

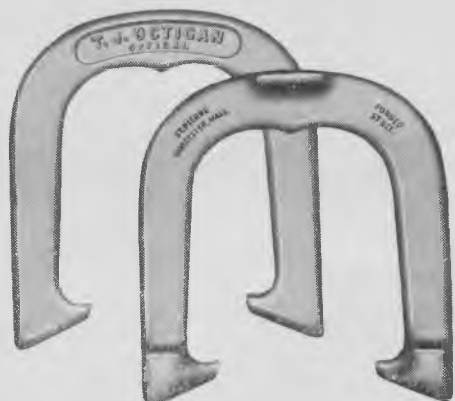
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## *Just Among Ourselves---*

President Harry Woodfield of the National Association writes that the war may prevent the three tournaments he mentioned in a previous issue. He further says "I do not agree this will be a poor horseshoe year . . . there are many fine men and women in the game . . . keep 'em moving together for the other fellow—in this case Uncle Sam." He asks that state secretaries send him the names of pitchers in war service.

Pop Woodfield keeps a close connection with Rod Thomas, sports editor of the Washington Evening Star, who has done so much to publicize the game. He is very much pepped up about the value of the Physical Fitness program, one of the war movements, and is trying to tie horseshoe pitching into it . . . and he isn't promoting any fan dancing either—just some good old hoss shoe pitching that keeps Americans healthy and strong! . . . this month's issue gives some news from a great number of states . . . we need that news . . . it has been pretty scarce this winter . . . glad to have an article by Ted Allen in this issue.

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### WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?



The chief thing we have on our minds, is bringing United States and her allies to a victory that will be a lasting one—one for which men and women are willing to make extreme sacrifices.

Horseshoe pitching is not considered very essential by many, no doubt, as a great many other things are so classed in the onrushing weight of changes due to the war. It is true that every red-blooded sportsman in Canada, United States, Mexico, Central and South America would sacrifice their best beloved sport for the winning of the war, whether it is horseshoe pitching or something else.

The President has said that, in spite of the need to conserve electric power, that night baseball is essential to public morale. Great concentrations of people at many sporting events are

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In publishing *THE HORSESHOE WORLD*, our readers come first. The magazine is printed monthly for them and every article is run with the idea of interesting them. Suggestions to the editor for the betterment of the magazine are always welcomed.

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# Ted Allen Tells More About The Way To Pitch Horseshoes - - -

By Ted Allen  
World's Champion 1933-1941

After an absence of several months I am returning to continue my articles and as I promised this one is about the second phase of delivering the shoe. Due to the national situation I had to turn my attention to many other things and I needed a breathing spell too.

## Stepping and Trajectory

This is a case of putting your right foot forward. As you may remember I once wrote, put your right foot even with the stake and your left foot back a little. *Visa versa* if left handed. It is the forward step of the left foot which plays a big part in your balance too. First be sure you step straight towards the opposite peg. Then it will insure your swing to be more in line, consequently, getting better alignment.

If you will watch others pitching you will notice that many of them are unconsciously cross-stepping over to the right. Sometimes it is so much that more than a few times I've known of them hitting their left inside knee joint as they swing the shoe forward. Fewer of them step to the left. Stepping to either side of the alignment tends to throw the weight off balance. You can tell how they side step by standing behind them or at the other peg. When they stand on dirt to pitch the foot markings will show the mistakes, if any. This side-stepping is usually a habit formed without realizing it. Even after I had won the World's Championship I got into that habit once in a while and corrected it. The mistake shows up most in a strong competition when you are anxious to win. The harder you try the more often you miss the alignment.

## Length of Step

Now here is something which may not apply to every one but I am convinced this tip will help many, because I have corrected myself on it and have watched the results of others who made this error. It is not exactly an error but if they would not take too long a step forward it would be easier to get a good trajectory. You take one who is stretching way out in an exceedingly too long a stride will invariably toss a low swift shoe. It looks as if he thinks the other stake is much further than 40 feet away and he must step as near to it as possible before letting the shoe fly.

The truth of it is, it seems farther because you strain yourself in over anxiety to get ringers and people sometimes think, to judge the flight

of shoe better it must be thrown as low as possible and they use the geometry theorem "The shortest distance between two points is a straight line." But that doesn't apply here. Using a perfect arch in the higher trajectory is best. For then not only will the shoe settle easy around the stake but the turn of the shoe will be slower and easily judged as to be properly open to the peg. And also it is easier to judge the distance than it would be with a low trajectory. Let the shoe do the work for you, not you for the shoe.

To go back to the step temporarily, I would say it should be about the length of that when walking or just a little longer perhaps. It should be rather natural and easy. Then as I wrote of before there is no lost motion. It is easier to get your shoe up into the air. And strange as it seems you will find that the other peg seems so much closer. But the shoe will stay closer to the stake and save you many points and those points quite often decide the games. Just as in basketball a free throw may be the difference in winning or losing.

