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Just Among Ourselves



THIS issue of the Horseshoe World is published a little earlier in the month . . . we hope to be able to get the March issue out around the first of March . . . at least very soon after March 1, and that we can then establish a "deadline" of the 20th for advertising and news for the next month's issue . . . that is—on the 20th of March we will close the forms for the April issue and have it in the mail so you will get it on or about April 1 . . . we are working toward that program now and urge all pitchers having news to send it in at once for the next issue . . . and, folks, don't forget to patronize the shoe manufacturers who are advertising with us . . . many of you have expressed your desire to help the Horseshoe World . . . one good way is to mention the World in your correspondence when buying shoes . . . thanks for the lists of names of club members sent in so we can send samples and for the many subscriptions being sent in

February, 1933

THE HORSESHOE WORLD is committed, through previous editorials and correspondence with horseshoe leaders, to an amateur horseshoe program.

We believe that an Amateur Association should be formed in the United States, perhaps under the sponsorship of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association in conjunction with the American Amateur Athletic Union.

Such an organization will not take one bit of authority or credit from the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association, or the professionals, but rather will strengthen the game and open up a new field of activity that will be an aid in the sale of horseshoe equipment, furnish wholesome recreation for thousands who are not now given an opportunity to participate in horseshoe pitching in an organized amateur way.

The Horseshoe World is ready to sponsor a conference at some central point of all persons interested in such a plan. We have no axes to grind, no patent methods of organization but we are willing to lead the way.

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OHIO LAUNCHES NEW HORSESHOE PLAN

By LOY D. JOHNSTON,

Secretary, Buckeye State Horseshoe Pitchers Ass'n, Springfield, O.

WHENEVER the time comes that the horseshoe pitchers take their game seriously enough to bind themselves together in some kind of an organization for the preservation of the game and themselves, they will have gone far toward placing the game among the major recreative sports.

Horseshoe pitching has been like the ship without a captain or a fixed course to steer. It is going nowhere fast.

To the horseshoe pitchers of Ohio, we think the Buckeye State Horseshoe Pitchers Ass'n an ideal "Captain," and our plan which we hope to inaugurate in 1933 is the ideal

"Course" to follow in bringing the good ship "Horseshoe Pitching" into the port of "More Interest."

Some one may say that this is not the time to talk of sailing or horseshoe pitching. But in these winter months, while the ship is at anchor in the "dry dock," we have the opportunity to search the ship for defects, and to lay the course, so no time will be lost in launching the ship this spring. Many details will have to be worked out before we are ready for the high seas.

The plan we are working on is something that is practical and self-supporting, which is most desirous if we are to succeed. There are thousands of players and fans who have never contributed a nickle toward the advancement of the game. Our plans are for all classes to help support this movement, whereby greater things may be expected, and higher class pitching may be witnessed by the spectators.

Our plan is to unite these various individuals into clubs, leagues, associations, etc., under the supervision of the Buckeye State Horseshoe Pitchers Association, a division of the

National Horseshoe Pitchers Association of America.

First—The State of Ohio to be divided into five districts, namely: Northwestern, Northeastern, Central, Southwestern and Southeastern. Note: Due to the lack of time and the numerous details to be worked out only the Southwestern District will be operated entirely in 1933.

Second—Each of these five districts to be separate and yet subordinate to the State Association. They will have their own delegates and officers, etc.

Third—Each club or association in the district will pay to the district association the sum of 50 cents per member per year and subject to a franchise tax of five cents per member for each of the following months: April, May, June, July, August and September.

Fourth—Each district will pay to the State Association the sum of 15 cents per member per year, and a franchise tax of two cents per member for each of the months of April, May, June, July, August and September.

Fifth—Organize a league in each district of say 16 teams (playing a schedule of 15 weeks). Each of these teams to use at least six players in each match.

Sixth—Charge a small admission to each of these games. The total gross gate receipts to be divided as follows:

Eighty per cent to be divided equally between participating teams.

Ten per cent to be paid to the District Association.

Ten per cent to be paid to the State Association.

Seventh—The winning teams in each district play the winners of the other for the state team championship of Ohio.

Eighth—Each district will guarantee and hold one district tournament each year. The place in their district to be decided upon by this district's delegates. (A conservative estimate shows a purse of about \$350 could be guaranteed).

