The image features a large, stylized horseshoe shape. The interior of the horseshoe is dark and textured, and the words "THE HORSE SHOE WORLD" are printed in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters across it. At the bottom center of the horseshoe's opening is a small, circular globe showing the Americas. The entire composition is set against a light, grainy background.

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ORVAL C. BROWN, 830 Lind street, Quincy, Ill. says there are a lot of tossers in his city but that few of them belong to the National. "I think the game will remain at a standstill until the State and National Associations do something to encourage the players in the lower brackets—the 30 to 50 percent pitchers," he says. We believe he has something there!

Which reminds us that the delegates at the National Association meeting in Des Moines have a big job cut out for them and one that will require the united action of players, fans and shoe manufacturers . . . it will require the quiet thinking that does not ordinarily exist at these meetings because somebody usually gets "hot under the collar."

Have Big Job

The National Horseshoe Pitchers Association stands at the cross roads. It can become a greater organization or it can go backward mightily fast. The present officers need the cooperation and advice of all the members and all friends of the game.

If the Horseshoe World was to make a suggestion, it would be this: That the President, whoever is elected, be empowered to name a five-man committee comprised of one pitcher in the upper brackets of percentage, one pitcher in the lower brackets, one manufacturer agreed upon by all manufacturers as their representative, two men "handpicked" outside the horseshoe fraternity known to be organizers with experience of the kind needed by the National Association get it out of the financial rut, to study the situation more during 1940, with a report to be made at the 1941 convention. The President and Secretary and possibly other officers should work with this committee.

Study Is Needed

This committee should study: (1) A new membership plan; (2) Ways of raising money for tournaments. (3) Ways of interesting various classes of pitchers besides those of National Tournament caliber. (4) The responsibility of the Association to manufacturers and their responsibility to the Association.

In the meantime, your officers haven't done a bad job this year and they can keep things afloat another year.

This plan need not keep the Association convention from making any changes or trying new plans this year either.

The editor of the Horseshoe World will be pleased to lend any assistance he can to such a committee.



Well, here we are again with another issue after a combined issue last month that brought only one "kick" . . . we do appreciate your co-operation in giving us this "vacation" and promise you some bang up, double-measure issues this summer and fall . . . J. J. Enright's "The Ringer" column in the Long Island Daily Press was one year old the other day and we want to say "happy birthday" or whatever you say to columns and to further add that a good, newsy horseshoe column is another way of keeping out the fifth column . . . Mr. Enright does a great service to the game in what we consider one of the top-notch horseshoe columns in America . . . this month's issue gives the details of the National meet, the deadline for your entry, etc. . . be sure to read it . . . while you are at the Iowa State Fair drop around to tell that fine gentleman A. R. Corey Secretary, how much you appreciate his interest in horseshoe pitching . . . Jack Claves is in Maine at the time this is written taking a fine vacation which he deserves but he immediately wrote us for the names of some good Maine horseshoe pitchers so his vacation evidently won't be confined entirely to fishing . . . he writes he is afraid he can't get to Des Moines . . . let's all boost the National Tournament and may the best pitchers win!

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FOURCADE WINS GOLDEN GATE EVENT

By A. F. HEUER

Marty Fourcade, present Northern California champion, came through like the champion he is, to win the Golden Gate Club's tenth annual Memorial Day tournament from the strongest field of entries ever gathered on Golden Gate's famous park.

Golden Gate has the distinction of staging the first horseshoe tournament of any consequence in Northern California, and each successive event has been a stepping stone to a more successful event the year following.

The climax was achieved in the show staged Saturday and Sunday, June 1 and 2, benefitting by the experiences of the previous years, this one was, on the say so of an outstanding gallery of spectators, the most sensational horseshoe pitching show ever put over in the West.

And speaking of attendance, in addition to the general spectators there were representatives from practically every pitching club within a radius of 50 miles. And that's a boost for the way the National Association is taking hold in Northern California.

Seeking to learn the opinion of the gallery and players, as to what were the high lights of the affair, one fan voiced the opinion of all, "High lights? Hell, there ain't none; it's just one big, brilliant, bonfire, with no single outstanding high lights." And that's just what it was.

The reason for all this was the excellent management. Vince Dearing was in charge. He initiated this year's event, managed it throughout, and to his indomitable force of character and executive ability, is due the outstanding success of this tournament.

The entire event moved like a well oiled piece of machinery. The qualifying was closed on the stroke of 12 as announced, and while the players enjoyed an al fresco lunch as guests of the club, the 24 top men were divided into three groups or flights of eight men each.

At one o'clock sharp play began and proceeded without a hitch until the vast gallery finally gathered around one court, and sat in breathless silence while Fourcade and Nichols, who each had lost but a single game, played off the tie.

All honor to Dearing; we are convinced now that he has the executive ability and force to handle any event; the bigger and more important, the better.

Never, in its history, has Golden Gate been favored with such an array of bona fide local talent, nineteen of the contestants qualifying

with scores over 200, with the top score at 257 and the 24th or last man in, at 191. A record in itself.

While, as usual, there were plenty of upsets, the play throughout the event was exceptionally good, as may be evidenced by a glance at the ring-er percentage in the box score. A reason for the popularity of the game, its constant strides forward, its continued growth, was evident in the personnel of the players. From boys of 19 to mature men of 70, and all ages between. Only in one other sport, the games of golf, is this happy condition possible, and that game used to be called "barnyard pool" or "meadow pool." Now ours is called "barnyard golf," and soon, we too, will rise to the dignity of sport page news., for what has golf got that we haven't?

There were men entered who had played in our first tournament, and there were some who have played in five or six, and youngsters just coming up into the big time. It is said that death is the "great leveler," but horseshoe pitching is a close second; it certainly brings all kinds together.

On one court, Jim Craig and C. Potter came together in the first game of this class; both had qualified around 210 to 218. In years before they had met in a similar event and qualified around 180. Jim Craig won his seven straight games from a field, all pitching around 60 per cent, and Jim rates a veteran's stripes if anyone does, in front page in years, and in length of play on the courts.

On another court Jackie O'Brien and Marty Fourcade, aged 19 and 21 respectively, youngsters, "Kids" in fact, were fighting it out. These boys had qualified with 257 and 231.

On other courts offered all the differently staged players, boys of 20 and gray beards and bald heads of 70.

This was one event in which the qualifying scheme of pitching 100 shoes seems to have worked out perfectly for the three divisions were most evenly matched. The eight top men played in one division, the next eight in another, and the final eight in another, and at the end of the day the percentages of the players directly reflected their scores in qualifying.

In the first division the eight-man average was between 65 and 70; in the second division, 60 to 65, and in the third division it was 55 to 60.

The highest percentage of the day was by Selk, one game of 77 per cent.

With the players evenly matched, close and bitterly fought contests were the order of the day, and the result in each division was in doubt to the last couple of games, with the interest of the spectators at a feverish point all day long.

Toward the end, with Mayo apparently sure of his division and J. Craig in his, interest was concentrated on the first division.

Fourcade had lost one game and Nichols had lost none.

Dramatic interest grew as game after game was played and it looked as though no one was left to rob Nichols of the crown of victory.

Then came his game with Sam Faix, who, although a crackerjack pitcher, had been going poorly all day. In one final desperate effort to bolster up his poor showing, he won from Nichols, and once more history repeated itself, Fourcade and Nichols were tied for first place with one defeat each.

Once before in a tournament a few months ago the same situation had arisen. And the irony of it, both twice the single defeat of Fourcade had come at the hands of Nichols. Both times a player desperately fighting to make a better showing, defeated Nichols one game. In the former instance it was George Callas; this time it was Sam Faix.

