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Spring isn't very far away . . . warm days are having an effect upon the pitchers who are beginning to look longingly at the old shoes . . . it is our hope that by the next time the Horseshoe World is published that an announcement of negotiations for a national meet will be ready . . . Ohio took the lead in the membership drive and is entitled to the convention and tournament but there are some other states watching to see if Ohio forfeits this chance . . . of course there are many things to be done in publicizing a convention and planning for a tournament, so some decision should be made soon . . . a tournament must be held this summer and your National officials are going to take a hand in the subject very soon to make sure that those seeking the tournament don't take too long in deciding and then toss the question back in our laps with nothing accomplished . . . it has happened that way before.

MARCH, 1937

DR. POTTLE

SOMEHOW, we wish Dr. Alan Pottle could read this editorial. We would like for him to hear again the esteem which we held for him and to realize again, as he must have realized as he lived, that we looked upon him as one of our true, genuine friends.

The horseshoe pitching fraternity has lost a real friend and a zealous worker in the death of Dr. Pottle. He was an organizer; he knew how to inspire men and he was an advocate of fair play at all times. Ohio in particular will find his place hard to fill and the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association has lost one of its ablest officials.

As we prepared the copy for many a Horseshoe World, we picked Dr. Pottle out as the typical reader of the magazine. We thought that a magazine he liked would be one that would please all readers. Dr. Pottle is gone, but this and succeeding issues will be edited in a manner that would have pleased him. We do this in his memory.

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

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NEW YORK SITUATION HOLDS CENTER OF SPOTLIGHT

Much interest is centered about the horseshoe situation in New York State.

A meeting was held recently in White Plains, N. Y., to discuss the subject of whether certain clubs would continue to be affiliated with the New York State Horseshoe Pitchers Association.

The National Secretary has received many protests regarding the situation in New York and apparently there are several factions. Bob Brown, secretary of the state group, has written the National Association office, giving his side of the story, and each mail brings more facts in a situation that may cause the National Association to either send a representative into the state to try to iron matters out or to refuse to give a charter to any group, naming, for the present, a state representative who would assume control until all interests in the state could be brought under one harmonious organization. Lack of funds makes it almost impossible to send a

man to New York to arbitrate the dispute.

Speaking in his own behalf, and not as a representative of the official board of the National Association, R. B. Howard, National Secretary, declared recently that he will not consent to the renewal of a charter to the present state association, or to the granting of a charter to any group until he is more satisfied than he now is, that all groups in the state are represented. New York City should not be allowed to dominate this situation—and there appear to still be some differences even among New York City groups—nor should the upstate pitchers be allowed to dictate to all the other pitchers, including the New York City pitchers," Mr. Howard declared "I would rather accept memberships in the National Association, direct, through a state representative, than to go through another heckling year such as the past one has been," he continued.

L. E. Tanner, Anchor, Ill., Na-

tional President, has become quite concerned about the matter, as are the other officers. The late Dr. Alan R. Pottle, Vice President, had given the subject much thought and had expressed the hope that all the pitchers in New York State would get together on one common program, free from political bitterness or hope of personal gain.

Just how soon this matter will come to a head to be voted upon by the executive board of the National Association, pending a further hearing at the next National Association convention, is not known, but Secretary Howard has indicated that it will be soon. He has delayed matters long enough to get as much information as possible, not wishing to do anything to disrupt the present state association, if it could be prevented, his feeling being that the National should, at all times, back up its state units as far as possible. Failing in this direction, some new policy will be adopted by the board.

SOUTH SHORE RESULTS

The following are the final results of the South Shore Horseshoe League for the past season.

The league was made up of eight teams, from Beverly, Bellerica, Chelsea, Lynn, Medford, Melrose, Reading and Sangus, Massachusetts.

Melrose won the league title, and went through the season without a single defeat. Medford was the runner-up and the only team able to get a tie game with Melrose. Lynn finished in third place.

To Mr. F. Bethel, of the Melrose club goes the credit for his work in keeping all records and ringer percentages of all players.

