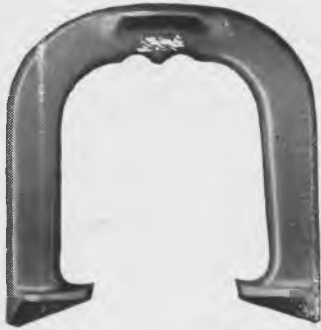




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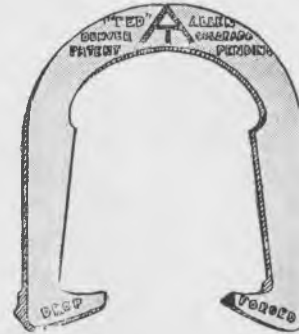
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## THE NATIONAL HAS FAILED!

**W**E NEVER thought we would live to see the day when we would write the lines—"The National Horseshoe Pitchers Association has failed!" But we are writing them today and we feel that someone should write them—just to shock the pitchers of America who are so complacently letting their National Association go to rack and ruin for the lack of support. Although he rather carefully sidesteps actually saying it, the new

### He Admits It!

Secretary, J. Robert Tompkin, in this issue of the *Horseshoe World*, practically admits that the National Association has failed. He is laboring under a heavy load, which he indicates, he inherited.

Inherited or not, Mr. Tompkin has his hands full! We know whereof we speak. The writer of these lines has twice served as your National Secretary, with the late D. D. Cottrell serving between our first and second administrations. During those years the National Association had funds and did hold tournaments. Even in the later years we received world-wide publicity by holding a tournament at the Century of Progress World's Fair in Chicago in 1933, and at Moline, Ill. in 1935 when President L. E. Tanner and the Illinois boys did a grand job.

### New Era Set In

Then a new era set in. For a few years after the Moline tourney the manufacturers paid a goodly sum into the stamp fund, but the state associations failed to keep up their pace in memberships.

The records show that each year after the Moline convention the membership receipts went down. That's what Mr. Tompkin and the present officials are facing today. Lee Rose faced it, although he did collect stamp money and enough to keep the balance at a higher figure than it possibly is today. Some probably will not agree with our bald

### Who Is To Blame?

statement that the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association has failed. We allow them the privilege of disagreement but we feel that it has and we ask—who is to blame?

Obviously it is the horseshoe pitchers themselves. First, they have shown a general apathy toward the Association. They have allowed their National officials, past and present, to carry the burden, and

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Here we are, starting a brand new year . . . just what it will be so far as horseshoe pitching is concerned, we are unable to say . . . doubtless there will be more horseshoe pitching in army camps this year and we hope the National Association aids the good manufacturers who support the Association with stamp purchases by prevailing upon the War Department to buy good equipment — not the flimsy, old-style shoes . . . there is no reason why the army should use tent stakes and "dobbin" shoes . . . standard recreation equipment will be used in other lines of sport . . . why not in horseshoe pitching? . . . this magazine stands ready to aid any army camp in preparing its horseshoe program by sending rules, copies of the magazine, the names of firms advertising in our magazine, etc. . . . we believe we have a duty to perform in behalf of the manufacturer and the boys who are called to the colors . . . our editorial this month may be a bit startling but if it wakes up the rank and file of pitchers to the real situation it will be worth while . . . we urge you to read our signed statement on what "makes the wheels go 'round'" in the printing of this magazine . . . finances . . . they seem to be the problem of both the Association and of this publication . . . but we will do our share for the game if the pitchers will do theirs . . . it's too good a game to turn back to the alley courts without some national supervision . . . and it won't be . . . some leadership is certain to carry it forward.

A fine big year for everyone is our wish!

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# FINANCIAL PICTURE OUTLINED BY NEW SECRETARY

By J. ROBERT TOMPKIN, Secretary

National Horseshoe Pitchers Association of America

Some time ago I addressed a letter to Mr. R. B. Howard to be published in the *Horseshoe World*. In this letter I gave a general idea of policies which the Executive Council and Publicity Department have decided to adopt. In this second article I wish to address a few words to the horseshoe public on several other details of the Association.

Frankly speaking, the National Association is hard pressed financially. All members have a right to know that the balance turned over to your new secretary was \$111.63. Of course, there are returns yet to be received from several state associations, which, I hope, will soon be forthcoming. Stamp money, totaling \$330, has been collected to clear up all outstanding accounts. The stamp money goes in its entirety to National Tournament funds. From careful observation, I have come to the conclusion that one of two things must be effected. Either more members must be brought within the fold, or two cents per stamp must go into the general fund.

Under the present conditions the National Association cannot continue to function, and must soon cease to exist. Formerly, the general fund received revenue from a one cent stamp levied on each pair of horseshoes sold. With the passage of the five cent tax, this source of money was destroyed. In addition to this, our membership has dropped over one thousand in the past two years. Unless something is done soon, we shall become a defunct organization.

