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The first rays of spring sunshine brings out the pitchers . . . we can tell by the correspondence that comes to our desk . . . and it is increasing daily, indicating that the boys are dusting off the iron slippers, getting ready for some honest-to-goodness pitching . . . this month's magazine tells of some new state associations . . . that's fine . . . we are going to be able to hold interest in all the state groups of last year and with new ones added we can report real progress . . . Ted Allen, our champion, is doing some real missionary work for the game . . . we hope our lady champion will give some exhibitions this summer . . . she is a mighty fine pitcher . . . and lots of people would like to see her pitch.



## APRIL, 1937

### SEE YOUR PARK BOARD

See your park board at least once a year!

That phrase sounds like something we hear on the radio on a well-known evening program, but it is real important advice. Now is the time to get City Council, your Park Board or whoever is responsible for playgrounds to build some courts for your club.

Moline, Ill., Dayton, Ohio, Springfield, Ohio, and countless others have superb courts maintained by the city.

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### OUR READERS COME FIRST

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## Mossman Thrills Crowds With Fancy Pitching in Zealand

Putt Mossman and his Speedway Aces are still on a world tour.

Mossman, former world's champion horseshoe pitcher, writes from New Zealand, stating that he and his troupe have had wonderful audiences every place they have played and that he takes every occasion to introduce horseshoe pitching.

Motorcycle and midget auto races are put on by Mossman, together with all kinds of feats of daring and skill. Mossman won third place in a big road race, 25 laps of seven miles each, this winter, at Waihikie Island, New Zealand. He gave an exhibition in horseshoe pitching there also.

The following is an article printed in the Star, Auckland, New Zealand: **Horseshoe Pitching Speedway Rider's Choice—Three Times Champion.**

Before he took to stunt motorcycle

riding, Putt Mossman, the American speedway star, was one of the leading exponents of horseshoe pitching, a sport which at one time was very popular in New Zealand, especially in country districts, and which still has a big following in the states.

Born on a farm near Eldora, Iowa, in 1906, Putt Mossman took up the game early in life, and at the age of 10 he won the county championship. After gaining fifth place in the State championship contest at Des Moines, he competed in the world championship contest in Florida, gaining third place.

In August, 1924, he won the state championship at Des Moines, and a month later, at St. Paul and Minneapolis, he gained first place in the professional class in the world championship contests, while his elder brother won the amateur title and his

younger brother, aged 12, took the boys' title.

Three years from the time Putt Mossman won his first championship his sister, then aged 15, took third place in the state championship, in which she was the only female competitor, and the next year she set a world record with 20 ringers in succession in a pitched game.

The world title has fallen to Putt Mossman three times and the Iowa State title four times, while he still claims the title of world's champion trick and fancy horseshoe pitcher.

"When I grow too old for speedway racing I'll return to the sport I love best of all—the horseshoe game," he stated. "Today it is one of the greatest of the national pastimes in the U. S. A. and Canada. Over 60 companies in America are engaged in the manufacture of shoes specially made for pitching."

### AIDS TED ALLEN

The following is from a Chicago newspaper:

Reports come to us that Edward W. Babush, a former Davis playground athlete who starred in horseshoe pitching during 1933 and 1934, is now touring leading cities and presenting his bag of horseshoe tricks to theater audiences.

Three weeks ago Babush played here at the Chicago theater and last week he played the Lyric theater in Indianapolis, Indiana. His partner in the act is Ted Allen, world's horseshoe pitching champion. Included in their act are such tricks as shooting a ringer through chair legs and shooting a ringer on a stake hidden by a blanket.

During their recent stay in Chicago Babush beat Allen in an exhibition match played before a large audience at Lincoln Park's indoor courts.

### ADOPT HORSESHOES

Golden, Colo.—The honorable pastime of horseshoe pitching has been welcomed into the circles of intramural sports at Colorado Mines. Officials announced each campus organization may enter one doubles team and two single performers. The winning team will be awarded 100 points toward the intramural trophy.

A mean action does not torture us when we have just committed it, but long afterwards, when we recall it to mind, for the remembrance of it never dies.—Rousseau.

### FINAL RITES FOR FATHER OF REHFELDT, HORSESHOE STAR

Many friends were present recently at the final rites for Wilhelm Rehfeldt, who died on Tuesday, March 16, at his home, 3644 Bosworth avenue, Chicago.