The 12 men with the highest ringer percentage are as follows:

Player	Team	W	L	Pct.
C. Larson,	Melrose	47	0	64.6
S. Deleary,	Sangus	13	3	57.2
F. Piper,	Medford	25	5	53.6
F. Bristol,	Melrose	44	9	48.6
J. Comeau,	Lynn	17	6	48.5
S. Nash,	Beverly	19	6	48.4
A. Carlson,	Medford	38	7	48.2
I. Harris,	Medford	45	8	45.8
A. Humer,	Medford	4	8	45.3
G. Loeser,	Melrose	41	12	43.5
W. Werner,	Melrose	44	16	43.1
H. Hodgson,	Lynn	12	12	41.0

Team averages as follows:

Melrose, 49.0; Medford 44.5; Lynn, 39.2; Beverly, 35.5; Sangus, 39.0; Reading, 35.2; Chelsea, 33.0; Bellerica, 29.6.

Total member of games played, 2570. All games of 50 shoes. There was a total of 112 men taking part in these league games.

38-FOOT CLUB

Joe Reilly, 108 Glover Ave., Yonkers, N. Y., has just started a new horseshoe club, with 20 members, known as the 38-Foot Horseshoe Club.

Mr. Reilly states that for the past three years, as a member of the Woodlawn club, he has noticed 60 per cent of the pitchers threw short of the peg, and that when they tried to raise the shoe up to the peg they then lost control of the shoe.

"If all horseshoe clubs will start their new members at 38 feet," Mr. Reilly writes, "they will find that their new members will like the game much better and will not get discouraged so fast."

SHELBYVILLE WILL HAVE NEW PUBLIC PLAYGROUND

Shelbyville, Ind.—A new city park will be constructed here in the next few weeks and will be opened before schools close this summer. It will be the third public playground in the city.

The new recreation center will include several tennis courts, horseshoe pits and softball diamonds. Most of the work will be done by WPA workers.

ORGANIZE CLUB

Waukegan, Ill. — The horseshoe tossers of the city have organized a club known as the Waukegan Horseshoe club. Everett Snyder was recently elected president; Ralph Funk, treasurer, and Bert DeRue, secretary. The club has a total membership of 16 men so far, with three or four additional prospects on the list.

All persons who are interested enough in pitching horseshoes are welcome to join the Waukegan Horseshoe club, and an effort is being made to make this organization a lasting unit as well as an interesting one.

Meetings are held two times each month where plans for the coming summer season are discussed, as well as any other matter which may come along.

HOLD SHOE TOURNEY

A horseshoe tournament was held in connection with a recent golf tournament at the Colonial club, in New Orleans. Mr. J. Andre Mouton was one of the sponsors of this horseshoe meet.

ACTIVE TOSSERS

Levin G. Hayman and Elmer A. Leutner are two of Maryland's active horseshoe boosters. Mr. Leutner has spent much time lately in an effort to organize a state group to become affiliated with the National. He lives in Salisbury, Md.

DR. ALAN POTTLE DIES

Coming as a shock to all who knew him, Dr. Alan R. Pottle, vice president of the National Horseshoe Pitchers association, passed away at his home early Sunday morning, March 7. Although he had not been well he remained at his post in his downtown office in Dayton, Ohio, until as late as the previous Tuesday.



DR. ALAN R. POTTLE

Dr. Pottle was one of the most energetic men ever to take an interest in horseshoe pitching. He first became interested in the Miami Valley horseshoe association and later helped organize the Buckeye State Horseshoe Pitchers Association. He served as president of this group on two different occasions, having been president at the time Dayton was host to the state tournament last fall. This tournament was staged upon the beautiful municipal courts which were his pride and joy. A great part of the credit for their building is credited to Dr. Pottle.

At the National convention in Moline he was elected vice president of the National Horseshoe Pitchers association.

While in Miami, Florida, a few winters ago he stirred up the horseshoe interest there and headed their winter association.

He had friends by the legion throughout the United States—many who had never met him personally but who had felt his magnetic personality through correspondence on horseshoe pitching affairs.

Horseshoe pitching loses one of its best boosters. The esteem with which he was held was attested by the banks of flowers in the Pottle home the day

of the funeral and the great crowd of sorrowing men and women from all walks of life. Floral tributes from the Miami Valley, Buckeye and National associations were among those near his casket.