A low fast shoe can skid right on by the stake. The low shoe is hard on the pegs and particularly on shoes. Another disadvantage is the loss of ringers both for that pitcher and his opponent. Although Helmer Pell was Oregon State Champion for awhile he pitched the swiftest shoe I ever saw. Just as fast as he could grab hold of them he shot them down like machine gun bullets, with good aim. But I was always worried because even my ringers which were clamped on best got knocked off when he pitched. I have known of Mr. Pell splitting a peg down the center.

I hope my friend, Mr. Rissler of Greely, Colorado, can get something out of this. For the past several years he has asked me why he cannot pitch easier than he does. When I told him to elevate his shoe more his reply was, "If I do that I throw way over," and truly he did as I watched. He actually hit the back board. In his teens my brother, Ira, had the same trouble. For many years I have been puzzled how to answer that. Ira, finally overcame his difficulty in his early twenty's but it must be taken into account that Ira was much younger than Mr. Rissler, more limber and slimmer, which gave him the advantage of changing. Mr. Rissler probably started out the way he did and has been at it for so many years that it is very hard for him to let up on the power behind his toss. For he is a short and husky man. So when he tries to lift the trajectory more

his power is too much, which bears up my words that it is so easy to throw forty feet if the elevation is right.

I would say that his fear of throwing over the stake and the inability to let up on the power is keeping his shoe down. Quite often too, a person will keep his eye too much on the stake after throwing. That tends to get you in the habit of throwing low. Those who have thrown by night where the light rays shine only on the stakes, and none between stakes, will also tell you that if you cannot see your shoe in flight it throws a person off. You must see the shoe in flight to be able to tell what to do with it. First fix your eye on the stake, also measure in your mind about the correct elevation you will throw by picturing an imaginary arc and for alignment an imaginary straight line from you to the stake and even beyond, then after the shoe starts watch its entire flight to ascertain how it is to be done. I imagine Mr. Rissler is also in fear that if he throws the shoe too high he cannot watch the shoe and stake both simultaneously.

Some day I may learn something new about this but at present these are my opinions.

For the next issue is the "Swing."

## NEWS FROM MAINE

The year 1941 found the Maine Horseshoe League operating on a three-divisions basis, with eleven clubs participating. The winners of the three divisions, Portland, Augusta and the Eastco Club of Brewer, met at Auburn in the Fall and Eastco of Brewer emerged from this encounter as the championship club of the State, an honor held before by the Biddeford Club. The team from Brewer was made up of State Champ Merrill Barnes, Louis Robichaud, B. French, Carl Browning and Walter Browning.

On the night of Nov. 1, 1941 a meeting was held at the Worster House in Hallowell at which Fred G. Poulin of Auburn was re-elected State president for the ensuing year. George Austin of Sebago Lake was elected vice-president and Raymond E. Adams of Auburn was re-elected secretary-treasurer. Odell Firlotte of Ellsworth, Charles Wood of Lewiston and Colby Berry of Portland comprise the executive committee.

The town of Farmington was selected as the site of the 1942 play-offs. The State league, in 1942, will operate on the same basis as in 1941.

## STATE TOURNEY IS PLANNED

The Horseshoe Club of Santa Cruz with the assistance of other clubs are sponsoring a "State Wide Horseshoe Tournament" on the Santa Cruz club courts at the Beach on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 12, 13 and 14 for the purpose of deciding a State Champion. Players from all parts of the State will take part.

All players will receive cash awards. The Champion will also receive a championship medal. Second place man will also receive a medal.

### RULES

1. Qualifying fee will be \$1.00 for 200 shoes.
2. An entry fee of \$3.00 will be required.
3. The 20 highest point men will play a round robin for the awards.
4. In the event of ties, they will be played off if time permits; otherwise, they will be decided by percentage.
5. In the event of ties for first

place, it must be played off. Players are to decide the way.

6. All entrants must have a paid-up H. P. A. Card (They can be had on the courts.)

7. All players must wear white trousers and name on shirt.

8. Any disputed point will be decided by the tournament judge.

9. All players will be held responsible for their actions on the courts.

10. Players must not step on foul line. This rule is very important.

11. Qualifying starts Friday, June 12, closes at 12:00 noon June 13th. Playing starts promptly at 1 P. M. Saturday, June 13. Eight games will be played Saturday afternoon and seven games Sunday morning, June 14th. Balance will be played on Sunday afternoon.

12. The local club WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE for ANY ACCIDENTS which might occur on the courts.

## A SQUINT AT THE SHOE LANES IN SOUTH

By John Lodwick

St. Petersburg, Fla.—Long as the Sunshine City continues as a world famous tourist resort, horseshoe pitching will remain as one of its undying sports. Down at Waterfront Park and nestling close to the baseball enclosure where the St. Louis Cardinals train every Spring and where they play in exhibition games with the world champion New York Yankees, who are here for their 18th consecutive training season, are a long line of "barnyard golf" lanes where young and old from every corner of the country try their hand at an old American pastime.

It was here in St. Pete where the national championships had their beginning when participants hurled the mule's slippers in 21 point round robin contests for the gold medal, emblematic of the first national title, Dr. E. C. Beach, formerly of Delaware, Ohio, and a druggist here for more than 30 years, was the first referee.