Mr. Rehfeldt, 79 years old, a resident of Lake View for 50 years, was a retired mason contractor. Surviving Mr. Rehfeldt are the widow, Emilie (nee Pieper) and five children, Louisa Emerick, of Denver, Colo.; Clara Lemke, Alma, Paul, Edward and William Rehfeldt, of 3825 N. Damen, member of the Welles Park Horseshoe club. Interment was at Concordia.

### LINDMIER WINNER

Stepping out in front of a fast field of champions, John Lindmier, fifth in the qualify rounds, romped across the finish line to win the Chicago Evening American horseshoe pitching contest at Navy Pier. The finals marked the close of the eighth annual Chicago National Boat and Sports Show.

Second to come under the wire was Leonard Loerzel, who won three games, lost two and won the playoff over Virgil Kimball, third place winner.

Phillip Greenberg tossed more ringers than any other pitcher, but had to be satisfied with fourth place. Leading in the qualifying rounds, William E. Dannhauer finished fifth in the finals, while Arnold Thompson, sixth, before going into the finals, finished sixth in the playoff.

Harold Kittner won the first prize in the boys' division; William Baker

took second, and Thomas Mattick showed.

In the women's class, Lucille Stark was the winner. Second place went to Bernice Mondrall, and third place winner was Gertrude Michael.

First prize in the girls' group was won by Annie Sedorchuck, who came in from behind in the qualifying rounds to beat out Mary Ferrino, leading score holder going into the finals. Mary Baziluk took third place.

Each of the fifteen place winners received attractive wall plaques. In addition, merchandise prizes were awarded first place winners.—Chicago American.

### INTERESTING PHOTO

If the Horseshoe World was to award a prize for the most interesting horseshoe picture of the year, it would go to the Washington Evening Star.

A picture taken by a Star staff photographer, in a recent issue, headed "Taking a Tip From a Master," shows World's Champion Ted Allen showing how to hold a horseshoe, and clustered about him are some mighty interested fans and pitchers, all elbowing their way into the group so they could get pitching pointers from the champ. Included in the group are some champions in their own right — Clayton Henson, Old Dominion title holder, and Temple Jarrel, Maryland champ.

Allen appeared at the Capitol theater in Washington recently.

Do all the good you can as you roll along. Life is a one-way street, and you're not coming back.

# When Springtime Returns

by  
Lawrence  
Hawthorne

When the Spring, with its joy and its beauty,  
Comes again to the valleys and hills,  
And the songs of the birds and the flowers  
Add their charm to the woodlands and rills.  
Then my heart knows a wistful emotion  
That I find rather hard to define—  
For the Spring always brings recollections  
Of that first little sweetheart of mine.

Many years have gone by since that Springtime  
When we promised we'd always be true—  
When we caught that first moment of rapture  
We were sure no one else ever knew;  
But in fancy I still see the moonlight  
As it danced in the gold of her hair,  
And I still hear the low, gentle music  
Of her voice on the sweet-scented air . . .

Life has brought other loves, other friendships;  
I have known many joys in my day;  
As a suitor and husband and father,  
I have trod the conventional way;  
But when Springtime returns, there is something  
Very tender and precious and fine  
That awakens—and sets me to dreaming  
Of that first little sweetheart of mine.



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## SEEK TO FORM STATE GROUP IN INDIANA

Indiana may have a new state horseshoe association, according to the Terre Haute Tribune, which has the following to say:

A drive has been launched by local horseshoe boosters to organize a state association. The equine slipper tossing pastime has been growing rapidly in popularity during recent years and a local group is confident that a state association can be formed to help boost the game and sponsor an official tournament annually.

A Wabash valley horseshoe league was a decided success last summer, providing some fine entertainment during the summer. A movement now is under way to reorganize the league for the coming season. A. A. Davis is one of the leading boosters for the state association. Any horse-

shoe fan interested in working for the state movement can write Davis at Brocksmith's, Seventeenth and Hulman streets.

## PLAN STATE MEET

Efforts are being made to stage a state horseshoe tournament in connection with the Pioneer Days Celebration at Clovis, New Mexico, June 2 and 3.

