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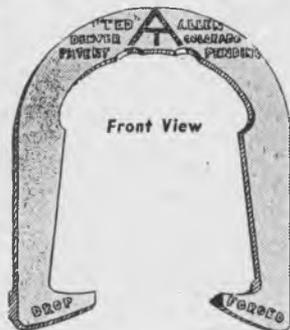
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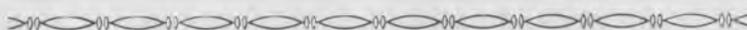


Everything points toward a big summer . . . the San Francisco fair calls all good horseshoe pitchers to a world's tournament that should be a "dandy" . . . the Western tossers will get a chance to see some real slipper slamming as all the top-notchers are planning to go . . . and there will be plenty going on for other pitchers . . . it will be worth the trip to see this great exposition and to get to fraternize with all your horseshoe friends again . . . there was some talk that no women's tourney would be held . . . a letter from San Francisco refutes that and we are glad . . . more tourney news next month.

All aboard for San Francisco!



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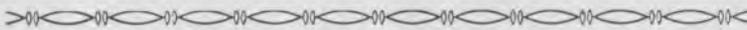
CONGRATULATIONS



The Horseshoe World takes this occasion to congratulate the Buckeye State Horseshoe Pitchers Association upon winning the 1938 membership trophy, offered by the Horseshoe World.

While memberships in the various states were not as high as we would like to see them all officers are to be given a great deal of credit, as is energetic Secretary D. O. Chess of the Buckeye group, to whom we are entrusting this trophy for all his officers and the Buckeye pitchers.

Let's get after 1939 now. We may give another trophy for the state having the greatest number of members again. We will tell you later.



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Good Spotsmanship: The Pitcher's Greatest Asset

By ROY W. SMITH

ALL the world admires and doffs its hat to the person who is a good sport. A person is not born with all the qualities that are embodied in good sportsmanship, for like character and that mysterious something called personality, sportsmanship is acquired only through cultivation and practice. A good sport, therefore, possesses both character and personality; if this were not so, he or she would not be a good sport. A genuine good sport is one who is cheerful, friendly, unselfish, fair and honest, thoughtful, enthusiastic, well mannered, courteous and poised. In addition, he possesses the qualities of thoroughness, observation, concentration, adaptability, knowledge, expression, leadership, decision, organizing ability, attitude and initiative.

All these are the determining factors in success or failure, throughout every walk of life. What a vastly different and better world we would be living in today if its peoples and nations possessed more of these qualities!

To be a good sport does not necessarily imply the participation in any game, unless it is this game called life. It requires the same qualities to stand up under the competition and adversities of everyday life as it does to give a good account of ones self in a grilling game of football, basket ball, tennis, golf, or horse-shoes. In fact, it has oft been said that the battle of Waterloo was won on the playing grounds of Eton by pitchers of horse hardware.

To display good sportsmanship does not mean that one need win at anything. Usually, a modest winner displays less sportsmanship than a poised and gracious loser. If one is defeated, after doing his level best, yet remains poised and good tempered, he displays far more sportsmanship than the winner who shows the slightest tendency to boast of his victory. While all the world also admires the winner and it is human nature to enjoy being successful, victory does not always spell success. Neither does defeat necessarily mean failure. It is better to be an honest loser than a dishonest winner. When someone wins, another must lose; if this were otherwise competition would not exist as there would be no need for it.

It is impossible for one person to win or lose more than another has

to give or take, but win or lose, one should never permit the outcome of any game to influence his good opinion of himself or other people. There should be no beefing or razzing on either side; there will always be another time, so one should never lose sight of the proper sense of values.

The horseshoe pitcher who is stuck on himself and thinks he knows it all, is not a good sport. He is selfish, egotistical, jealous, and an introvert in every sense of the word. There is no room for these petty faults in the make-up of a true sportsman or sportswoman. The "know all" deceives no one but himself. Because he thinks he is perfect, he will not permit himself to continue to learn; his advancement ceases, his game suffers and begins to decline and soon he becomes a "has been." In fact, he had never been anywhere from the start.

Certainly, everyone should take an honest pride in their ability to play the game, for such pride and enthusiasm is necessary to create and maintain a keen interest in acquiring skill at anything. The true sport realizes this and strives fairly to win because the game is the thing of most importance, win or lose, it makes no difference to his true self.