Many of you will wonder why I am telling you this. You will say that such a situation did not exist before. I wish to say here that such a situation did exist before, but you were not told of it. It is worse now than before because of decreased membership and loss of one cent stamp revenue. As members of the Association you have every right to know how matters stand, and I'm telling you how they stand. It's your Association and mine. If you or if I have any feasible plan to remedy the situation we're going to use it. Its reached a point where we must act, and believe me, members, with your help and suggestions we are going to act.

I have started to save expense by certain economy moves. We have about \$300 worth of old one cent stamps on hand. I intend to use these in blocks of five to take the place of the new five cent stamps.

We will do this until they are gone. I have received one order for stamps from one horseshoe company. I asked them if they would co-operate in the future by using the five one cent stamps on the shoes sold. They very kindly and generously assured me of their complete co-operation. It is indeed gratifying to deal with horseshoe companies who are as obliging as the present set of manufacturers.

Another move to cut down expense is the use of the old stationery on hand. We shall use this until it is consumed. Then we shall order new material.

In regard to the compendiums, we have about 800 copies still on hand. The book is an attractive 5x8 inch, 100-page publication containing the old constitution and by-laws, reports from each state, interesting feature articles, National and State Tournament histories and statistics, and a history of the development of horseshoes. This history of horseshoe pitching, written as a result of weeks of research, by Leland Mortenson, is alone worth more than the cost of the book. Each copy cost us 25 cents to print. We started to sell it at 50 cents per copy, but now we want to clear them up, and also get them distributed among the members. Therefore, from now on send a quarter to me at 1351 28th Street, Des Moines, Iowa, and I'll send you one by return mail. I'll personally guarantee you'll be satisfied. This offer is good only to Association members.

I want to send an urgent plea to all State Association officers to please co-operate with me to get our accounts in order. I would greatly appreciate quick action by the State Associations in remitting membership balance for the current year. We need it badly to start work on some of our Association policies.

Another practice to which the Association has adhered in the past, is the printing of membership cards with the date and name of the state division printed on the cards. I have observed that terrific waste results from this method. For example, 200 cards are printed for a state to cover membership during the period from June 1, 1940, to June 1, 1941. This state would use 100 cards and the remaining 100 would be wasted. They could not be used another year because the date is printed on the card. Likewise, they could not be used by another state because the name of the division is printed on

the margin. I propose to print all future cards with blank date spaces and blank division spaces so that they can be used interchangeably among affiliated organizations, and also from year to year. This plan will eliminate waste cards every year and result in a substantial saving to our Association.

Due to factors not entirely within our control, the booklet on horseshoe which was to have been completed by now, will not be released until the latter part of February. I am fortunate in having secured the help of Leland Mortenson in its publication, especially since President Page's work has called him to Missouri.

This booklet will be cut to about 50 pages in length, inasmuch as Association finances will not permit a greater length. Each member of the National Association will receive a copy free of charge, although a small donation to help defray expenses would be greatly appreciated. This work is to be the second of what we hope will be an annual series. I strongly urge all horseshoe pitchers who are interested in acquiring a set as the years go by, to send me a quarter for the 1940 Compendium that they may start with the first of the series.

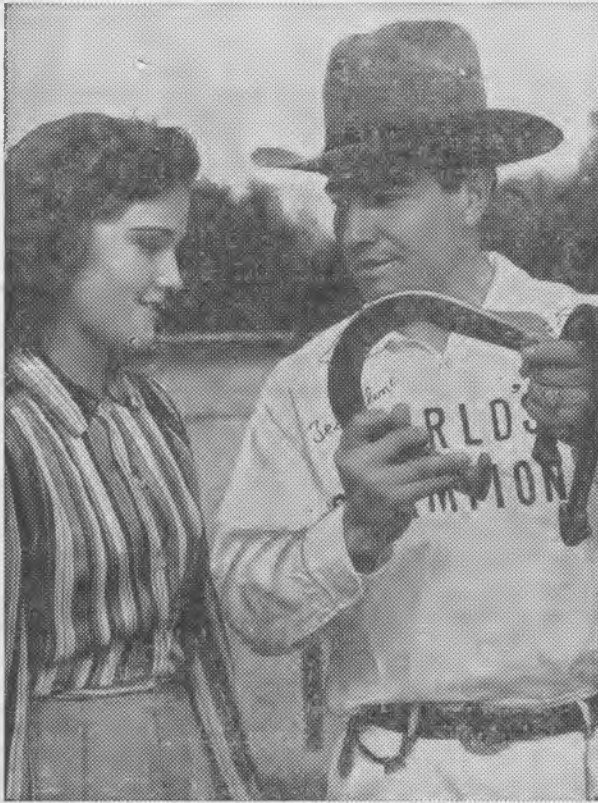
In the November issue of the *Horseshoe World* may be found my stand on the three-class system for all tournaments. I should very much like to put this into effect this coming summer, but I will be unable to do so until our membership has reached the point where this would be financially possible. We need 5000 more members to do it. This shouldn't be so difficult, considering that there are 2,000,000 pitchers in America. If each member would try to bring in two or three more, we could soon reach the 5,000 increase, and thus make possible tournaments in which a 40% pitcher can pitch for prizes and a championship, against men of his own caliber.