Ninth—The State Association to hold one tournament each year. These tournaments to be rotated in each of the five districts. After a district once holds a state tournament, it will not be eligible again un-

til each of the others have had the opportunity to conduct one. (A conservative estimate shows a purse of approximately \$1000.00 can be guaranteed by the State Association).

Tenth—Each club to be entitled to a number of delegates to the district conventions. These delegates to elect their district officers and transact any other business that may come before them.

Eleventh—Each district will be entitled to a number of delegates to the state conventions. These delegates to form the State Association.

The amount of interest manifested to date is beyond our expectations.

Come on you horseshoe pitchers and fans. Get behind your club and have them get in this Buckeye Association.

FUN FEST PLANNED AT LAKE LAND, FLA.

Lakeland, Fla. — The Lakeland Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a four days sports event on Feb. 22-25, called "Polk Co. Fun Fest," and includes golf, tennis, lawn bowling, shuffleboard, roque, horseshoes, water sports, etc., with plenty of entertainment between and at nights.

Special sports on each day, and all sports every day. Opening day is the 22nd, is Horseshoe and Tennis Day.

Committee on Horseshoes, Mr. C. J. Feltman, Wayne, O., and Mr. W. E. Rowland, Cincinnati, O., have arranged to have a couple experts here to do fancy and trick pitching; also a six-man team probably from Bradentown, Fla., to play Lakeland a tournament on opening day. The Sunshine Pleasure Club, St. Petersburg, will send six players on the 24th.

On the other two dates we will have two outside teams meet and play on our courts, possibly Clearwater and Orlando, Winter Haven and Zephyr Hills. The city has furnished two good corrals in Munn Park in the center of the business district, and put in six courts in one and three in the other where the boys meet and play Barnyard Golf.

One of New York's tossers is Orman J. Butler, 1485 Amsterdam Avenue, New York City.

 * FEATURE ARTICLE *
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The following is a feature article that appeared in the Cleveland, O., Press recently from the pen of Bob Godley:

The scene is in Athens, Greece, the year about 440 B. C. The Athenian Noonday Herring Club has just broken up and Socrates, the John Dewey of his day, has adjourned to the horseshoe pits with Euripedes, the Noel Coward of Greece.

They play for a while and then, his luncheon settled, Socrates speaks.

"How come this game to be invented?" he inquires in Greek. Euripedes shakes his head dismally, a negative in any language.

"It started in the camps," says a voice on the sidelines, "the soldiers tired of tossing the discus because they had to chase it so far, began pitching horseshoes at a stake." The speaker is Herodotus, the number one historian of the age. "It's getting to be quite a fad," he adds.

David O. Chess, secretary of the Greater Cleveland Horseshoe League, believes that this or some similar scene marked the first recognition of the start of the game which has come down to date almost unchanged.

For generations soldiers have been stealing the shoes from the horses and amusing themselves between battles. The military high peak was reached during the Civil war, when practically every company had a horseshoe champion.

Today the sport, at least 2500 years old, has 3,000,000 addicts in organized clubs and many more who play for recreation rather than competition.

Chess estimates the total who have played horseshoes at something like 25,000,000, which is a large number, indeed.

"Why, at our last picnic at North Olmsted, we had 25,000 people tossing horseshoes," he announces proudly. "And most of them were people who had learned the game on the farm like myself.

"But even then Cleveland is the great northern center of the game. Blair Nunamaker, national professional champion, and Bert Duryee, state champion, both play here. Duryee probably is the only player in

the world who can beat Nunamaker, and that's doubtful."

Chess right now is most interested in the indoor courts in John Hay high school. He has several small tournaments going and hopes to build up real competition.

"Most of the expert pitchers are in Florida, at St. Petersburg," he says. "Nunamaker goes down every winter."

The champion is a sort of miracle man to local pitchers. He can throw a shoe with either hand, using any of the generally accepted style of spinning it. He has reached a point where he is satisfied with nothing less than a double ringer.

Chess points out that horseshoes may be lucky, but that is only when the shoe is nailed over a barn door. Once the shoe is being used in the game it loses its charm. Only the greatest skill can make it go into the stake with open end ready to cuddle down for a ringer.

The pitching of the equine slipper was popular for centuries before anyone discovered that the shoe could be thrown so that the open end would hit the stake every time.

In the successive bursts of enthusiasm which followed its revival during and after each war, no one thought of trying to do more than hit the pin and trust to luck.