Good sportsmanship means a great deal more than mere compliance with the rules and regulations of the game. There are certain ethics which he voluntarily takes upon himself to observe that the rules do not cover. To be unethical does not mean that one commits an act for which he is ruled off the courts. There are no rules or laws to make a person be a good sport, except the laws of his own making. One cannot steal, buy or sell good sportsmanship; as stated before, it must be acquired.

The adoption and observance of a fair code of ethics proves to the world that one is a good sport. There are certain things which he will and will not permit himself to do. He is always courteous to both partner and opponent. He is never so self-centered and intent upon his own game, as to fail to encourage or applaud the good playing of his companions, even though he is playing against them. In tournament or match play, he changes courts without bickering and delay. He does not speak or otherwise attempt to distract another's attention while that

person is delivering a shoe. He does not over- or underrate either his opponent or himself. He does not endeavor to create or leave the impression that his usual playing form is below par. After all, it is not much fun to win from one who is off his game, and humiliating to lose to him.

He does not sympathize patronizingly with his opponent who makes a bad shot, but remains discreetly silent. He refrains from boasting about or bemoaning his own good or bad playing. Being on or off one's usual form is part of the game.

He leaves his personal and business worries at home and gives the game all he has, playing it with both mind and body. He does not rehash his last game for the benefit (?) of his uninterested opponent. He is not overbearing and never attempts to bully another player. He does not bicker or criticize the referee and judges because they happen to make an honest mistake. To err is human and no one is perfect. He does not hesitate, however, to stand up for his just rights, but endeavors to keep his temper under control at all times.

The good player will not attempt to hog all the glory, but will always give his partner or opponent an opportunity to distinguish himself. He never publicly criticizes either of them, even if they are his closest relative or wife. He may offer friendly and instructive suggestions, but teaching should be private and professional; and above all, it should be welcomed and invited. He is careful to return all playing equipment that may belong to someone else, and he will never appropriate the shoes of his host or hostess unless expressly invited to do so. Expert players will cheerfully accept an inferior pitcher into their midst, as they realize that everyone must begin and learn. Often the beginner and poorer class of players may become discouraged if the inferior quality of their game is criticized. The good sport gives them a chance and aids them in every possible way. He is thoughtful, observant, and never guilty of carelessness; he watches both the courts and bystanders to see that no objects are lying about to cause one to fall; he realizes that a two and one-half pound pitching shoe, in the hands of a careless person, might seriously in-

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GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP

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jure or kill someone.

If a man is not available for the purpose, he will do his part towards keeping the clay loose and at proper court level. He does not stand back and wait for someone else to do all the promoting, advertising, and supporting of the game. He does not unfairly criticize and find fault with the officers of his club and associations. He realizes the vital importance of organization, and realizes that all improvements and progress comes out of unity and association. He supports these and their publications to the best of his ability.

Many more paragraphs could be written on this subject, but if one will observe and practice the ones enumerated herein, his fairness and good sportsmanship will never be questioned. All sports have their special code of ethics; that is, a specific interpretation of the all-embracing code of courtesy and fair consideration for others, earnest endeavor and fair play. Breeding is revealed more quickly, when one engages in a clean, competitive sport, than anywhere else on earth. To work or play with a person is a sure way to really get to know them. People, as a rule, cannot be judged by outward appearance only; they are like books, as a flashy cover does not always insure good reading qualities. On the other hand, some of the finest volumes in existence possess a very plain cover. Fine, clean sportsmanship on the playing grounds is a sure way to win the admiration and high esteem of one's companions. It also proves that one is either a lady or gentleman when off the courts.

Mr. and Mrs. Horseshoe Pitcher, are YOU a good sportsman and sportswoman? Are you playing and supporting the grand old game as you should, or, are you taking everything you can get and giving nothing in return? Do not lose sight of the fact that everything from something will, eventually leave nothing.

False exploitation and poor sportsmanship is responsible for most of the world's present day ills. Are we being fair to the game and the beginner by clinging doggedly to our present out-dated scoring system?

To be sure, we all have our faults, but we can, at least, endeavor to keep in mind and cultivate more of the splendid qualities of good sportsmanship throughout the coming season. This should be observed, especially by those of us who are fortunate enough to attend the great World's Fair Tourney, at San Francisco, California, a few months from now. While we cannot all win this

coveted title, we can display such a splendid brand of good sportsmanship that we can command and win the respect of all who see us there.

We will not be judged, wholly, by the number of ringers we throw or by the games we win. Our temperaments and emotions will be under the spotlight. All of us should resolve, here and now, to be real sports throughout all the season's many activities. If we give the best we have it will all come back, with interest, through our pleasant and healthful association with the game and each other.