Chas. C. Curran has been named to arrange the event. Pitchers in that state should write him at Clovis.

The National association headquarters has asked Mr. Curran to try to organize a state association.

A study of the past is useful as a catalog of mistakes to be avoided in the future.

Perhaps it is better to remain silent and be thought a fool, than to speak and remove all doubt.

## INDOOR RESULTS

Here are the Cleveland, Ohio, indoor tournament results:

Finals, March 15-18.	W	L
H. E. Corfman .....	6	1
Vernon Andree .....	6	1
Howard Schultz .....	5	2
Art Schultz .....	4	3
F. Gedeon .....	3	4
G. Henderson .....	3	4
Gordon Kash .....	2	5
B. Orr .....	0	7

Pitch-off for championship:

	P	R	DR	SP	PR
Corfman .....	50	44	14	68	64.8
Andree .....	37	37	11	68	55.9

The winner received a beautiful horseshoe pitcher statuette. The two high men gave a pitching exhibition March 29 at an A. A. U. all-around sports exhibition and meeting at the Cleveland Athletic club.

## PREDICTS BIG YEAR

A big year for horseshoe pitching in Colorado, is predicted by T. C. Clayberg, secretary of the Denver Horseshoe club.

## WINS HORSESHOE CONTEST

W. C. Grimes, well known local resident, won first place in a horseshoe pitching contest which was held in St. Petersburg, Fla., last week. Mr. Grimes is wintering in the southern city.—Georgetown, O., Democrat.

## GAMES SOUGHT

C. C. Williams, 3025 Tuxedo avenue, Detroit, Mich., states his club will book games to be played after May 1.

## RETURNS NORTH

Blair Nunamaker, Ohio State champion, and former world's champion, has returned to his home at 1303 East 141st street, Cleveland, after having spent the winter in Miami.

Blair is still going good and had a good season at slipper slamming in the South.

## SEEK GAMES

The Pellington Horseshoe club Inc., of 11 Washington St., West Orange, N. J., is getting into shape for the biggest year yet, according to their booking manager, Bob Elliott. This club has a membership of 58 men and meets the year round every second and fourth Mondays.

"Although horseshoes is our favorite sport, we can also furnish competition to other clubs at bowling, soft ball and darts," writes Elmer Gordon, secretary.

"We would like to hear from some horseshoe clubs. We have four fine courts and a good lighting system."



# BUCKEYE STATE NEWS

*A Page Devoted to the News and Views of the Buckeye State Horseshoe Pitchers Association*

OFFICERS: { President—W. E. Dafler, 1433 E. Third St., Dayton, Ohio  
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Co-workers and Friends:

Where there is progress, success is assured. The professions, business and even sports today is an example. From the enormous number of inquiries for information received by me during the past winter, some personal, but majority as state secretary, indicate the boys are interested in both, and reasoning things out.

I have tried to answer all of them, however, to be conservative on state treasury and forestall further expense of like nature I am picking at random some of the main questions and grouping them in eight questions and answers for the benefit of others who may be like-minded, and am asking the editor of the Horseshoe World to carry in April issue for their benefit.

Q.—How old is our sport and how many players are there?

A.—The beginning, according to the Encyclopedia Britannica, was in the second century B. C. in Western Asia and Eastern Europe when iron plates or rings for shoes were nailed on horses' feet and when discarded were used to throw at stakes for pleasure and exercise. By the fifth century A. D. it has become common in other parts of the world in armies and rural districts. A few years ago it was claimed by the National Association something over two million organized, and possibly ten times as many unorganized players on the American continent. I have no estimate on present status.

Q.—Being one of the oldest, why is the sport not more popular?

A.—Probably due to the national playing method of scoring, with especial emphasis on the ringer only, and by application of canceling, excludes all other factors, thereby, practically excluding the beginner.

Q.—Why cannot cancelling be eliminated and why is it considered the big obstacle?

A.—Because players, generally, do not yet fully understand the benefits it would bring about. The National Association would be glad to do so if demanded by the players in convention; in fact the question has been discussed, but so far failed of consideration. As to the obstacle

is due primarily to the feeling of so many club members that any variation from the national playing rules for scoring in any activities whatsoever, is to them a strict violation, and to them unloyal to the National. This can only be overcome by re-vamping them. While my heart is with the players and they should have first consideration, their enjoyment will be greater if they will find out what their officers want to do, then support them in it.