Few of the original old timers are to be found at the Sunshine Pleasure Club these days. Fred M. Brust, of Columbus, O., who carried off the first national championship made his first visit to the old stamping grounds in 19 years. He is playing around on the courts to remain until the Spring buds burst again in the Ohio state capitol.

John T. Jones and Tom Lewis, both

of Cleveland spend their days down on the Waterfront and Bill Metz of Akron, Ohio, one of the first treasurers of the national association is a daily visitor. He was recently married to Mayme Francisco, of Columbus, a former women world's horseshoe pitching champion. Bill is treasurer of the Colonial Construction Co. of Akron.

Three of the country's out-standing horseshoe pitchers have been giving exhibitions at the Sunshine Club, Blair Nunamaker of Cleveland, W. H. Brown, New York champion and Marvin Amidon, Wisconsin title-holder. Both are in the city for the season.

Shuffleboard has been taken up by the Sunshine Pleasure Club and they have constructed about thirty rinks adjoining the palm and pine-shaded horseshoe pitching corner in front of the grandstand. There is a clubhouse and store room for playing equipment. Many of the members have also gone in for contract bridge, hearts, rummy and dominoes.

Membership is around the 1200 mark and the membership fees are negligible, around \$1 and \$2 for the season.

During the baseball training season many of the Cardinals and Yankees try their hand at both horseshoe and shuffleboard.

### PLAYING BASKETBALL

Ted Allen, ex-national champion, is a real athlete. Recently we heard he was pitching a mean basketball in the city league tournament in Boulder, Colorado.

## TOMMY BROWNELL TOPS MOHAWK VALLEY LOOP

(1941 Summary)

Tommy Brownell, (18 yrs. old) New York State horseshoe champion, won 71 straight games in the Mohawk Valley League. Brownell, who is number one scorer of the Gloversville Horseshoe Club, had a ringer percentage of 77.7. In the Gloversville City League he won 213 games without a defeat, with a ringer percentage of 83.4.

The Gloversville Cordones won the league championship with 170 victories and 54 defeats. Amsterdam was second with 128 wins and 96 setbacks.

### Individual Standings

Name	W.	L.	Pct.
Tommy Brownell	71	0	77.7
Ralph Hillburn	24	2	60.6
Kenny Joseph	18	2	62.9
Don Getz	14	2	60.1
Erminio Brooks	52	20	57.6
Leon Shanahan	8	1	57.2
Dutch Hackert	43	27	54.3
Albert Basileo	24	22	50.1
Tom Pryme	8	8	46.7
Leo Smith	11	5	45.7
Herman Sanges	8	8	45.6
Ralph Selley	27	32	45.7
Lloyd O'Ree	11	5	45.5
Raimo Sanges	2	2	45.0
Ernie Bills	3	17	42.7
Jules Garnier	4	10	40.7
John Holland	28	10	38.7
Harry Stack	40	22	44.4
Richard Stack	23	21	44.4
Ed. Shanahan	3	2	39.1
Paul Earhart	2	3	40.0
Bill Hassenfuss	4	6	39.1
Peg Knowlton	3	5	38.0
Fred Sanges	1	7	38.7
Eddie Donnelly	3	1	35.6
Dick Watkins	7	4	39.2
Jim Bradt	5	11	34.8
Dick Link	2	2	20.2
Frank Martorellie	5	11	30.7
Bob Grosbeck	4	12	33.4
Bob Fredrick	3	5	30.2
Bill Cooper	1	3	27.5
Harold Hoag	1	3	19.1
Charles Van Horne	6	6	40.2
Jim Lombard	1	1	16.6
William Stack	12	56	25.2
Weston Rumrill	4	68	20.8
Bill Wagner	0	2	11.8

### Team Standings

	W.	L.	Pct.
Gloversville Cordones	170	54	52.7
Amsterdam	128	96	48.3
Broadalbin	79	145	41.7
Sunsets	71	153	40.2

Sincerely yours,

FLOYD LEWIS O'REE,

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MAINE TOSSERS



Harold Goodier, of So. Portland, Me., State Champ Merrill Barnes of Bangor, Me., (left) and Porter Clark of Auburn, Maine (right).

In the 1941 championship meet. Goodier finished in fourth place and Clark finished in third place.

FRED BUTLER IS VERMONT CHAMPION

Three times and out! Freddie Butler, runner-up for two years in the state championship horseshoe meet, connected with a fine bit of ringer tossing to win for himself the crown of State Champion Horseshoe pitcher. Butler won nine straight games in the round robin affair, tossing over 278 ringers for a percentage of 61.1.

The 1940 title holder, Frank Baker of Rutland, and the 1939 champ, Maynard Brown of Brattleboro went down before Butler and tied for third place in the final accounting; with Parkhurst of Windsor copping second. Parkhurst won seven and lost two; Baker and Brown, six and three.

Butler pitched his best game against the 1939 champ, winning 50-13 although the little lad from Brattleboro had a ringer percentage of .67 for that game. Butler threw 46 ringers out of 56 shoes for a percentage mark of .82, the match going down in the records as the best ever played in Vermont state.