Will a few states take the initiative and put on a drive that will enable us to give the low percentage pitchers equal right in tournament play? I'll personally guarantee a three-class system just as soon as 5000 more pitchers are added to the roster. I might also add that I shall be more receptive to National Tournament bids where a three-class system of competition is included.

I am extremely desirous of seeing a large sectional or national tournament.  
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## TED ALLEN, WORLD'S CHAMPION, DEMONSTRATING SOME OF HIS TRICK AND FANCY HORSESHOE PITCHING



### FINANCIAL PICTURE

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ment held in the East this year, employing the three-class system. The highest bid I receive this year will be awarded the World Tourney, and the second highest bid will receive the National Tournament. Perhaps I am hoping for too much, but I'd like to see an Eastern National a Mid-West National and a Western National Tournament held this year, regardless of amount of prize money offered. I may be quoted as saying that I'm for more and bigger tournaments.

I am toying with two big ideas at present, but inasmuch as they are still in the embryonic stage, they will not be made public until the next issue of the Horseshoe World. One of them will be turned over to Harry Woodfield to work on, as it pertains to publicity and membership increase. The other deals with added service to members by the National Association.

The officers of all State Associations have been contacted, but after the pending booklet has been published I shall write each association a longer, more communicative letter, that State and National Groups may

work together in making our organization a more harmonious and unified body.

### IT WOULD HELP, FOLKS

If the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association and state associations gave the Horseshoe World an opportunity to bid on its printing it would greatly aid the magazine in keeping going. The horseshoe equipment manufacturers have cut their space to small proportions, with the exception of one or two companies, and some don't advertise in the magazine at all. Naturally, the money we receive from subscriptions don't pay our expenses and about the only reason we can find for continuing the magazine is the printing which some of the more friendly equipment companies give us and now and then a job of printing by some club.

The new Secretary discusses printing in his article in this issue. We frankly admit the printing we had from the National before the present officials took over was a help. We are for the new economy program but we see no reason why the letterheads, on which the National writes to us, asking free space in the Horse-

shoe World, should not be printed by the Horseshoe World. They were not printed here. Maybe there are some who feel that they can get printing done elsewhere cheaper—if that's the case, OK—we have no "squawk." But it wouldn't hurt to ask us for an estimate!

No, we aren't begging. We don't have to beg. Our plant is a large one and the Horseshoe World and the printing we do on horseshoe pitching is only a small part of our annual business, but it is appreciated. Naturally, we must depend on (1) advertising, (2) subscriptions, and (3) printing, if the Horseshoe World—or any that someone else may start, survives. (There was talk of starting a new one, you know. How can an association with a cash balance of only \$113.63 operate a magazine when some of us with years of experience and a \$40,000 capitalized printing concern back of us have difficulty in making one pay?).

This is frank talk, but it is time that our readers know just how they are enabled to receive a magazine. Some may feel that it is due to the \$1 they pay us each year, but there's

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# NORTHERN KENTUCKY PLANS NATIONAL PITCH-OFF TOURNEY

By HARRY J. HENN

I would like for you to put this in your Horseshoe World for the benefit of all horseshoe pitchers, but the world's best will disagree with it as they did at the last convention at Des Moines, Iowa.

I am a fair horseshoe pitcher and a great booster for the game, and do all in my power and my knowledge to have a bigger and better tournament, and put the game where it should be. But the game will always be in a rut as long as the world topnotch pitchers rule the convention and have their way with scoring rules and conducting the tournament in favor of themselves, just a few that are made of iron and steel for an endurance contest, but no pleasure to it.

What I mean by this is that they have the convention at the world tournament all the time and the topnotchers are about the only ones there, and they elect men that make the rules to favor themselves, and as long as they don't make a change the game will never improve; not until we get officers in the National Association to favor all pitchers and not just a few of the world's best, which is only about 25 pitchers, and they don't want any one else in the world tournament or these 25 would make a change to favor all pitchers.

I was at the last world tournament and convention at Des Moines, and talked to all the topnotch pitchers in trying to get them to favor all pitchers, but I always got the same answer, and to the best of my ability in understanding what they said, they don't want anyone in the world tournament who cannot pitch 75 to 85 per cent ringers, and who are made of steel to stand up against the long grind in the tournament.

Well, then, how do you expect to get all the fair pitchers in the tournament and have big prize money? To my knowledge, if the world tournament was conducted like the bowling congress within a few years there would be \$10,000 for prizes, made up by entry fees alone, and we could have a world meet every year. If horseshoe tournaments were conducted like bowling, I think within 15 or 20 years, there would be about \$100,000 for prizes, made up of entry fees, for everyone would want to pitch for some of that grand prize money.