Lacking the necessary high school credits when he sought his chiropractor's license, he began acquiring his high school education when he was 45 years old and completed it when he was 48 years old. As a result, the state medical board complimented him highly when he received his license.

Dr. Pottle was born in Dayton on Wayne avenue. As a child he attended the Dayton grade schools. In 1895 he married Emma Rieck. He had been a printer by trade and was employed earlier by the Dayton Paper Novelty company and the National Tag company. He was a baseball player and umpire in the old National Cash Register league.

Surviving are his widow, Emma; one son, Perry; a grandson, Robert, and a sister, Elsie. Another son, Arles, died in 1935.

LINCROFT BUSY CLUB

During the past winter a group of horseshoe pitchers around Lincroft organized a club called the Lincroft Horseshoe Club.

The officers were: Secretary, Joseph Mahoney; treasurer, John Mahoney.

The money which was received in a special Christmas project will be used to build two courts for the club.

In the club are some very good pitchers among whom is the New Jersey State Champion, Larry Mahoney. He is a young boy of seventeen who two years ago went out to the World's Championship at Moline, Illinois. He has been State Champion for the last three years during which he retired the A. Crozer Reeves Trophy.

Also there is Joseph Mahoney his brother, who is a constant winner in "B" and "C" classes. Others are: John Mahoney, Michael Mahoney, William Gaffney, Patrick Gaffney and William Kelly.

Besides being secretary of the club, Joseph Mahoney is also a member of the executive committee of the New Jersey Horseshoe Pitchers association.

FEATURE OUR SPORT

A fine article on horseshoe pitching is carried in Issue No. 3 of Frank G. Menke's All Sports Magazine. This fine magazine, printed in the "digest" size is full of interesting facts on all kinds of sports.

Watch for the GREEN STAMPS.

SANCTION TOURNEY

The Wolverine Horseshoe Pitchers Association, Michigan unit of the National Association, has sanctioned an Eastern Michigan championship to be held at the Saginaw Fair on September 12. The tournament was announced by William F. Jahnke, secretary-manager of the fair. It will be open to any Michigan member of the National Association, according to Lee Rose, Detroit, Wolverine association secretary.

URBANA MAN WINS

Practitioners of the ancient art of horseshoe pitching have a formidable contender for national honors in the person of J. D. Hough, of Urbana, according to A. H. Criffield, another Urbana man who, with Hough, is spending the winter in Florida.

Criffield, a devotee of the art, has been in charge of a tournament at St. Petersburg, just ended in which Hough was one of the outstanding contenders with a ringer percentage of 54 per cent.

The tournament was won by William Valentine of New York but Criffield, in a letter to The Citizen, failed to mention Valentine's percentage among the ten men who participated.—Urbana (Ohio) Citizen.

SOUTH PARK NOTES

Harry Dolan and Dean Brown, both of the South Park club, Los Angeles, recently pitched a contest that shows real ability.

Dolan is a real pitcher and is of national tournament calibre, while Dean Brown recently won the Los Angeles city and county championship from a field that included Vyril Jackson, L. F. Gray and Dolan. Brown averaged over 80 percent for 15 games, his high game percentage being 93½ percent.

The scores of the Brown-Dolan matches are:

	P	R	DR	SP	Pct.
Dolan	50	86	35	110	78.1
Brown	45	86	33	110	78.1
Brown	50	129	54	156	82.6
Dolan	46	127	50	156	81.4

In a match by Dean Brown and Harry Dolan, representing South Park club and Merle Stoner and Edw. Peckham, representing Long Beach, the scores were:

	P	R	DR
Stoner	76	153	55
Peckham	66	139	41
Brown	107	162	62
Dolan	102	152	56

ALLEN MAKES HIT

Ted Allen made quite a hit in his horseshoe exhibition appearance at Milwaukee in January. He will be at Ft. Worth, Texas, March 12 to 21 inclusive.

 * A LINE FROM SCRANTON *

The Scranton (Pa.) Horseshoe club is looking forward to the coming season. We are probably the biggest Horseshoe club in northern Pennsylvania. Our headquarters are in Scranton on 1110 Diamond avenue. We have three regulation courts and are working on some more throughout the city. We are the only Horseshoe club in Scranton and are making a go of it. We have a champ with us, Commissioner of Lacawonna county Jack Robinson, Sr.

