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WE START the New Year with plenty of good horseshoe news . . . thus we prove that the game has become an all-year activity and that winter may tame some tossers, but not many, thanks to the indoor courts,, sunny Florida and California . . . then the smart boys in the North use these wintry days to prepare for the balmier ones next Spring . . . which all makes news . . . more articles by Bob Brown, former New York champ, and Ted Allen, national champ, should prove interesting to our readers . . . oh, boy, how this name-changing business has kicked up an interest . . . the letters saying "yes" and saying "no" are flying in . . . it will give the next National Association convention something to work on as the name can only be changed by a vote of official delegates, you know.

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DON'T WAIT UNTIL SUMMER

Horseshoe pitchers who want their county and state fairs to stage horseshoe tournaments next summer should see their fair boards NOW. Too many times we wait until pitching weather reminds us and then it is too late as the fair's appropriations are all made up.

Tournaments at fairs and expositions do much to boost the game. Get started on this constructive piece of horseshoe activity at once!



OUR READERS COME FIRST

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NO!

Says W. L. Mann

Shall We Change The Name

YES! Says Alvin Dahlene

DEPEND upon D. O. Chess, efficient secretary of the Buckeye State Horseshoe Pitchers Association to "start something." D. O. is always starting something—and he usually helps the horseshoe game.

His request, printed in the December issue of the Horseshoe World, that pitchers consider a change in the name of the sport brought an avalanche of letters to the desk of the editor. Letters of all varieties. Earnest letters. Helpful letters.

The editor hasn't had a chance to read them all but he is convinced that the horseshoe pitchers read Mr. Chess' suggestion—and how!

Up to the time this is written the pitchers who are like Ed. Wynn and want to stick to their horse seem to be slightly in the majority. They say that horseshoe pitching is good enough for them—that it isn't the name that's wrong with the game, but the pitchers themselves—that they don't sufficiently support their game.

But let's let two typical letters give both sides of the argument. Here's one voting "no" by W. L. Mann, of Athol, Mass., and here's

Mann, of Athol, Mass., and here's another from Alvin Dahlene, Kansas tosser, voting "yes."

Athol, Mass., Jan. 9, 1935 To the Editor of the

Horseshoe World.

Dear Editor:

By no means change the name of the paper or the horseshoe game, as we have come to know it as such and love it too. It started as a horseshoe game generations and ages ago with genuine horseshoes off the feet of that much loved friend and animal, the horse, and we have worked and played to make it the popular healthful and scientific game it is today. The younger generation is taking to it like ducks to water and are they making good? I'll say they are, catching right on to where we older ones are leaving off, and going right on to higher levels.

Only a few years ago a 50 per cent man was scarce and hard to find, now there are plenty of 60 to 85 per centers with young boys pitching in the 70 and 80 class, and it is something to be proud of and no man should blush to be called an expert when he can pitch that good.

I would no more think of changing the good name of horseshoe pitching than I would of calling "Lawn Tennis" "Raquet" or Baseball fowls or bunt, or football, punts. Our game, known as horseshoe pitching, is well and favorably known all over these United States and in Canada, and other countries, and should the name be changed it would still be known to our present generation as "Horseshoe Pitching."

My only regret is that I did not get into this splendid game years before I did, that was about 10 years ago, and I am now 65 and young enough to toss 'em.

I want to say a few words here in praise of my friend Bernard Herfurth, of Northampton, Mass., our present New England champion. He is a fine young man, throws a beautiful three-quarter turn and he is liable to pitch 75 or 80 per cent ringers at any time. Just watch him.

Truly yours,

WALTER L. MANN,

R. D. 3, Athol, Mass.

Lawrence, Kans., Jan. 3, 1935 Mr. R. B. Howard, Editor,

Horseshoe World.

Dear Sir:

I see by the Horseshoe World that there is a movement afoot to change the name of the horseshoe sport. I am wholeheartedly in favor of the adoption of a new name for our sport, which certainly needs some tonic to make it more attractive to the public.

Whenever the name, horseshoe, is mentioned, the average reader of the sport page pictures in his mind thus-a few old men as old as Rip Van Winkle, out behind the barn, tossing haphazardly at a peg, either wood or iron, anywhere from 30 to 45 feet away. The public does not know, as it should, the game of horseshoes as it is played .today Now we pitchers have fine concrete slabs to stand on, clay to throw in, pegs of soft iron, placed at an exact distance of 40 feet. We throw ringers anywhere from 50 to 80 and 90 per cent. Horseshoes has truly become a ringer game; the close shoe no longer has a chance.

