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While the irons are clanking in indoor courts, mail is starting to come in telling of pitching in Florida, California and other sunny climes during the winter months . . . it won't be long until the "early birds" will be brushing off the ice to do an outdoor game in the North, also . . . and there's a lot of interest in the next national tournament . . . there are some people at work on this now and reports will be released as soon as the *Horseshoe World* can give any information . . . an attempt to hold a winter meet in Florida seems to have been sidetracked . . . the Florida cities don't have the same zest for horseshoes that originally existed . . . two or three have written us they were going to California this winter as they felt there was more interest in promoting the game there . . . yet D. D. Cottrell writes there are many pitchers in the city where he stops annually . . . we hope 1937 is a good year for all our readers!

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THE 1937 SEASON

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It is not a bit too early to plan for the 1937 pitching season. The National Horseshoe Pitchers Association office is preparing for the new certificates that will be issued next summer and for new membership cards for the 1937-38 season.

The membership drive just completed (we think all states have wound up their drive) could be improved upon, in spite of the loyal effort put forth by most states organized. We have something to guide us this year and it is our hope that more states will enter into membership affiliation in 1937.

There shouldn't be an unorganized state in the Union. There are horseshoe pitchers in all states—why not get together in a state organization affiliated with the National?

OUR READERS COME FIRST

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TOSSING 'EM ON AT FT. LAUDERDALE



Fort Lauderdale, Fla.—Horseshoe pitching is one of the favorite sports at this resort. Here we find members of the Ft. Lauderdale Club. Left to right, they are: A. R. Good, H. Williams, G. B. Strayer, C. E. Williams, J. M. Mears, A. G. Waltz, F. E. Layton. Photo by City of Fort Lauderdale News Bureau.

Indoor Courts at Springfield, Mass.

Three indoor clay courts have been built at the Springfield, Mass., Y. M. C. A., and league matches are played one evening each week. This is the third winter that these courts have been used, but clay was installed this winter for the first time. Most of the players have improved their averages by about 5% pitching in the clay.

Each Sunday a handicap tournament is held and they have met with great success. Each player receives a handicap of 1½ times the difference between his ringer percentage and that of his opponent, for instance if one player's percentage is 25% and his opponent's is 45%, the first player

receives a handicap of thirty points. All games consist of 25 innings and most of them are quite close regardless of the class of the opponents. All the players receive a number and then the numbers are put in a hat. The players holding the first two numbers drawn play each other and so on, the loser of each game dropping out until there is only one left. The reason for playing only 25 innings in each game is to make it easy to ascertain the ringer percentage by multiplying the number of ringers made in each game by two to get the average.

The individual standings of the players in the first half of the league schedule, which has just finished are given below. In the second half the league will be increased from four to six teams.

Name	W	L	SP	R	DR	Pct.
T. Laurino	30	2	1600	989	311	61.8
G. Brinkman	21	11	1600	764	177	47.7
L. La Voice	18	14	1600	716	165	44.7
M. Mahan	14	12	1300	544	112	41.8
A. Cormier	16	16	1600	755	188	47.2
C. Carabine	8	24	1600	654	131	40.8
A. Bjorkland	6	18	1200	423	74	35.2
G. Allyn	4	16	1000	291	48	29.1
Substitutes—						
Z. Frechette	2	2	200	91	25	45.5
L. Phillips	6	2	400	173	37	43.2
L. Schweigman	3	5	400	148	24	37.0
R. Forsstrom	0	6	300	93	20	31.0

Best ringer percentage in one game 78%. Most consecutive double ringers in one game 8. Best percentage

for one match of four games, 68%. All of the records are held by Tom Laurino.

TO DO STUNT PITCHING

H. L. Perkins and Doris Perkins, Springfield, Mass., are planning to do stunt exhibition pitching this year again. They are very good exhibition pitchers and should have fine success in the undertaking.

CLIFF ESBERG

Born 1877; Died January 7, 1937

Horseshoe players of the Pacific Coast and especially of the Northwest, will feel keenly the passing of Cliff Esberg. Cliff was a real horseshoe fan. He gave freely of his time, money, and talent. His friends were legion; win or lose, Cliff was always the same. He was never known to lose his temper over a game, a true peacemaker. Quiet and unassuming, he went about the work at hand.