Freddie also bettered some of his former marks, throwing 12 consecutive ringers in one game to top his high of 10 made last year. In the

ringers out of 100 shoes for a score qualifying round he tossed over 64 of 223 to top Brown's former mark of 61 and 206.

The championship match saw 14 try out for the championship flight, the whole affair being handled capably by Harry Harrison of Hoosick Falls, somewhat of a horseshoer himself. He took Butler on for an exhibition match after the championship meet and lost 50-20. T. Sausville, another local lad made the grade in the afternoon matches, winning four and losing five, with a ringer percentage of 32.4.

It was stated in 1942 that the championship meet will be handled by the Rutland Fair, the first week in September. The tournament was the third consecutive year it has been held in Bennington under the auspices of the local Horseshoe club.

Final Results

	W	L
F. Butler, Bennington	9	0
B. Parkhurst, Windsor	7	2
M. Brown, Brattleboro	6	3
F. Baker, Rutland	6	3
J. Boutelle, Townsend	5	4
Lasko, Springfield	4	5
T. Sausville, Bennington	4	5
Hastings, Springfield	3	6
Carley, Brattleboro	0	9
Martin, Springfield	0	9

Ringer Records

	S.P.	R.	Pct.
Butler	454	278	61.2
Parkhurst	590	263	44.5
Brown	586	285	48.6
Baker	562	251	44.6
Boutelle	570	216	37.8
Lasko	546	198	36.2
Sausville	588	191	32.4
Hastings	564	214	37.7
Carley	504	127	25.1
Martin	516	145	28.1

S.P.—Shoes Pitched.  
R—Ringers.

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NEW STATE GROUP

A new Utah State Horseshoe Pitchers Association has been formed and the following are the officers: Arch A. Stokes, Murray, president; John H. Chapman, Salt Lake, vice president; Ray H. Ohms, 1104 S. 11th East, Salt Lake City, secretary and treasurer and E. W. Wahlin, Magna and R. Dahlin, Provo, director.

The first meeting of the association in 1942 was held Saturday, March 7.

NEED PRINTING? LET THE HORSESHOE WORLD DO IT

TOMMY BROWNELL TAKES CITY TITLE

Tommy Brownell won the Groversville City horseshoe championship on August 15, by gaining five straight victories, 50-24, 50-32, 50-30; 50-24; and 50-16 Brownell beat Ralph Hillburn, Leon Shanahan, R. Stack, O'Ree and Van Horne with little difficulty. Hillburn finished second with four victories and one defeat. Fourteen players entered the double round robin and six survived. The scores: (L. Tor.)

BROWNELL	P.	R.	S.P.	Pct.
	50	38	62	61.3
	50	40	64	62.5
	50	42	58	72.4
	50	41	58	70.6
	50	48	54	88.9

250 208 296 70.3

HILLBURN	P.	R.	S.P.	Pct.
	50	35	54	64.8
	50	48	72	66.7
	30	33	58	56.9
	50	34	54	62.9
	50	24	36	66.7

220 174 274 63.5

L. SHANAHAN	P.	R.	S.P.	Pct.
	50	37	48	77.2
	30	41	72	56.9
	50	25	56	44.6
	50	33	54	61.1
	16	35	54	64.8

196 171 284 60.2

R. STACK	P.	R.	S.P.	Pct.
	16	24	48	40.0
	50	37	66	56.1
	50	33	64	51.8
	24	30	58	51.7
	6	15	36	44.5

146 139 272 51.1

L. L. O'REE	P.	R.	S.P.	Pct.
	24	25	62	40.2
	31	31	66	46.9
	43	26	56	46.7
	30	26	54	48.1
	50	32	62	51.6

178 140 300 46.7

VAN HORNE	P.	R.	S.P.	Pct.
	22	26	54	48.1
	32	32	64	50.0
	31	28	64	43.7
	21	23	54	42.6
	30	27	62	43.5

136 136 298 45.6

IN SIGNAL CORPS

The editor of the Horseshoe World had a chat recently with Jimmy Risk, who is stationed at the Columbus (Ohio) Army Depot. He is assigned to the Signal Corps, looks fit as a fiddle and is doing as good a job for Uncle Sam as he used to do taking his opponents to town on the shoe lanes.

FRIEND IN CAMP? SEND THE HORSESHOE WORLD TO HIM

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## TO ALL NATIONAL MEMBERS, STATE MEMBERS, INDIVIDUAL CLUB MEMBERS, AND ALL OF YOU READERS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN HORSESHOES

At the National tournament and convention held last August in Des Moines, Iowa, a motion was made and passed to have the National membership dues raised to \$1.00 per year, and a motion was also passed at that time to have our National year commence January 1, instead of June 1. So in order to make that change it is necessary to have a short year of seven months, for our next current season, beginning June 1, 1942 and ending Dec 31, 1942.

A number of state secretaries have written men and expressed their fear of a large decrease in membership if they were compelled to charge \$1.00 for this short term. In view of those feelings, I have gained permission of the Executive Committee to pro-rate the dues for our next year June 1, 1942 to Jan. 1, 1943 and charge a flat 50c per member.

The states secretaries will collect for the National memberships or memberships to the National may be obtained direct from me. The full amount of 50c is retained by the National.