Remember, it isn't the victory that counts so much, but the way one plays the game.

Yours for a better game,

ROY W. SMITH.

CANADIAN NOTES

The Oakwood Horseshoe Club, after becoming too large for the lot next to Ted Steadman's place, officially opened on July 9th at 481 Oakwood Ave., and within the short space of two months had grown to a membership of 118, with three teams in the league, and the sanction for the Ontario championships for September 17th.

Sept. 17, 1938—Greybeards losing out to lads at horseshoes. A class singles, Ontario champion, Dean McLaughlin, Oshawa, retains his provincial crown, Jimmy Daniels, Toronto, second, and Norm Black, Toronto, third. A doubles, F. Hillson, J. Daniels, Toronto; J. Jeffries, Oakwood, T. Hilliers, Brantford; Dean McLaughlin, Oshawa, and F. Kellett, Runnymede. B. Class doubles and four men teams for the Ontario challenge trophy also being played off. Entry of 132, with 600 spectators. Cold and windy.

Nov. 23, 1938—Royal Winter Fair, Toronto. C class doubles, features play by Oakwood youngsters, 11, 16, and 17 years old. S. Madrowski Kitchener and F. Walton Birch Cliff. F. Wagg, Oakwood and J. Brunton, Toronto. F. Offen Sr., Toronto, and A. O'Rourke, Oakwood. B class, four men teams for city championship, won by Toronto Olive Farm.

Nov. 25—B class doubles; F. Glandfield, Oakwood, and S. Madrowski, Kitchener; A. Gibbs and R. Burrell, Toronto; A. Budd, Oakwood, and J. Harrison, Toronto; A. Ebbs, Toronto and J. Liston, Oakwood; A class teams city champions, Toronto Riverdales.

Nov. 26—A class doubles. G.

Craggs, Toronto, and J. Jeffries, Oakwood; Norm Black, Trinity, and F. Harburn, Cromarty; G. Mawson, Toronto, and Dean McLaughlin, Oshawa.

Nov. 27—A class singles; Dean McLaughlin, Oshawa, twice Ontario champion, winner; Jack Lovatt, Oakwood, second; Fred Harburn, Cromarty, third. All three pitched 75 to 84 per cent games in the finals. Entry of 264, with the stands crowded every night.

We have decided at the 1939 Toronto and District opening meeting, to change from previous classifications of A, B and C, to four major group pitchers of over 40 per cent average. "A" class, of from 30 to 40 per cent; "B" class of from 20 to 30 per cent and up to 20 per cent "C"; this to help out the novice and younger players; the "A" class to help out the players who are getting older, or who have not been performing up to their usual standards.

To promote international, inter-provincial, and inter-city games.

To use blackboards on the singles score sheet system, for help to the players and spectators, with an official scorer and a master sheet in triplicate copy, one each for the league and each club.

To zone off the city of Toronto to eliminate the 18 B, the 10 A and the six major teams from so much traveling, and to make a better play down system for city play-offs.

These are a few of the major items which may possibly be of interest and perhaps a little help to you. Or am I behind times?

However, I would be pleased to hear your version of these changes, so that I will know how we compare with your standards; also if there is anything that would change the minds of these diehards in Toronto here.

Wishing all in the United States the biggest and best year they ever had, and on behalf of the Toronto and District and the Oakwood Club, we extend the hand of friendship and co-operation to all of you, with the hope that one day soon, we will see some of the National Executives, state champions, and particularly Ted Allen, in Toronto, or, the shoe on the other foot, that we, with our best, pay you a group visit.

E. STEADMAN, 477 Winona Dr., Toronto, Can.

Blair Nunamaker, former world's champion, is making a tour, filling some 20 exhibition engagements on his way home from Miami, Fla. He expects to be at his home at 1303 E. 141st Street, East Cleveland, O., about April 1.

BUCKEYE STATE NEWS

A Page Devoted to the News and Views of the Buckeye State Horseshoe Pitchers Association

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To Horseshoe Pitchers of America
and Their Friends:

Gentlemen:

Would you expect friends to remain loyal, or patrons to patronize your business if you took undue advantage of them? Certainly not. It is not the "American way" today. However, this is exactly what the present national rules has been doing for the "few" better players over the "great masses" of less ability, and has been what our Buckeye State News has been all about up to this time. We should like to make this final summary of how this advantage has affected the Ohio Association (granting other states are similarly affected), then let you be the judge.