Cliff Esberg was the organizer of the famous Jantzen Beach Six-Man Horseshoe Team. He was the man behind, in having the state of Oregon install fourteen playing courts at the Oregon State Fair Grounds, also the sixteen Lotus Isle Courts, which were by far the best courts in the Northwest, the sixteen Jantzen Beach courts six Clear Creek Park courts, six Roamers Rest Courts and one hundred thirty City of Portland Park courts.

Cliff always looked into the future and built for a bigger and better horseshoe pitchers organization, undaunted by discouragements and setbacks.

Two of his cherished dreams were the Pacific Coast Horseshoe Pitchers Association, which at one time looked possible, and the Western States Horseshoe Pitchers Journal, which died after three years of publication because of the depression.

He was the originator of the Esberg Players Slip used in tournament play. With this slip, the player found it unnecessary to ask questions of the judges as to whom he was to play next, or on what court. His slip gave the whole story; it also told him the number of games won and lost, with the score of each. This was a real contribution of tournament horseshoe play.

Cliff Esberg was a player of the first rank, and when you beat him you had to put on plenty of ringers. He always qualified for tournament play, but never played; he could not stand the grind because of an injury to his legs.

He contributed freely of his art, also, as an outdoor advertising painter, being very skillful with brush and chalk.

Cliff never won any medals or cups, but he won something far greater—the friendship and respect of every horseshoe player in the Northwest.

Club Dinner Is Enjoyed By Many

The Recreation Horseshoe Club, of White Plains, N. Y., which has been responsible for several innovations in the two seasons of its existence, came up with another novel feature at its second annual dinner held at Old Heidelberg, when the "after dinner" speeches were put on before the dinner was served. It was the most novel treatment of a similar affair put on here in years.

All told there were 15 speakers and the entire speaking program was completed in less than 30 minutes. With Louis Ziegler, president of the Woodlawn Horseshoe Club, acting as toastmaster, short addresses were made by Ralph Vano, president of the club; Walter V. Hogan, chairman of the Recreation Park Commission; Frank T. Hanlon, director of athletics for the Recreation Park Commission; William E. Mattison, superintendent of Recreation Park; Vito Fellicia, New York State champion, Miss Doris E. Russell, of the Port Chester Recreation Commission; Lester Lane, secretary of the Connecticut Horseshoe Pitching Association; B. E. Struss, local jeweler; Andy Seaman, of Mount Kisco, president of the Tri-County League; William Potter, of Port Chester; Michael Driscoll, of Harrison, the county Class C champion; C. B. Mabee, the sports editor of The Daily Reporter; Joseph Hammer, runner-up for the Class B championship, and Oliver Louis, of this city, former club president.

Several prizes won by the local and Port Chester clubs were on display last evening and the announcement was made that S. C. Lane and Irving Woods, both of Stamford, had won the ringer prize and most games won prize respectively in the Tri-County League. B. E. Struss also presented a wrist watch to Billy Hamann, the local champion who holds the Eastern States championship as well.

Bruno C. Hamman, executive secretary of the local club, outlined some of the accomplishments of the club during the past year. He said, "The co-operation that has been given me as director of activities in this club is responsible for the success we have enjoyed during the past year. This is especially true of the members who have faithfully practiced and improved their games to such an extent that they were the only club able to defeat the strong Hudson Valley champions, the Brook-sides of Peekskill. This is also true of the members of our club in the

"B" division of the Tri-County League.

"As a club we are proud of the members who were successful in open competition. William Haman, winner of the Eastern States open tournament and the Westchester county singles who teamed with Charles Young to win the county doubles title and who took second place in the Shelton open tournament, Charles Secord, who won second place in the county tournament, and Joseph Hammer who took second place in the "B" division of the county event. This we consider a good showing in view of the fact that our club is just one year old.

"Our plans for the winter season include a singles tournament open only to residents of this city. Also a league for two-man teams for residents of this city. For our members who have become so proficient that they must look beyond White Plains for competition we are forming a league that will take in the cities and towns near White Plains. This league will comprise teams made up of three men.