Q.—How did the 1936 Buckeye State plan compare with 1935, and did it succeed in its purpose? What about the National?

A.—1936 had a slight edge, but it will not finance prize money for 1937 State Tournament, and I doubt if any part of it. Presume the National is in the same category.

Q.—Is there to be any changes in Buckeye State plans or set-up for 1937?

A.—None contemplated now. The 1936 set-up will be continued through 1937 so far as I can say now and we hope the same District Commissioners will stick with us.

Q.—What would you suggest would increase popularity and assure success of our sport?

A.—By eliminating the cancellation feature and use specified number of shoes pitched to constitute a game, thus all factors of the pitch would be taken into account and the best players would still win as at present. Results would be in drawing backyard players into clubs (not to win but score what they earned), bigger and finer courts, better equipment by manufacturers, support of newspapers, and to be thrilled throughout the entire playing season for about the price of one good ticket to a major league ball game. Last, but not least, the revenue from the magazine could be made to carry prize money for one, if not two, National tournaments each year.

Q.—What is the correct reading of the present National scoring rules?

A.—Rule 14. Sec. A—A regulation game shall consist of fifty points in all contests where a National, State or County title is involved. Sec. B—Game points in other tournaments,

leagues or contests may be determined by local authorities to fit their conditions. Sec. C—A game is divided into innings and each inning constitutes the pitching of two shoes by each contestant. Rules 15, 16, 17 and 18, develop the cancellation feature in scoring of which all are familiar.

Q.—What do you think the status of the sport will be 10 years from now?

A.—Revolutionized. While National rules are flexible and any uniform method of scoring used by clubs or in contests other than those in Sec. A, I assure you will have the full approval of the National officials, and will be brought about if you will all co-operate with the club and league officials you elect to lead you in all they are trying to do for you and the sport. They are doing this gratis for you because they are interested and are entitled to your support, otherwise they cannot get results, and results only are what count.

D. O. CHESS, Sec.

Buckeye State Horseshoe Pitchers Association, 1935-36-37.

## PRAISE DR. POTTLE

The horseshoe pitchers of Toledo and Northwestern Ohio were shocked when they heard of the death of the most loved and respected man in horseshoes—Dr. Alan Pottle.

We had the pleasure of meeting him last May when we held a district meeting here in Toledo.

The pitchers of the Buckeye State Association and the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association certainly will miss him, as I don't know of anyone that gave this sport his wholehearted support as he did.

So, on behalf of all the pitchers of Toledo and Northwestern Ohio, I wish to express our heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Pottle and family. "May his soul rest in peace."

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JULES GUESE,

So long as we love, we serve. So long as we are loved by others I would say we are indispensable; and no man is useless while he has a friend.—Robert Louis Stevenson.



Twenty-two boys took part in the indoor horseshoe, table tennis and billiard tournament at the Anderson, Ind., Y. M. C. A. early in March.

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Horseshoe courts are being built at the Yreka CCC camp, Yreka, California.

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John E. Fulton, of Carlisle, Pa., tried out his tossing arm recently with a 100-shoe test, throwing 83 ringers and 21 of them were in succession.

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The feature drawn by John Hix, known as the Scrap Book, and printed in many newspapers throughout the land, was devoted entirely to horseshoe pitching recently.

The Schultz sisters, Harvey, Ill.; Ted Allen, present world's champion, Bud Clark, Omaha, Neb., Harold Falor, Akron, Ohio, former world's champ, Johnny Colao, Chicago, and Frank Jackson, "grand old man of the game," are all featured in the newspaper release.

**MOTHER DIES**

Our sympathy is extended to W. F. Pearce of the Northern California association, whose mother died recently.

**OFFICERS NAMED**

At a meeting held in San Francisco recently the Northern California association named the following officers:

A. F. Heuer, 509 Sansome street, San Francisco, president; M. L. Packard, Route 3, Box 20, Modesto, vice president; David Watson, 78 Windham street, Santa Cruz, second vice president; Vince Deering, 747 Capp street, San Francisco, secretary-treasurer.

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**New State Group is Organized**

The Maryland State Horseshoe Pitchers Association has been organized and an application has been made to the National Horseshoe Pitchers association for a state charter.