During the winter of 1935-36 our state officials met with the National Secretary in Columbus and revamped the State Constitution and By-Laws to conform to the new national set-up effective January 1, 1936. Estimating we had approximately 5000 organized players and making allowances for those who might not care to affiliate, and office expenses, we increased our state affiliation dues to 35 cents each (20 cents to State and 15 cents to National). Throughout 1936-37-38 our entire 88 counties were organized and divided up between 16 District Commissioners, with a County Commissioner for nearly every county, besides many assistant commissioners—all wonderful sportsmen doing their very best to make the new set-up successful.

The results by years and affiliated members follow: 1936, 508; 1937, 175; 1938, 235. Total 918 members at 35 cents each, or \$321.30—\$183.60 for State, and \$137.70 for National. Deducting expenses of \$33.07, we had \$150.53 in the state treasury at the close of the 1938 season, or one-half the necessary prize money for one tournament for three year's work; 1936 tournament being sponsored by business interests of Dayton did not affect our treasury. None since 1936.

Hopes of clubs ran high starting out with the new set-up, and many passed resolutions to pay affiliation dues and subscriptions for the Horseshoe World from their club's treas-

ury for all members in order to stimulate interest and help the National Association and enlarge the magazine, but their was not a single instance that these resolutions could be made effective because there were approximately as many members still dropping out each year as new members came in, and their treasuries were never able to carry the extra burden of expense.

Through co-operation with boards of education in many districts, courts have been installed in school buildings for indoor play, and on playgrounds with WPA assistance for outdoors—all playing under AAU regulations and scoring all points earned. We had great hopes of claiming the student-player output for our clubs as they developed, but were again disappointed as, with few exceptions, they look with disfavor upon our scoring method as something pre-historic, unfair, not in keeping with the true character of the pitch (point and ringer) as a horseshoe game as they learned it and simply are not interested.

During the past five years we have alternated between the two methods in club and league play. When using the count-all method, interest ran high; members' wives and children took to it; memberships increased and new members did not drop out. But by reverting back to the present national method for comparison, the results were reversed, the family spirit was lost, and we were right back as before.

From all this, and which is of major importance, we feel absolutely sure that should the National Association abandon the present method of scoring and substitute the only other alternative method, that club officials and boosters could make a go of the sport by putting it on a self-supporting basis. Exhibition pitchers would be in demand on the stage; state and national would have plenty of working capital for tournaments with big cash prizes; the manufacturers could produce better pitching shoes and double or triple their output by years, and the subscription list of the national magazine should reach hundreds of thousands or even millions in time, by

being able to claim the student-player output and drawing the millions of back-yard players into clubs and keeping them there.

The increase in club memberships would then permit payment of affiliation dues and subscriptions to the magazine without burden to club's treasury, which would assure every organized member being affiliated and get the magazine.

Would all this not fully compensate for the small effort in getting acclimated to the change in methods? That is practically all that it would mean, as the experts would still win their games as before, and everyone interested in the sport would be perfectly satisfied.

The Foundation Fund of life membership, as presented by Mr. Carl von der Lancken, of Tulsa, Okla., would help, and should be put into effect soon as the scoring problem is solved. The law of the occult world it is claimed, always works; "We get back what we give out." If we thing thoughts of dislike, hatred and failure of others, they come back to us in the form of dislike and hatred of us by them. Thoughts of optimism, good cheer, happiness and success for others come back to us in the same form. Do unfair things to others and unfair things come back to us. Do kindly, helpful, constructive, fair things to others, and good fortune, happiness and success come back to us.

Power flows to organizations who best use it. It is taken away from those who abuse it. It increases in strength to those who use it best. Won't you boys kindly consider seriously when the 1939 National Convention meets? Sincerely yours,

D. O. CHESS, Secy.

Buckeye State Horseshoe Pitchers Association.

FOUR BILLION SPENT

Frank G. Menke, in his fine book "Encyclopedia of Sports," states that \$4,000,000,000 is spent annually in the United States for sports. This booklet is one of the finest and the most informative on the market. It includes horseshoe pitching. Mr. Menke's address is Brookfield, Conn. If you write him, mention the Horseshoe World.

THE IOWA "GLAD HAND" IS OUT

By Leland Mortenson

To Horseshoe Pitchers, Fans, Officials, Etc., all over the country:

I suppose all of you, like myself, are elated over the fact that the San Francisco World's Fair is going to stage a world's championship horseshoe pitching tournament in September, and, of course, most of you are undoubtedly planning to go there and either take part as competitors or spectators. Fine, don't miss this great tournament, don't miss this great fair, and the other great places of interest to be seen while making the trip. I hope all of you will and can go.