"In order that the spectators who are becoming horseshoe-minded may be kept informed of the progress of the matches and tournaments which they come to watch both this winter and next summer we expect to erect scoreboards large enough so that they can be seen from the seats. We feel that if they can follow the scores as the games progress they will have a new interest in the sport."

Among those present were Louis Zeigler, president of the Woodlawn Horseshoe Club; Walter V. Hogan, chairman, Recreation Park Commission; Frank T. Hanlon, director of athletics; William Mattison superintendent of Recreation Park; Miss Doris E. Russell, director of athletics, Port Chester Recreation Commission; Vito Fillecia, New York State horseshoe champion; C. B. Mabee, sports editor, Daily Reporter; Ralph Vano, president Recreation Horseshoe Club; Bruno C. Hamman, executive secretary, Recreation Horseshoe Club, this city; B. E. Struss.

Members of Recreation Horseshoe Club and guests: E. H. Crockett, vice president; Joseph F. Ryan, recording secretary; Robert Crozier, Dominick Guarino, Peter Baker, Cosmos Waslipisky, Jules Kruger, Charles Hallick, F. Bambace, A. Motts, O. Louis Miss E. Hamann, Charles Young, Frank Horax, R. Louis, Peter Reilly, W. Lowry, W. H. Johnson, W. Hamman, S. D'Agostino, D. Galasso, Mathewson, J. Tombolia, K. Martin, F. Lewis, J. Cullo, Miss Ann Moore, Miss Tessie Splinder, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Russo, Mr. and Mrs. Frank

Troxel, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hammer Mr. and Mrs. B. Gilroy, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Divine, Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Weiland, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Wirth, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Vano, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Hamman, Mrs. Sam Itschner, Mrs. Tim O'Brien, Mrs. Joseph Papsey.

Members of the Port Chester Horseshoe club and guests: Mr. and Mrs. W. Popp, W. Darmochwal, Philip Monohan, J. Cumming, W. Hurta, E. Schmidt, J. Bliska, J. Wood.

Members of the Harrison Horseshoe Club and guests: Edgar Beeacker, J. Schmidt, C. Brunner, Mike Driscoll, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Seaman of Mount Kisco; Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Lane, Mr. and Mrs. A. Helwig, Mr. and Mrs. T. Gray, F. Wagner, R. Cauxx, J. Bloomquist, Miss Ruth King, Miss Marge Suitavitz, Miss Mary France, all of Stamford.

GET TROPHY

Monroeville, O.—The Monroeville Horseshoe club is holder of the North Ohio Horseshoe League trophy cup, following the presentation made at the annual banquet held in Fremont, Monroeville, under Manager Nelson V. Lonz, won the league championship this year, and is to keep the trophy for one year.

The cup was donated in 1932 by the Fremont Messenger and has been held by Green Springs in 1932, Tiffin in 1933, Fostoria in 1934, and 1935, and now Monroeville. The local club has been in the North Ohio League for two full seasons, finishing fourth last year under Manager Howard Street.

Only Fostoria, Fremont and Monroeville were represented at the banquet at which time Frank Hite of Fremont was presented th Sandusky-Seneca-county's trophy cup and Shanahan of the Fremont club was given the Sandusky county award. Tiffin, Green Springs, Republic and Bellevue were not represented.

BOOSTS GAME

Earl Strick, of the Erie Malleable Iron Co., Erie, Pa., has been boosting the game not only from the professional side but recently gave a talk on horseshoe pitching to a high school group.

Mr. Strick heartily approves the A. A. U. adoption of the amateur side of the game.

WANT GAMES

The Spring Lake Horseshoe club of Kingston, N. Y., would like to book some games for the coming season. Last year, they won 14 out of 16. Please write in care of John Bailey, 14 Derrenbacher street, Kingston, New York.

