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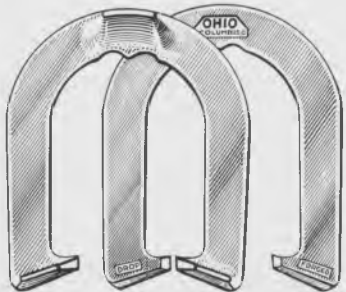
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ALLEN WINS MIDDLE ATLANTIC STATES OPEN MEET

Ted Allen, of Alhambra, Calif., world's champion horseshoe pitcher, invaded Atlantic City and won the Middle Atlantic States open horseshoe pitching championship Saturday, October 5th, from a field of nationally renowned players. He set two new state records in winning the title—averaging 72.9 per cent ringers for the day, breaking Larry Mahoney's record of 67.4 per cent and averaging 86.1 per cent ringers in one game, breaking Mahoney's record of 85 per cent.

Allen led the qualifying field with a score of 123 points and 80 per cent ringers, two points short of the state record held by Jos. Puglise, of Paterson. He won eight games and lost one in the round robin series, losing a game to James O'Shea, of Quincy, Mass., who finished tenth in the recent world's championship at Moline, Ill., and is the present Massachusetts and New England champion. O'Shea upset Allen by a score of 50-21. He started off by shooting away to a lead of 33-5. From then on he continued to pitch double ringers to hold the lead at 36-14, 45-15, and then ran out the game with ease. O'Shea pitched one of his best games of the day, averaging 76.4 per cent ringers, while Allen averaged 64 per cent. O'Shea tossed 21 double ringers and Allen 14.

O'Shea finished second, just nosing out Vito Fileccia, of Brooklyn, Brooklyn and Metropolitan champion (both were tied with Grace Jackson with seven wins each) by ringer percentage. O'Shea averaged 66.19 per cent ringers, and Fileccia 66.16 per cent ringers. O'Shea lost games to Fileccia and Grace Jackson. Fileccia lost to Allen and Grace Jackson of Blue Mound, Kansas. Grace Jackson lost to Allen and Carol Jackson.

The game between Fileccia and O'Shea attracted a large gallery, and it was undoubtedly the best game of the day. They had four ringers of the stake 13 times during the game. O'Shea started by getting away to a 15-4 lead, but Fileccia quickly came back to lead at 17-15. O'Shea then pulled away to lead at 27-17, 33-20 and 39-30, when Fileccia staged his real bid for the game with a barrage of double ringers, getting ten double ringers in the last 13 innings, pitched 24 ringers with 28 pitched shoes to average 86 per cent ringers for the streak to win the game, 50 to 42, while O'Shea got 17 out of 28. 46 double ringers were tossed, Fileccia getting 24 and O'Shea 22. Fileccia averaged 74.4 per cent ringers

for the game and O'Shea 71.0 per cent.

Fileccia defeated Carol Jackson, 50-33. Fileccia 63.3 per cent ringers, and Jackson 61.6 per cent. O'Shea defeated Carol Jackson 50-42. He led at 25-14, then trailed at 25-32, but soon forged ahead again with an attack of double ringers at 44-33, then ran out the game. O'Shea 63.3 per cent and Jackson, 60.3 per cent.

Myers defeated his fellow club member, Arnold, of York, Pa., in a close 50-38 game. With the score 38 all, Myers ran out the game when Arnold missed the stake for several innings. Fileccia defeated Larry Mahoney and evened his record with the New Jersey champion. Each has two wins over four tourneys. Until the 30th inning the game was very close with seldom a point separating the players. Mahoney led at 14-13; the score was tied at 27 points, and at 31-30 Fileccia shot out with a streak of double ringers to run out the game at 50-33. Fileccia 66 per cent ringers and Mahoney 60 per cent. In a strong finish, O'Shea defeated C. Myers 50-21, O'Shea pitching 13 straight ringers to run out the game.

In the qualifying rounds, O'Shea was second high with 120 points and 76 per cent ringers. Fileccia was third with 117 and 74 per cent ringers. Carol Jackson followed with 106 points and 60 per cent ringers. Larry Mahoney was the only New Jersey player to qualify for Class A.

lost games to Shearer and Erwin Scheunemann, of Philadelphia. MacNeil lost to St. Onge and Gene Hillman, of Paterson.

Erwin Scheunemann, one of the most improved players in the Philadelphia district, scored an upset when he defeated St. Onge 50-38. With the score 38 all, Scheunemann quickly ran out the game with a series of double ringers. Scheunemann pitched 43 per cent and St. Onge 36 per cent ringers.

Phil Gilpatrick, of Quincy, Mass., Massachusetts' biggest horseshoe booster, finished fifth. He defeated D. E. Brown, of Camden, N. J., State Class B champion, in a close 50-41 game. Brown had difficulty getting started and Gilpatrick piled up a lead of 36-17 and 40-26. Brown desperately tried to halt Gilpatrick but his drive ended at 41 points when his opponent ran out the game with a series of ringers. Shearer defeated St. Onge 50-38.

