

# Welcome to Clearwater, Florida

## Horseshoe Pitching Pro Tour Tournament

The Clearwater Horseshoe Club has been selected to host the first of (6) Pro Tour Tournaments located throughout the United States. Enclosed you will find local attraction and lodging information for the Clearwater tournament. Visit the HP Pro Tour website to view and print the HP Pro Tour promotional flyer, membership application, and tournament entry form.

This is an invitation from the Clearwater Horseshoe Club for you to become a member of the Horseshoe Pitching Pro Tour organization and enter the very first HP Pro Tour tournament being held in Clearwater, Florida on March 27-29, 2009.

The Clearwater Club with the assistance of the Clearwater Parks and Recreation Department and the St. Petersburg/Clearwater Sports Commission are actively working to promote this event with the expectation of this becoming an annual event on the HP Pro Tour schedule.

As the host of this event we are providing up to a minimum of \$1500 sponsorship funds based on the following agreed upon sliding scale:

1-29 entries \$600      30-39 entries \$900      40-47 entries \$1200      48 entries and above \$1500

We are still seeking and accepting additional sponsors which would increase the sponsorship funds. Sponsors will be recognized on the websites and at the Clearwater tournament.

For players who have never been to the Clearwater Club, you will be pitching on one of the finest facilities in the country. The club has 18 beautiful lighted courts considered to be some of the best in the country. Covered pitching platforms provide shade, and the pit area has Kentucky blue clay for the best playing conditions. The Clearwater Club is also the home of the FSHPA Hall of Fame.

The HP Pro Tour seeks to bring together the elite players of this sport from across the United States and Canada. Whether you come to Clearwater as one of the elite players or as a spectator, you will meet some of the best pitchers in the world. This is also a great time to take a vacation and visit the finest beaches in the world and take in some of the local area attractions such as Busch Gardens and Disney World.

To learn more about the Horseshoe Pitching Pro Tour Tournament and the Clearwater Horseshoe Club visit the following websites or contact the HP Pro Tour staff listed on the promotional flyer:

[www.horseshoeprotour.com](http://www.horseshoeprotour.com)

[www.geocities.com/19732002](http://www.geocities.com/19732002)

You can also contact the following Clearwater Horseshoe Club Officers for additional information:

Chuck Johnston	President	727-442-8407	<a href="mailto:chuckjohnston17@yahoo.com">chuckjohnston17@yahoo.com</a>
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<u>Florida Attractions</u>		
<u>Attraction</u>	<u>Mileage</u>	<u>Drive Time</u>
Clearwater Beach	6	12 min
Busch Gardens	28	45 min.
Epcot	100	1.5 hr.
Fantasy of Flight	60	1 hr.
Lowry Park Zoo	25	40 min.
Sea World	110	1.5 hr.
Universal Studios	112	1.75 hr.

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Disney World	100	1.5 hr.
Florida Aquarium	25	40 min.
Kennedy Space Center	160	3.5 hr.
MOSI	35	50 min.
Silver Springs	150	2.5 hr.
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Special rates have been worked out with the following hotels for this event and all are in the same general area approximately 5 miles to the Clearwater Horseshoe Club and only 6 miles to Clearwater Beach. The horseshoe club is located in Ed Wright Park at 1326 M. L. King Jr. Ave, which is at the corner of Lakeview Road and M. L. King Jr. Ave.

**Host Hotel:**

**Days Inn Clearwater Central, 2940 Gulf to Bay Blvd Phone number is 727-799-0100.**  
 Selected as the motel of choice for your stay during the HP Pro Tour tournament. We have used this motel several times for our state tournaments and have been very satisfied. **These rates are only good for the dates of the event March 27-29, 2009.**  
**Standard rooms (1-2 persons) - \$52.00 + 12% tax daily**  
**Kitchen rooms (1-2 persons) - \$58.00 + 12% tax daily**  
 Extra person - \$6.00 + 12% tax daily  
 Ask for the Manager, Giulio Calandra and mention the "Horseshoe Pitching Event" to get the special rate. Cut off date for making reservations is 3/15/2009.

**Alternate Lodging:**

**Holiday Inn Express, 2580 Gulf to Bay Blvd Phone number 727-797-6300.**  
**Rate is \$134.00 per night plus tax - Standard room**  
 The rate includes a Complimentary Hot Breakfast Buffet each morning and ALL rooms have microwaves, Refrigerators, Coffee makers, cable TV with Free HBO and complimentary Hi-speed wireless Internet. When calling mention the "Horseshoe Pitching Event" to get this rate.

**Clearwater Grand Hotel, 20967 U. S. 19 North Phone number 727-799-1181.**  
**Rate is \$99.00 per night plus tax - Standard room**  
 Formerly the Radisson Hotel. When calling mention the "Horseshoe Pitching Event" to get this rate. The cut off date for making reservations is February 15th, 2009.