We will have entrants in all big tournaments this coming season. Any club that would like to play a match game can reach us by writing our club at the above address.

Our officers are President, John Miller; vice president, Jack Robinson; secretary, Sam Lanyan; treasurer, Walter McCaneghy; publicity manager, Tommie Rodney, jr; coach, Bob Seland.

Come on you horseshoe pitchers, let's make 1937 the best year on record for the clean sport of horseshoes.
 —Contributed.

TRI-BOROS WIN

White Plains, N. Y.—In a horseshoe pitching match between the Tri-Boro club, composed of past and present New York State champions, and the local Recreation Horseshoe club played at the old senior high school on Main street, the invaders gained a 12-6 verdict. However, despite the loss to the visitors the locals made a good showing and in the percentages tallied by each team the tossers of this city were only 4.9 points behind the winners, the final tabulation being Tri-Boro 49.6, Recreation 44.7.

Vito Feliccia, state titlist, paced the winning trio with six wins in as many games and had a 67.3 percentage. W. Hamann headed the losers with three wins and a like number of losses and held a percentage of 54.2.

The score:

Tri-Boro							
	WL	P	R	DR	SP	Pct	
Feliccia	6	0	206	210	71	312	67.8
Cristie	5	1	287	197	51	366	53.8
Jorden	1	5	187	144	29	384	37.5
White Plains							
	WL	P	R	DR	SP	Pct	
Hamann	3	3	232	194	52	358	54.2
Secord	2	4	213	179	33	384	44.6
Sharkey	1	5	169	121	26	320	38.0

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by
 Lawrence
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 And the courage to fight to the end,
 That determines for you what degree of success
 Will be scored to your credit, my friend.

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 To defeat your opponents today;
 But you never can lose, and you never can fail,
 If you "put all you've got" in your play;
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 That you played a clean game, and you fought a good fight,
 And you always were doing your best!



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TED ALLEN

RESOLUTION OF RESPECT

Whereas, God in His infinite wisdom, has called home to that land whence bourne no traveler returns, our friend, Dr. Alan Pottle, Vice President of the National Horseshoe Pitchers' Association, and a former President of the Miami Horseshoe Club, of Dade County, Florida;

And Whereas, Dr. Alan Pottle, in our opinion, a true lover of humanity, and one of God's noblemen, by thoughtful acts, kindly interest and a never-failing display of true sportsmanship, had endeared himself to all with whom he came in contact, including the members of this club:

And, Whereas, the sad news of the passing of our friend and valued fellow member has caused each and every one of us to feel a deep personal loss and a lasting sorrow:

Now, therefore be it resolved that we extend to the members of the family of the deceased our heartfelt sympathy in thir loss and that a copy of these resolutions be mailed to Mrs. Alan Pottle, at Dayton, Ohio, and to R. B. Howard, editor and publisher of The Horseshoe World, at London, Ohio.

THE MIAMI HORSESHOE CLUB
By Scott M. Smith, Pres.

favorite to win our 1936 tournament, is at practice once more. He was absent from last year's play because his work would not permit him to take part. He had one match game with Mr. Johnson, Oregon champion, last year, and won four games to one and broke the state match-game record, making 70½ per cent. Mr. Sayre is a one and one-quarter player.

A. McMillan, formerly tied for the Northwest championship, plans on knocking the pegs over this year.

Mr. H. H. Oerding, of Coquille, Oregon, is a dandy booster and a good horseshoe player.

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PLAN FOR THE SEASON

The Knickerbocker League of Greater New York, in its meeting of March 4th, decided to sponsor the following:

May 2nd, Manhattan Open at Highbridge Park; if postponed, May 9th

May 30th, Bronx Open, at Woodlawn Park.

June 13th, Metropolitan Open at Crotona Park; if postponed, June 30th.

July 4th, Eastern U. S. Open at Emerald Courts; if postponed, July 5th.

August 1st, Class C Meet at Emerald Park; if postponed, August 8th.