Back in the winter of 1905 at St. Petersburg, Dr. F. M. Robinson discovered that he was making the open end of the shoe face the peg on every attempt. He was holding his right forefinger on one end of the shoe with the open side facing the right. The shoe made one and three-quarter turn through the air and finished its journey facing the peg.

Blair Nunamaker uses the one and one-quarter turn system when he is in competition, but is adept with the three-quarter, one and three-quarter, two and a quarter and two and three-quarter turn shots.

An interesting thing about Nunamaker is that he holds his championship by default. He won it in 1929 and since then no one has been able to raise enough money to back a tournament.

"But we're trying to arrange something for this year," Chess says, "and we hope to land at the World Fair in Chicago."

Patrick Miskell, 200 Coburn street, Lowell, Mass., is one of Lowell's most interested horseshoe enthusiasts.

CANADIAN CITY LIKES THE GAME

Calgary, Alberta, Operates a 10-Team League—R. A. Wooley Leads In Tourney

The horseshoe game is thriving in Calgary, Alberta. There were 24 courts in operation last summer in the parks and on club-operated lots, besides individual courts throughout the city.

A ten-team league was operated and R. A. Wooley, 226 Fifth Avenue West, who is secretary of the Calgary Horseshoe League, predicts that twice as many tossers will be on the lanes this spring and summer.

Mr. Wooley was a stellar player, losing one game in the prelims and one in the finals of the city championship matches.

Last year was the first year the open shoe method of pitching was tried out and Calgary and the surrounding territory has some promising tossers.

RECALL DAYS OF '31

The Evening News at Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., carried a picture of several horseshoe pitchers in their issue of December 24, calling attention that on December 24, 1931—one year before—the club had pitched shoes, scoffing at winter's rigors, if any.

Members of the Sault Arctic Horseshoe Club pictured in the News were Phil. Mulvihill, C. Oremus, H. Osterman, V. Dolzell, J. Warrick, D. Tate, J. Young, M. Hantula, C. Moher, M. Campbell and H. Rath.

RECEIVE CHARTER

The Buckeye State Horseshoe Pitchers Association has received a state charter from D. D. Cottrell, secretary of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association. This permits the newly organized Ohio organization to sanction tournaments, form district organizations, etc.

George O. Decker, London, O., is president and Loy D. Johnston, 145 Willis avenue, Springfield, O., is secretary. Dr. Alan R. Pottle, Dayton, O., is vice president, and W. D. Frazer, Hamilton, O., is treasurer.

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From the Secretary's Desk

D. D. COTTRELL
Secretary
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ST. PETERSBURG, FLA.

Mr. W. E. Santaro, Chairman of Athletics, Murphy Varnish Company, Newark, N. J., has been a consistent booster of the horseshoe game in the athletic activities of his company and also in such activities in Northern New Jersey and surrounding sections and is planning to make the game more popular if possible this coming season.

In a recent letter to your secretary he writes his views on how the National Association stimulates more interest in the game. Among other things he says:

"Of course, to function properly an organization must have money to promote its ideals and the writer feels the present income is not large enough to do it properly. Individual membership in the association should be encouraged and every player should be a member. The cost of membership should be reasonable and include subscription to the Horseshoe World. Also when sectional and state tournaments are sanctioned by the Association no players should be permitted to enter unless a member of an affiliated club or a member of the National Association. If players and tournament managers co-operated in this plan it would encourage membership. In this manner members would receive a direct benefit by becoming a member. National, state and sectional tournaments should be conducted every year."

At first Mr. Santaro says he was much opposed to cash prizes in tournaments due to the opposition of the A.A.U., which prohibits cash prizes in conjunction with their activities, but after talking with players in the metropolitan area he says he has changed his mind. He writes that Frank Boyce, New Jersey state champion, says a real "enthusiast" travels a great distance to participate in a tournament and in most cases the cash prizes do not cover the traveling expenses. More space in the Horseshoe World devoted to the history and activity of the association, and also articles of interest by members on how to pitch ringers, etc. In Newark he has endeavored to create interest by having state and local champions give exhibitions.

The game needs more and more live wires like Mr. Santaro in all parts of the country to put horseshoe pitching on the organized and active basis that it should be.

At present writing it looks very much as though there would be a match played for the world's championship under Article III Sec. 2 of the National By-Laws as found on page 46 of the book "Horseshoe Pitching—How to Play the Game." This article was amended by the National Convention in session Feb. 8, 1929, so that the sum of money involved need be no more than \$500.