All charters that have been issued will remain in effect until new ones are issued. I can't see the need of renewing charters each year, it's only extra expense for the Association.

I think this would be a splendid time to take stock with ourselves and find out just where we as individuals fit into the picture of the National Association.

We are fortunate in having our President, Harry Woodfield, living so close to Washington D. C. enabling him to line our game of horseshoes up with the National Physical Fitness program which will no doubt give us a lot of newspaper publicity which we have heretofore never been able to get, which in turn, may get us a number of new memberships when the "Bluebirds return over the White Cliffs of Dover."

I know we fellow members do not have the same slant on the National Association and I'm not so sure the top ranking players have the right attitude towards the Association.

When we join the Association and pay our dues, we should feel that we have that much stock in the organi-

zation and all that it should stand for. When we bring it down to pennies, it's a little less than two cents per week to keep alive our favorite sport and if it were not for the National we would have all kinds of rules for the game, different localities would be pitching at different shoes distances, have different weight shoes etc., and no two persons could compete on the same basis. In other words, everyone would be making his own rules.

You fellows who pitch and make a ringer now and then, when playing an opponent of your speed, whether you play him in his back yard or in your own, in a round about way, you can't help but thank the National Association for the assurance that you are playing according to a standard set of rules. It should be worth a few pennies a week to keep this standard and you can do your bit by paying your membership to the National Association.

It would be a fine thing if we could choose the location of each National tournament and convention a year in advance, then we could all try and plan to attend. This is being done by the Ohio organization and D. O. Chess suggested we do it with the National. I hope some day we can do that, it all comes back home to us as individuals, WE MUST PLAN IN ADVANCE.

You fellow members who took part in the National Mail Tourney, conducted by Mr. Tompkin, seem to be well satisfied and so many have requested a repetition of it again this year, that I feel it is worth consideration. However, we will have to charge a larger entrance fee, and let it support itself, due to the condition of the treasury. I am suggesting a 50c entrance fee and would like to hear from you fellows and get your expressions on this matter. Just send a post card to me, I'll appreciate it. The tournament depends upon your response to this idea.

We are also going to plan for a National Championship tournament this year, provided we get a bid on it, and if we find out later that it can't be handled due to the present emergency we will cancel it then. We must try and keep the wheels turning and I

don't think the Administration wants us to drop our sports. Recreation is a vital necessity and it helps to keep up the morale of the people at a time like this.

We have a number of the Compendiums left and the yare still available from me at half price (25c per copy). I have been stocking some of our libraries out here on the coast with this book gratis. If any of you state officers would like to do the same, I'll send the number you want to you and you send the name of library to me for a matter of record. I believe these books in libraries over the country may do a lot of good, as I think we have more on hand than we can possibly sell. We probably could get rid of some more if we reduced the price to 10c, but I feel that the book is worth more than 25c and if it's not worth that it's not worth anything.

After that blackout and anti-aircraft firing which we had several nights ago, I don't know whether they're worth very much out here on the coast.

I believe I'd much rather have had the Secretary-ship sometime when we weren't engaged in war. We've got so many other things out here to do, that horseshoes must take a second place with us, but unless things get too hot, I feel that I can find time to handle the correspondence etc., for the present. So, if I'm a little slow on answering mail, I hope you'll realize that we civilians out here are trying to make a living, also learning how to protect our lives and property in case of a disaster, besides trying to do all we can to help win the war.

In the January issue of the Horseshoe World, I admire Alvine Dahlene for his idea on donating the tournament fund (which Mr. Howard has been banking for us) over to the Red Cross. I think this is a fine gesture, but, Alvin, I suggest you contact Mr. Chess on this and perhaps he will make an appeal to the donors to do that. The officers of the Association have nothing to do with that fund, it is out of their jurisdiction.

Yours in horseshoes,  
ARCHIE J. GREGSON,  
National Secretary.

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# NEW YORK GIRL PITCHER CLAIMS WORLD TITLE, ASKS FOR RIVALS TO PROVE IT!

Uncrowned Title Holder, Who Competes at Men's Distance,  
Finds No Challengers

By Betty Werner

"I'd feel a lot better about being women's world champion horseshoe pitcher if someone would challenge me!" says Ruth Allen, 22-year-old girl of Hempstead, N. Y., whose championship has been unquestioned since 1938.



RUTH ALLEN

"After all," says Ruth, "the fun of holding a title is the ability to prove you deserve it—but there aren't any women, apparently, who want to take it away from me."

The woman who could take Ruth's "title" would have to be pretty good. As your reporter watched, the suntanned, athletic brunette, nonchalantly heaved four shoes, on her 40-foot clay court in the rear of her home, and when the count was taken, all were ringers.

## Competes With Men

Miss Allen began her pitching six years ago. "I was always a tomboy," she explains, "and I hated to think I couldn't do anything Dad or my brother could do." Her father, Fred Allen, a carpenter, and her brother, Fred, Jr., are both accomplished pitchers themselves.

Her first competition match was at Hempstead Lake State park, in 1937,

when she placed third. All other contestants were men, and she has never since competed with women. "I guess they just don't pitch at 40 feet, or else they're simply not interested," Ruth said.