In the best game of this class, Shearer defeated Hillman 50-48. Hillman raced away to a lead of 31-4, but when he slowed up, Shearer pulled up to 29-34 and 41-48. Hillman seemed to ease up in the last few innings and Shearer quickly took advantage of the opportunity and ran out the game with a series of ringers. Each had 49 per cent ringers. St. Onge defeated Brown 50-40. Winner defeated Gilpatrick 50-46 after trailing at 42-46. Scheunemann lost to Brown 48-50

Class A, Final Standing		W	L	Pct	P	OP	R	DR	SP
Ted Allen, Alhambra, Calif.....	8	1	72.9	421	178	366	134	502	
James O'Shea, Quincy, Mass.....	7	2	66.19	419	255	372	118	562	
Vito Fileccia, Brooklyn, N. Y.....	7	2	66.16	391	297	393	127	594	
Grace Jackson, Blue Mound, Kan.....	7	2	62.2	395	284	306	98	492	
Carol Jackson, Blue Mound, Kan.....	6	3	62.3	404	301	369	109	592	
Ervin Myers, York, Pa.....	4	5	52.3	338	361	271	71	518	
Clyde Scofield, Quincy, Mass.....	2	7	48.6	249	393	248	58	510	
Clair Myers, York, Pa.....	2	7	46.6	259	435	244	63	522	
Sterling Arnold, York, Pa.....	1	8	45.0	272	431	229	54	486	
Larry Mahoney, Red Bank, N. J.....	1	8	43.8	205	418	219	45	500	

Noah Shearer, of York, Pa., won the Class B title from a strong field of players, many of whom were crowded out from Class A because of the national players competing. He won eight and lost one, losing out to George MacNeil, of Atlantic City, by a 50-48 score. MacNeil had a commanding lead throughout the game. Shearer, trailing 26-42, staged a rally which just fell short of the game. At 48-49, MacNeil gathered in a point to win. MacNeil 50 per cent and Shearer 47 per cent. Emil St. Onge, Pottstown, Pa., champion, was second in this class, nosing out MacNeil by ringer percentage. He

after leading at 48-46. Fairchild defeated Scheunemann 50-46. Scheunemann came from behind to tie the score at 46 all and in an exchange of ringers Fairchild nosed him out. During the afternoon, Scheunemann lost four of his games by small margins.

Kyle McMurtrie of Camden won the Class C title with the loss of only one game and that by only two points to Harry Baxter, another Camdenite, who finished second. Baxter lost a game to Arthur Hillman of Paterson, by four points and another to Wm. Gaffney, of Lincoft,

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STARK COUNTY, OHIO, NOTES

The Stark County Horseshoe League of the Stark County Horseshoe Pitchers Association held its second annual tournament Sept. 15 and 22, on the Smile Inn club courts. A member of the association, O. Andreas, chairman of the tournament committee, together with Mr. F. J. Robinson and A. Stolarik had charge of the tournament.

This tournament was for members of the association and the fellows who were not joined up with any club had to join one of the clubs in the association or pay one dollar to the tournament committee and receive a membership card. A number paid their one dollar membership fee. Each contestant paid 50 cents before he pitched his 100 shoes to qualify. In qualifying, the highest

points decided position for class A and B. The courts were open at 8 p. m. to those who qualified. A radical change in qualifying rules was decided, that each contestant who wished to pitch an additional 100 shoes could do so upon payment of 50 cents. All players were allowed 50 shoes to warm up.

Because the tournament committee adhered closely to the rules it caused a little upset this year, which in all turned out to be one of the best tournaments held in the county. The tournament started Sunday, Sept. 15, at 8 p. m. and was over at 9 p. m. in the Class A division. The Class B played the following Sunday at 1:30 p. m. in the finals, for all contestants had qualified for both classes on Sept. 15.

Summary in Class A

	W	L	P	R	DR	R%	OP	OR	ODR	OR%
J. Sebek	10	1	548	384	123	65.9	211	276	66	47.4
E. Hanna	9	2	516	423	115	56.8	356	370	85	49.7
H. Wheeler	7	4	506	331	103	52.9	457	369	92	50.1
K. Miller	7	4	480	361	82	52.2	439	343	83	49.5
F. Robinson	7	4	472	344	84	50.3	418	342	84	50.0
M. George	6	5	471	352	82	53.5	441	328	82	49.8
A. Stolarik	6	5	466	337	83	51.8	417	318	81	48.9
W. Mizer	5	6	353	312	74	47.8	460	337	94	51.6
A. Heilmann	4	7	394	286	67	42.9	517	325	80	48.7
F. Walters	3	8	394	299	71	43.5	535	345	86	50.1
M. Schnierle	1	10	377	292	58	42.8	526	349	86	51.1
K. Konter	1	10	299	248	54	40.3	529	317	77	51.4

Summary Class B

	W	L	P	R	DR	SP	Pct.
A. Hart	10	1	521	269	61	650	41.4
A. Linder	9	2	515	237	43	672	35.3
D. VanMeter	9	2	536	267	63	634	42.1
W. Wallace	6	5	462	240	36	716	33.5
A. Aellig	6	5	448	209	32	658	31.8
G. Gero	6	5	458	223	32	712	31.3
R. Roberts	6	5	436	207	33	732	28.3
H. Chaney	4	7	405	178	22	636	28.0
P. Severance	3	8	385	181	27	678	26.7
E. John	3	8	368	174	23	698	25.0
O. Andreas	2	9	394	200	25	630	29.4
J. Brannan	2	9	414	205	32	710	29.0

WOODLAWN WINS

The Woodlawn horseshoe club earned the title of Bronx champions when their six-man team met and defeated the strong team representing the Crotona Horseshoe club by the narrow margin of two games. The final score was Woodlawn 19, Crotona, 17.