Negotiations are now in progress whereby The Miami Biltmore Hotel are sponsoring this world's championship match between Blair Nunami, the present champion, and Mr. Alphonse Beillergon who has been the champion of Quebec for the years of 1931 and 1932, and has been one of the best horseshoe players in St. Petersburg, Miami and other parts of Florida for a number of years, going by the nickname of "Frenchy" by which he is known to most of the fans.

The match will probably be played at Coral Gables near Miami some time the latter part of this month or the early part of March. Full reports of the time it is to be held should be announced by the news agencies and printed in your local dailies just as soon as all plans are completed. This is the first challenge under this rule that has been made to the present champion and the first match ever held under this rule passed by the last convention. It is hoped that this match will be successfully carried out and under the terms of the agreement the winner will be declared world's champion. The rule allows at least three such challenges may be made annually and must be defended by the champion. There must be a series of at least 11 games and more if so agreed upon. A majority of the games of 50-points played must be won by the winner of the match.

Your secretary has had a number of letters this fall and winter from different places in New England ask-

ing that the N. E. championship tournament next season be held at their places and that a sanction be issued to them at once for this meet. The same is true of other states. In all states where there is a state association affiliated with the National, the place and arrangements for holding, and time, is strictly in the power of the State Association to decide. There are already two or three associations in process of formation, some of which have already elected their officers and declared their intention to affiliate with the National, but who have not yet sent their fee so that a charter can be issued. Your secretary is trying to protect the interests of these states pending the issuing the charter, but should not be expected to wait too long when there are places ready and willing to send amount for sanction for a state tournament. The National Association always prefers that these matters be handled by the state association, but when such association neglects to become affiliated in a reasonable length of time, in the best interest of the game the National will issue such sanction.

The fees for joining the State Association Charter \$25.00; Clubs of less than 50 members \$5.00; Clubs of more than 50 members, \$10.00. These club fees are for clubs in states where there is no State Association. Where there is such an association the club fee is sent to the State Association and is whatever their rules call for. State Fair Association, \$5.00; Exposition, \$5.00; County fairs, \$2.50, and individual members \$1.00. These are for members in the respective classes who join the National where there is no State Association affiliated with the National. All members of clubs that are affiliated with the National are members of the National just the same as though they paid their fees to the National. These fees include the issuance of a certificate of championship under seal of the National to the winner of the state or local championship once a year. Every horseshoe player should be a member of the National either through some club or state association that is affiliated or by

sending \$1.00 direct to your secretary who will send him a membership card under the seal of the National.

A charter for the Buckeye State Horseshoe Pitchers Association was sent Mr. Loy D. Johnston, Secretary, 145 Willis Ave., Springfield, O., January 18, 1933. This new state association in Ohio starts out with a good plan for the coming year and bids well to be a power in the sport world for the horseshoe game during the coming year. Mr. Johnston is a live wire.

The Medford (Mass.) Horseshoe Club, Incorporated, was organized last April and has 52 members. They have 12 regulation clay courts and are building two more this spring. All courts are lighted. Medford is a suburb of the city of Boston. The club has three level lots of land on which to play and a club house large enough to accommodate 100 members. They won nine cups last year and ex-

pect to do better next year and I am sure they will if they follow the leadership of their booster secretary-treasurer Harold H. Wilkinson.

At the date of this writing nothing further has been heard from the Century of Progress Exposition nor has any reply been received to the letter of your secretary, substance of which was printed last month.

MICHLER IS MISSED

The leadership of Al Michler, former president of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association, who died about a year ago, is greatly missed by the Lake Worth, Fla., Horseshoe Club. Michler was the outstanding "man-behind-the-gun" at Lake Worth and the good old game flourished there for years under his and other old-time tossers' guidance.

W. H. Curtis is a Worthing, S. Dak. shoe fan.

SANDUSKY CLUB TO ORGANIZE 1933 LEAGUE

The Sandusky, Ohio, Horseshoe Club was organized during the summer of 1932, with approximately 40 members.

N. D. Sartor, 2132 Columbus Avenue, Sandusky, O., who is secretary of the club writes that the first season was spent in building the courts and learning the rudiments of the game, but that enough progress was made that the club now is ready to start the 1933 season with organized play.