The usual distance for women's horseshoe pitching is 30 feet, but the Hempstead champion has scorned the shorter court since the first day she tossed a shoe.

## Second In L. I. Open

Although she possesses a large assortment of trophies and plaques, Miss Allen's favorite is the large silver and black trophy which was presented to her after placing second in the Long Island open championship at Hempstead Lake State park in 1938. "I still haven't won the first award, but there is to be another meet next month, and if I don't win it then, I'll keep on until I do."

Crowning achievement of Miss Allen's career came in 1938, at Rye. It was then that she astounded tournament pitchers all over the state by applying for admission to the New York state tournament, previously entered only by men. The meet was already underway when harassed officials interrupted the show to call a special meeting to decide whether or not one Ruth Allen of Hempstead might be permitted to enter. Since the aspirant pitched the regulation 40-foot game, she was finally admitted, and finished 16th among 32 entries.

It was at the Rye tournament that Ruth put out her challenge for the women's world championship in 40-foot pitching. Since no one answered her challenge, she became the champion automatically, and has waited patiently ever since for someone to give her a real fight for her title.

Two years ago, she journeyed to Canada, to compete at the Canadian National Exposition, and on her return trip she represented Nassau county at the state tournament at Rochester. In the last few years, she has received a number of invitations to compete, but has been unable to travel to most of them, for instance, a recent one in Iowa, and another in Washington.

A graduate of a West Hempstead public school Miss Allen attended Hempstead High school, and is now employed by the Country Life Press at Garden City. When asked about her job, she smilingly replied, "Oh, I heave books around all day, and

then for relaxation, I come home and pitch horseshoes all evening!"

## ST. PAUL NEWS

St. Paul feels proud of the St. Paul Municipal Horseshoe Association. We are now busy getting lined up for the sixth year, and even losing some of our best players for service in Uncle Sam's military forces. We expect 22 to 26 club's in the four divisions, which we divide as follows: 44 ringer % and above, AA division; 35 to 43 7/8 ringer % A division; 25 to 34 7/8 ringer %, B division; any player below 25% is in C division and to further even the player we use a handicap system, so that a 44% ringer player in competition with a 57% receives 4 points and 19 to 20% playing 25% player gets 3 points handicap in 50 shoes.

We are affiliated with the St. Paul parks and play grounds here, have 16 regulation clay courts in line, built by the city.

We go after business firms here in the city for club sponsorships. All clubs fees used for the players. Also have division fall tournament at the end of the season. Each player pays \$2.00 yearly dues, which goes for expenses and a little good time.

The writer will try to get a State Tournament started. Some years back they use to hold a tournament in connection with the State Fair, but there never was any real organization, so it soon went by the board."

Our organization elects a full set of officers each year, drew up playing rules and have a constitution to go by.

A. K. MOEHN,  
661 Holly ave., St. Paul, Minn.

## WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE

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frowned upon by the army because of tie-up in traffic, etc.

But horseshoe pitching—where does it stand?

It offers a body-building, character building and morale-building force that may be overlooked. It can be played wherever our armed forces assemble. It can be indulged in by busy civilians who can't find time to engage in other sports and exercise. It doesn't tie up traffic or use much equipment. It is a real American sport!

Let's keep the old game going!

GET 'EM PITCHIN'! KEEP 'EM PITCHIN'! AND PITCH YOURSELF!



## MAINE TOURNAMENT GRAND SUCCESS



Front row, left to right: McKinnon of Brewer, Craig of Farmington, Joy of Ellsworth, J. McCue Jr. and Firlotte of Ellsworth, Stanley Pond of Oldtown, Pooler of Brewer and D'Amboise of Brewer.

Back row, left to right: B. French of Hampden Highlands, Class B. Champ; Ben Sibley of Oldtown, Class C Champ; Smith of Ellsworth; York of Augusta; Beals of Ellsworth; Wing of Augusta; Mgr. Vanderwerker of Brewer; Gibbons of Bangor; Fournier of Augusta; Algie Whitney of Farmington; Scott of Lincoln; Mgr. Clark of Auburn; State Sec.-Treas. Adams of Auburn; Mgr. Otto Whitney of Farmington; Bartlett of Brewer; ex-State Pres. Fred Boble of Augusta; Robichaud of Brewer; Walter Browning and James G. McCue Sr. of Ellsworth, manager of the largest horseshoe club in the State.

The 1941 State Horseshoe Tournament was held at Brewer, State Champ Barnes captured the State Class A crown for the third consecutive year.



The Horseshoe World,  
London, Ohio.

Gentlemen:

After 19 years my wife and I are back to St. Petersburg for the winter. Many changes have taken place and the city grew from 15,000 to 60,000 in the past 20 years.

There is quite a bit of horseshoe pitching in the Sunshine Pleasure Club but not as much as 19 years ago. We have a large membership, about 50 pitch horseshoes on 3 clay and 6 sand courts. Blair Nunamaker, former World's champion is here recuperating from a severe illness. He is getting along fine and pitching in his old-time form. The writer scored 100 shoes for him the other day and he had 80 ringers. Marvin Amidon of Brooklyn, Wis. is also one of the star pitchers. "B" Henson, champion of the Metropolitan District was here for a short stay about Jan. 1st.