History again repeated itself in the three-game playoff. With all the other games finished, the entire gallery and players gathered around four sides of the one court and in breathless silence watched these gladiators in their titanic efforts.

As on the former occasion, Nichols won the first game; and also like the former occasion, Fourcade came through in the clutch and won the two final games, a truly dramatic finish to a perfect day.

First Division

	W	L	R	DR	SP	Pct
M. Fourcade	6	1	301	100	468	64.3
Nichols	6	1	280	90	404	69.3
S. Pipe	5	2	327	97	516	63.3
P. Mori	3	4	289	89	460	62.8
J. O'Brien	3	4	258	79	454	56.8
S. Faix	3	4	283	85	552	55.2
R. Pentecost	1	6	237	61	434	54.6
J. Jones	1	6	224	66	400	55.4

Fourcade defeated Nichols in the playoff.

Second Division

J. Craig	7	0	245	63	452	54.2
L. Selk	5	2	267	63	486	54.9
A. Turner	4	3	250	61	464	53.8
B. Lyon	4	3	255	63	492	51.8
M. Davis	3	4	212	55	428	49.2
G. Callas	2	5	222	50	446	49.7
C. Potter	2	5	214	53	432	49.5
E. Fairchild	1	6	247	53	494	50.0

A. Turner defeated Lyon in the playoff for third place.

National Tourney and Convention In Des Moines

ON TO DES MOINES!

That is the "battle cry" of American horseshoe pitchers who will hold their national tournament and national convention in connection with the Iowa State Fair.

Complete details of the schedule of the tournament and convention sessions is given elsewhere in a message from President Page of the National Association.

Here are the facts regarding the Iowa State Fair tournament and the National Tournament as contained in the official folder:

IOWA STATE FAIR HORSESHOE PITCHING TOURNAMENT

Sanctioned by the National Horseshoe Pitchers' Association

Superintendent, Leland Mortenson
3803 Second Avenue, Des Moines

Amount Offered, \$100

Rules

1. Entries limited to individuals who have continuously resided in Iowa for at least three months prior to the opening date of the tournament.

2. Entries must be filed in the office of A. R. Corey, Secretary, on or before 8:00 a. m., Wednesday, Aug. 21.

3. Fees: See rule 4 of the National Tournament.

4. The tournament will be held on the Iowa State Fair Horseshoe courts starting at 8:30 a. m. Wednesday, August 21, and must be completed by evening, Thursday, August 22.

5. Contestants will be divided into groups in which each contestant pitches a game against every other entrant, Wednesday, August 21. A certain number will be eliminated from each group, leaving a field of twelve finalists. The twelve highest ranking contestants will play a round robin series Thursday, August 22, to determine the Iowa State Fair Champion, and the winners of the prizes offered. All ties to be played off if time permits.

6. The rules of the National Horseshoe Pitchers' Association shall govern. If cases arise which are not covered by the National rules, the officials shall decide, from which there will be no appeal.

7. Premiums—First, trophy and \$15; second \$13; third, \$11; fourth, \$10; fifth, \$9; sixth, \$8; seventh, \$7; eighth, \$6; ninth, \$6; tenth, \$5; eleventh, \$5; twelfth \$5.

The Mastercraftsmen Jewelers, Des Moines, Iowa, will award a trophy to the champion Iowa State Fair horseshoe pitcher.

NATIONAL HORSESHOE PITCHING TOURNAMENT

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Offered by Iowa State Fair\$800

Offered by Natl. Horseshoe Pitchers' Assn.\$300

Total amount offered.....\$1,100

The winner of this tournament will be recognized by the National Horseshoe Pitchers' Association as the Champion Horseshoe Pitcher of the world.

Rules

1. The National Horseshoe tournament will be for individuals.

2. Entries are open to the world. All entries must be in the office of A. R. Corey, Secretary, Iowa State Fair, Des Moines, Iowa, not later than 8 a. m., Friday, August 23.

3. Each contestant will be required to pay an entry fee of \$5, which will be refunded providing he takes part in the tournament until eliminated. The entry fee forfeited by any contestant will be turned over to the National Horseshoe Pitchers' Association.

4. Contestants pay the regular admission fee at the outside gate, or they may purchase a three dollar exhibitor's ticket which will admit one person and automobile once each day of the Fair.

5. Tournament will be held on the State Fair Horseshoe courts starting at 8:00 a. m., Friday, August 23, and will be continued Saturday morning, Sunday afternoon and Monday and Tuesday forenoons. It is planned to complete the tournament by Tuesday noon.

6. Drawings for qualifying positions will take place at 7:45 a. m., Friday, August 23. At 8:00 a. m. eliminations will start. Each contestant will be required to pitch two hundred (200) shoes for points. The high twenty-four (24) to qualify for the finals. Drawings for final positions will take place at 7:45 a. m. Saturday, August 24. At 9:00 a. m., round robin play starts, each player pitching six games. Six games will be pitched starting at 12:00 m., Sunday, August 25, six games starting at 9:00 a. m., Monday, August 26, and five games starting at 9:00 a. m., Tuesday, August 27. Games won and lost will decide the winners, and not by number of points scored. All ties to be played off.

7. Game Rules: The rules of the National Horseshoe Pitchers' Association shall govern all games played.

The men shall pitch 50-point games, on 40-foot courts, with shoes not exceeding 2½ pounds in weight, 7½ inches in length, 7 inches in width, calks and body of shoe shall not exceed one and one-sixteenth inches in height over all. The opening between the heel calks shall not exceed 3½ inches, inside measurement. Said opening shall not be more than 9/16 inch measurement from a straight edge placed across the heel calks. No projection shall be allowed ahead of calk on inner circle of shoe. Height of pegs, 12 inches above the clay surface, with a 3-inch incline toward the opposite stake. Pitchers are permitted to stand anywhere within 3 feet of the peg. It is suggested that they do not stand closer than 18 inches so that the clay around the peg can be kept soft. Points to be scored as follows: Ringers, 3; double ringers, 6; closest shoe, 1, which must be within 6 inches of the peg.

8. In case of misunderstanding or disagreement the tournament committee shall be the final authority on interpretation of rules, protests, etc.

9. The tournament shall be held under the sanction and rules of the National Horseshoe Pitchers' Association and the winner will be recognized by the National Association as the World's champion.

10. Each contestant must wear his full name, post office and state on the front of the shirt he wears in all tournament games. The letters must be large enough so they can be easily read from the bleachers.

The following cash prizes and medals will be awarded:

Iowa State Fair—					
\$150	\$100	\$80	\$60	\$50	\$40
\$30	\$25	\$24	\$23	\$22	\$21
\$20	\$19	\$18	\$17	\$16	\$15
\$14	\$13	\$12	\$11	\$10	\$10
Horseshoe Association—					
\$50	\$25	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20
\$20	\$15	\$11	\$10	\$10	\$8
\$8	\$8	\$7	\$6	\$6	\$6
\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5

The \$300 contributed by the National Horseshoe Pitchers' Association will be paid direct to the winning contestants by their secretary, Lee Rose, 5228 Shaw Street, Detroit, Michigan.

A gold medal will be awarded to the champion and a silver medal to the runner-up.

National Horseshoe Pitchers' Association Convention

The National Horseshoe Pitchers' Associations will hold conventions in the Livestock Sale Ring, Cattle Barn, at 7:00 p. m., August 22 and 25.

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THE HORSESHOE COURTS

Rule 1. Lay-Out of Courts. Sec. A. A court shall consist of two pitchers' boxes with stake in the center of each and shall cover a level area over all of ten (10) feet in width and fifty (50) feet in length.