LARRY MAHONEY DEFENDS NEW JERSEY TITLE

Larry Mahoney, of Lincroft, N. J., 16-year-old New Jersey state horse-shoe pitching champion, successfully defended his title at the New Jersey State Fair. It was his third straight title in as many years. He gained permanent possession of the beautiful A. Crozier Reeves trophy. Showers throughout the day, coupled with cold weather and the wind made pitching very difficult, which accounted for the low ringer averages. It was necessary to stop the matches several times during the day.

Mahoney captured practically all honors for the day. He was undefeated, had the high ringer average with 56.2%, scored 450 points against his opponents' 203, and had the highest qualifying score of 121 points and 76 per cent ringers (highest 50-shoe pitch qualifies). Other high qualifiers were, Jos. Puglise 110, and 62 per cent; J. Steele, 100, and 56 per cent; Davis 99, and 52 per cent; O. Peters, 97, and 54 per cent.

Jos. Puglise nosed out John Rosselet, of Elizabeth for second place by ringer percentage after both had won 7 and lost 2. Puglise averaged 54.2 per cent, while Rosselet averaged 45.5 per cent. Puglise lost to Mahoney and MacNeil Rosselet lost to Mahoney and Puglise. Rosselet scored some brilliant victories and proved to be the dark horse of the tournament. He gave Mahoney the toughest game of the day and

scored 34 points before losing. He scored an upset when he defeated Peters in a nip and tuck battle after coming from behind. The score was 16 all, 28-29, 30 all, and then Peters got away to a 41-31 lead which quickly vanished when Rosselet pitched doubles to make it 42 all. At 48 all, Peters missed the stake and Rosselet ran out the game with a double. Rosselet averaged 45.2 per cent, Peters 41.7. Rosselet scored another upset when he defeated MacNeil 50-45, 46.2 per cent ringers, while MacNeil had 36.2 per cent. Hillman lost a heart-breaking game to MacNeil 50-49, when he missed the stake completely in the last two innings.

MacNeil 44.3 per cent, Hillman 42.8 per cent. Peters defeated Hillman 50-47, 45.2 and 41 per cent ringers. MacNeil defeated Peters 50-43, 42 and 34 per cent ringers. Lee Davis scored an upset when he defeated MacNeil 50-46, 47.1 and 44.5 per cent ringers. Jos. Puglise defeated Peters 50-40, 58.7 and 54.2 per cent ringers. Davis defeated Hillman 50-44, 38 and 32 per cent. Mahoney defeated Peters 50-34, 60 and 52 per cent ringers.

Jos. Puglise pitched the high single game of the day when he defeated DeYoung 50-8 and 81.2 per cent ringers. Lee Davis of Englewood, competing for the first time in Class A did surprisingly well in finishing seventh.

Nolan	49	23.0
Brown	50	46.0
Kelly	45	40.2
Kelly	50	43.0
Robertson	44	41.0
Pasternak	50	38.0
Kelly	47	37.0
J. Mahoney	50	33.0
Brown	44	34.0

Class B, Final Standing W L P		
F. Boyce, Old Bridge	9	0 450
M. Pasternak, Metuchen	7	2 404
A. Hillman, Paterson	7	2 406
D. Brown, Camden	5	4 355
S. Mirkovic, Elizabeth	4	5 365
H. Baxter, Camden	4	5 355
J. Mahoney, Lincroft	4	5 319
W. Kelly, Everett	3	6 389
M. Nolan, Hightstown	3	6 303
A. Robertson Jersey City	0	9 64

Kyle McMurry, of Camden, took the Class C title after a playoff for first place with Al Anderson, of Englewood. Both had won seven and lost one. Scores of the play-off:

McMurry	30	50 50 33.7
Anderson	50	25 25 26.5

McMurry had lost to Axworthy, 50-48, while Anderson lost to McMurry 50-32. Other interesting games: Hart defeated R. Santoro, 50-36; Santoro defeated Axworthy, 50-49; Anderson defeated Hart, 50-47; Anderson defeated Schmidt, 50-48; Axworthy defeated P. Cosine, 50-44; Anderson defeated Santoro, 50-45; McMurry defeated H. Cosine, 50-43.