The name "The Ringer Game" is certainly one befitting of such a sport because ringers certainly predominate now.

The old game of horseshoes where anything counted a point is obsolete as is the horse and buggy. Let's be modern and christen the game the "Ringer Game."

When I attended the National in 1933, I talked to people who were actually dumbfounded when such pitchers as Allen, Nunamaker, Risk, Lecky, Isais and Davis rung the peg with such mechanical accuracy.

Come on, you pitchers all over the country, let's get together in 1935 and make history.

Sincerely,

ALVIN DAHLENE, Lawrence, Kansas

TAKE UP VOLLEY BALL

Not having an indoor court the members of the Clambake Hill Horseshoe club have taken up volley ball during the winter months to keep in exercise, according to Ralph Maxwell, of Swampscott, Mass., a member of the club.

Ralph Daniels, another member of the club, has gone to Florida for the winter.

HOLD MATCH GAME

A recent match between John Elkins, of Stella, Mo., and Sidney Plott, of Anderson, Mo., resulted as follows: P R DR SP Pct. 56 .643 .679 .597 Plott50 47 16 72 .650 12 50 .660 6 50 .440 .675 .662 .661 .774 Totals-.641

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA TOSSERS



Here are shown pitchers and officials in the Western Pennsylvania tournament conducted by W. E. Santoro, of the New Jersey Association, and his livewire New Jersey outfit.

TRI-STATE T	OURN	AMENT	7		
Minnesota-N. Dakota-S. Dakota	W	L	Р	R	DR
Otto Loseth, Havana, N. D	6	1	334	195	44
G. Sanders, Moorhead, Minn	4	3	292	165	41
N. O. Hammer, Minot, N. D.	4	3	271	154	24
A. Engebretson, Fargo, N. D	4	3	300	176	40
P. J. Olson, Kidder, S. D.	3	4	308	167	33
H. Bomstad, Minot, N. D.	3	4	276	174 -	30
L. C. Hoffa, Havana, N. D	3	4	272	154	30
E. Letness, Fargo, N. D	1	6	185	121	19
N. DAKOTA STATE TOURNEY	W	L	Р	R	DR
Otto Loseth, Havana	10	1	544	316	73
Hans Loseth, Fargo	9	2	527	316	55
L. C. Hoffa, Havana	8	3	480	278	53
Gus Engebretson, Fargo	7	4	521	268	50
A. Albin, Berthold	7	4	447	265	47
Art Engelbretson, Fargo	5	6	473	259	54
H. Bomstadt, Minot	5	6	407	244	38
N. O. Hammer, Minot	4	7	485	307	54
D. B. Allen, Walcott	4	7	373	205	32
L. Moe, Christine	3	8	421	231	41
H. Miller, Fargo	3	8	338	206	32
O. Anstad, Fargo	0	11	238	128	18

Both tourneys were held in Fargo on the Oak Grove park courts. Ernold Roland was the defending state

HOT BATTLE LOOMS IN 1935 STAR TOURNEY

With no cause for stage fright, Raymond L. Frye, of Orkney Springs, Va., tossed 95 ringers out of 100 pitches, and this is a fact of big moment as horseshoe pitchers of the Washington metropolitan area look to 1935.

Heralded as the cleverest ringer

champion. He did not compete. In the Tri-State tournament, P. J. Olson was the defending champion.

thrower of the section, "Deadpan" Frye was a hot favorite to win the Star tournament of 1934 and dethrone Clayton Henson of Arlington, Va., who for two years straight had won the metropolitan title.

"Deadpan," after winning the Virginia state championship with little effort, won his way into the metropolitan final, where he met young Henson.

Crowd Scares Him

A crowd the size of which startled "Deadpan" Frye turned up, and the frozen-faced citizen of Orkney Springs tightened up all over. He was beaten decisively by the competition-hardened Henson.

Shortly afterward, in an informal match, Frye defeated Henson so thoroughly it wasn't a contest. Then he showed how horseshoes really should be thrown by circling the peg 95 times in a hundred tries.

"That," said Henson, "is the greatest performance in this game I ever have seen, and one I don't expect to see again. You can write up Frye now as the next metropolitan champion."