This was the deciding match in a series of three matches as each club had previously scored a victory by practically identical scores of 35 to 29.

Following the match two four-

somes were arranged that resulted in a win for each club. The winners of each foursome then played in a final foursome and again Woodlawn was the winner by the score of 50 to 44.

Results of the Foursomes

Gus and Thomas, of Crotona defeated Banta and Werner of Woodlawn by a score of 50 to 25.

Tressler and Kykendahl, of Woodlawn, came through to win after a stubborn battle with the pair of J. and C. Foley, of Crotona, to the tune of 50-46.

OHIO'S FIRST WOMAN PRESIDENT



The Dayton, Ohio, Edgemont club has stepped out in front again by placing an ardent lady booster at the head of the club. Mrs. Carrie Staup is well qualified to lead this progressive club to further achievements with her efficient, business-like methods and for her loyalty to the club in past seasons of sharp competition. Under her leadership the Edgemont club is already counting on entertaining the next State Tournament and hope to land the National Tournament for 1937. The Edgemont club is ready to erect a battery of 24 lanes to entertain any tournament. Keep your eye on the Edgemont club.

TANNER'S GREETINGS

Friend Howard, as president of the National association, at this time I desire to take this way to wish all horseshoe pitchers of the world a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours for the great old game.

L. E. TANNER,
Anchor, Ill.

PATRONIZE OUR ADVERTISERS AND MENTION THIS MAGAZINE.

BUCKEYE STATE NEWS

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

CHESSE ISSUES LETTER

D. O. Chess, secretary, pays tribute to Art L. Headlough, Akron, and others in an open letter which we are taking the liberty of reprinting: To the Delegates, Club Officers and Members of The Greater Cleveland Horseshoe League, and all others interested in the sport.

Fellow Sportsmen, Greetings:

By historical references it is shown that the horseshoe sport had its beginning at least two centuries before the Christian era, being participated in by the armies and civilians of practically all foreign nations, and came to our own country at its birth, and we understand that there is today in our country some 20 million who participate in one way or another of which between two and three million are organized.

Considering this background, which certainly shows it "has merit" as a recreational and health-giving exercise, the high state of perfection in skill it has attained today of still "greater merit," one wonders why it has not become one of our greatest sports. There are reasons, of course. The bluebloods, bluebeards and others have written many articles appearing in our magazine setting forth their reasons, all of which have so far proved fruitless. The fault can hardly be attributed to the National Association; the rules were made flexible if properly applied to suit conditions would thoroughly interest beginners and make it as appealing as any other leading sport.

For the information of those not conversant therewith the principle rules that have to do with scoring is as follows:

Horseshoe Pitching Rules, effective Feb. 24, 1927. Authorized by The National Horseshoe Pitchers' Association of America in Convention assembled Feb. 23, 1927. Scoring Rules Rule 14, Sec. A. A regulation game shall consist of fifty (50) points in all contests where a National, State or County title is involved. Sec. B, Game points in other tournaments, league or contests may be determined by local authorities to fit their conditions.

Rule 15. Sec. "A" to "K" Inc., develops cancellation in point scoring without mentioning it by name with which you are all familiar. The cancellation feature is fine in groups

where all are experts, but in groups where their abilities vary widely, such as clubs, leagues or associations, it just does not work out because the high percentage ringer pitcher holds too much of an advantage over those of less ability due, of course, to the discouraging factor in the low point scoring column for the loser, that is, it is too small from the standpoint of the beginners and average players and is therefore unsatisfactory especially to those who do not improve readily and for this reason it has the effect of driving them out of our clubs.

In No-Cancellation bringing out the factor of the "Close Shoe" more prominently and with it three sets of percentages, lost shoes, ringers and points (apparently all factors), gives the players every encouragement and the means of studying their faults by the results shown from all angles, then proceed to correct them.

A few years ago, the Wade Park Club of Cleveland, a large club, with the officers list headed by Mr. Henry J. Gunselman, who, noting the tendency of members joining and dropping out consistently year after year, took the lead in doing some pioneering, having firmly in mind that "the power of example" was one of our greatest forces, recommended no-cancellation in all club activities for one year in which he was supported by the members, which worked out with surprising results; so much so, that it was adopted by the delegates in the Greater Cleveland League in 1935. Mr. Gunselman and the league delegates deserve commendations for these efforts by every one interested. In view of conditions "pioneering" is needed more than anything else in our sport today.

This statement is nothing to be alarmed at because pioneering is the order of our day and always has been. We see its workings in water, land and in the air, in the professions, business, sports and in the homes; in fact had there been restrictions placed on it from the beginning of time, Christopher Columbus never would have been able to discover our continent and we probably would not be here now.