Class A, Final Standing										
	W	L	P	OP	R	DR	SP	Pct.		
L. Mahoney, Lincroft	9	0	450	203	257	63	458	56.2		
J. Puglise, Paterson	7	2	398	218	247	68	456	54.2		
J. Rosselet, Elizabeth	7	2	399	269	221	42	486	45.5		
G. MacNeill, Absecon	6	3	408	354	251	60	566	44.4		
O. Peters, Jersey City	5	4	415	355	262	52	594	44.2		
G. DeYoung, Paterson	4	5	334	371	211	38	550	38.4		
L. Davis, Englewood	3	6	285	408	170	32	500	34.0		
E. Hillman, Paterson	2	7	324	393	240	56	546	44.0		
P. Puglise, Paterson	1	8	211	438	159	24	520	30.6		
J. Steele, Indian Lake	1	8	201	318	116	16	402	28.9		

Class C, Final Standing W L P		
K. McMurry, Camden	7	1 398
A. Anderson, Englewood	7	1 332
C. Hart, Jersey City	6	2 382
C. Axworthy, Bloomfield	4	4 336
P. Cosine, Haledon	4	4 332
R. Santoro, Perth Amboy	3	5 344
H. Ellis, Cranbury	3	5 304
H. Schmidt, Jersey City	1	7 303
H. Cosine, Haledon	1	7 300

These championships were sanctioned by the New Jersey State and National Association under the auspices of the New Jersey State Fair. Certificates of championship were awarded the winners.

Players were guests of the fair management at the evening stage and show revue, at which time prizes were awarded. W. E. Santoro was tournament director. The 29 entries represented 20 cities in all sections of the state. Sixteen-year-old Larry Mahoney was the youngest player, while the veteran 71-year-old Martin Nolan was the oldest contestant. Claude Hart was the largest player (260 pounds in stocking feet), yet he easily bends over to scale the shoes barely four feet off the ground for ringers(?).

Frank Boyce of Old Bridge, former state champion, came out of retirement to easily win the Class B title. Harry Baxter, of Camden, was the only player to give him a battle. Boyce came from behind at 31-41 to win 50-42. Boyce 46 per cent and Baxter 40 per cent. Boyce averaged 47.3 per cent ringers for the day. He limited his opponents to 172 points while scoring 450. He also had the high single game in this class, 61.1 per cent against Pasternak.

Michael Pasternak, of Metuchen, just nosed out Art Hillman, of Paterson for second place, which was decided by three-tenths of one per

cent. He lost to Baxter and Boyce, while Hillman lost to Boyce and Pasternak. D. E. Brown, defending champion, was fourth. Some of the interesting games:

	P	Pct.
Hillman	50	40.0
Kelly	45	40.0
Baxter	50	31.0
Pasternak	45	34.0
Pasternak	50	31.0
Hillman	48	28.0
Mirkovic	50	34.0
Brown	46	31.0
Nolan	50	30.0
Mirkovic	46	32.0
J. Mahoney	50	29.0

Praises Allen

In a feature article in the Chicago Herald-Examiner, Wayne K. Otto has the following to say:

Mr. Ted Allen picked up a horseshoe and, sizing up his target, whipped the arched bit of iron 40 feet to hit a dime.

Allen, who holds more than 30 titles in horseshoe heaving competition, with the world's championship among them, grinned and said:

"Easy if you have the proper technique."

And it must be, judging from the manner in which the champ pleases his audience at the Chicago theater these days.

When Allen was told his act looked ridiculously easy and that anyone who ever threw a horseshoe knows different, the young man observed:

"Well, it's better'n driving a truck, after all."

Allen grabbed his world's title in 1933 at A Century of Progress, and has since twice defended it with success. He has been in the show business for four years and does such tricks as lighting matches, knocking cigars out of a man's mouth, ringing the peg with a toss through a man's legs, and other novel performances that tend to make the spectator view horseshoe throwing more as an art and not a sport. All told, Allen has about 30 tricks, and he'll tell you with no hesitation that he didn't learn them yesterday.

"I started to throw horseshoes with my dad and older brother when I was seven years old," Allen said. "I got to be pretty good and when I was 13 I commenced to compete in local and country tournaments."