I talked to the pitchers at the Des Moines convention of this plan, but I got this answer: "How would

we get someone to finance a tournament like that and give \$800 like this fair is giving toward the prize money?" I told them that wouldn't be a drop in a tub to what prize money there would be with new scoring rules and conducting the tournament like the bowling congress, and we would have the prize money as I said before.

I tried to bring this plan to a motion at the convention, but was outruled. But I am not letting that discourage me, for I've brought my plan up at the Northern Kentucky Horseshoe Club meeting and have this club to back me with my plan, and in conducting this kind of a tournament next July 4 to July 20, 1941, and we will call it the Northern Kentucky Pitch-off.

The Pitch-off is open to anyone in the world and if the world's best don't like this kind of a tournament let them stay out, and we will have a bigger and better entry list and they won't get something for nothing, for they will have to pay to enter, for there will be no sponsor and the entry fee will make the prize money. I told these same words at the Des Moines convention.

This is my plan of a Pitch-off, and if the National Association would conduct the world's tournament like this the horseshoe game would move forward and go places, and have some real prize money to play for. All fair horseshoe pitchers would have a chance to win some of it and if the world's best don't like it that is O. K., and more luck for all pitchers.

There will be four events, Singles, Doubles, Five-man Team and All Event, the same as in the bowling congress. The entry fee is \$1.00 for Single, \$2.00 for Double, \$5.00 for a team of five men. The Pitch-off will begin July 4 and close July 20. All entries and fees must be in the mail June 10, 1941.

Scoring Rules—A throws one shoe six inches of the stake, the other out; he gets one point. B throws 2 shoes 6 inches of the stake; he gets 2 points. A throws one ringer, one close; he gets four points. B throws two ringers; he gets six points, the same as in qualifying.

Tournament Rules—Singles, each entry pitches 50 frames or 100 shoes, one game, 3 games or 300 shoes, and makes the most points in that event, wins that event.

Doubles, each man pitches three

games or 600 shoes, and the two that make the most points win the Doubles event.

Five-man team, each man pitches three games or 1500 shoes for the team, and the team that makes the most points wins the team event.

The All event is the man that makes the most points in the single, doubles and team, wins the All event and is champion of champions.

Entry fees will make up the prize money and will be divided so one-tenth to one-twentieth of the entries will be in the prize money, and there will be money from the three events to make up the All event money.

This is my plan for a world tournament; for a bigger entry and better world tournament.

The Northern Kentucky Pitch-off will be played at the Rieverview Courts, Newport, Kentucky. Send all your entries and fees to your great horseshoe booster and friend,

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## HORSESHOE FUND DONORS

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A suggestion was recently made by D. O. Chess, Cleveland, secretary of the Buckeye State Horseshoe Pitchers Association, that the Horseshoe World receive contributions of \$1 from pitchers and that their names be printed each month. The number in front of the name will indicate the number of dollars in the fund when that dollar arrived:

1. D. O. Chess, 6208 Quimby Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.
2. Jack Claves, St. Louis, Mo.
3. R. B. Howard, London, Ohio.
4. "Lefty" Steinmann, 7149 Lindenwood Place, St. Louis, Mo.
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WHO IS NEXT? Your name will look good here next month!

Just mail \$1.00 to the Horseshoe World and simply say, "Here is my dollar for the 1941 National Tournament Fund."

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## IT WOULD HELP, FOLKS

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more to it than that, as much as we do appreciate these subscriptions and wish more pitchers would quit reading the other fellow's magazine and send in theirs!

What we started out to say was this: **We want an opportunity to do your printing.** We sure got a long way off the subject, but we feel better!

R. B. HOWARD, Publisher

*The Horseshoe World*

# INDOOR LEAGUE AT WHITE PLAINS, N. Y.

Horseshoe activities are still going strong in White Plains, N. Y. We are indebted to Frank Troxel for the following resume of the first round

of the White Plains Indoor Handicap League and the schedule for the season:

Rosehill							
	W	L	P	R	DR	SP	Pct.
G. Gibson, Jr. ....	24	6	1466	735	183	1500	490
P. Lohrfink .....	16	14	1136	462	73	1500	308
J. Wagner .....	15	15	1118	527	86	1500	339
Totals.....	55	35	3720	1724	342	4500	383
All Stars							
F. Troxel .....	17	13	1312	655	143	1500	436
F. Conklin .....	18	12	1316	574	120	1500	382
M. Lauretti .....	18	12	1236	506	83	1500	337
Totals.....	53	37	3864	1735	346	4500	385
Hillbillies							
A. Meyers .....	19	11	1264	634	135	1500	421
G. Gibson, Sr. ....	19	11	1317	597	116	1500	398
H. Mitchell .....	13	17	1218	552	106	1500	368
Totals.....	51	39	3799	1783	357	4500	396
Chumps							
R. Lauretti .....	19	11	1252	577	118	1500	384
J. Hammer .....	17	13	1126	567	105	1500	378
A. Valles .....	5	25	1210	300	60	1500	200
Totals.....	41	49	3588	1444	283	4500	320
Tigers							
M. Driscoll .....	14	16	1292	650	150	1500	433
C. Young .....	14	16	1229	520	103	1500	342
T. Schnau .....	10	20	1372	315	60	1500	210
Totals .....	38	52	3893	1485	313	4500	330
Nutmegs							
J. Belive .....	15	15	1106	478	85	1500	318
F. Wagner .....	4	26	907	357	59	1500	238
J. Bloomquist .....	6	6	431	190	31	600	316
S. Lane .....	5	1	188	171	41	300	570
T. Grey .....	1	5	302	89	12	300	300
T. Linnane .....	1	5	209	69	8	300	240
Totals.....	32	58	3143	1354	236	4500	300