It is the hope that churches, lodges and other organizations may be induced to enter players into a league.

Four lighted lanes, with plans for two more this spring, make up the club's pitching equipment. These lanes are patterned after the Lakeside courts and are A-1 in design and construction.

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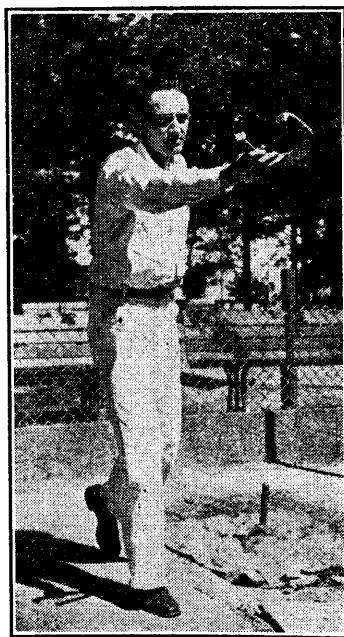
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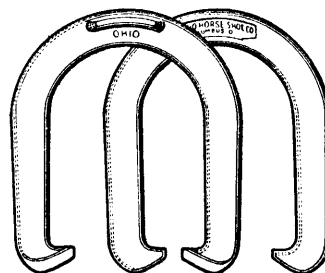
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SPRING DAYS WILL CALL FOR NEW COURTS

Here are Some Simple Rules for Building Lanes

HORSESHOE pitchers are beginning to think of early spring games. Even in northern states there have been days when horseshoe pitching could be practiced in comfort and just as soon as spring is officially ushered in there will be a grand rush for the tossing lanes.

There are many new pitchers who wish to install regulation courts, as well as clubs that are not initiated in the art of building courts.

There are several methods of building courts. Some pitchers disagree with others as to the best method of building them and as to the best clay for the boxes.

The clay should be of a putty-like substance that will not stick to the shoes and will not get too hard or springy. In many localities old-fashioned blue clay may be found along some stream. It is excellent.

For a single court the area required is 10x50 feet. Pitchers' box should be six feet square, with clay eight inches deep placed in them. Stakes one inch in diameter and 36 inches long may be used, placed 40 feet apart, 10 inches above level of box and with a 2-inch lean toward each other.

For a battery of courts, most authorities declare that four courts make the best batteries. If more than four are built, sufficient space should be left between them to keep the four lanes in sets, thus giving identity to each battery.

The required area for a battery of four courts is 50 by 40 feet, making the distance between courts 10 feet, measuring from peg to peg.

There is an ever-present danger to spectators. Some sort of barrier should be put up to keep the crowd from getting too close to the pitching lanes.

A fence of 2x4 lumber or a 2-inch galvanized iron pipe, about two feet high and from five to 10 feet away from the boxes will help keep the spectators from being injured by flying shoes.

And here is a good set of rules to adopt for the use and care of your courts after they are built:

1. Each player should feel it his responsibility to help keep the courts in excellent condition.

2. The courts can be kept in ex-

cellent condition if the limited care that caretakers can give to the courts is supplemented by each player doing his little bit.

3. Players are asked to avoid stepping on the clay within 18 inches of the stake so that the clay in the immediate area of the stake can be kept in good condition.

4. The clay should be kept in a soft putty-like condition 18 inches around the stake and level with the top of the "pitcher's" box.

5. The clay should be sprinkled with about one pail of water about noon each day during hot weather.

6. It is possible for the clay to get too wet so that it will be sticky. This should be avoided.

7. Do not allow the clay to get hard or in a powder-like condition.

8. Keep a wet gunny sack, rubberoid roofing or similar protection over the area around the stake when the courts are not in use.

9. All foreign material, such as stones, sticks, etc., must be kept out of the clay.

10. The stake must be kept 10 inches above the level of the pitcher's box.

11. The stakes must be kept in a firm position and inclined two inches toward each other.

12. After playing three 50-point games, players must surrender court to others who have been waiting to play.

PITCHING IN FLORIDA



Vyril Jackson



Carroll Jackson

Carroll and Vyril Jackson, of Kellerton, Iowa, sons of Frank Jackson, are pitching exhibitions in Florida this winter. They pitch and sell "Ohio" Shoes.