Sec. B. When a number of courts are constructed as required in tournament play, the stakes shall be at least ten (10) feet apart between courts and front pitching box foul lines shall preserve a straight line across the entire lay-out. Construction shall be made to permit of north-south pitching.

Rule 2. Pitching Distance. The pitching distance shall be forty (40) feet between stakes. Ladies' pitching distance thirty (30) feet.

Rule 3. Indoor Pitching. When indoor courts are constructed, the height of pitching boxes should not be over six (6) inches above floor level. Ceiling height at least twelve (12) feet.

Rule 4. Pitcher's Box. Sec. A. Pitcher's box shall be six (6) feet square, with stake in the exact center.

Sec. B. The pitcher's box shall be filled to a depth of six (6) inches with potter's clay or substitute of like nature and kept in a moist and putty-like condition in the stake area. (When boxes are hard surface, as related in Section C, the opening about the stake shall be filled with clay.)

Sec. C. When the pitcher's box is hard surface, an opening not less than thirty-one (31) inches in width, and forty-three (43) inches in length must be left about the stake as a clay area.

Sec. D. Foul lines surrounding the pitcher's box shall be clearly defined and the frame at the front must extend approximately one (1) inch above the surface.

Sec. E. Foul lines shall be determined by inside measurement to the near side of the box frame from the stake.

Horseshoe Equipment

Rule 5. Stakes. The stakes shall be of iron or steel, one inch in diameter, and shall extend twelve (12) inches above the clay surface with a three (3) inch incline toward the opposite stake.

Rule 6. The Official Shoe. No horseshoe shall exceed the following dimensions: Seven and one-half (7½) inches in length; seven (7) inches in width; two and one-half (2½) pounds in weight. No heel or toe calks shall project more than one and one-sixteenth inches in height

over all, that is including the body of the shoe. The opening between the heel calks shall not exceed three and one-half inches, inside measurement. Said opening shall not be more than nine-sixteenths inch from the extreme end of the shoe determined by measurement from a straight edge placed across the heel calks. No hook shall project more than 13-16 inch from the inside of the body of the shoe.

Playing Rules

Rule 7. Conduct of Players and Members. Sec. A. No contestant, while opponent is in pitching position, shall make any remark or utter any sounds within the hearing of opponent, nor make any movement that does or might interfere with the opponent's playing. Penalty — both shoes of the offender shall be declared foul in the inning complained of.

Sec. B. Any member of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association of America who indulges in heckling or unfair rooting against any pitcher in a tournament, whether with malicious intent or otherwise, shall be expelled from the grounds and from the National Association.

Sec. C. No contestant shall touch own or opponent's shoe or shoes until winner of point or points has been agreed upon by contestants or decision rendered by the referee. Referee shall declare foul, shoes thrown by a contestant failing to comply with this rule, and award points to the opponent according to the position of his or her shoes.

Sec. D. No contestant shall walk to the opposite stake or be informed of the position of shoes prior to the completion of an inning.

Sec. E. A player, when not pitching, must remain on the opposite side of the stake to the player in action and to the rear of a line even with the stake.

Sec. F. Any player repeatedly violating rules or guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct may be barred from further participation in the contest.

Rule 8. Foul Lines. Sec. A. Any shoe delivered while the pitcher's foot extends on or over the raised foul line (See Rule 4, Sec. D) shall be declared foul, and removed from counting distance.

Sec. B. In delivering the shoe the pitcher shall stand within the pitcher's box, but outside an eighteen inch radius of the stake.

Rule 9. Shoe is delivered when it drops in opposite court.

Rule 10. Choice of Pitch. Choice of first pitch or follow shall be determined by the toss of a coin. In successive games between the same players, the loser shall have choice.

Rule 11. Broken Shoes. When a shoe lands in fair territory and is broken into separate parts it shall be removed and the contestant allowed to pitch another shoe in its stead.

Rule 12. Foul Shoes. Sec. A. A shoe pitched while contestant stands beyond the box foul line limits. A shoe striking outside the opposite pitching box or on the hard surface area when courts are so constructed.

Sec. B. Foul shoes shall be removed from the opposite pitcher's box at request of opponent.

Sec. C. A foul shoe shall not be scored or credited except in the score sheet column headed "shoes pitched."

Rule 13. Measurements. Measurements to determine points won shall be made with calipers and straight edge.

Scoring Rules

Rule 14. Sec. A. A regulation game shall consist of fifty points in all contests where a National, State or County title is involved.

Sec. B. Game points in other tournaments, leagues or contests may be determined by local authorities to fit their conditions.

Sec. C. A game is divided into innings and each inning constitutes the pitching of two shoes by each contestant.

Rule 15. Sec. A. A shoe must be within six inches of the stake to score.

Sec. B. Closest shoe to stake scores1 point

Sec. C. Two shoes closer than opponents2 points

Sec. D. One ringer scores.....3 points

Sec. E. Two ringers scores.....6 points

Sec. F. One ringer and closest shoe of same player.....4 points

Sec. G. Party having two ringers against one for opponent scores3 points

Sec. H. All equals count as ties and no points are scored

Sec. I. In case each contestant has a ringer, the next closest shoe, if within six inches shall score....1 point

Sec. J. In case of tie, such as four ringers, or contestants' shoes are equal distance from the stake, causing no score for either, party pitching last in the inning will start the next inning.

Sec. K. A leaning shoe has no value over one touching the stake.

Rule 16. Sec. A. The points shall be scored according to the position of the shoes at the inning's end, that is, after the contestants have each thrown two shoes.

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Sec. B. Ringer credits shall be given on the same basis.

Sec. C. The winner of points shall call the result. In case of tie, the party pitching last shall call.

Rule 17. Definition of a Ringer. A ringer is declared when a shoe encircles the stake far enough to allow the touching of both heel calks simultaneously with a straight edge, and permit a clearance of the stake.

Rule 18. Recording of Results. The recording of results shall be as follows:

W, games won; L, games lost; P, points; R, ringers DR, double ringers SP, shoe pitched OP, opponent's points; PR, percentage of ringers.

Jurisdiction

Rule 19. Sec. A. A tournament committee, satisfactory to the Board of Directors, shall supervise National contests.

Sec. B. A referee appointed by the committee shall decide points when contestants are in doubt. He shall also see that rules are complied with.

Sec. C. Appeal may be made to the committee if a ruling of the referee is not considered proper. Decision of the committee shall be final.

Sec. D. All protests shall be made immediately the occasion arises. Protests covering shoes or conditions of play can only be made before start of the game.

Sec. E. If rain or other elements interfere, players must stop play and not resume until officials authorize. On resuming play, score at time of interference will be in effect, also the same courts will be used by contestants unless they agree otherwise.

Sec. F. The interpretation of the tournament committee covering technical points and their ruling on matters uncovered by these rules shall be final.

Sec. G. An official scorer shall cover each game. When open scorers are also maintained, the official scorer shall watch closely the open score and correct immediately any error.

Rule 20. Three-Handed Games. In three-handed games, when two of the players each have a ringer and the third player no ringer, the party without a ringer is out of the scoring and others score according to conditions pertaining if only two were in the game. Otherwise the regulation rules apply.

Rule 21. An official contest between two players shall consist of best six out of 11 games.

Up to sixteen a lad is a Boy Scout, but after sixteen he becomes a girl scout.

**HUDSON COUNTY
LEAGUE OPENS**

The Hudson County Horseshoe League has been reorganized for the 1940 season and the season is scheduled to open on July 10th. Six teams have entered the competition including Kearny, North Bergen, Guttenberg, Secaucus and two from Jersey City, the Audubons and Pershing Field. Teams will play a home and home series with season to end September 11th.