But Henson next summer will be in there trying just as he has put forth his best on all occasions, with uniform success. And despite "Deadpan" Frye's sensational scoring outside The Star tournament, Clayton "Boo" Henson, if you listen to the growing legion of horseshoe fans, will "take" him again.

This far away, the scrap between Henson and Frye for the championship of The Star tournament looms as one of the hottest affairs in the entire world of ringer-tossing.

Fleshman Carries On

For the second straight season Levi Fleshman, of Decatur Heights won the Maryland championship, and Harry Saunders, former metropolitan winner, repeated in Washington. After a year's reign in Virginia, George C. Thompson of Falls Church, fell before Frye.

The 1934 tournament was the sixth sponsored by The Star and the most popular. The finals attracted one of the largest gatherings ever to witness a horseshoe contest and acceding to the wishes of the sport's following, the Municipal Playground Department, which rendered invaluable aid in staging the tournament, will erect a horseshoe stadium for the 1935 finals.—Washington, D. C. Star.

HAS TOURNAMENT PLAN

L. E. Tanner, first vice president of the National Horseshoe Pitchers' association, has developed a plan that may simplify the financing of national horseshoe tournaments and assure two each year.

Moline, Ill., Cleveland, O., and Springfield, Ohio, are mentioned as possible contenders for the 1935 summer meet. Page Four

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BULLETIN No. 5

There will be no Gentlemen: change in method of handling charters over last year, that is, Ten Dollars for league charters, plus Two Dollars for each club comprising that league. Our state charter has been ordered, and charters for all clubs will be issued promptly on receipt from the leagues the amount necessary by your secretary. Remit and let's get started early. Eight or ten clubs make an ideal league both from the standpoint of playing schedule, and economical by pro-rating the entire expense of charters among all the clubs cuts the cost to three dollars or a little more per club. Leagues with less than this number last year should canvas their territory with a view of building their league up to that number this year. We should also increase our family of leagues this year and you will be doing a valuable service for your sport by sending us the names and addresses of any one who might be interested in forming a new league, that we may invite them to our meetings and put their names on our mailing list.

Among other things, there are three very important things which we feel should receive our especial attention at meetings and are given here that you may all think them over, as you will be the jury:

1st. Something must be done about the name of our sport to give it dignity. Of course, our personal sympathy naturally reacts against a change almost to a man, but, gentlemen, we cannot afford to let our sympathy take precedence over our better judgment. The thing that will popularize most, draw more folk of means and influence, and set our sport in the proper light with the newspapers, justifies our first consideration. Amplifying further (see bulletin No. 4), the horse has been replaced by the motor car, while the sport with its recognized skill and usefulness in the healthful development of the mind and body of men and women of all ages, has moved from the farm into the city, bring-

ing its original name and (through no fault of the national officials), a reputation of eventful past mis-managments with it and is being made a laughing stock by the elite city folk generally for this seemingly very just reason. You are all more or less aware of this fact which is especially observed and corroborated by the champions and fancy and trick pitcher's in their travels throughout the entire country. Let's lay aside our personal sympathy for once and get out of this imaginary "barnyard among the animals," etc., and bring it out in the open, giving it the dignity it deserves and make it a sport we will have no cause of feeling ashamed of. In making this change we would lose our identity in name only as other sports have done with success under like circumstances. If you do not like "Ringer" instead of "horseshoe," name your choice. Everybody do join us by sending a post card to Mr. R. B. Howard, in care of The Horseshoe World, London, Ohio, with your suggestions, and pass the word along to others.

2nd. Our magazine. Mr. Howard has played a losing game in giving it to us for years, and every effort given to increase the circulation, even at half-rate in clubs of 10, with little success. It is an imposition on Mr. Howard, and is not right. We can help by either being "everyone a booster," or possibly have it included in club memberships. At the halfrate the expense is less than five cents per month per member and can hardly be considered a hardship when its valuable interesting reading is considered.

3rd. The National association is not functioning as it should for lack of funds under the present set-up. Possibly something can be done in the way of a per capita of club members to help it function. There are many ways in which to raise funds with a little ingenuity besides that derived from the membership dues, and there is promotive talent in each club if it is developed.