Along with boosting the San Francisco tournament, it is a pleasure to announce that the Iowa State Fair will have six days of intensive horseshoe pitching lasting from August 24 to 29 inclusive, a date that cannot conflict in any way with the San Francisco tournament.

For 1939 the Iowa State Fair is putting up \$100 in cash prizes to be divided among the ten best Iowa competitors. This tournament starts Thursday, August 24, and will last all day, and will continue Friday and be finished that day. Preliminaries of a round robin will be run off on Thursday, and the ten highest will pitch another round robin on Friday for the prizes. The winner will be the official 1939 Iowa State Champion. Entries for this state tournament will be open to residents of Iowa and they must be in the hands of the secretary of the Iowa State Fair by 8 a. m. on August 24. The opening games will start at 8:30 the same day. Lyle Brown of Des Moines, who won the Iowa title at the Iowa State Fair in 1938, has promised to be on hand to attempt to repeat his 1938 performance.

The Mid-West National Championship horseshoe pitching tournament is what will interest everyone. Entries are open to the world, no entry fee, \$500 in cash prizes, starting with \$125 and a gold medal for first place. There will be 16 cash prizes. Any person in the world can enter by having his name in the hands of the secretary of the Iowa State Fair by 8 A. M. on August 26, and by being ready to start in the preliminaries at 8:30 a. m.

The preliminaries will consist of a round robin of 25-point games unless there is an unusual small entry field in which case the games would be 50 points. The preliminaries will be finished Sunday, and the high 16 will start the finals, a round robin, of 50-point games on Monday. Eight of these games will be played on

Monday morning and seven on Tuesday morning.

All contestants in the Mid-West meet are required to have their names and addresses on the front of their shirts; while those in the state meet are encouraged but not required to do so. It is taken for granted that Iowa residents can enter both tournaments.

Ted Allen, of Boulder, Colorado, world's champion, who won the 1938 Mid-West National meet with a ring-er average of 84.1 is expected to be here again this year. Allen says he welcomes the tough mid-west meet to put him in the best of shape for a world's tournament clash.

At the Iowa State Fair you will see a first-class exposition, almost a world's fair in itself; you will be in a tournament of lots of color, and we promise you fair and equal treatment.

Very sincerely yours,

LELAND MORTENSON,
Supt., Iowa State Fair Horseshoe
Tournament, Des Moines, Ia.

STAGE MATCH

Sidney Plott, of Anderson, Mo., and John Elkins of Stella, Mo., played a seven-game match with the following results, recently:

	P	R	DR	SP	Pct.
Plott	51	54	20	76	71.1
Elkins	47	53	17	76	69.7
Plott	50	67	24	92	72.8
Elkins	40	64	23	92	69.6
Elkins	50	57	23	72	79.2
Plott	27	50	17	72	69.2
Elkins	50	61	23	82	74.4
Plott	48	60	22	82	73.2
Elkins	50	57	19	80	71.2
Plott	34	49	15	80	61.2
Plott	50	52	19	72	72.2
Elkins	21	44	15	72	61.2
Elkins	50	81	33	102	79.4
Plott	42	78	29	102	76.5
Totals—					
Plott	302	410	146	576	71.1
Elkins	314	417	153	576	72.2

In the seven-game match there were four dead 77 times. In the seventh game at the end of the 25th inning, Plott was leading Elkins 32 to 11 and had 29 ringers in his last 30 shoes, then Elkins tossed 11 straight doubles to lead 33 to 32. Elkin finally won by getting 23 ringers out of his last 30 shoes, while Plott got 20 out of his 30. Final score, Elkins 50, Plott, 42.

TOURNEY DATES

A wire from A. R. Corney advises: "Iowa State Fair Board has decided to conduct a state horseshoe pitching tournament August 24 and 25; Mid-West National Tournament August 26 to 29 inclusive. Prizes \$100 in state tournament and \$500 in Mid-west."

A. F. Heuer, 509 Sansome Street, San Francisco, head of the Northern California division of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association writes that the Golden Gate International Exposition has agreed to the following dates: California State championship, August 15 and 16; National Women's meet, Aug. 17, and National Men's tournament, Aug. 17 to 20, inclusive.

SAN FRANCISCO CALLS!

The following is a report of our Northern Horseshoe Club meeting.