The statistics for 1935 are herewith attached for analyzing and careful study; it will be noted that a

fair ringer pitcher who throws his shoes low and hard may be defeated by one of less ability who keeps his shoes high and lands within count. Of course there was some opposition to it, especially by the older element who claimed, among other things, that "the National rules were being violated," that, "take cancellation out and it would kill the sport"; that "it would not be horseshoes," and "would take all the interest out of it," etc., and while there was some pessimism shown by players at the outset, it worked out the reverse, as the players were just as much interested in defeating their opponents at No-Cancellation as though they were qualifying for the finals in a state or national tournament.

It was odd, but true, that practically all complaints registered against it came from the "good" or "better players," and invariably the reasons given were that "it was too hard to overcome an opponent once he got in the lead," indicating which class of player could, or could not, "take it."

League matches were played to good crowds and thoroughly enjoyed by both players and spectators, especially noticeable with the weaker clubs, indicating they were inviting their friends to see how many points they could get against the crack players by this method, indicating further that, while they expected to be beaten, they did not mind it so long as they "got all they earned" before their friends.

It was for a definite purpose of analyzing later on for a "happy medium" in future pioneering that so much effort was given to compiling the statistics and was really a hard job at first, however, as the season progressed tables were worked out for 50, 100, 150, 200, 250, 300 shoes for all percentages, thereby making it very easy and simple to compute a match. These tables are yet in pencil but may be stencilled and copies furnished those desiring them next year or thereafter.

After noting studiously the reactions given above and impartially analyzing the results herewith attached it might be concluded that possibly club officers, who are also the best players, usually, have themselves "unconsciously" been responsible for lack of interest by adhering too

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closely to the National rules as laid down for governing National, State and County Tournaments in club activities, etc., instead of adjusting them to suit conditions, thereby practically blocking the way of the beginners by the discouraging factor it entails. It might be shown that we have been out of step with present-day methods of development, and this tendency to "start at the top and endeavor to work down" may be attributed as the primary cause of the present stagnant condition of the sport.

Ohio has led the way in organization so far, permit me to mention just one man who has been the greatest pioneer of them all in this respect, whom anyone is at liberty to write for verification. He is Mr. Art L. Headlough, of Akron, O., who, in 1920, personally organized The Buckeye State Horseshoe Pitchers Association and incorporated it under the laws of Ohio; also on May 10, 1921 he organized The National Horseshoe Pitchers Association of America, and incorporated it under the laws of Ohio, and received charters for both associations.

He also wrote most of the rules, being assisted by Mr. Wm. Weiss of The Goodyear Rubber Co., of Akron. Before this time they were pitching 38 3/4 feet in the West, 46 1/2 feet in Ohio, 36 feet in the South, and in some places 42 feet. He wrote the first Horseshoe Guide in 1920, and copyrighted it and published the first horseshoe paper, managed National tournaments at Akron in 1921, and again at Minneapolis, Minn., in 1922; also managed five state tournaments, one in Akron, two in Canton and two in Columbus; patented the present stake holder, was secretary of The Buckeye State association five years, and was secretary of the National association three years.

Who has, or could have done more for his sport? It would be appropriate and surely most gratifying to him if horseshoe pitchers everywhere, especially in Ohio, would give him a shower of cards during the coming holiday season in their appreciation of what he has done while he is still enjoying his faculties and the problems of life. His address is Art L. Headlough, Engine Truck Co. No. 1, Akron Fire Department, Akron, Ohio. COME ON, BOYS!

Gentlemen: What are your reactions to bringing the 1936 National tournament to Cleveland? The amateur golf championship held in Cleveland this year was supported by selling a fine badge at \$7.00 each, raising \$5,000.00. How many could

we sell to members and friends of our clubs and others throughout the state who probably would be glad to help and attend at say \$1.00 or \$2.00 each? 1936 is to be a banner year in the history of our city in which leading sports are invited to participate. Our good friend, Mr. Gunselman has been sounding out the committee for our sport, if we were to do something to at least raise a part of the necessary funds it would be much easier for him to secure help.

With kindest and sincerest regards and the season's greetings to you all, I am

Yours sincerely,
D. O. CHESS, Secretary.
6208 Quimby Ave., Cleveland, O.

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* GREETINGS TO YOU *
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At this season of the year, it is altogether fitting and proper that the executive board of your state organization remind you and your families that you are being remembered by them with kind remembrances. We would extend these greetings to horseshoe pitchers, not only in our own state, but to the boys and their families everywhere.

Over 1900 years ago The Creator of the Universe gave to the world of mankind, the greatest gift within His power, "His Only Begotten Son, that we might have life and that more abundant." Now we, as His creatures here upon the earth, commemorate the event by the giving of gifts to each other and engaging ourselves in yuletide sons and festivities.

We would have you lay your heads back in the easy chair, close your eyes and let your mind carry you back over the space of time to that childhood period of your life, when mother told you that Santa Claus rewarded children according to their merits in good behavior. Can you remember how you counted the days, one by one, as Christmas drew near? Finally, when Christmas eve arrived, can you remember how mother told you that it was necessary for you to go to bed early—and can you recall the anxious anticipation that kept you awake for a long time? Can you remember that you were awake much earlier than usual on Christmas morning, and that you bounced out of bed and hurried into the living room; can you visualize what you beheld as you entered the room? Can you recall the grand and glorious feeling that sent the blood tingling

through your body at that moment? Well, that's exactly the blessing that we are wanting each of you to enjoy again and again during this holiday season.