Allen, who is 28 years old, was born in Kansas, raised in Colorado, and now resides at Alhambra, Calif.

Perhaps the most amazing thing about Allen's artistry with the shoes is his consistency. He rarely fails to ring the peg on his first effort, therefore one can readily understand why he is "poison" to other competitors in tournament play.

Aside from his vaudeville work, Allen has no immediate plan for the defense of his title, although he will compete for the national crown this year if he can arrange to get away from his show work.

To become as adept as Allen is, he had to spend long hours in practice.

"You'd be surprised how much perseverance it requires to pitch the shoes properly. Then, too, you must have shoes of standard weight and size in order to make a success out of the sport. I used to practice most all day long on many occasions and

I have to keep in top shape at all times."

So, friends, if you think this horseshoe business is for sissies, just drop around and get a load of Allen in action. Because he can really make shoes do most everything but talk.

IS OUR FACE RED?

Horseshoe pitching came in for a little "razzing" in a recent article that was sent out by a news agency. Here it is as it appeared in a Dayton, O., newspaper:

Financial difficulties prevented the National Horseshoe Pitchers association from holding a tournament in 1936, which left Ted Allen of Alhambra, Cal., and Mrs. Esther James of Hastings, Mich., in possession of the national titles from the previous year.

However, while there was no national tournament, the metropolitan district blossomed forth with two events on the same day in Manhattan, both for the metropolitan title. Each was backed by a different group, neither of which recognized the other.

Vito Fileccia, of Brooklyn, walked off with the tournament approved by the N. H. P. A., while John Joseph Wilkinson was the victor in the competition not recognized by the body.

MAGAZINE HAS ARTICLE

Popular Mechanics, nationally-known magazine, said, among other things about horseshoe pitching, the following:

Although historical minded folk will say that horseshoe pitching goes back to the army camps of the old Greeks and Romans, its present popularity is traceable to an Akron, Ohio, fireman, George May, who started pitching for ringers instead of points. Before May's time, players tossed shoes in the general direction of the peg and hoped for a ringer. It was May's theory that by adjusting the fingers on different parts of the shoe so as to regulate its revolutions in flight that the number of ringers could be increased. This is known as the open shoe. It must be admitted, however, that many other players had worked along this same line, but the Akron fireman was the first to obtain results. With this experience, May entered the national championships to walk away with the crown after winning twenty-four straight games and pitching 430 ringers.—Popular Mechanics Magazine.

Editor's Note:—While Mr. May is a former national champion there are others who claim to have originated the "open shoe." Who knows for sure who did?

ISSUE REPORT

The annual report of the Milwaukee Municipal Athletic association for 1936 has just reached this magazine. Horseshoe pitching is fully reported and the report shows much interest in the sport.

Champions reported for past years are:

Class A Tournament Champions—1925, Wesley Gibson; 1926, Edward McNeil; 1927, Verne Licht; 1928, LeRoy Ehlenbeck; 1929, V. Jackson; 1930, Edward McNeil; 1931, Edward Shimek; 1932, Willard Dussault; 1933 Willard Dussault; 1934 Glenn Rust; 1935 Willard Dussault; 1936, Ralph Maylahn.

Class B Tournament Champions—1928, Herbert Gryphan; 1929, H. Tietzen; 1930, Clyde Scott; 1931, Jack Slamer; 1932, Louis Landsee; 1933, Raymond Fox; 1934, Carl Pfeffer; 1935, Ralph Maylahn; 1936, Fred Persson.

Major AA League Champions—1928 Washington Park Lions; 1929, Auer Avenue Club; 1930 Harvester Works Club; 1931, West Allis Mellwoods; 1932, West Allis; 1933 and 1934, no league; 1935, Harvester Works; 1926, Pheasant Bar.

Major A League Champions—1932, Bay View; 1933 and 1934, no league; 1935, Camp Estabrook; 1936, Siefert.

CLUB FOUNDER DIES

William A. Mulberry, a member of the Hamilton, Ohio, Horseshoe club died December 18, following a long illness which prevented him from participating in the game for two years. Heart disease was the cause.