"San Francisco invites you." Not so long ago we were counting the days until the opening of the Golden Gate International Exposition. Now it is ticking off the days as the wheels of progress turn on and on nearer the greatest tournament ever held in the history of horseshoe pitching.

At a meeting of the Northern Horseshoe Pitching Association, on March 5, 1939, A. F. Heuer reported the advancement made thus far by himself and the ways and means committee. Plans are moving along and ere long we can give you a word picture of much we will have to offer you on this to be memorable occasion.

It was unanimously voted to retain the officers of last year, namely: Mr. Heuer, president; Mr. Pierce vice president; Vincent Deering, secretary, to bring to fruition an objective already in their capable hands. Dixie Shepard was voted the new member for publicity, and you'll be reading more and more about San Francisco and the Bay area activities.

The San Francisco Sportswoman's Club, the Mission Club are infusing new interest into their future events, plans for inter-club tournaments with opportunities for the B-class players, competitive playing without prizes to build encouragement in younger players and thereby perfect their pitching accuracy.

Watch us grow, watch us GROW; San Francisco is calling you.

Patronize OUR ADVERTISERS and MENTION THIS MAGAZINE

OHIO WINS

Ohio is the winner in the Horseshoe World's membership contest. Remember that the Horseshoe World offered a trophy to the state association affiliated with the National Association sending in the greatest number of memberships up to January 1? Well, the trophy finally was secured and as this is written it is being photographed and will then be sent to D. O. Chess, secretary of the Buckeye State Horseshoe Pitchers Association.

Ohio was first; Massachusetts second, Northern California third, New York fourth, Indiana fifth, Illinois sixth, Missouri seventh, New Jersey eighth, Pennsylvania ninth, Maine tenth, Colorado eleventh, Oklahoma twelfth, Connecticut thirteenth, Washington fourteenth, Iowa fifteenth, Southern California sixteenth, Kentucky seventeenth, Rhode Island eighteenth and Vermont nineteenth.

NEW JERSEY NOTES

The executive committee of the New Jersey Horseshoe Pitchers' Association met at the club rooms of the Hudson County Horseshoe Club, Inc., last Sunday for the purpose of planning the activities for the coming outdoor season.

Among the activities planned are the following tournaments:

Central Jersey Open Tournament, at Middletown, May 28; Hudson County Open Tournament at Jersey City, June 25; rain date, July 9; Essex County, Newark, Open at Newark, July 16, tent; New Jersey State Championship, site undecided, August 20; Bergen County Open Tournament at Shadow Lake Sept. 3, tent, or Englewood, Sept. 10; New Jersey Open Tournament at Middletown, Sept. 17.

In addition to above Mr. Brown, our president, is arranging to direct the Eastern Pennsylvania Open Tournament on July 30th.

The Essex and Bergen County Tournaments are marked tentative because these will be new and it is not definite whether they can arrange suitable site.

While above seems like quite a busy season, there is plenty of dates available for our friends in New York, and we may have to alter the schedule slightly to co-ordinate with them.

Of course the Hudson County

Open is a fixture and we hope to get the date of June 25 registered in the minds of the leading players throughout the East so they will not arrange conflicting dates. The Hudson County Club is launching a campaign to raise funds, as last year, to advertise this tourney. Likewise, they will throw in some extra cash to make the prizes worth while. They are already after the Park Commission for no less than ten courts in addition to the 25 that proved so inadequate for last year's record entry. They hope to improve the existing courts. It is their sire to guarantee a round robin in every class regardless of the number of entries.

CLAUDE E. HART, Sec.
N. J. Horseshoe Pitchers Asso.

ROBIE IS ELECTED

At a recent meeting of the State Association, Secretary of State Fredrick was re-elected President for 1939. Louis North and Raymond Adams were re-elected as vice president and secretary-treasurer respectively. Secretary Adams reported his records showed 107 members, a gain of 34 over 1937.

An invitation from the city manager of Portland was read and accepted, to hold our 1939 state championship tournament in that city on Sept. 16 and 17. With the increased membership and keener competition it was voted to make this year's tournament a three-division meet, giving 30 pitchers instead of 10 as in the past, a chance at the round robin play-off and a division championship. The high 10 qualifiers being Class A and the state championship division.

The four larger and centrally lo-

cated clubs of the state with representatives at the meeting voted to form a state league. Secretary Adams was instructed to formulate league rules and draw a schedule to start pitching in May, running well through October.