The League is sanctioned by the New Jersey Association. Arthur Haussmann, 750 Park Avenue, West New York, has been elected President and Claude E. Hart, 17 Van Reypen Street, Jersey City is Secretary-Treasurer.

The competition is designated as Class "B" and is organized to give the boys of lesser ability a chance to compete with an even chance of winning. 35% is tops and at the midway point all players exceeding this average will be ineligible to compete. Also all players that finished last season above this average are ineligible from the start.

The teams are Kearny, the Al Weise Horseshoe Club of Secaucus, the Woodcliffs of North Bergen, The Harry W. Vanderbach Association of Guttenberg and the Audubons and the Pershings of Jersey City.

Matches are played on Wednesday evenings starting at 6:45. A match consists of sixteen individual games or a round robin of four-man teams.

The schedule: July 10, Pershings at Vanderbachs, Al Weise Club at Audubons, Woodcliffs at Kearny.

July 17, Audubons at Pershings, Kearny at Al Weise Club, Vanderbachs at Woodcliffs.

July 24, Pershings at Kearny, Al Weise at Woodcliffs, Vanderbachs at Audubon.

July 31, Al Weise Club at Pershings, Woodcliffs at Audubons, Kearny at Vanderbachs.

Aug. 7, Pershings at Woodcliffs, Vanderbachs at Al Weise Club, Audubons at Kearny.

Aug. 14, Vanderbachs at Pershings, Audubons at Al Weise Club, Kearny at Woodcliffs.

Aug. 21, Pershings at Audubons, Al Weise Club at Kearny, Woodcliffs at Vanderbachs.

Aug. 28, Kearny at Pershings, Woodcliffs at Al Weise Club, Audubons at Vanderbachs.

Sept. 4, Pershings at Al Weise Club, Audubons at Woodcliffs, Vanderbachs at Kearny.

Sept. 11, Woodcliffs at Pershings, Al Weise Club at Vanderbachs, Kearny at Audubons.

The Vanderbach Association and Woodcliffs will play at Woodcliff

Park in North Bergen, Kearny will play at Bell Grove Playground in Kearny, Al Weise Club at Foot of Born Street, in Secaucus, The Pershings at Pershing Field in Jersey City and the Audubons at Audubon Park in Jersey City.

DETROIT WINS

Detroit won two straight matches from Canton in the first round of the National League play. The first match was played at Canton on June 23, and went to Detroit by a 27-22 score. The second game was played at Detroit and was won by a 26-23 score. Both matches were hard fought and close, and the spirit shown by both sides was admirable.

In the first match at Canton, Andy Stolarik won seven straight games for the home team, and John Sebek took six out of seven. For Detroit, Al Field and Lee Rose won five out of seven, and Lattore, Konz and Valleau each won four. Sebek had the highest average with .735.

In the second game at Detroit, Stolarik and Sebek each won six out of seven, Stolarik averaging .661 and Sebek hitting .664. Stuckey, for Canton, also won five games. For Detroit Joe Lasko, Michigan Champion, won five games with an average of .712, and Konz and Lundgren also took five games with .589 and .545 respectively.

In the first match, Detroit averaged .583 to Canton's .569, while in the second match Detroit hit .570 to Canton's .555.

The other series between Indianapolis and Ft. Wayne never materialized due to the neglect of Rav Peckham, Ft. Wayne manager to tell his team they had a home game on June 23, and Indianapolis made a trip for nothing.

Detroit stands ready to play Indianapolis a two out of three series for the National Championship if Indianapolis accepts. If this series is played, the results will be printed in a later issue.

FERGUSON WINS

Myron Ferguson was the first place winner in the horseshoe tournament at the Governor's Citizenship Day picnic at the State Fair Grounds in Columbus, July 4. The big day of events was arranged in honor of Governor John W. Bricker, Ohio's able chief executive.

HAVE LEAGUE

The Richmond (Va) Horseshoe Pitchers Association was formed in 1939 and is going strong this year with six 5-men teams operating in a league, according to Charles O. Jones 2623 A Floyd Ave., Richmond.

MAHONEY TAKES OPEN TITLE

Larry Mahoney, of Lincroft, New Jersey state champion, won the Seventh Annual Hudson County Open Tournament, held in Lincoln Park, Jersey City, on Sunday, June 16th, taking the Hugh Parle trophy for the second successive year. Clare Hume of Jersey City, won Class B honors, Paul Puglise of Paterson, N. J., won in Class C, and Chas. Seacord, of New Rochelle, N. Y., was top man in Class D.

Mahoney, although he pitched slightly under his 1939 standard, managed to come out on top, losing only to Jimmy O'Shea, the Massachusetts state champion. He won from Raymond Frye, of Richmond, Virginia, state champion; Kenneth Hurst, of Providence, Rhode Island state champion; Vito Fileccia, of Brooklyn, former New York state champion and four-time winner of the Hudson Open Title; B. Hurfuth, former Massachusetts champion.

His best game was against Frye when he got 43 ringers out of 48 shoes pitched for 89.4 per cent, just under his state record of 89.99 per cent, set in the same tourney in 1939. Against Fulton he got 46

ringers out of 52 shoes pitched for 88.4 per cent. His average for the nine games was 78.4 per cent.

Fifty-five men entered the tournament which is sponsored by the Hudson County Horseshoe Club of Jersey City. There were five classes of competition. Tournament was directed by Claude Hart, Theron Templeton, Benjamin Murphy, Charles Hines and Clare Hume, all of Jersey City. Presentation of the trophy and prizes was made by Joseph L. Halligan, of Jersey City. Entered in the competition were players from New Jersey, New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and even California was represented in the person of W. W. Whitton, 74 years old, of the Golden Gate Horseshoe Club of San Francisco.

While the entries were not as numerous as in recent years it is to be noted that the entry fee was raised to \$1.00 instead of the usual 50 cents, which probably caused some of the boys to refrain from entering.

The committee wishes to thank the boys from neighboring states for their fine co-operation prior to and during the tournament.

Class "E" Summaries

Group One

James Tobin, Bronx, N. Y.	6	1
H. Martins, Butler, N. J.	5	2
McGowan, New York, N. Y.	5	2
John Foley, Bronx, N. Y.	4	3
F. Pluchino, W. New York	3	4
E. Freyer, New York, N. Y.	3	4
Geo. Ontko, Newark, N. J.	2	5

Group Two

M. O'Grady, Bronx, N. Y.	7	0
Louis Weden, Pompton Lakes	5	2
F. Lockwood, Montrose, N. Y.	5	2
Edw. Carlson, Jersey City	4	3
Leroy Pinkett, Philadelphia	3	4
M. Quigley, Staten Island	3	4
Wayman LaRue, Philadelphia	1	6
P. Oberhaus, New York	0	7

Tobin and Mertins, from Group One, and O'Grady and Weden from Group Two, qualified for the final 4-man round robin.



DEDICATE LANES

With a large crowd on hand, the Yakima (Wash.) Horseshoe club dedicated the 12 new courts installed in Lions park. The club formerly performed in Miller park, where only nine lanes were available.

The main address was given by Thomas E. Grady, attorney, following a speech of appreciation to the city park department, headed by Commissioner George Clark, offered by Peter Cook, club president.

Jay Elliott, of Cowiche, president of the Washington State Horseshoe association, gave an account of the association activities and H. H. Trueblood, W. W. Judy, W. A. Buley and O. Lundquist talked of their experiences in the sport of horseshoe pitching. C. O. Kittilsen, secretary, gave a report of last year's activities, listing the top men in tournament competition. They were:

Elliott, 13-5, 51 per cent; Art Waterbury, 9-3, 52 per cent; Harry Scott, 7-11, 52 per cent; Cook, 6-11, 50 per cent; W. A. Bentley, 3-3, 54 per cent; Fred Anderson, 5-2, 52 per cent; Alex McLeod, 1-0, 49 per cent; Trueblood, 1-3, 45 per cent.