He was one of the founders of the Hamilton club and was one of the pitchers on the Hamilton team in the league formed by the Buckeye State Horseshoe Pitchers association several years ago.

Members of the club were pallbearers.

NAMES ON SHIRTS

Lyle Brown, president of the Iowa State Horseshoe Pitchers' association, has asked the Iowa State Fair Board to require all contestants in the 1937 tournament to have their names and addresses on the front of their shirts. Brown points out that such identification would help the spectators, and that it would add prestige and that these would show on pictures.

Brown is also of the opinion that the national association ought to require it for national tournaments.

In a recent release of his column "New York Day by Day," O. O. McIntyre says "Billy de Beck is a crack horseshoe pitcher."

OHIO MAY BE SCENE OF BOTH TOURNAMENTS IN 1937

It is the expectation that the first national amateur horseshoe pitching tournament, under A. A. U. supervision, will be held in Cincinnati next summer.

G. D. Chumard, Cincinnati, secre-

tary of the Ohio association of the Amateur Athletic Union, and Dr. Alan Pottle, of Dayton, who was recently named A. A. U. horseshoe pitching chairman in Ohio, will cooperate in the matter.

The regular National Tournament

of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association, with cash prizes for professionals, also will likely be held in Ohio, since the Buckeye State Horseshoe Pitchers association turned in the largest membership list to the N. H. P. A.

AMATEUR NOTES

The new A. A. U. supervision of the amateur side of horseshoe pitching has met with instant approval. Many leaders in the sport have written the Horseshoe World expressing keen satisfaction over the idea.

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Much credit is due Bruce Layer, sports editor of the Houston (Texas) Post for the fine publicity he gave horseshoe pitching during the A. A. U. convention in his city.

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And much publicity has been given horseshoe pitching by sports writers all over the country. Some speak well of the A. A. U. idea, and a few have "panned" the idea. 'Tis publicity, nevertheless.

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An inquiry from France, resulting from said publicity, asked for a copy of the Horseshoe World for a large French stock farm. We did our best to tell 'em that it isn't a "hoss" magazine and that the kind of shoes we pitch didn't come off of the Dobbins, American or French!

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The national chairman of the A. A. U. horseshoe committee has been given an opportunity to have an article on horseshoe pitching matters in the Amateur Athlete, published in New York, each month. An article by yours truly appeared in the January number.

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Carl von der Lancken, 2819 East Fourth street, Tulsa, writes approvingly of the A. A. U. plan. So does President L. E. Tanner, of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association, Dr. Alan Pottle, vice president, and many others.

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Horseshoe pitchers can do a big favor for the game by calling the attention of playground directors and school athletic directors to the amateur program now available. Help will be given by the Horseshoe Pitching Committee of the American Amateur Athletic Union of the U. S. to all interested parties.

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One of the most enthusiastic boosters for amateur horseshoe

pitching is Rev. E. V. Stevens, of Marlboro, Mass. He is one of the pioneers in amateur pitching and he is offering 100 per cent co-operation in the A. A. U. plan.

He expects, however, to keep up his interest in the professional side and the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association, realizing, as many do, that there is a field for both groups.

New York City Has Indoor Tournament

By A. C. Mason, Secretary Knickerbocker Horseshoe Pitchers' League Of Greater New York

On January 3rd, the Knickerbocker League conducted the first indoor tournament in New York City's horseshoe pitching history. The games were played on the four newly constructed lanes at the Old Mill on Richardson Avenue, between 236th and 237th St., in the Bronx. "Ted" Allen with "Sam" Somerholder recently lent advices on the building of these courts. Sixteen-year-old J. J. Wilkinson, Emerald Club, captured first definitely by not losing a game. His high was 72%. Woodlawn Club's E. Berquist and J. Stanley tied for second but Berquist won the play-off. However, this event was not for minors only, as it included young "Jim" Barry who admits seeing 68 summers. Barry is the famous ex-boxer who fought "Sam" Langford and other topnotchers when 50 rounds was not so unusual. For more than a decade Barry has kept in splendid trim by pitching horseshoes.

The Old Mill's next tournament will be held on January 31st.