 * CLEVELAND, O., NOTES *

The National Broadcasting Co. gave a Sports Review through WGAR Cleveland, Jan. 3, 1933, from 9:30 to 10 p. m., some 20 champions of different sports being allotted one minute to broadcast their views. Mr. Henry J. Gunselman, Cuyahoga county (Cleveland) Horseshoe Pitching champion, 1931-32 spoke as follows:

"I believe there is no more enjoyable and beneficial exercise, regardless of age, than pitching horseshoes. It requires as much skill to throw a perfect open shoe, landing it around a one-inch stake, 40 feet distant, as it does to hit a perfect golf shot.

"The game of horseshoes is always convenient. Anyone with a yard can indulge in this splendid and fascinating sport on short notice and in a limited time. In Greater Cleveland there are eight well organized out-

door clubs and two indoor clubs for pitching horseshoes and at surprisingly low cost to its members. Thank you."

Mr. Gunselman, a veteran in the game, spends long days on the road as a salesman for The Weidemann Co., one of, if not the largest wholesalers in food products, etc., in the state, and this coming March will have finished working through the various chairs of the United Commercial Travelers Association, and with a lovely family to brighten his home life, yet, he is and has been the leading spirit of the game in Greater Cleveland, and to him goes the credit for such marked interest in the game of late years, always finding time to arrange schedules and anything else to promote the game in an honest and "above-board" scientific manner, and how we love him for it and the real gentleman he is, and while extending our appreciations to Mr. Gunselman, we are not unmindful of Mrs. Gunselman who is extended an equal amount as it just

seems she gets as much enjoyment out of Henry's association with those of his hobby as he does. Mrs. Gunselman, we appreciate this and we are all for you both.

Pathetic was the passing of Milton G. C. Farber, husband of Ruth E., and son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Wesley Farber, 12917½ St. Clair Ave., Cleveland, Jan. 4th; burial from Trinity United Brethren church, corner Hayden and Alder Ave., Jan. 7, at 2 p. m., interment in Lake View cemetery.

Mr. Farber died as the result of a sinus operation which was found to have entered the brain. While rather a veteran in the game he was only 25 years of age and married about one year. A floral spray, expressing sympathy of the Boys of Wade Park Horseshoe Club of which he has been a member, and our esteem for his smile and congenial disposition which we will miss on the courts which is as nothing compared with how he will be missed at home, was sent.

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fornia, Fernando Isais, champion of California vs. Theodore Allen, champion of Oregon; Isaias—50 points, 154 ringers, 70 double ringers, 176 shoes pitched, percentage 87.5; Allen—44 points, 151 ringers, 65 double ringers, percentage 85.8. All four on the peg 54 times. This is the greatest game that we have ever seen, and we believe it was pitched by two of the best horseshoe pitchers in America.

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THE WOBBLE SHOE AND ITS IMPORTANCE

FIRST I am going to ask the readers of the Horseshoe World what is meant by the wobble shoe, and why should one try to pitch the shoe in order to make it wobble?

Some say the wobble is not necessary, although I will say that at least 95 per cent of the horseshoe pitchers in America will disagree with those who do not believe in the wobble shoe. The wobble shoe is of very great importance in the art of horseshoe pitching, and I will explain just why this is so, in this article.

First of all one must have the wrist action in pitching the shoe in order to throw the shoe properly, therefore in pitching one must make the shoe wobble, and if properly pitched it will be impossible for it to do otherwise.

When you are bringing the shoe down from the backswing, it must start breaking into a leveling position which is caused by the wrist action in trying to turn the shoe during its flight. That, of course will cause the shoe to wobble while on its flight toward the opposite stake. The wobble in the shoe gives it the proper digging-in force which will make the shoe wedge itself in the clay or dirt when it strikes the ground around the stake. Landing in such a forcing position the shoe will hold much better, which is, of course, of very great importance in pitching.

The shoe which is pitched flat through the air will land in a more sliding position and will not hold on top of other shoes or the ground where it lands. Often times the shoe will jump from its landing position because it has been pitched too low and hard without the wobble, therefore it has not the sufficient force to hold itself in place.

The chief reason for most players throwing the flat shoe is because of the lack of wrist action, and they are pitching the shoe too low and too hard, which will not give it the proper time for the wobble. One must pitch the shoe around eight feet high with the proper amount of wrist action. In doing this I assure you

your shoe will have plenty of wobble. The pitcher must also remember that it isn't how a shoe looks going through the air that counts, it's the results one gets at the other end, and it takes that old ugly wobble to get those results.