In opening round robin competition on the new courts, Cook and Elliott tied for first place. Cook won the playoff, 40 to 6.

Class "A" Summaries

Larry Mahoney, Lincroft, N. J.	8	1	580	455	178	78.4	89.5	67.9
Raymond Frye, Richmond, Va.	7	2	632	478	176	75.6	80.4	62.5
Vito Fileccia, Brooklyn, N. Y.	6	3	682	494	179	74.2	82.4	63.6
B. Hurfuth, N. Hampton, Mass.	6	3	640	468	164	73.1	80.0	67.5
Kenneth Hurst, Providence, R. I.	6	3	640	442	154	69.1	75.6	50.0
James O'Shea, Brockton, Mass.	5	4	678	478	159	70.5	81.0	47.3
John Fulton, Carlisle, Pa.	3	6	630	411	119	65.2	71.4	59.6
John Rosselet, Summit, N. J.	3	6	568	369	120	65.0	75.8	52.5
Harold Lockwood, Montrose, N. Y.	1	8	502	271	76	53.9	63.3	30.4
W. W. Whitton, San Francisco	0	9	476	240	62	50.5	57.8	36.1

Class "B" Summaries

Clare Hume, Jersey City, N. J.	8	1	552	356	119	64.5	76.9	55.0
Henry Christy, Elmhurst, N. Y.	7	2	620	387	117	62.4	77.4	55.5
Michael Belsky, Maspeth, L. I., N. Y.	6	3	562	369	122	65.7	75.0	46.2
Peter Beaton, Elmhurst, L. I., N. Y.	5	4	604	383	108	63.4	69.3	53.8
William Kolb, Newark, N. J.	5	4	604	363	106	60.1	70.5	52.8
Michael Bell, Peekskill, N. Y.	4	5	638	386	110	60.5	70.2	50.0
John Miller, Scranton, Pa.	4	5	564	312	85	55.3	66.1	32.6
S. C. Lane, Glenbrook, Conn.	4	5	644	350	95	54.4	62.5	34.0
Joseph Puglise, Paterson, N. J.	1	8	548	285	73	52.0	57.3	45.8
Melvin Penewell, Allendale, N. J.	1	8	484	229	56	47.4	64.7	38.6

Class "C" Summaries

Paul Puglise, Paterson, N. J.	9	0
Lee R. Davis, Englewood, N. J.	7	2
Frank Wagner, Springdale Conn	6	3
H. Wiltshire, Mountainview, N.J.	6	3
John Wilkinson, New York N. J.	6	3
Jack Waltz, Newark, N. J.	4	5
Rudolph Ontko, Newark, N. J.	3	6
Owen Farmer, New York, N. Y.	3	6
R. Parel, New York, N. Y.	1	8
Louis Greene, Newark, N. J.	0	9

Class "D" Summaries

C. Seacord, New Rochelle, N. Y.	9	0
D. Harrison, Litchfield, Conn.	7	2
J. McManus, New York, N. Y.	6	3
L. Senese, Torrington, Conn.	6	3
D. Weik, Lakeside, Conn.	5	4
Jos. Glovier, Philadelphia, Pa.	4	5
C. Dorshimer, Collingswood, NJ	3	6
A. Doshna, Stamford, Conn.	3	6
M. Smith, New Rochelle, N. Y.	2	7
Edw. Lockwood, Montrose, N. Y.	0	9

	W	L	Pct
Cook	9	1	398
Elliott	9	1	397
Trueblood	8	2	360
Rediske	6	4	369
Miller	6	4	314
Lundquist	5	5	295
Judy	4	6	300
A. Keys	4	6	282
Buley	2	6	281
J. Keys	2	7	272
Schwarzuell	0	12	228

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MEMBERSHIP ROSTER
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The National Secretary has, from time to time, received requests from various state officers and others for a list of states who belong to the National Association, and also for the addresses of officers of same. I have compiled a list of those states to whom charters have been sent for the current season, and have included the name of the officer who does the corresponding for that state. We have also compiled a list of states who have had members since inception of the new membership plan in 1935, and believe it may prove interesting to those statistically inclined. The present member states are as follows:

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New Mexico—Paul E. Mackey, 606 W. Loft, Albuquerque, N. M.

Minnesota—Cornelius Sorkness, 303 2nd St., Madison, Minn.

Southern California—Mrs. Katherine Gregson, 520 North New Ave., Monterey Park, Calif.

District of Columbia (including Maryland and Virginia)—Walter N. Haley, Sec., 1242 E. St., N. E., Washington, D. C.

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Following is the four-year record of memberships in each state since the inception of the new membership plan in 1935. The states have been listed according to the total membership for the four-year period.

Rank	State	'36-'37	'37-'38	'38-'39	'39-'40	Total
1	Massachusetts	502	348	175	.....	1,025
2	Ohio	508	175	235	93	1,011
3	Illinois	294	187	134	112	727
4	Wyoming	304	205	0	52	561
5	New Jersey	118	124	123	192	557
6	Northern California	77	53	173	205	508
7	Pennsylvania	176	107	134	81	498
8	Missouri	138	146	125	79	488
9	Michigan	235	118	30	37	420
10	New York	0	.....	170	164	334
11	Colorado	98	106	97	23	324
12	Indiana	.....	32	136	148	316
13	Maine	24	73	107	94	298
14	Connecticut	70	42	42	80	234
15	Oklahoma	26	90	44	24	184
16	Rhode Island	100	0	8	43	151
17	Iowa	.....	27	29	86	142
18	South Dakota	0	0	23	100	123
19	Washington	15	20	40	.....	75
20	Kentucky	.....	.....	19	29	48
21	Oregon	24	17	.....	.....	41
22	Wisconsin	0	23	0	9	32
23	Utah	12	.....	.....	15	27
24	Kansas	20	.....	.....	3	23
25	Arizona	22	.....	.....	.....	22
26	Vermont	.....	.....	3	17	20
27	New Mexico	.....	.....	.....	17	17
28	District of Columbia	.....	.....	.....	5	5
29	Minnesota	.....	.....	.....	4	4
30	Nebraska	.....	.....	.....	3	3
31	Southern California	.....	.....	.....	3	3
	Total	2,763	1,893	1,847	1,718	8,221

REGRETS OMISSION

Editor, Horseshoe World:

As I have been Chairman of Publicity for the N. Y. State Horseshoe Pitchers' Ass'n. and the N. Y. State Horseshoe Pitchers' Ass'n. Inc. since 1937, I wish to inform the readers of the Horseshoe Compendium from N. Y. State, that, I am in no way responsible for the omission of the history of the N. Y. State organization in Horseshoe Compendium.

I am at a loss to explain why N.Y. State was omitted, I have never been

requested to supply any data, and do not know if any officers or persons were requested to supply same.

I am sure however, that if the Secretary of the L. I. Horseshoe Pitchers Ass'n. were requested to supply information for the next issue of the Horseshoe Compendium or the present issue, full information would be supplied.

F. J. EGGER.

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To All Interested:

We have so many requests for our method of scoring under the total-count method, and methods for raising funds, from practically every state in the Union, we believe for one or the other, showing such great interest in both that it is beyond our means to answer each one individually, as much as we would like to do so. We are therefore doing the next best thing by asking Mr. Howard to run it in the next issue of the Horseshoe World and are as follows:

For League Play

50 shoes pitched constituting each game.