## Horseshoe Schedule, Second Round

Tuesday, Jan. 7, Tigers vs. Nutmegs  
 Wednesday, Jan. 8, All Stars vs. Chumps.  
 Friday, Jan. 10, Rosehill vs. Hillbillies.  
 Tuesday, Jan. 14, Tigers vs. Rosehill.  
 Wednesday, Jan. 15, All Stars vs. Nutmegs.  
 Friday, Jan. 17, Chumps vs. Hillbillies.  
 Tuesday, Jan. 21, Chumps vs. Rosehill.  
 Wednesday, Jan. 22, All Stars vs. Tigers.  
 Thursday, Jan. 23, Nutmegs vs. Hillbillies.  
 Tuesday, Jan. 28, Tigers vs. Hillbillies.  
 Wednesday, Jan. 29, All Stars vs. Rosehill.  
 Thursday, Jan. 30, Chumps vs. Nutmegs.  
 Tuesday, Feb. 4, Tigers vs. Chumps  
 Wednesday, Feb. 5, All Stars vs. Hillbillies.

Friday, Feb. 7, Nutmegs vs. Rosehill.

## Third Round

Tuesday, Feb. 11, Tigers vs. Nutmegs.  
 Wednesday, Feb. 12, All Stars vs. Chumps.  
 Thursday, Feb. 14, Rosehill vs. Hillbillies.  
 Tuesday, Feb. 18, Tigers vs. Rosehill.  
 Wednesday, Feb. 19, All Stars vs. Nutmegs.  
 Friday, Feb. 21, Chumps vs. Hillbillies.  
 Tuesday, Feb. 25, Rosehill vs. Chumps.  
 Wednesday, Feb. 26, All Stars vs. Tigers.  
 Thursday, Feb. 27, Nutmegs vs. Hillbillies.  
 Tuesday, March 4, Tigers vs. Hillbillies.  
 Wednesday, March 5, All Stars vs. Rosehill.  
 Thursday, March 6, Chumps vs. Nutmegs.

Tuesday, March 11, Tigers vs. Chumps.

Wednesday, March 12, All Stars vs. Hillbillies.

Friday, March 14, Nutmegs vs. Rosehill.

## Fourth Round

Tuesday, March 18, Tigers vs. Nutmegs.

Wednesday, March 19, All Stars vs. Chumps.

Friday, March 21, Rosehill vs. Hillbillies.

Tuesday, March 25, Tigers vs. Rosehill.

Wednesday, March 26, All Stars vs. Nutmegs.

Friday, March 28, Chumps vs. Hillbillies.

Tuesday, April 1, Rosehill vs. Chumps.

Wednesday, April 2, All Stars vs. Tigers.

Thursday, April 3, Nutmegs vs. Hillbillies.

Tuesday, April 8, Tigers vs. Hillbillies.

Wednesday, April 9, All Stars vs. Rosehill.

Thursday, April 10, Chumps vs. Nutmegs.

Tuesday, April 15, Tigers vs. Chumps.

Wednesday, April 16, All Stars vs. Hillbillies.

Friday, April 18, Nutmegs vs. Rosehill.

## THE NATIONAL HAS FAILED

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lately there has been a difference of opinion among those in leadership in the National. The Horseshoe World became tired of carrying the banner and its editor gave up any attempt to continue as Secretary. A divided leadership cannot achieve success. Either the present officials must have real support from every quarter or they should be replaced by those in whom the pitchers have trust. But no set of officials can run an association without membership.

State associations must bolster their own fences and secure members or the National Association will have to disregard state associations and seek memberships direct. Maybe the latter course is the answer, but it shouldn't be. **THE NATIONAL SHOULD BE A FEDERATION OF STATE GROUPS. BUT IT CAN'T BE HALF A FEDERATION — IT MUST HAVE SOMETHING TO FEDERATE!**

Personally we believe there isn't much wrong that can't be remedied by injecting the services of not only good horseshoe pitchers, but some good business experience into the pic-

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## QUITE A RECORD—516 GAMES

The figures below are the results of horseshoe pitching between John Sebek and Andrew Stolarik of Canton, Ohio. All games are 50 points and these figures are for 516 games between the two players since May 27, 1936, and ending August 11, 1940. Each game is recorded on a separate score sheet.