FRYE IS WINNER

On Sunday afternoon, October 23, at the Stone House courts, R. L. Frye, champion of Virginia, defeated John Fulton, Pennsylvania Farmers' champion, six games to two. This was a very interesting match. Some of the outstanding feats were nine straight double ringers by R. L. Frye, and seven by J. Fulton. The most ringers in one game was 59 by Fulton.

	R	DR	SP	Pct.
R. Frye	403	140	564	71.4
J. Fulton	375	124	564	66.5

SPONSOR MATCH

The Englewood Horseshoe Club is sponsoring a match of five games between William Hamann and Lawrence Mahoney, New York and New Jersey state champions respectively.

It is to be held on the gymnasium of the Methodist Church, Demarest Avenue and Tenafly Road, Englewood, N. J., on Thursday, April 13, at 8 p. m. Admission will be 25c and will be open to ladies and gentlemen.

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SAN FRANCISCO CLOSES SEASON

On Sunday, Nov. 27th, the San Francisco Horeshoe team, in its win over the Redwood Empire by the score of 42-22, closed its league play with having won nine out of ten contests.

W. Whitten of the San Francisco team, showed the boys that an old man had as much pep as any if not more, by winning all his games.

Roy Pentecost came very near sharing honors in games won with Whitten in his near defeat of C. Peterson, who after having a lead of 49-20, found that Pentecost was still in the game with him as it was only after the score was run up to 47-49 that Peterson was able to make the extra point, both players were over the 60 per cent mark for the game.

San Francisco Team	G	W	L	SP	R	DR	Pct.
Pentecost	8	7	1	480	291	85	60.6
Whitton	8	8	0	472	276	81	58.4
Selk	8	6	2	462	259	68	56.0
Pomeroy	2	1	1	124	67	16	54.0
Faix	8	6	2	556	293	77	52.6
Dearing	4	3	1	242	124	33	51.2
Callas	8	3	5	488	242	55	49.5
Lyons	8	5	3	488	225	51	46.1
Laub	8	3	5	492	226	51	45.9
Hodgson	2	0	2	82	25	1	30.5
Team	64	42	22	3886	2028	518	52.1

Redwood Empire Team	G	W	L	SP	R	DR	Pct.
Johnson	8	4	4	484	258	65	53.3
Pitts	8	5	3	466	233	57	50.0
Peters	8	3	5	496	244	63	49.1
C. Petersen	8	3	5	508	246	53	48.4
Zumwalt	8	2	6	470	219	53	46.5
Peoples	8	2	6	486	226	51	46.5
O. Petersen	8	2	6	540	251	58	46.4
Samuelson	2	0	2	112	48	10	42.8
Windross	6	1	5	324	114	17	35.1
Team	64	22	42	3886	1839	427	47.3

CHET HEFNER WINS

Chet Hefner, of Peoria, 1937 runner-up, nosed out Gaylord Peterson, Varna, Ill., defending champion, to take the Class A title at the 12th annual Eastern Iowa-Western Illinois horseshoe tournament at Longview Park, Rock Island.

More than 300 persons were present when the matches opened, but the closing contests were played in a downpour of rain before less than a dozen spectators.

Hefner had a perfect mark of seven victories in the round robin competition, while Peterson was second with six victories and a lone defeat. Attractive prizes were given to the 32 who qualified during the morning round. Results were as follows:

Class A	W	L
Chet Hefner, Peoria, Ill.....	7	0
Gaylor Peterson, Varna, Ill....	6	1
Glenn Wells, Rock Isl.....	5	2
E. R. Baker, Macomb, Ill.....	4	3
K. Widener, Monmouth, Ill....	2	5
Joe Dubie, Peoria, Ill.....	2	5
Lawrence Ferre, Canton, Ill. 2	5	
L. W. Sproston, Aledo, Ill.....	0	7

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MAHONEY-HAMANN MATCH

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	P	R	DR	SP	Pct.
Mahoney	37	53	18	74	71.6
Hamann	50	57	23	74	77.0
Mahoney	47	71	26	98	72.4
Hamann	50	72	28	98	73.4
Mahoney	50	75	31	90	83.3
Hamann	23	66	23	90	73.3
Mahoney	50	66	23	86	76.7
Hamann	37	62	24	86	72.0
Mahoney	50	70	28	86	81.4
Hamann	27	61	20	86	70.9

Total shoes pitched 434.
Total ringers—Mahoney 335; Hamann 318.

Average ringer percentage — Mahoney 77.2; Hamann 73.3.