Pitching — Visiting player pitch first to start each game and alternate turn about with home player throughout the game. (Evens up pitching against iron).

Scoring—Visiting player's name above "or ahead" of home player on score sheet, and visiting player's score called first at end of each inning regardless of which player wins most points. (To make scoring mistakes a minimum).

Point Scoring—Credit all points earned, 3 for each ringer and 1 for each shoe within six inches of stake. (Forget all about cancel feature).

Tie Games—No further record is made on the score sheet after 50 shoes are pitched except the player making most points in succeeding inning "or innings" being credited with one point and the game. (This keeps number shoes pitched uniform in order to compute percentage of points, ringers and lost shoes from charts all worked out).

This year, the player winning most points each inning pitches first in the next.

Club Play

We have all members qualify by pitching 50 shoes until they are satisfied with their score and this number is carried after each of their names on score sheet each time they play a game, and the handicap is the difference between their point qualifying average. For example, a player with 80 points against one with 70 points; the 70-point man would be given 10 points to start his game with the 80-point man, and so on.

We make a list of all qualified with highest at top and running

down to lowest and for six five-man teams line them up by number, highest point man being No. 1, as follows:

1	2	3	4	5	6
12	11	10	9	8	7
13	14	15	16	17	18
24	23	22	21	20	19
30	29	28	27	26	25

Top man to be captain if he will serve.

Note—First team has high and low man on it. We are using three-man teams this year and a lot of them; same principle. Otherwise, same as for league play.

We call each team by some name to make activities more interesting, and it goes great.

The handicap is used only in club activities as it has not proven a success in league play on account of rivalry between the clubs; they prefer for each club team to go on their own, and it works out best that way.

For Raising Funds

We have a drawing at our annual party. In the winter of 1938 we had 2000 cards printed, at small cost, and sold them at 5 cents each among the players and their friends. Money prizes of \$10, \$5 and a few \$1 were given away at the party, and after deducting cost of cards we netted nearly \$60.00. Last winter it was nearly \$70. All tickets were sold in a little over a month's time.

The money prizes must be made tempting, using about one-third or one-half of the total for this purpose as horseshoe players are no different than any others in the "element of chance," and will buy them right up in lots of one to 100 if it looks worthwhile; but the price of tickets must be kept low. When only small amount is needed a few pairs of shoes may be raffled off at five or 10 cents a chance among the boys in the league, or in a club if for club purposes, but we have little need to do this in our clubs as they are electric lighted and the yearly dues approximate \$3.00 a year which takes care of lights and replacements if there is not too much of the latter in one year.

There may be other methods in use elsewhere satisfactory, but this has proven the best for us. Hope it works out as well for those who wish

to try it out as it does for us.

Sincerely yours,

D. O. CHESS, Sec.

The Buckeye State Horseshoe Pitchers Association.

Mr. LeRoy Page, President,
 National Horseshoe Pitchers Asso.,
 1130 Seneca Street,
 Des Moines, Iowa.

My Dear Mr. Page:

I am indebted to Mr. Mortensen for yours and many other addresses requested of him after return of many letters for better address. Occasionally we send out these circular letters to hundreds whom we feel sufficiently interested to give the sport some real study, looking and hoping for a "better day" for it in the near future.

It just seems, Mr. Page, that the present set-up of twenty-five cents for affiliation will not work, nor will any other set up that we know of do the trick, as we first had the individual plan of \$1.00 dues in the National; then the group plan of \$10 for each league, with \$2.00 additional for each club in that league, and then back to the individual plan as now.

After over 10 years of intensive experimenting from all angles for cause of non-support we reasonably believe it has been found. For many years after the National Association was originated and incorporated under the laws of Ohio in 1920, the method of scoring games was for 50 points, using the cancel feature for all activities. Later on this was changed to include National, State and County tournaments where title was involved, with stipulation that game points would be arranged by local authorities to meet conditions in all other activities, but still retaining the cancel feature. We wrote the National officials for a ruling and were advised that the cancel feature was mandatory "only" in National, State and County tournaments, leaving us free to use any uniform method in all others. In 1939 the change was made for the 50-point game and cancel feature mandatory "only" in National and Sectional tourneys.

This evolution in scoring should prove, in itself, the damage done the sport by the destruction of earned points through the cancel feature resulting in present non-support by trying to operate with more than one method while all players are expected to pay equal dues. Good players are for the cancel feature because it is easier for them to win their games. The major objection is that it is too hard to overcome an oppo-

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LETTER FROM D. O. CHESS
TO PRES. LEROY PAGE
(Continued from page 6)

nent once he gets in the lead under the total count method.

Horseshoe players are good sports and will pay affiliation dues under the present set-up running into hundreds of thousands of dollars annually, we believe, if, and when, the cancel is entirely eliminated from the scoring rules and put all players on equal terms in point scoring by replacing it with the total count method with limited number of shoes pitched constituting a game. This, we feel, is the only hope of our sport ever "standing upon its own feet" and becoming self-supporting in matter of tournaments both National and State, and placing exhibition pitchers in position to realize remunerations for their efforts in line with other sports.

We are hoping, along with hundreds of thousands of others throughout the country that you gentlemen will complete the job "next time at bat" as the total-count method will permit a host of percentages of true values of the pitch and will be doing the players and the sport a real service. Fact is, present ringer percentages do not figure in point scoring under the cancel feature in a true sense and no handicapping is possible with its use, therefore should be done away with.

Personally I prefer the cancel feature myself, because I can pitch some ringers "when in practice," but after putting heart and soul into trying to collect affiliations and helping with experiments trying to find out why the boys and gals would not give their support for so many years "with nothing but failure for the efforts," it just seems we must have a change, and you gentlemen are the only group who can do the job. If nothing is done about it, then we might as well give it up insofar as the National and State Associations are concerned and devote our time only to our clubs and arrange tournaments as most fitting and consistent.

As sportsmen we should be highly elated by articles appearing in the Horseshoe World in recent months, especially that of Mr. Alvin Dahlene of Lawrence, Kansas, page two of March, 1940, issue, captioned "What's Wrong With Horseshoes, Lack of Omph?" and the one of Mr. Frank Niven, page five of April, 1940, issue, on "The Need of a Radical Change in the Scoring System," which at present is unfair to beginners and necessary above all else for

the success of the sport; and many others so helpful.

More of such writings will surely put the sport and our magazine "on the map" if heeded appropriately to put money into the sport and eliminate the cheapness of "the charity act" for tournaments.

With kindest personal regards from our officers and all Buckeye State players, we are

Sincerely yours,

D. O. CHESS, Secy.

The Buckeye State Horseshoe Pitchers Association.

ON TO DES MOINES!

1130 Seneca Street,
Des Moines, Iowa.

To all members:

Last call to State Associations! Delay no longer in naming your delegates to the National Convention at Des Moines! Will the State Secretaries please notify Lee Rose, the National Secretary, of the names of your delegates not later than August 10? We are expecting a large number to attend this all-important meeting but we must know approximately how many so arrangements can be made for housing, feeding, and the size of the hall needed for the convention meetings.

Des Moines is known as "The Convention City" and you may be assured that plenty of space is available for a convention of any size. In the past the city has handled as many as 21,000 delegates plus the visitors always present at such a large gathering, so don't worry about accommodations. Let us know if you are coming, and we'll do the rest. If any of you want detailed information, write me personally at my home and I will see that you get it. As a reminder, the dates are as follows: Constitutional Convention, Augst 22; Tournament begins, August 23; Regular National Convention, August 25. Tournament ends, August 27.