What could be better for 1936 than a firm resolution to have a more kindly consideration for our fellow man and his likes and desires; to be a good neighbor, a clean sport and be a credit to the neighborhood in which we may live?

The best wish we could have for each of you is embodied in Hebrews 13th chapter and 20th and 21st verses. I am joined in this message of greeting by Mrs. Lester Allen, of Springfield, your vice president; Mr. Dave Chess, Cleveland, your secretary, and Dr. W. E. Dafler, Dayton, your treasurer.

Dr. Alan Pottle, Pres.

VIRGINIA WINS

On October 12, B. L. Frye, Orkney Springs, Va., pitched C. E. Jackson two games in an exhibition, with the following scores:

	P	R	DR	SP	Pct
Frye	55	50	21	60	83.3
Jackson	13	36	12	60	60.0

Fraye	54	72	26	98	73.4
Jackson	47	70	25	98	69.3

On October 30, B. L. Frye pitched two games in an exhibition with Theodore "Ted" Allen, world's champion, with the following scores:

	P	R	DR	SP	Pct
R. L. Frey.....	51	16	24	84	76.1
"Ted" Allen	45	16	22	84	71.4

R. L. Frey	51	18	32	106	77.3
"Ted" Allen	47	24	28	106	75.4

On August 16, Mr. Frye pitched a perfect 50-point game with John Woodward, as follows:

R. L. Frye	51	24	12	24	100
J. Woodward	0	5	1	24	29

ELECT OFFICERS

The following officers were recently elected by the New Jersey State Horseshoe Pitchers Association:

President, D. E. Brown, Camden, N. J.; first vice president, Paul Puglise, Paterson, N. J.; second vice president, William Gaffney, Lincroft, N. J.; secretary treasurer, R. Santoro, Perth Amboy, N. J.; executive committee members, George MacNeil, Atlantic City, N. J.; O. C. Peters, Jersey City, N. J.; H. Winner, Orange, N. J.

W. E. Santoro, who has headed the New Jersey organization and who has done such splendid work, was compelled to give up the presidency due to business activity. He was followed by D. E. Brown, who is also a very capable leader.

 * THE COVER PAGE *
 * The cover page shows Col. *
 * Frank Knox, publisher and ed- *
 * itor of the Chicago Daily *
 * News, pitching horseshoes. *
 * Col. Knox is prominently men- *
 * tioned for the Republican *
 * nomination for President of *
 * the United States. *

“THE GLAD HAND TO
 SOUTH DAKOTA”

The South Dakota horseshoe players are very much pleased over the new financial program announced in the September issue. This will give much dignity to our worthy officials over the old plan of begging for an existence.

Our scattered players will sure be glad to take advantage of the new membership plan. This throws down the barrier that has held the common players out. Now when the glad hand says come in and welcome we feel very different.

In checking up the various teams over the country we find that South Dakota's rating is not so far behind the average; this coupled with the fact that we are young and zealous, and keen to take the challenge from other teams we hope to develop some very good players.

A spirited contest was held at Brookings, S. D., Homecoming week, in June. Twenty-four of our best players battled for supremacy.

Leigh Dunker, of Werner, took first place; Louie Gednalske, of Del Rapids, second; O. M. Anderson, of Lowry, third.

Again at the state fair at Huron in September, about the same bunch contested for ten cash prizes; Dunker again took the first place, making 238 points with 100 shoes. O. M. Anderson came in second with 232 points and Gednalske had to take third place with 228 points.

We have more contests for 1936, one in particular that will draw quite a crowd, the eight Gednalske brothers of near Volga, S. D. have challenged the players from the entire state; this game to be played at the state fair next year.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Zimmerman barnstormed the state in 1934, which put a lot of pep into our players.

We take great pleasure in commending Ohio's new president for his interest in clean sport; his final motto is a real climax to good sportsmanship and a clean life.

J. C. Shelton is a Williamsburg, Ontario, tosser.

BRIDGETON OPEN MEET

Larry Mahoney, of Red Bank, N. J., won the Bridgeton open horseshoe pitching championship at the Garden State Fair in Bridgeton, N. J., Saturday, Sept. 14th. He won five straight games to walk off with the title averaging 60.5 per cent ringers for the day. Mahoney has only been defeated once this year and that was when Fileccia nosed him out for the Staten Island open title.

A. J. Dunbar of Delaware County, Pa., Philadelphia district champion, scored the highest number points against Mahoney, 19 points. Mahoney allowed his opponents only 69 points while making 250 points.

Harry Barter of Camden, finished second with two losses, losing to Koc-

zon of Rahway, former metropolitan champion, 50-24, and to Mahoney 50-15. Dunbar was third, losing two games, one to Baxter 50-31, and the other to Mahoney. Frank Boyce, of Old Bridge, N. J., former state champion, finished fifth and sacrificed ringer percentage in order to try out a new method of delivery. He now steps with the shoe.

Scores of the closer games follow: Koczon defeated Boyce 50-30; Boyce defeated Scheunemann 50-46; Dunbar defeated Boyce 50-31, and Koczon, 50-47. Baxter defeated Boyce 50-47, after Boyce was just short of a comeback which pulled him up from 33-49 to 47 points before Baxter was able to save the game. Dunbar defeated Scheuneman 50-38.