### JOHN SEBEK

P	R	DR	SP	Pct.	W	L	G	Year
1453	1575	479	2530	62.2	16	19	35	1936
4420	4862	1648	7390	65.7	60	40	100	1937
1382	1425	481	2172	65.6	21	9	30	1937
4060	5694	2044	8056	70.6	42	58	100	1938
3448	4293	1583	5824	73.7	53	21	74	1939
4312	5957	2179	8232	72.3	46	54	100	1940
3427	4504	1750	6098	73.8	53	24	77	1940
22512	28310	10164	40302	70.2	291	225	516	

### ANDREW STOLARIK

P	R	DR	SP	Pct.	W	L	G	Year
1535	1619	512	2530	63.9	19	16	35	1936
3980	4742	1499	7390	64.1	40	60	100	1937
1154	1356	432	2172	62.4	9	21	30	1937
4353	5783	2055	8056	71.7	58	42	100	1938
2699	4031	1392	5824	69.2	21	53	74	1939
4093	5911	2137	8232	71.8	54	46	100	1940
				71.6	24	53	77	1940
20597	27812	9617	40302	69.0	225	291	516	

P	R	DR	SP	Pct.	W	L	G	Year
1915	498	547		1.2	66	66		

At the end of 516 games Sebek led Stolarik by 1915 points and by 66 games, and by a ringer percentage of 1.2 per cent.

### THANKS TO ALL

The editor of the Horseshoe World wishes to acknowledge with thanks all the Christmas greetings received during December. They were greatly appreciated.

We are especially grateful for a book of etchings designed by James G. McCue, of the "Ted" Allen Horseshoe Club, Otis, Me.

### LYLE BROWN ILL

"Pop" Woodfield writes us that he had a letter recently from Lyle Brown who is confined to the Woodlawn Hospital, Des Moines, Ia.

It was Lyle who won the first game from Ted Allen in the 1940 National Tourney, and caused Guy Zimmerman to extend himself to win from him in the Iowa State Classic.

Let's all send Lyle a letter or a card, wishing him speedy recovery. He hopes to be out in the spring and we all want him to know we are fighting for him. Anything clipped from your local newspaper about horseshoe pitching will give him something to read.

We are sending the Horseshoe World to his hospital address so he can read about the affairs taking place in the game he likes so well.

Thanks, Harry Woodfield, for the suggestion.

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### BELLEVILLE NOTES

Belleville, Ill., played the Highland, Ill., team recently, Belleville winning 11 to 5. Highland had 815 ringers, 1226 shoes and a team average of 66.4. Belleville had 867 ringers, 1226 shoes and an average of 70.7.

We also held an open tournament at Highland, Illinois.

#### Class A

	W	L	Pct.
Rich Wedel .....	5	0	83.9
Joe Wors .....	4	1	71.4
King Elson .....	2	3	66.4
Milton Zobrist .....	2	3	63.9
Eugene Wors .....	1	4	65.4
Ben Nardi .....	1	4	66.4

#### Class B

	W	L	Pct.
Frank Miller .....	4	1	57.2
Edwin Kuntz .....	4	1	60.0
Emil Schutte .....	3	2	44.7
W. Groh .....	3	2	50.6
Fred Wors .....	1	4	48.3
A. Suess .....	0	5	45.6

Rich Wedel is our best pitcher. His percentage for the season is well over 70. His best for 100 shoes is 93 ringers. He is about 23 years old. Our courts are located at the Tom Hargraves Tavern. Four courts are for day and night pitching. We won all our match games this season and hope to go as good next year. We would like to get games with

other teams close around Belleville for the coming season.

Lester M. Semmler  
113 S. Jackson St., Belleville, Ill.

### THE NATIONAL HAS FAILED

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ture. Sometimes the fellow who pitches 80% ringers feels he should have all the say—and he should have some—but he may not have much business experience and should recognize that fact. National associations require the leadership of persons grounded in business and business affairs.

We mean no affront to our good friends, the top-notch pitchers, who naturally are in majority at conventions which are held at tournament time, but we believe they have been doing the "heavy voting" while the run-of-the-mine pitchers who must be counted on to pay the bills have had little or no say.

### A LIVE-WIRE CLUB

The "Ted" Allen Horseshoe Club, of which the world's champ is a paid-up member in good standing, was organized in the town of Otis, Maine, last July, and here are a few facts concerning it:

Otis, Maine, is located 50 miles from Bangor, 12 miles for Ellsworth; voting population, 53; club members, 36; 100 per cent membership in the National Association; club dues \$2.00 per year, including National dues; built four of the finest courts in the country, paid for and paid all expenses for season and still have \$28.00 on deposit; largest club in State of Maine; "Ted" Allen a paid-up member; Hancock County champion a member; Class "C" champion of state a member; had four entrants at State meet in August in Classes B and C, and took C, almost B; next year will win B and C; 1942 will win A, B, and C, I'm sure; best publicized club in northeast; each Monday during summer, one typewritten, single spaced, sent to four newspapers, often receiving front page space; developing junior club to travel on our scheduled trips to play other junior clubs, with our senior club.