The former world's champion lady pitcher, Mrs. Mayme Francisco—now Mrs. Motz and Mr. Motz are also visitors in St. Petersburg. Mr. Motz of Akron, Ohio, was formerly an of-

ficer in the national association. They were married several weeks ago.

F. M. BRUST,

Prop. Ohio Horseshoe Co., 626 Highland St. North, St. Petersburg, Fla.

R. B. Howard, Editor,  
London, Ohio,

Dear Sir:

In the December issue of the Horseshoe World, Ted Allen had a report on the Rockport, Mo. meet. I would like to call attention to a mistake in the final standings. It concerns Alvin Dahlene and John Paxton. I am listed as having finished in fifth. It should be fourth. Paxton and Dahlene were tied for fourth and fifth and in the play-off, Dahlene defeated Paxton 50 to 48. Undoubtedly this was an oversight on Ted's part. It was a very fine tournament and we all enjoyed it.

Yours truly,  
ALVIN DAHLENE.

Westchester Apartments,  
4000 Cathedral, N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

March 1, 1942

R. B. Howard, Editor,  
The Horseshoe World,  
London, Ohio,

Dear Mr. Howard:

Last summer I entered into the U. S. Mail Tournament conducted by

the N.H.P. Assn. and came in twenty-seventh in Class B.

It was my understanding that I am entitled to a year's subscription of The Horseshoe World. If this is correct, do you have me on the mailing list and if so, where is it being sent?

During the summer months I go to Maine and while there act as president of The "Ted" Allen Horseshoe Club near Ellsworth Falls. I am wondering, if, by chance, my copies are being mailed to me there and they are not forwarding them. Any information regarding this matter will be greatly appreciated. Please communicate with me in Washington.

Two years ago we started our club in a very small place named Otis, Maine with a voting population of fifty-three. Located one hundred seventy-five miles above Portland. Our first year we sold thirty-six memberships @ \$2.00. Built four regulation courts, joined the Maine State H.S. Pitchers' Ass'n. and pitched in their Eastern Division travelling as far as 145 miles for some of the games.

Last summer we took in additional territory, as far as memberships are concerned, and sold fifty-two with little effort and could have sold one hundred. One of our better players lives 35 miles distant and another 26 miles and both appear on scheduled nights for practice and meetings. In the meantime our club has paid for and constructed courts in Sullivan (25 miles from Otis) and Otter Creek on Mt. Desert Island (35 miles). We have taken a lease on a gore of land in the heart of Ellsworth 12 miles away and for a ten year period. We bought stakes and all necessary material for the construction of ten courts before the priority was slapped on, September 1st, 1941. In addition to our courts, we shall have ample room for the construction of two or three croquet courts for our wives and a couple of thirty foot horseshoe courts for the children. There will be lights for night sports, comfortable benches. Around the three sides of this plot of ground are Elm trees from 75 to 100 feet in height which furnish excellent shade during the day.

Our courts located in the various localities have created a great deal of interest in horseshoe pitching and will increase our club membership no end. You can readily understand how it will work out. In the long run we will more than get our money back in increased memberships from the money spent on the additional courts.

Each week we run two articles on the front pages of two of our leading newspapers in Bangor and Ellsworth on horseshoes in general and the "Ted" Allen Horseshoe Club in particular. Most everyone, within a radius of 50

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## GROCERS TOSS SHOES AT DEL MONTE

More than 300 retail grocers attending the 42nd annual convention of the California Retail Grocers and Merchants Association at Del Monte signed up for the horseshoe tournament, according to Bert Van Cleve, publicity director of the association.

The horseshoe and gold tournaments are two of the major events of the convention. Herm Guehring, of the Langendorf United Bakeries, San Francisco was chairman of the Horseshoe Tournament Committee.

Winners were:

### Men's Horseshoe Tournament

Champion, N. W. Miller; Runner-up, Frank Lacey; 2nd Runner-up, Ross H. Kerns; 4th Prize, J. R. Rule; 5th Prize, Roy Wyatt; 6th Prize, L. S. Young; 7th Prize, J. W. Kyte; 8th Prize, W. L. Stuttaford; 9th Prize, Chas. Clotere; 10th Prize, Geo. Grantham; 11th Prize, J. A. MacDonald; 12th Prize, R. L. Richards; 13th Prize, W. L. Bury; 14th Prize, Dom Cirincione; 15th Prize, B. W. Robinson; 16th Prize, J. A. Anderson; 17th Prize; M. L. Mery; 18th Prize, Ted Eggers; 19th Prize, Jim Helwick; 20th Prize, John Icardi; 21st Prize, Al Langendorf; 22nd Prize, V. E. Mitchell; 23rd Prize, Fred Goodyear; 24th Prize, Geo. Cavalli; 25th Prize, G. Austin; 26th Prize, B. H. Heflin; 27th Prize, Gene Weaver; 28th Prize, Roy Heinz; 29th Prize, Jim Couch; 30th Prize, Wm. Berk; 31st Prize, Ed Moyles; 32nd Prize, E. F. Rice.