Class A, Final Standing

	W	L	Pct.	P	OP	R	DR	SP
L. Mahoney, Red Bank, N. J.....	5	0	60.5	250	69	138	41	228
H. Baxter, Camden, N. J.....	3	2	41.0	189	202	124	24	302
A. Dunbar, Del. County, Pa.....	3	2	37.5	200	216	120	24	320
A. Koczon, Rahway, N. J.....	3	2	36.7	205	179	110	14	300
F. Boyce, Old Bridge, N. J.....	1	4	36.5	167	246	114	22	312
E. Scheuneman, Philadelphia, Pa.....	0	5	31.3	151	250	94	15	302

D. E. Brown, of Camden, N. J., won Class B with a clean sweep of his nine games. He eked out two one point victories over B. Carll, of Bridgeton, and H. Scheuneman, after close battles. Wm. Yoder, another Camdenite, finished second with seven wins. John Mahoney finished third in a surprisingly good finish, just nosing out his brother, Joe, by one game.

Class B, Final Standing

	W	L	P	OP
D. Brown, Camden.....	9	0	225	121
W. Yoder, Camden.....	7	2	204	141

John Mahoney	7	2	296	145
Jos. Mahoney	6	3	200	185
F. Gaunt	4	5	162	196
E. McGraw	3	6	135	199
H. Scheuneman	3	6	187	180
R. Santoro	3	6	169	146
B. Carll	2	7	176	202
E. Kienzle	2	7	159	222

This tournament was sponsored by the Garden State Fair and sanctioned by the National Horseshoe Pitchers association. W. E. Santoro was tournament director. Assisting were F. Gaunt, E. McGraw, E. Kienzle and B. Carll, all of Bridgeton, N. J.

 * LETTERS TO EDITOR *

A WORD FROM PRES. TANNER
 Editor, Horseshoe World:

At this time I wish to have a few lines printed in your fine magazine. At our last National Tournament at Moline, the horseshoe pitchers and the horseshoe manufacturers held several sessions and a great deal of constructive work was done.

First, a new ruling was worked out and was approved by all, wherein, effective June 1, a drive should be made in every state for members for their State and National Association, the states to pay into the National Association 15 cents out of each 25 cents collected for National dues. It is hoped that this fund will be sufficient for the National Association to be in shape by 1937 to handle its own National Tourna-

ment. This we can do if we all do our part. I look for a great day in the horseshoe game. It would be fine not to have to beg for some city to finance a tournament.

I am sure we pitchers should wake up and try to do our bit, as the horseshoe manufacturers are going to do a great thing by buying stamps from the National Association, and put a one cent stamp on each shoe when it leaves the factory. We horseshoe pitchers should do all we can to see that the companies co-operating in building up this fund should be patronized. They are friends of the game and are not just selling shoes for all the profit they can get. Shoes sold without these stamps should not receive the consideration of horseshoe pitchers.

The Horseshoe World should, starting with the January issue, publish
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ST. PAUL MUNICIPAL HORSESHOE ASS'N

Final Report 1935 Commercial League

Matches				
	W	L	T	Pct.
Phalen Club	14	0	0	1.000
Zandell Drugs	10	3	1	.770
Blodgetts	9	4	1	.693
Lux Liquors	7	6	1	.539
Unidale	5	8	1	.385
Behrens-Wittmann Fl	3	8	3	.273
Bray Ice and Fuel	3	9	2	.250
Minnesota Mining	0	13	1	.000

Games			
	W	L	Pct.
Phalen Club	156	66	.703
Zandell Drugs	132	91	.592
Blodgetts	127	97	.571
Lux Liquors	121	101	.545
Unidale	112	112	.500
Behrens-Wittman	107	117	.478
Bray Ice and Fuel	85	138	.386
Minnesota Mining	53	171	.237

	Rgrs.	Shoes	Pct.
Phalen Club	4676	11200	41.75
Zandell Drugs	4002	11100	36.05
Blodgetts	3963	11050	35.87
Lux Liquors	3818	11000	34.71
Unidale	3170	9400	33.72
Behrens-Wittman	3632	11000	33.02
Bray Ice and Fuel	3104	10750	28.87
Minnesota Mining	2597	10400	24.97

Best team point match, 837, Phalen club.
 Best team ringer match, 362, Phalen club.

Best team double ringer match, 92, Phalen club.

Best individual point game, 93, Vincent Piller of Zandell Drugs.

Best individual ringer game, 37, Vincent Piller, of Zandell Drugs.

Best individual double ringer game 14, Vincent Piller of Zandell Drugs.

High ringer percentages for season:

V. Piller, Zandell Drugs	53.0
G. Novotny, Behrens-Wittmann	50.2
R. Baumann, Phalen Club	48.3
W. Clark, Blodgetts	47.8
A. Schultz, Phalen Club	44.5

High games won percentages for season:

	W	L	Pct.
V. Piller, Zandell Drugs	47	4	.921
W. Clark, Blodgetts	46	5	.902
G. Novotny, Behrens-Wittmann	45	7	.865
R. Baumann, Phalen Club	43	7	.860
A. Schultz, Phalen Club	38	10	.792

St. Paul Municipal Horseshoe Pitchers Association

Final Standing, Church League

	W	L	Pct.
Faith Luth.	120	72	31.30
St. Vincents	108	84	32.06
First Baptist	105	87	30.78
St. James Luth.	104	88	30.23
St. Adelberts	101	91	29.69
Wesley M. E.	62	130	20.35
Mt. Carmel Luth.	72	120	23.21

ALLEN WINS

by 13 points. Gaffney, who finished third with Wm. Kelly, of Everett, N. J., lost games to McMurtrie, Santoro, of Perth Amboy, and to Jos

Mahoney, of Red Bank, losing the last by one point. Kelly lost games to Baxter, McMurtrie and Gaffney.