In all my travels I have yet to find a good player who is not pitching the wobble shoe. That, I am sure, is good proof the wobble shoe is of great importance in pitching.

During the past national tournaments I have received a great kick out of watching all the leading players, each trying to better his wobble shoe a little more than the other player. Why? Because they know it's the wobble shoe that gets results and pays off at the finish. I believe that Charley C. Davis, former national champion, had one of the greatest wobble shoes of them all, and he always seemed to get results.

Please remember to keep your shoe up; if it is not landing level with the wobble, put a little more wrist action in it and I am sure you will find a great improvement in your game within a short time.

Next month, "Some Important Hints on Practicing."

SEEKING GAMES

The Gas City Horseshoe Club, Gas City, Ind., would like to schedule match games with Indiana clubs or Ohio clubs no further east than Springfield. Address Lester West, 133 N. "F" Street, Gas City, Ind.

BREAKS OUT ON RADIO

The Columbus Dispatch "Globe Trotter" in his news hour over Station WCAH, Columbus, O., one day recently listed a number of "signs of spring" over Ohio and mentioned the fact that Ted Wilson, vice president of the London, O., horseshoe club, was pitching horseshoes on an outdoor court in January.

RUBBER HORSESHOES

Someone recently asked the Horseshoe World for information regarding rubber shoes. We have lost their address but have the information now if they will write again. Address of firm making these toy rubber shoes was kindly furnished by Dr. M. N. Corwin, of Ansonia, Ohio. Thanks, Doctor!

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SPARKS FROM THE PEG

William Evans, president of the London, O., club, is beginning to make plans for the 1933 summer pitching season. The London pitching lanes are on a main thoroughfare and horseshoe pitching receives the benefit of a great deal of tourist advertising. Motorists cannot help seeing the huge horseshoe that adorns the gateway to the club courts.

We welcome to our reader "family" the following members of the Wright Field Club, sent in by William E. Johnson, Dayton, Ohio, shoe booster: Elmer M. Strauch, Carl M. Michael, Abe Connors, Hobart Staley, William Watrous, Nelson Cook, Howard Langhorst, Fred Kuck, John Hull. Thanks, W. E.!

Louis C. Clifford, Lockport, N. Y. tosser, writes us that he "picks Jimmy Risk for the next world's champion." Jimmy now holds the title of American champion, having won it at the tourney sponsored by an association known as the American, and we, too, think Jimmy will be near the top of the heap, if not on top, at the next national meet—if one can ever be arranged.

Ernest W. Peckham, 805 S. Queen Avenue, Ottumwa, Ia., writes that a horseshoe club is to be organized in his city this spring.

Each year a city meet, Wapello county and a Southeastern Iowa championship tournament are held in Ottumwa.

Putt Mossman and his motorcycle stunts have come in for a new spurt of publicity lately. Camera and rotogravure pages of some of the large dailies show him in various daredevil poses.

Some horseshoe pitching wag has written us saying he knows why they call the world's fair the Century of Progress. "It takes a century for 'em to make up their minds whether they want a national horseshoe tournament," he writes.

Horseshoe pitching has a place in the program of athletic activities in Dearborn, Mich. Henry D. Schubert is director of the department of recreation of the city of Dearborn.

