual dues are \$11.00 and again the Clearwater Club fee is \$20..

The Application Form to join the Clearwater Horseshoe Pitching Club is available on this web site. Simply click in the “About Us” tab and then click on “Club Application Form.” The completed form and check for \$20.00 may then be dropped off at the Club or may be mailed to the address at the bottom of the Application Form.

The NHPA/FSHPA Application Form may be found by visiting the FSHPA website at www.fshpa.com and by then clicking on the “FSHPA Membership Application/Renewal Form” tab. More information about FSHPA membership is available by visiting the FSHPA web site, by then clicking on “FSHPA By-Laws” and reviewing Article III: Membership.

Additional information specific to the official playing rules, guidelines, and specifications, and as well the requirements for competitive sanctioned play, may be obtained by visiting the NHPA web site at www.horseshoepitching.com/, clicking on Rules & By Laws, then select “Rules,” and then selecting Playing Rules.”



“We invite you to come pitch with us”