Class B, Final Standing

	W	L	Pct	P	OP	R	DR	SP
Noah Shearer, York, Pa.	8	1	45.2	448	304	245	53	542
Emil St. Onge, Pottstown, Pa.	7	2	42.9	426	270	232	43	540
Geo. MacNeil, Atlantic City, N. J.	7	2	41.4	419	319	237	47	572
Eugene Hillman, Paterson, N. J.	6	3	44.4	414	272	225	51	507
Philip Gilpatrick, Quincy, Mass.	4	5	33.9	348	387	196	33	578
Harry Winner, Orange, N. J.	4	5	33.8	320	298	180	28	532
D. Eric Brown, Camden, N. J.	3	6	33.1	353	379	196	27	550
Edward Fairchild, Orange, N. J.	3	6	30.3	293	403	153	19	504
Edwin Scheunemann, Philadelphia.	2	7	32.0	333	436	179	19	504
A. J. Dunbar, Manoa, Pa.	1	8	25.0	243	429	120	24	482

Class C, Final Standing

	W	L
Kyle McMurtrie	8	1
Harry Baxter	7	2
Wm. Gaffney	6	3
Wm. Kelly	6	3
Jos. Mahoney	5	4
Arthur Hillman	3	6
Wm. Yoder	3	6
Leonard Pellington	3	6
Reynold Santoro	2	7
Horace Scheunemann	2	7

feated P. H. Carl of Bridgeton, N. J., 25-0 and 25-22 in the finals. Carl had previously defeated Evans Staas of Camden, 25-21 and 25-17, Sauebrey had previously defeated Frank Gaunt, of Bridgeton, N. J., 25-22 and 25-6. In a play-off for third place, Staas defeated Gaunt 25-15 and 25-5.

This event was sponsored by the special events committee of Atlantic City. Mr. W. F. Hanstein, executive secretary of the committee, whose co-

operation made the tournament a success, presented Allen with the large silver bowl, emblematic of the championship. W. E. Santoro was tournament director and George MacNeil was chairman of the arrangements committee. Scorekeepers on Class A were Messrs. Bovee, of Narbeth, Pa.; Nolan of Hightstown, N. J.; La Mela, of Paterson, N. J.; Glennon and Mrs. Scheunemann, of Philadelphia. Class B scorekeepers, M. Schavel of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Ricketts, Calligan, Klein, Fagenberg, of Atlantic City; Mr. G. Schavel, of Brooklyn, was head scorekeeper. It was sanctioned by the National and New Jersey horseshoe pitchers associations. Twenty courts were constructed on the beach at right angles to the board walk and next to the million dollar pier. Five courts will be kept for the public.

LETTERS TO EDITOR

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a list of companies purchasing these stamps. The time is at hand when we can put the horseshoe game in line with other sports and still not put a high charge on those participating in the game.

I urge all horseshoe pitchers to join their State and National Association and to get their friends to join, as they will be glad to pay the fee to become a member of the National Association if our plans are explained to them.

We have, at this time, several states wanting the 1937 National Tournament. I think the state that gets it will have to go some, however, as Illinois has just had two National Tournaments in three years, and if other states don't get busy, Illinois may have another one.

The various state organizations need not wait until June 1 to begin their membership drives, however, as many states have already started to collect dues which will be he'd until the new fiscal year starts on June 1.

Sincerely yours,

L. E. TANNER, President,
 Natl. Horseshoe Pitchers Ass'n.

INTERESTED IN TOURNEY

J. Dell Norton, president of the Balboa Horseshoe, Chess and Checker club has written for information relative to a 1936 tourney. It is the hope of the Californians to bring the 1936 national event to the San Diego Exposition.

A. D. Paulson is secretary of the Faribault, Minn., horseshoe club. This club is interested in information on lighting of courts.

SNYDER PARK, SPRINGFIELD, HAS BUSY YEAR

The Snyder Park club, Springfield, Ohio, functioned for the first time this year with the following officers: President, D. B. Rutan; vice president, Edwin D. Parker; secretary, W. R. Evilsizor; treasurer, Harvey Linder.

This club used the municipal courts built by the Board of Park Trustees of Springfield, Ohio, at a cost of almost \$3000.00 in 1934, four evenings each week, and the balance of the time they were open to the general public. Their total membership was 115.

A qualifying pitch was held at the beginning of the season. The players were divided into three leagues and the players were matched on teams as near equal as possible, according to ringer percentage, four players to each team.

The National league (those most proficient) had six teams, namely Cubs, Pirates, Dodgers, Braves, Cardinals and Giants. The players were changed around at the end of the half. The Cubs won the first half and the Pirates the last half; no play-off was played. This league played each Tuesday evening.