I expect that a good many of the last-minute details will be worked out at the Constitutional Convention but I believe I can predict freely that all the stamp funds on hand as of August 15 will go into the prize list in addition to the \$800 offered by the Iowa State Fair board, sponsors of the National this year.

In obtaining opinions on this matter, the only dissenting voice was that of Jack Claves, who believed, perhaps rightly, that some of the funds should be left over until next year. I can understand Jack's viewpoint, but I believe that in these troubled times, we should offer all

the cash we possibly can. Surely none of us has more than he can use. Furthermore, if world affairs continue at their present giddy pace, a good many of us may not be able to attend the next National tournament. In all seriousness, I firmly believe that within the next twelve months most of us will see some sort of military or defense service. And when the call comes, our government will find the horseshoe pitchers of America to be the first in line to defend and serve their country. Our gallant band of sportsmen, 500,000 strong, will not fail in the coming emergency.

So, ON TO DES MOINES! Let's make this year of 1940 a record year in all departments. And let us all remember, God bless America, still the land of the FREE!

Yours sincerely,

C. LEROY PAGE, Pres.

1130 Seneca St., Des Moines, Iowa.

HORSESHOERS BEAT THE COPS

On Thursday evening, June 27th, the Mall in Central Park presented a great spectacle as 12,000 persons gathered to hear and witness a contest between 18 quartets who were entered in a "Barber Shop Chord" battle for supremacy.

The winners, and also last year's victors, were St. Mary's Horseshoers who were forced to subdue four policemen members of "New York's Finest," to bring home the bacon. These two finalists were required to repeat three times before the judges could render a decision. Two of the judges were former Governor Alfred E. Smith, and Robert Moses, Commissioner of the Department of Parks of the City of New York.

The members of St. Mary's Horseshoers quartet are: Frank Maier, first tenor, 4116 Bruner avenue; Leo LeComte, second tenor, 700 E. 139th St.; Fred Moynihan, baritone, 428 Jackson avenue, and Frank Miller, basso, 888 Cauldwell avenue, all residents of Bronx county.

These "slipper slammers" will appear at the World's Fair on July 26th to compete against groups from all parts of the United States. The winners of this contest will receive a contract for 13 weeks on a N.B.C. hook-up.

The members of "The Horseshoe Fraternity" of the Metropolitan area will be on hand at the Fair on July 26th to lend encouragement to "the Home Town Boys" in the hope that they will defeat the invaders.

A farmer looked at the girl applying a thick layer of make-up. "It's mighty poor land," he said, "that needs so much top dressing."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

REGISTERS COMPLAINT

San Francisco, Calif.,
May 26, 1940.

My Dear Howard:

Some how or other we old wheel horses, I mean like you and I, have to go to the bat in emergencies.

Last week I was trying for publicity with our dailies and wanted to convince them by showing them our National By-laws and constitution and lo—I couldn't do it. I find we've never had one and have been unable to get one.

And now I'm informed that excerpts and extracts may be found in a book "A Compendium of Horseshoe Pitching."

I think that a state like California, striving successfully to work into the N.H.P.A. scheme, is entitled to know what the national laws are officially, so it may intelligently follow and carry them out.

I think this is constructive criticism and if it be true I hope you will publish this letter.

Sincerely yours for the good of the game.

A. F. HEUER

SUGGESTS NAME CHANGE

Mr. R. B. Howard,
London, Ohio,

Dear Mr. Howard:

During the past few years, a lot has been said and written about a new name for the game we call "Horseshoes," and it seems that no one has come forward with a logical name this far. "Ringers" has been suggested many times and could be appropriately used.

Now I have been seeking far and near for a name that would be appropriate and at the same time catchy and logical. How would the name "ANNULETS" strike you?

The word annulet is derived from the Latin word "annulus" and the English definition of the word annulet is "a small ring or arch."

The pitching devices that we are using today represnet an arch and these devices, when encircling a stake, are called ringers, so it would seem to me that the name as I have mentioned, would at least get us away from the word "horseshoes" which turns the thoughts of the majority of the people of the nation to the barnyard and the back alley.

I would like for you to work up some discussion amongst the players and fans of the nation in regard to the name I have suggested and if we find that the majority of them like the name, we could take the proposition up at our convention this

year at Des Moines for final discussion and adoption.

With the very best regards, I am,
Sincerely,

JOHN A. GORDON.

NO NEWS, HE SAYS

116-14 221 Street,
St. Albans, N. Y.
June 23, 1940.

Dear Mr. Howard:

I received your combination May and June issue of the Horseshoe World, and I was surprised at the small amount of news contained therein.

I expected some information on the present setup of the N. Y. State charters. The Long Island Horseshoe Pitchers Ass'n. have been granted a charter for the four counties on Long Island, (Kings, Queens, Nassau & Suffolk) and the Knickbocker Horseshoe league have been granted a charter for the counties of New York, Bronx & Richmond. But what the National Sec'y has done about chartering or division of the state is not known to the N. Y. State horseshoe pitchers. I understand that the White Plains organization has also been granted a charter but have not heard what area or the number of counties it covers. If other charters have been issued in N. Y. State covering other areas it is not known to the horseshoe pitchers in this section of the state.

In view of the fact that the National Sec'y has felt it is best to issue separate charters to organized groups in N. Y. State, I wish to inform Horseshoe pitchers in N. Y. State, by publication in the Horseshoe World, that I have sent in my resignation as a member of the executive Board of the N. Y. State Horseshoe Pitchers Ass'n. Inc. with the hopes that all chartered groups would work together to bring about harmony and cooperation in the promotion of horseshoe pitching and support one annual N. Y. State tournament for the state title.

If separate charters are to be continued in the future in N. Y. State, I feel that some plan should be worked out whereby a delegate or committee from all groups could meet to work out their schedules, and discuss plans for the support of a State tournament, this group could be known under some such title as the N. Y. State Horseshoe Pitchers Council, or could be expanded to include all nearby states and be known as the Eastern States Horseshoe Pitchers Council, with the understanding that all states or groups in the council be chartered by the National.

I have read the Horseshoe Com-

pendium and surely have noted the lack of information about N. Y. State. Why omit such a horseshoe pitcher as Ruth Allen, who is the world challenger at 40 feet. Miss Allen's ringer percentage is higher at 40 feet than the women's title holder at 30 feet.

Yours in sport,
F. J. EGGER.

(Editor's Note: We regret the displeasure of this reader. News has been a bit scarce but we feel that often we carry more New York news than our subscription list, compared to that of other states, warrants. We welcome criticisms, however.)

CENTRAL JERSEY OPEN MEET HELD

The New Jersey horseshoe pitching season opened May 19 at Middletown, New Jersey, where the Jersey Central Open Championship was held. Larry Mahoney, present state champion, won the championship by winning all his games against outstanding opponents. It looks like another great year for the state champion who has held his title for the past six years. He was in rare form today, allowing his opponents an average of only 14 points per game, the highest score against him being made by Rosselet who lost 22-50. Feliccia went down, 17 to 50, and Kolb, 10 to 50.

Rosselet, finishing in sixth place, gave evidence he is in for a good year, as four of the games he lost show an average of better than 45 points per game. Any player who makes this many points per game is a worry to any opponent, and his percentage of wins is bound to increase as the season progresses.

Class B ended in a tie between Dorshimer of Collingswood and Ontko, of Newark. Dorshimer won the playoff, 50 to 29.