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Canton Ohio, Dec. 12, 1940

Mr. R. B. Howard,  
The Horseshoe World

Dear Sir: It seems to me that the two greatest obstacles toward the development of our sport and associations lies in these two reasons: Selfishness and Indifference.

It is plain to everyone that lower bracket pitchers need some inducement to extract support for our National and State associations. Mr. Tompkins, our national secretary, has devised the method to enable these classes of pitchers to share in the tournaments and prizes. He asks for more members in the National so as to provide the money which will enable him to provide the tournaments and the prizes.

Horseshoe Pitchers, you can't get something out of horseshoes unless you put something into it. Money is scarce these days, it is true. Yet if you love the game, you'll find some means of contributing towards the National. In this way you will boost your state associations which in turn will provide tournaments for you.

One thing, horseshoe pitchers, do not kid yourselves that our sport will progress without a strong National and State association. It won't. Don't be indifferent towards our organizations. Get behind them with your support, both financially and with your activity.

There is no reason why horseshoe fans couldn't be induced to join our National and State associations. They get enjoyment and pleasure from watching the games. Contact them! Ask them to join. Ask those of your friends, too. Get their financial support by asking them to join the associations.

Let's get behind Mr. Chess. His idea for building a national tournament fund is a fine one. Contribute to it.

It is about time that the lower bracket pitchers support the experts. And in turn the experts will support the lower bracket pitchers. We have to help each other. Let's get rid of the dog-in-the-manger attitude. It is detrimental to the interests of the sport and should be cast aside.

And one more thing. There is no doubt that many pitchers don't get the Horseshoe World. It is a shame. The Horseshoe World supports the horseshoe pitchers and keeps them informed on the activities and in return gets very little for its efforts.

Support it, Horseshoe Pitchers!

January, 1941

Subscribe to it! By a great amount of co-operation we can weld our sport and associations into one great unit which will benefit all the pitchers, both the 40% and the 80% pitchers.

Let's get together and push!

Yours,  
JOHNNY SEBEK,  
1417 Superior Ave., Canton, Ohio.

Dec. 3, 1940

Mr. R. B. Howard,  
Editor Horseshoe World

Dear Editor: In writing to one of the leading manufacturing companies I said to him that we were badly in need of better and up-to-date playing rules in our horseshoe game.

His reply was a correct answer, write to our new secretary, at Ames, Iowa. But how many times have our real leaders done just that without result (failure).

Oh, what's the use, but it does not end there—999 players out of 1,000 lose confidence, save their membership and play in the back yard. Why not? This will not build up the National, nor will it help the factory to make standard shoes. It is leading us to one or the other of two things, success or failure. We all know how foolish it is to rob Peter to pay Paul.

I am going to ask the readers of the Horseshoe World to go back to their July, 1940, magazine, turn to pages eight and nine where Mr. D. O. Chess outlines his idea of playing rules along with other subjects. It is not a "new deal" but a square deal to all intended to help the majority of our players. It goes to show with all sincerity, how he has given much of his time and study to conditions that affect us all. With the majority of our players giving no thought to the future of our game, while they would rather play than eat. But ask them to lay off their job for a week, drive across several states and enter a National tournament with only one mark to shoot at.

That reminds me of the Chicago (new deal) convention where most all contingents had their wings clipped before they entered. We must take this grand old game away from the 5 & 10c counter, do away with the horse and bull dog days. It should not be an endurance test. Streamline it, make attractive rules to go along with skill and science. There must be some way to improve this game. Don't leave it all to the factories. We know they all are improving their shoes. Must they carry the load? No they're out in front now.

WILLARD RUSE.

**EASTERN CITY TO BID**

We have heard that an eastern city will make a bid for the 1941 horseshoe tournament.

NEWS FROM MAINE

Here are the final team results for the Maine State Horseshoe League for the season of 1940.

WESTERN DIVISION

Biddeford				
43.1	19	13	41.4	S. L.
43.8	18	14	43.8	Aub.
47.9	24	8	44.4	Port. B.
47.5	24	8	40.3	Port. B.
48.6	22	10	44.2	S. L.
51.1	18	14	45.9	Aub.
47.5	22	10	38.2	Port. A.
47.5	25	7	41.9	Port. A.
47.1	172	84	42.5	

Auburn No. 1				
Avg.	W	L	Op. Avg.	Opp.
44.5	15	17	44.9	S. L.
43.8	14	18	46.3	Bidd.
41.4	19	13	34.7	Port. A.
43.6	22	10	38.6	S. L.
44.9	18	14	41.9	Port. A.
45.9	14	18	51.1	Bidd.
48.6	21	11	42.0	Port. B.
43.7	18	14	41.4	Port. B.
44.6	141	115	42.6	