### Women's Horseshoe Tournament

Champion, Mrs. Lily Papulias; Runner-up, Mrs. Lester Hill; 2nd Runner-up, Mrs. Jim Costello; 4th Prize, Mrs. Carl Berger; 5th Prize, Mrs. L. H. Merrill; 6th Prize, Mrs. Frank Russo; 7th Prize, Mrs. S. M. White; 8th Prize Mrs. M. L. Mery; 9th Prize, Mrs. L. O. Moore; 10th Prize, Mrs. P. E. Roberts, 11th Prize, Mrs. Thos. St. Hill; 12th Prize, Mrs. J. H. Mason; 13th Prize, Mrs. O. Danziger; 14th Prize, Mrs. A. Langendorf; 15th Prize, Mrs. R. H. Kerns; 16th Prize, Mrs. A. Austin; 17th Prize, Mrs. Jack Traverso; 18th Prize, Mrs. J. Couch; 19th Prize, Mrs. Jim Carothers; 20th Prize, Mrs. H. J. Binder; 21st Prize, Mrs. Chas. Schuster; 22nd Prize, Mrs. W. D. Hadeler; 23rd Prize, Mrs. Sam Alexander; 24th Prize, Mrs. L. Blumenfeld; 25th Prize, Mrs. Bert Van Cleve.

### ATTENTION BUFFALO!

The Gloversville Horseshoe Team wishes to get in touch with the Buffalo Horseshoe Team, N. Y. of which Charles Stauffer, Erie County champion, is a member. We wish a game with them on Memorial Day, May 30th, as we are contemplating a game with Rochester, N. Y. May 31st, a nearby city. Due to the distance of about 240 miles from Gloversville to these cities, we wish to play both teams in one trip. Will the business managers of these two teams write to Richard Stack, 70 Washington Street, Gloversville, N. Y. with confirmation of these dates if satisfactory to them? These are the two toughest teams on our 1942 schedule of some 80 to 100 matches played annually.

Sincerely,

LLOYD LEWIS O'REE,  
Sec., Gloversville 'shoe Team.

### HAVE NEW BABY

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Rose, of Detroit, have a new daughter, Diane Helene. They have two sons, Lee and Bob. The proud papa formerly was secretary of the National.

### JOIN YOUR STATE AND NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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miles, is horseshoe conscious and talk horseshoes, it seems, the lion's share of the time during the summer.

I had no idea of going into such great detail regarding our club but you understand how it is, you receive so many letters from pitchers.

One quite important thing before closing, all of our members belong to The N.H.P. Ass'n. I'm in hopes we can continue to maintain 100% membership in this association with the increased cost of \$1.00.

With kindest regards and a hope that 1942 will show increased enthusiasm in this Ancient, Honorable and Highly Scientific Sport, I am

Sincerely yours,  
JAMES G. McCUE

JGM/bhs

Santa Cruz, Calif.,  
Fe. 24, 1942.

R. B. Howard,

Dear Mr. Howard:

Just received my Horseshoe World and have read Mr. Dahlene's letter, which I firmly object to. Of course I have not sent in my dollar, but in-

tended to the first of month but now I will wait awhile.

I understand Mr. Dahlene's patriotic feeling but I think we should keep the fund for the purpose it was sent for. There are plenty of other ways to help the Red Cross. We have here in Santa Cruz raised more than our quota and had to dig it out of our pockets as we have very few industries here as this is more a pleasure resort. Of course we are the home of the greatest artichoke area in U. S.

Personally I think the fund should be used for the purpose it was raised for. We here in Santa Cruz are working on a "State" Horseshoe Tournament for June 12, 13 and 14. Will write you more fully later. Will enclose one of our circulars. We are making great plans for this Tourney and in our plans we are planning to remember the Horseshoe World, which is some great paper. I enjoy it very much.

Am trying to get some games this summer with the boys at Fort Old and Camp Roberts a few miles from here. Two of our members are there now.

J. M. (JIM) HENDERSON,  
94 A Barson st., Sec. Santa Cruz Horseshoe club.

### CONGRATULATIONS!

Chester L. Hefner, of Washington, Ill. writes that members of his horseshoe club have been "busy at the shop" and that time for horseshoe pitching may be cut down this year.

Washington had eight teams, with eight men on each team, last summer and the winning team of which Mr. Hefner was a member, received gold watches for each member with the name "Caterpillar Horseshoe Club" engraved on each.

### VERMONT OFFICERS

Officers of the Vermont Horseshoe association are: Frank Baker, president; B. Parkhurst, vice president and Frank Butler, 1941 champion, secretary-treasurer. Butler's address is 307 North Street, Bennington, Vt.

### COVER PAGE

The cover page drawing of Ted Allen is by Lloyd Lewis O'Ree of Gloversville, N. Y.

### NEWS IS SCARCE

If you fail to send in scores and news of your activities we have to combine issues as we did this month!

### NEED LETTERHEADS?

Many horseshoe clubs are holding their election of officers now. They will need new letterheads and possibly new envelopes and membership cards. Just remember The Horseshoe World can furnish them.

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