The next highest in the group were divided and placed the same as the National league. This league played each Friday evening. The names of their teams were, Indians, Yankees, Athletics, Senators, Tigers and Badgers. The Indians won the first half and the Senators won the second half. No play-off.

The balance were placed in the Minor League (beginners). They pitched a round robin schedule amongst themselves. Instructions were given these players at various times by the club's best players.

About this time the officials were besieged with requests from the "fair" sex for one evening a week to play. Monday evenings were turned over to the ladies. They elected their own officers as follows: Mrs. Lester Allen, president; Mrs. V. H. McCarty, vice president; Mrs. W. R. Evilsizor, secretary; Mrs. Loy Johnston, treasurer.

These ladies worked like troupers and before the season was far along they had 36 members out playing each Monday evening. They were out every scheduled night. One evening they played in a drizzle rain. Is that the spirit, or is that the spirit? None of these ladies had much experience. Their teams were named, Victors, Ravens, Eagles, Robins, Ramblers and Rovers. The Victors were champions of the league.

This club was affiliated with the Buckeye State Horseshoe Pitchers

association and the National association.

The Snyder Park held a tournament open to the players of Clark county. Lester Allen, champion of 1931-32, defeated Ray S. Brown, champion of 1933-34, the best three out of five games.

As this was the first year for the ladies, they conducted a tournament which Janet Yeazell won. The first ladies' championship of Clark county, as both tournaments were sanctioned by the Buckeye State and National associations a certificate of championship was given by the National association.

These municipal courts are operated by a commission of five appointed by the Springfield Board of Park Trustees. This commission consists of the following: Loy D. Johnston, president; Harry S. Ells-

worth, vice president; Fred E. Keishuer, secretary treasurer; Dr. Harry E. Bright, V. H. McCarty.

The Receipts

Membership fees	\$130.00
Rental fees from members....	54.45
Rental fees from non-members	133.92
Rental of shoes	28.30
Total receipts	\$346.67

Disbursements

Salary of Court Supt.....	\$321.82
Light bill	69.84
Miscellaneous	24.85
Total.....	\$416.51

A deficit of \$67.74.

The commission's report further shows that 3,205 players used these courts 3,790 hours, for an average of 1.18 hours each, at an average cost of .129c each.

The court hours were divided as follows: 658 hours daytime; 2699 hours night playing and 433 hours free time (childrens); total 3790.

League standing results next issue.

OFFICERS OF LADIES' CLUB



Here are the officers of the ladies' organization in Springfield, O. Reading from left to right, they are: Mrs. Lester Allen, president; Mrs. V. H. McCarty, vice president; Mrs. Ross Evilsizor, secretary, and Mrs. Loy Johnston, treasurer.

WINS TOURNAMENT

Jayiff Nave recently won the Elizabethton, Tenn. city tournament, winning 11 straight games.

PITCH IN NIGHT CLUB

The Schultz Sisters, of Harvey, Ill., are doing a night club stunt that is most popular according to newspaper reports from Chicago. They are doing a pitching number that is going over big at the Wooden Shoe club, 6850 Stony Island avenue.

WILL ORGANIZE

E. J. Thompson, 322 W. 22nd St., Cheyenne, Wyo., who is secretary of the Cheyenne club, writes that efforts are being made to organize a state association. The Wyoming pitchers will co-operate with the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association in its 1936 membership drive.

Similar word was received from D. R. Kinports, chairman, organization committee.

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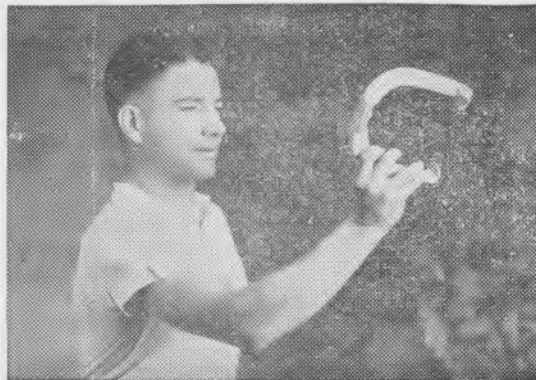
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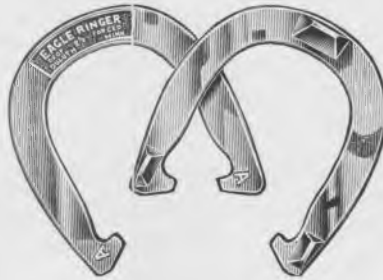
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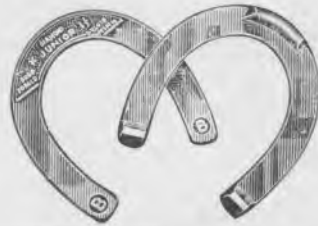
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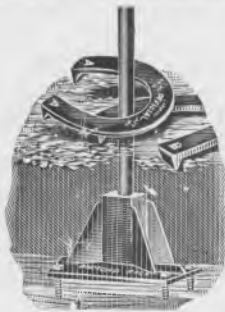
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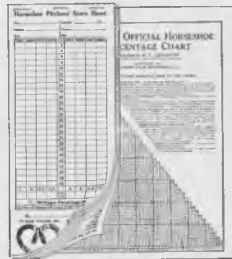
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