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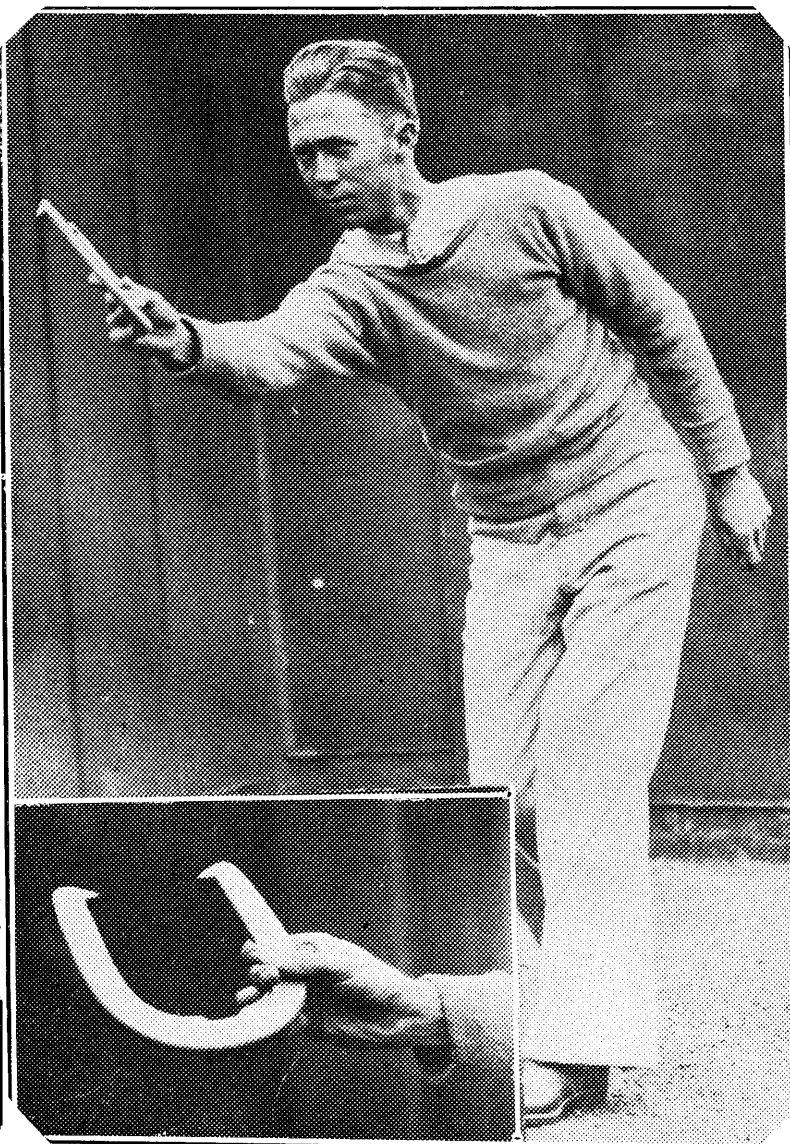
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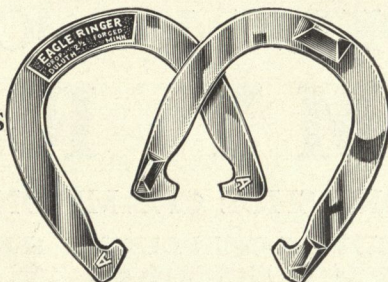
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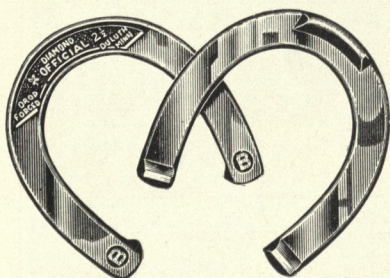
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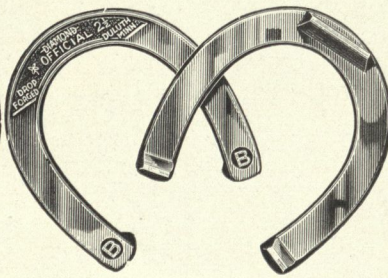


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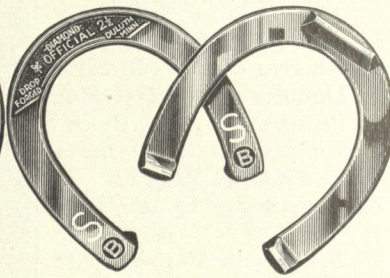
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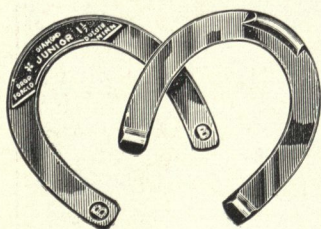
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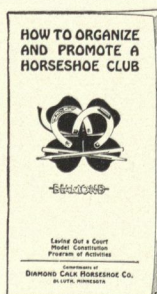
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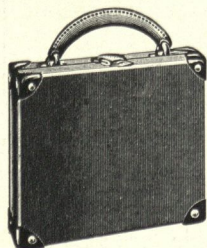
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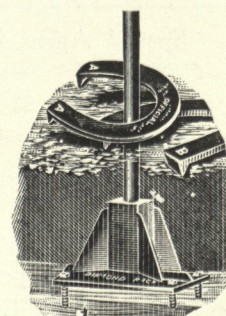
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