Final Standings

Class A	W	L
Mahoney	7	0
Feliccia	6	1
Kolb	5	2
Waltz	3	4
Puglise	3	4
Rosselet	2	5
Brown	2	5
Lane	0	7
Waltz	251	points
Puglise	221	points
Class B	W	L
Dorshimer	4	1
Ontko	4	1
Kientz	3	2
Mahoney, M.	2	3
Templeton	2	3
Hart	0	5

Dorshimer won the playoff, 50-29

MAHONEY WINNER

The Woodlawn Horseshoe Courts at 235th Street and Van Cortlandt Park East, Bronx, was the scene of a great spectacle on Memorial Day when 46 contestants from all parts of the East met in the Metropolitan Open Horseshoe Pitching Championships to vie with each other for the prizes.

Larry Mahoney, New Jersey State Champion, was returned the winner and carried off a handsome trophy emblematic of a horseshoe pitcher. Vito Fileccia, former New York state champion, of Brooklyn, N. Y., was the runner-up, with Harold Lockwood, of Montrose, N. Y., finishing third.

In the second group Clare Hume, of Jersey City, N. J., was the victor nosing out Pete Beaton, of Elmhurst, L. I., with Charlie Seacord of New Rochelle, N. Y., taking third honors.

The third group showed the Lockwood family in the van with Frank Lockwood first and Edwin Lockwood runner-up. Martin Smith, of New Rochelle, N. Y., was the place winner.

Sixteen "Slipper Slammers" entered the fourth group which was an elimination contest with the individual having to win two out of three 25point games to remain in the tourney. The last four survivors played a round robin for the medals. The summaries:

Group One

	W	L	Pct
Mahoney, Larry	9	0	676
Fileccia, Vito	8	1	683
Lockwood, Harold	7	3	562
Rosset, John	5	4	560
Belsky, Mike	5	4	547
Lane, Sam C.	4	5	523
Christy, Henry	3	6	526
Bell, Mike	2	7	500
Di Stafano, Thomas	2	7	443
Donohue, Joseph	0	9	332

Group Two

	W	L	Pct
Hume, Clare	7	2	523
Beaton, Pete	6	3	521
Seacord, Charlie	6	3	474
Leonard, Frank	6	3	465
Zichella, Joseph	5	4	556
Foley, John	4	5	447
Waltz, Jack	4	5	430
O'Shea, Michael	3	6	392
Wagner, Frank	2	7	407
Farmer, Owen	1	8	323

Group Three

	W	L	Pct
Lockwood, Frank	8	1	377
Lockwood, Edwin	7	2	443
Smith, Martin	6	3	403
Lane, L. C.	5	4	372
Doherty, Vincent	4	5	313
Sullivan, John J.	4	5	200
McQuistan, Donald	3	6	327

Wilkinson, John	3	6	365
Mitchell, John	2	7	324
Voorhees, Geo.	2	7	296

Group Four

	W	L	Pct
O'Grady, Michael	3	0	408
Tobin, James	2	1	349
Gateley, John	1	2	376
Freyer, Charles	0	3	317

ALL NOVICE MEET

The College Point Club recently held an all-novice tournament.

While the experts from eight states were battling for ringer supremacy at Lincoln Park, 20 youngsters from five Long Island clubs assembled at College Point to compete for five medals and a gold cup team trophy.

After seven rounds of play it was found that young Clarence Shepherd, St. Albans lone entry, had

won first prize. The Baisley Club beat out Elmhurst to take home the team trophy.

The summary of the final round-robin follows:

Shepherd, St. Albans	5	0	33.5
Jurkovich, Baisley	4	1	25.0
Lenihan, Elmhurst	3	2	18.7
Curtin, Elmhurst	2	3	22.0
Schultz, Baisley	1	4	14.1
Velleca, Colege Point	0	5	13.8

C. Dooley, M. Montanion, J. Priore, W. Ahrens, W. Gleason, T. Nelson Jr., J. Gleason, F. Leonardo, B. Rhodes, B. Fitzpatrick, J. Schorck, and P. Priore also played. Vic Onorato directed the tournament smoothly and fluently.

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ST. MARYS HORSESHOE CLUB WINNER

The representatives of St. Marys Horseshoe Club with headquarters at 566 Wales avenue, Bronx, scored a double victory in the Bronx Borough eliminations for the city championships conducted by the Department of Parks of the City of New York, held at St. Marys Park on Sunday, June 30, when John Foley was the winner in the singles and James Tobin with Michael O'Grady were victors in the doubles.

The winner and runner-up in both the singles and doubles from each of the five boroughs will compete in Manhattan on a date to be announced later for gold, silver and bronze medals.

The contestants, all residents of Bronx County representing four locations are as follows:

Singles

Woodlawn; Edward Brembs, 275 E. 239th Street.

St. Marys; John Foley, 602 East 138th Street.

Williamsbridge; John Mitchell, 400 Mosholu Parkway.

Macombs Dam; Bert Dammann, 880 Cauldwell Avenue.

Doubles

Woodlawn; Charles Linn, 240 East 239th Street; James Dagg, 245 East 236th Street.

St. Marys; James Tobin, 348 Powers Avenue; Michael O'Grady, 371 Beekman Avenue.

Williamsbridge; William Sheehan, 3321 Perry Avenue; James McIntosh, 3312 Perry Avenue.

Macombs Dam; Edward Ryan, 1001 University Avenue; Michael Turley, 1063 Gerard Avenue.

The tourney was in charge of Philip J. Bertucci, Playground Director, assisted by Lou Ziegler, Harold Steinhardt and T. P. O'Gara of the Knickerbocker League, with James McCormack, Supervisor of Recreation of Bronx.

Summary

Singles	W	L	Pct
Foley	4	2	504
Brembs	4	2	380
Mitchell	4	2	313
Dammann	0	6	282

Doubles	W	L	Pct
St. Marys	6	0	424
Woodlawn	4	2	318
Macombs Dam	2	4	231
Williamsbridge	0	6	147

NAME OFFICERS

The Mission Horseshoe Club of San Francisco has named the following officers: President, Bruce Lyon; Vice President, Leonard Selk; secretary, William Wilson (853 Capp Street) and treasurer, George Callas.

GOOD FACILITIES

The Iowa State Fair has free camping facilities and hundreds of rooms are for rent, within two or three blocks of the horseshoe courts where the National Tournament will be held, according to Leland Mortenson.

Mr. Mortenson states no entries will be official unless sent to A. R. Corey, Secretary of the Iowa State Fair, Des Moines, or to Mr. Mortenson, 3803 Second Avenue, who will turn them over to Mr. Corey.

SEEKS MATCHES

Because horseshoe pitching isn't very popular in his section E. L. Alexander, Bivin's Station, Channing, Texas, has a time finding someone for a horseshoe game. "I'm still practicing and will play if I have to play the 'dummy'", he writes. Some of you Texas tossers look him up!

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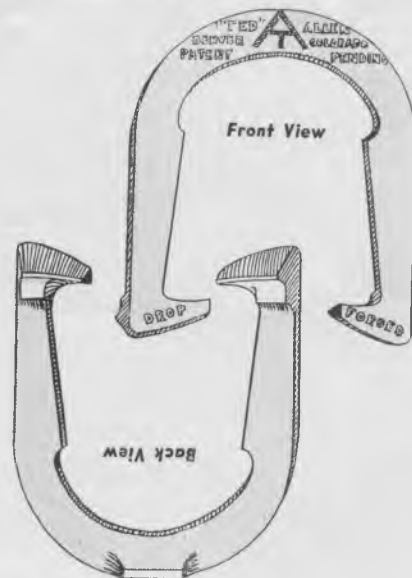


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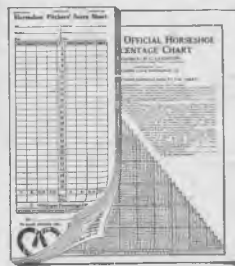
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