A FINE IDEA

More horseshoe clubs would get more publicity if they co-operated with their newspapers better. We noticed the following "letter to the editor" in a newspaper recently and since it is such a good idea we are reprinting it. Try it on your newspaper some time—it will help you get more club news in the paper. Here's the letter written by a club president in Chicago:

The officers and members of the Welles Park Horseshoe club join me in extending an acknowledgment of appreciation to the Northcenter News, which has so generously contributed

valuable space to the success of our organization, as well as that of the horseshoe game in general, during this past 1936 season.

As another year is about to close, our thoughts revert gratefully to those whose courtesy, co-operation and loyalty have assisted in our progress, therefore, to you, your associates, and thousands of our Northcenter News readers, we sincerely extend our heartiest wishes for a most cheerful Christmas, and happiness with prosperity for the coming year.

Chas. Wm. Bennett, president.

A GOOD PITCHER



J. MIFF NAVE

This Elizabethton, Tenn., tosser is claimant of the state title and looking for "new worlds to conquer." He hopes to be in the National Tournament the next time one is held.



Carl Greenewald won the Van Wert county (Ohio) championship for 1936.

J. Andre' Mouton, P. O. Box 55, LaCombe, La., is a horseshoe fan.

H. E. Miles, 2210 Pennsylvania avenue, N. W. Washington, D. C., is interested in horseshoe pitching.

John J. Landers, 11 Moore Terrace, West Orange, N. J., is forming a horseshoe club.

A banquet was held in December by the Sandusky county (Ohio) and North Ohio league players.

Swan Swanson, Port Byron, Ill., filling station proprietor, is much interested in the game.

Bottle horseshoes are all the rage for an indoor game. A gingerale bottle and fruit jar rubbers are used. Ringing the bottle with the rubber is the idea. We'll take ours with the drop-forged variety however.

In appreciation of his services, B. H. Leasure, of the Piqua, Ohio, club, was given a carrying case by the club. Mrs. Leasure is a good player and also aided the club by providing transportation when the team played away from the home courts.

Loy D. Johnston, president of the Buckeye State Horseshoe Pitchers association, who represents a large oil company, has been given additional territory and is a "busy boy" these days. He is maintaining his interest in horseshoe pitching, however.

The Auer Avenue club in Milwaukee is representing the National in the membership drive in Wisconsin. Wisconsin pitchers should get in touch with Herbert Gryphan, secretary, 3058 N. 23rd street, Milwaukee.

Among the Auburn, N. Y., tossers are, Paul E. Pickard, Wm. Harvey, Tom Hale, Fred Egger, Charles Warner, Edgar Tuck, Tom James, John Gabriel, Phil Fauley and George Pickard.

Roy Dickinson, 185 Madison avenue, New York, N. Y., is much interested in the game. Mr. Dickinson, who is president of Printers' Ink Co., was the donor of a cup competed for in a horseshoe match by the metro-

politan publishers at a meeting of that group about two years ago.

THANKS CLUB

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B. H. LEASURE, Piqua, Ohio

IN FLORIDA

D. D. Cottrell is again in St. Petersburg, Fla., and reports horseshoe pitching still among the favored sports in the "Sunshine City."

IT'S PROFESSOR NOW

It's Prof. von der Lancken now.

Carl von der Lancken, the National Association's representative in Oklahoma, has been appointed instructor in international law and political theories at the University of Tulsa.

Mr. von der Lancken arranged for an exhibition in Tulsa by Guy Zimmerman that aroused much interest.

HIGH SCHOOL TITLE

Herb. White won the intermediate horseshoe title from Johnnie Ferrara in the Glencoe, Ill. matches.

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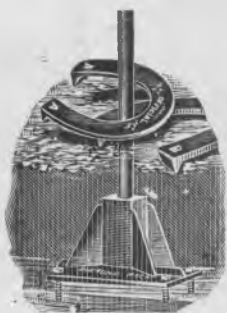
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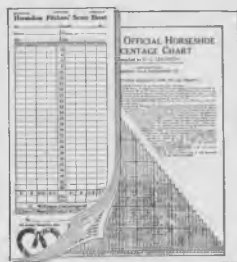
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