With further reference to our forthcoming meetings which are to be

centrally located and arranged sufficiently in advance to permit all the league representatives and Mr. R. B. Howard, secretary-treasurer of the National association, to attend, it is hoped by the time the January issue of The Horseshoe World is out we will have received a list (pencil sketch(of all league and club officers as requested in our circular No. 1.

Thanks to everybody interested in the sport everywhere for the post card relative to changing the name of our sport. This is indeed gratifying and appreciated by the officers from the National association all down the line as it indicates a positive sign of progressiveness coming from the players. Pass the word on to others and urge them to make it 100 per cent.

In our next bulletin we shall discuss at some length phases in the organization of new clubs, budgets, etc., carrying out our thought of being of utmost helpfulness to them and others having difficulty in these matters.

Sincerely

D. O. CHESS, Sec.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM

May I be permitted a little space in your magazine for some good natured criticism on the box scores sent to the Horseshoe World on tournament and match games by some of the scribes. Why is it so many of them fail to give the number of shoes pitched or the ringer percentages with the other figures submitted. For instance games, points, ringers and double ringers does not mean a thing to the reader without the number of shoes pitched or the percentage for without one or the other the reader has no way of knowing whether the pitching was good or otherwise. If a baseball box score only gave the number of hits a player made in a game without the times at bat, one would not know if

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the player hit 200 or 1000. The same applies in horseshoes as to ringers and shoes pitched in a game.

Bob and Pete may each pitch 50 or 75 ringers in a game which would look like swell pitching in print, without the number of shoes pitched to go with it, but in pitching those ringers they each probably tossed 150 shoes which would not be such a high average in horseshoes.

If individual scoring is done in tournament or match play it is just as easy for the scorer to score the shoes pitched as to jot down the number of ringers. Personally I like to have a scorer in all my games and to have my shoes pitched scored with my points and ringers in order to get my average. That alone tells me if I am gaining or dropping off in my game. Let me suggest this order of abbreviations in sending in reports on games: W for won; L for lost: P. points: TR, total ringers: DR, double ringers, SP, shoes pitched, and Pct. percentage; and last but not least, why do we not get a little more Illinois horseshoe dope in the Horseshoe World. True we enjoy reading about the players in the eastern states and California, but we would also like to hear a little about the activities in our own state. Get busy you Illinois subscribers. Write in about your horseshoe doings, and let the readers know what is going on in this good old state of ours.

Sincerely

DAVE SWANSON. 2020 14th St.

NEW MIAMI CLUB GETS UNDER WAY

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The new Miami Horseshoe club at Miami, Florida, gave its first public entertainment at Lummus Park, Saturday afternoon, December 29th, at 2:30 to approximately 250 people.

In opening the entertainment, Jerry Donovan, recreation director, said this was the first time in three years that Miami had a real progressive horseshoe organization.

After pledging the co-operation of the Miami Recreation commission for the progress and advancement of the horseshoe sport, Mr. Donovan commissioned the officials of the Miami Horseshoe club to take charge of the horseshoe courts and conduct them as their good judgment may dictate.

The recreation director then intro-

duced Dr. Alan Pottle, of Dayton, the club president, as master of ceremonies, who introduced Dr. Allen Harris, of Denver, as vice president; also W. W. Rutledge of Waterloo, Iowa, and T. M. Hersperger as treasurer and secretary respectively.

Different, rare delivery of shoes, were shown by Earl Abel, of Utica, N. Y., with his left-handed corkscrew delivery, the only pitcher using this method. Scott Smith, of Atlanta pitched a high, loop shoe; T. M. Hersperger, of Grove City, Pa., pitched a low, swift shoe and Lawson Seybold of the National Military Home, Dayton, pitched his famous Tumble Shoe.

Dr. Alfonso Ballergon, champion horseshoe pitcher of Canada, was then introduced to pitch a 50-point game against Blair Nunamaker, former world champion and present Ohio champion. Nunamaker won the match 50 to 6 points.

Val Porter, champion of New York state then lost a contest with Nunamaker, 50 to 4 points.

Ballergon and Porter formed a twoman team against Nunamaker singlehanded, the Ohio man lost this contest 50 to 38 points.

Intense interest was manifested in the trick pitching of Blair Nunamaker, who performed the tricks that are being shown on the screen thruout the country. These screen pictures of Blair's tricks were made in Miami. Blair has a record of 91 ringers in 100 shoes pitched.