Another group of horseshoe pitchers, known as the Eastern Shore group also made application, but it is expected that the Eastern Shore pitchers will affiliate with the Mary-

land organization. Pending an effort by the National to get all under one organization, no charter has been granted but it likely will be soon.

Mayor Wm. N. Mahaffey, of Brentwood, is president of the new state organization; James T. Whalen, 12 University road, Hyattsville, is secretary, and Lee Fleischman, Rogers Heights, is treasurer.

**Jack Claves To Fill Vacancy**

L. E. Tanner, Anchor, Ill., president of the National Horseshoe Pitchers association, has announced the appointment of Jack Claves, St. Louis, as second vice president.

Mr. Claves will fill the vacancy on the board caused by the death of Dr. Alan R. Pottle, of Dayton, Ohio.

Mr. Claves has long been identified with the horseshoe sport, having been a leader in the game in his city and in his state. He has been active at the last several meetings

of the National association and was actively identified with the managing of the national tournament in Chicago and Moline.

His knowledge of the game, his close contact with pitchers and the fact that he is also a pitcher of no little ability, makes him well qualified for the post to which he has been appointed.

Mr. Claves is a business man and is well known in St. Louis, as well as throughout the state of Missouri.



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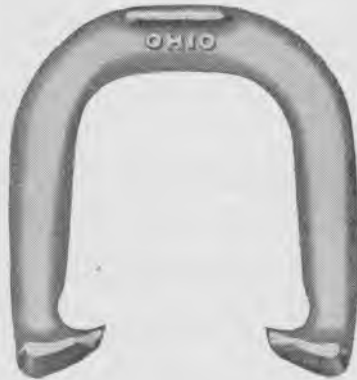
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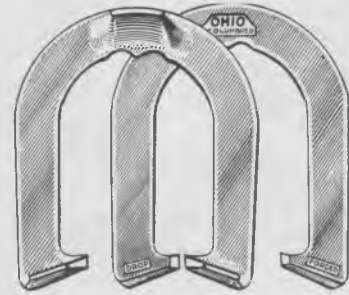
Clayton Henson, champion of Virginia.

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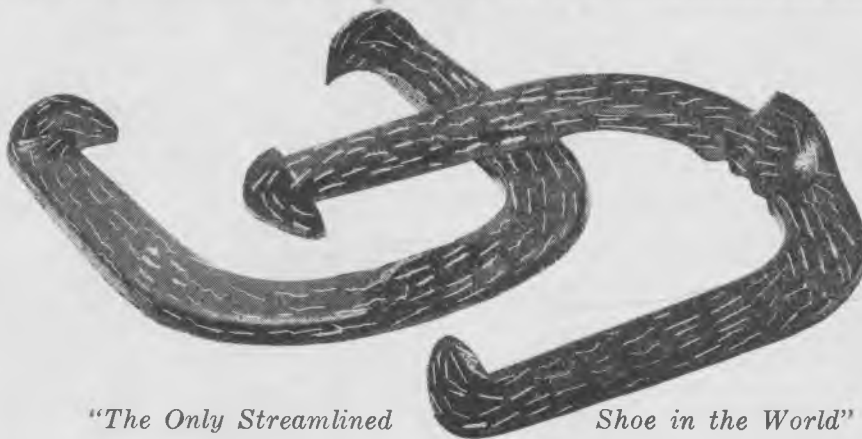
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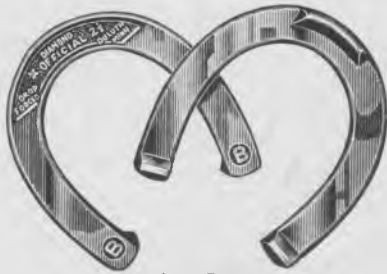
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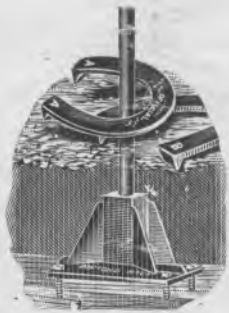
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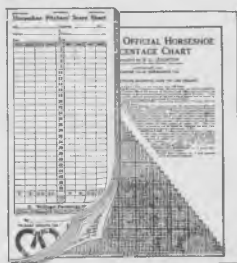
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