Sept. 5th, Triboro Open, in Queens County; if postponed, Sept. 6th.

Oct. 3rd, Knickerbocker Closed at Crotona; if postponed, Oct. 10th.

OREGON NOTES

By Elmer McMillan, President
Oregon State Horseshoe
Pitchers Association

Mr. J. B. Smith, of La Grande, Oregon, sends us his best wishes for 1937, and also his membership dues for one year. Mr. Smith, a Union Pacific engineer, is perhaps one of our best players.

Mr. O. A. Johnson, Mr. Douglas Wright and the writer journeyed to Salem on the 12th. Had a meeting with Mr. Spitzbart, of Salem, member of the Fair Board, in connection with holding this year's championship. Although nothing definite was decided on, I believe we may play at the Fair.

Mr. Floyd Sayre, of 841 N. Seventh St., Grants Pass, Oregon, plans promoting a Northwest tournament at Woodland Park, Seattle. Mr. Sayre, champion of Washington several times, now lives at Grants Pass.

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Harry Torrey one of the best horseshoe pitchers of Crestwood, N. Y., is now living in Beverly Hills, California. He was a member of the Woodlawn Horseshoe club. Good luck, Harry. Keep the good record up.

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Horseshoe pitching school for boys over 15 years old will be held at Welles park, in Chicago, next summer, according to plans of Charles William Bennett, 4008 N. Lincoln street, president of the Welles Park Horseshoe club.

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A cultural and recreational tour through Italy, Switzerland and France is being conducted by Frank von der Lancken, 2819 E. Fourth St., Tulsa, Okla. He is the father of Carl von der Lancken, representative of the National Association in Oklahoma. A 51-day trip is planned, the party sailing from New York on June 26 on the S.S. Rex.

HOLD TOURNEY

A Watch Factory Noon-day horseshoe tournament was held recently in Egin, Ill. Ray Thums was leading the last we heard from this meet. First round entrants were: Ray Thums, Walter Hoffman, Joe Cherperka, Al Baumruck, Clarence Boudy, Ray Miller, Herman Honert, Harold Young, Wm. Schultz, Joe Dunlap, Fred Payne, Art Erdman, Harry Jurs, Robert Hall.

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Without opposition, Charles Wm. Bennett, 4008 N. Lincoln street, Chicago was elected president of the Welles Park Horseshoe club at its regular monthly meeting held recently at club headquarters, 2323 Montrose, Chicago. Albert Radcliffe, 2123 Warner, was elected vice president. Other officers elected: Harry Whyte, 2254 Bertheau, re-elected recording secretary; Howard Hamel, 2325 Montrose, treasurer; Carl Mennecke, 4104 N. Maplewood, sergeant-at-arms; Leonard Loerzel, 3020 N. Francisco, field captain, and Frank Kraft, 4345 Claremont, delegate to the Northwest Horseshoe League.

MANAGES MEET

John Hogan managed the Chicago American horseshoe tournament held early in March in connection with the Boat and Spors Show at the Navy pier. Much interest was shown in the affair.

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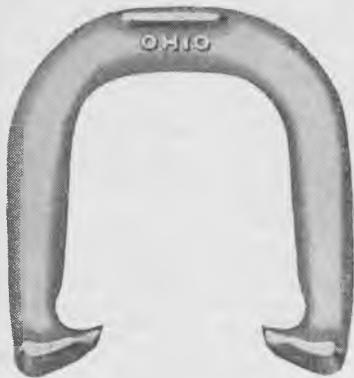
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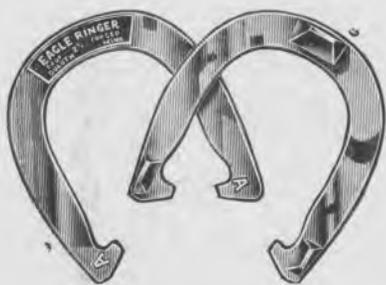
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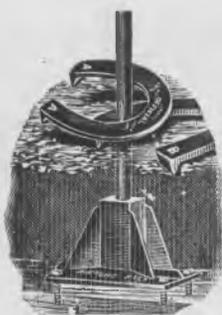
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