The Miami club president stated that the executive board of the Miami Horseshoe club has set aside every Saturday afternoon from 2:30 to 4:30 o'clock as "Community Service Hours" for everybody. Not only will this service include high-grade horseshoe pitching, but short, profitable, health talks, as well as talks of community interest by prominent men.

Music, singing, hill-billie bands, tap dancing, hymn singing and other features are contemplated by the board for the entertainment of their families and friends.

Contests between club members are arranged for each day. Two contests at 10:30 a. m. and two contests at 2:30 p. m.

The entertainment are arranged by the club officials, without cost to the members or their friends. Visiting horseshoe pitchers are invited to the Lummus Park courts.

Frank Jackson, Iowa, the grand old man of horseshoes, dropped in on the boys at Miami, pitched a few games, then joined his son Carroll on an exhibition tour of the state. Everybody has a good word for Frank; he is well liked.

Blair Nunamaker is pitching a wonderful game here in Miami. Saturday, December 29th, he pitched a 50point game with Alfonso Ballergon, Canadian champion. Alfonso made just six points to Blair's 50 points.

Val Porter, Western New York champion, pitched four points while Blair Nunamaker made 50 points.

John Gordon, Los Angeles, of the Gordon Horseshoe company, visited Miami club at the Lummus park courts, during the holiday week. John wears a broad smile, looks well and pitches 'good horseshoes.

Mrs. Carroll Jackson, pitching from the 30-foot line, has a record of .678 ringers. She visited Miami with Carroll during the holidays.

Many states are represented in the new Miami Horseshoe club, among them are Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Connecticut and Florida.

At a recent match at the Miami club a lady exclaimed: "Good, he threw two "straddlers," one on top of the other."

D. C. FOWLER DIES

The Horseshoe World is in receipt of a letter from Mrs. Lawrence Carter, telling of the death, December 21, of David C. Fowler, of Mt. Comfort, Ind. Mr. Fowler was an ardent horseshoe fan and was among the interested spectators at the 1933 world tournament at the World's Fair. He was one of the early subscribers of The Horseshoe World and was a personal friend of the editor who greatly enjoyed discussing the game with him.

He would have been 72 years of age in January had not the Great Scorer called him.

PAT MUZE OUR ADVERTISERS AND MUTUON THIS MAGAZINE.

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TO HOLD LEISURE SHOW

More than 150 devotees of gardening, athletics, photography, radio, indoor and outdoor games, mechanical and domestic handicrafts and every form of collecting were guests of the Leisure League at a luncheon at the National Arts club, New York, on January 9th. The purpose of the luncheon was the announcement of a national hobby round-up to be held May 1-11 at the Port Authority Building, New York, at which every form of leisure time activity will be dramatized in a series of exhibits.

The meeting was presided over by Sigmund Spaeth, musical editor, and writer. Plans for the holding of the national hobby show were outlined by James S. Stanley, president of the league. Other speakers included Ida M. Tarbell, well-known author; Julian Proskauer, vice president of the American Society of Musicians.

The exposition, Mr. Stanley pointed out, will definitely serve as a place of review for outstanding hobby accomplishments from all over the

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country, and will include sources relating to uses of leisure time involving all of the four primary recreational functions; those of doing things, of making things, of acquiring things, and of learning things. The league, Mr. Stanley indicated, has uncovered some 700 different hobbies, nearly all of which will be exhibited in some form.

Mr. Stanley announced the following advisory group of organizations and institutions who will aid in the setting up of the hobby roundup; The Agassiz Association; Amateur Athletic Union of the U. S.; American Academy of Teachers of Singing; American Folk-Lore Society; American Library Association; American Radio Relay League; American Schools of Oriental Research; American Physical Education Association; Boys' Clubs of America, Inc.; Camera Club of New York; Camp Fire Girls, Inc.; Federated Council on Art Education; Folk Festival Council of N. Y.; Girls' Friendly Society of the U. S. A.; International Dante Society;

Museum of Modern Arts; National Association of Audubon Societies; National Committee on Education by Radio; National Municipal League; National Park Service, U. S. Dept. of the Interior; National Rifle Assn. of America; Radio Garden Club; Recreation Dept., Russell Sage Foundation; Society of International Arts and Letters; Women's Educational and Industrial Union.

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Clayton C. Henson won the Metropolitan (Virginia, Maryland and District of Columbia) championship. Leigh Duncker won South Dakota Championship
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