Sebago Lake				
Avg.	W	L	Op. Avg.	Opp.
44.9	17	15	44.5	Aub.
41.4	13	19	43.1	Bidd.
38.6	10	22	43.6	Aub.
34.8	9	23	43.3	Port. B.
39.1	14	18	41.4	Port. A.
44.2	10	22	48.6	Bidd.
38.9	16	16	39.0	Port. B.
43.0	18	14	42.8	Port. A.
40.6	107	149	43.3	

Portland "B"				
Avg.	W	L	Op. Avg.	Opp.
44.4	8	24	47.9	Bidd.
43.3	23	9	34.8	S. L.
38.7	14	18	40.9	Port. A.
40.3	8	24	47.5	Bidd.
39.0	16	16	38.9	S. L.
42.0	11	21	48.6	Aub.
41.4	14	18	43.7	Aub.
42.4	12	20	45.5	Port. A.
41.4	106	150	43.5	

Portland "A"				
Avg.	W	L	Op. Avg.	Opp.
34.7	13	19	41.4	Aub.
42.9	18	14	39.1	S. L.
40.9	18	14	38.7	Port. B.
41.9	14	18	44.9	Aub.
38.2	10	22	47.5	Bidd.
42.8	14	18	43.0	S. L.
41.9	7	25	47.5	Bidd.
45.5	20	12	42.4	Port. B.
41.1	114	142	43.1	

EASTERN DIVISION

Eastco of Brewer				
Avg.	W	L	Op. Avg.	Opp.
43.8	24	8	33.3	Lincoln
41.2	28	4	28.9	Ellsworth

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39.6	25	7	29.3	Oldtown
42.0	17	15	41.3	Lincoln
52.8	29	3	33.8	Ellsworth
43.3	26	6	33.1	Oldtown
43.8	149	43	33.3	

**Ellsworth (T. Allen)**

Avg.	W	L	Op. Avg.	Opp.
28.9	4	28	41.2	Brewer
33.0	9	23	36.5	Oldtown
36.0	23	9	30.7	Oldtown
24.8	13	19	32.8	Lincoln
33.8	3	29	52.8	Brewer
33.7	28	4	17.8	Lincoln
31.7	80	112	35.3	

**Oldtown**

Avg.	W	L	Op. Avg.	Opp.
36.5	23	9	33.0	Ellsworth
29.3	7	25	39.6	Brewer
30.7	9	23	36.0	Ellsworth
34.3	20	12	31.1	Lincoln
32.1	14	18	37.1	Lincoln
33.1	6	26	43.3	Brewer
32.7	79	113	36.7	

**Lincoln**

Avg.	W	L	Op. Avg.	Opp.
33.3	8	24	43.8	Brewer
41.3	15	17	42.0	Brewer
31.1	12	20	34.3	Oldtown
32.8	19	13	24.8	Ellsworth
37.1	18	14	32.1	Oldtown
17.8	4	28	33.7	Ellsworth

**CENTRAL DIVISION**

**Augusta**

Avg.	W	L	Op. Avg.	Opp.
35.1	24	8	26.5	Lewistown
37.9	27	5	27.9	Aub. No. 2
34.6	14	18	31.7	Farmington
34.7	17	15	32.8	Aub. No. 2
36.5	18	14	35.2	Lewiston
42.4	22	10	38.0	Farm'ton
36.9	122	70	32.0	

**Farmington**

Avg.	W	L	Op. Avg.	Opp.
31.1	26	6	23.4	Lewiston
31.7	18	14	34.6	Augusta
31.7	18	14	28.5	Aub. No. 2
34.4	17	15	31.5	Lewiston
38.0	10	22	42.4	Augusta
00.0	32	0	00.0	Aub. Fo't
33.4	121	71	32.1	

**Auburn No. 2**

Avg.	W	L	Op. Avg.	Opp.
27.9	5	27	37.9	Augusta
36.1	21	11	32.4	Lewiston
32.3	21	11	31.6	Lewiston
28.5	14	18	31.7	Farm'ton
32.8	15	17	34.7	Augusta
00.0	0	32	00.0	Farm. F'ft.
31.5	76	116	33.7	

**Lewiston**

Avg.	W	L	Op. Avg.	Opp.
23.4	6	26	31.1	Farm'ton
26.5	8	24	35.1	Augusta

32.4	11	21	36.1	Aub. No. 2
31.6	11	21	32.3	Aub. No. 2
31.5	15	17	34.4	Farm'ton
35.2	14	18	36.5	Augusta
30.1	65	127	34.3	

**RAYMOND ADAMS,**

Secretary-Treasurer.

**LEWISTOWN MEETING**

Lewistown, Me.—An informal get-together was held by an enthusiastic group of pitchers which discussed the 1941 season possibilities on Sunday, January 5th.

The meeting opened with a talk by Fred Poulin, State Association President, who gave interesting tips and information on the game.

John (Pop) Trembly, 75-year-old pitcher and enthusiast, also spoke.

It was decided to join up again with the State League in 1941. The team will again be built around Charles Wood, State Class B champion.

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