Consecutive Double Ringers—Mahoney 8, in the fifth game; Hamann, 7 in the fourth game.

MAHONEY WINS MATCH

Larry Mahoney, of Lincroft, New Jersey horseshoe champion, defeated Vito Fileccia, of Brooklyn, former New York champion, five straight games in a special match Friday night, on the indoor courts of the Hudson County Horseshoe Club, 671 Montgomery Street, Jersey City.

In the five games the boys tossed 402 shoes each, out of which Mahoney got 321 ringers for an average of 79.6 per cent. Fileccia got 283 ringers for an average of 70.4 per cent. Mahoney scored 127 double ringers and Fileccia 98.

Mahoney won the first game 50-23, pitching 74.3 per cent. Fileccia got off to a bad start and finished with 62.8 per cent. In the second game Fileccia pitched 73.8 per cent, but Mahoney tossed 69 ringers out of 84 pitches for 82.1 per cent to win 50-31. Fileccia got off to a 9-6 lead in the third game after which Mahoney tossed nine consecutive double ringers to lead 27-9. Fileccia then pulled up to 23-36 but the Jersey champ finished the game 20 ringers in 22 pitches to win 50-23. This was Mahoney's best game, his 69 ringers out of 82 shoes pitched was good for 84.1 per cent.

Fileccia could not get started after the intermission and pitched only 60.7 per cent for the fourth game. Mahoney also started slow but finished with a stellar run of 20 consecutive ringers for 78.5 per cent and won 50-19. The last game was the most interesting of the evening. Fileccia reached his high percentage of the match with 77.4, but Mahoney outlasted him, pitching 81 ringers in 102 tosses for 79.4 per cent to win

50-44. This game was close all the way, the score being tied for the fifth time in the 36th inning at 32-32. Mahoney then pulled away to a 49-38 lead, but Fileccia succeeded in scoring six more points on four straight double ringers before Mahoney could score the final point.

Mahoney has agreed to meet Billy Hamann of White Plains, present New York State champion, in a similar match on the same courts on March 10. Hamann won his crown at Rye Beach last September, and also won the Hudson County Open Title on the Lincoln Park, Jersey City, courts, Last June. In this latter tournament he went undefeated in a field that included Ted Allen, the world's champion, and Mahoney.

	P	R	DR	SP	Pct.
Mahoney	50	58	21	78	74.3
Fileccia	23	49	15	78	62.8
Mahoney	50	69	28	84	82.1
Fileccia	31	62	23	84	73.8
Mahoney	50	69	30	82	84.1
Fileccia	23	59	21	82	71.9
Mahoney	50	44	18	56	78.5
Fileccia	19	34	8	56	60.7
Mahoney	50	81	30	102	79.4
Fileccia	44	79	31	102	77.4
Mahoney	250	321	127	402	
Fileccia	140	283	98	402	

Ringer average for five games—Mahoney 79.6; Fileccia, 70.4.

High run consecutive ringers—Mahoney, 20 in fourth game; Fileccia, 12 in fifth game.

ANDELIN IN UTAH

After a number of years in Europe, Wilford H. Andelin, for many years connected with horseshoe activities, has returned to 2641 Alden Street, Salt Lake City, Utah.

COLUMBUS WINS

Columbus, Kansas, Horseshoe Club recently defeated Jasper, Mo., by a score of 19 to 13 in a match at Columbus.

Bill Young, Jasper, beat Ed Houser, 26-35, 35-17 and 36-31.

Pete Bowers, Columbus, won over Glen Owens, 35-14, 20-35 and 35-21. George Carter, Jasper, beat Jim Keith, 35-9 and 35-22.

Floyd Bond, Columbus, won over Sam Miller, 35-27, 28-35, and 35-22. Mike Shutt, Columbus, beat Gib McDaniels, 36-10 and 36-23.

Chester Bemis, Jasper, defeated O. E. Van Hoorebeke, 35-29 and 35-20.

E. O. Seifert, Jasper, and Bill Houser split two games, 34-36 and 35-25.

Fred Draeger, Columbus, beat Bud Sullins, 6-35, 35-16, and 35-27.

Housers and Bowers defeated Owings and Young, 35-22 and 36-26.

Carter and Miller defeated Keith and Bond, 26-35, 35-15 and 35-30.

Shutt and Van Hoorebeke defeated Behis and McDaniels, 35-26, 26-38 and 36-30.

Draeger and Rousseau won over Sullins and Seifert, 35-21 and 35-11.

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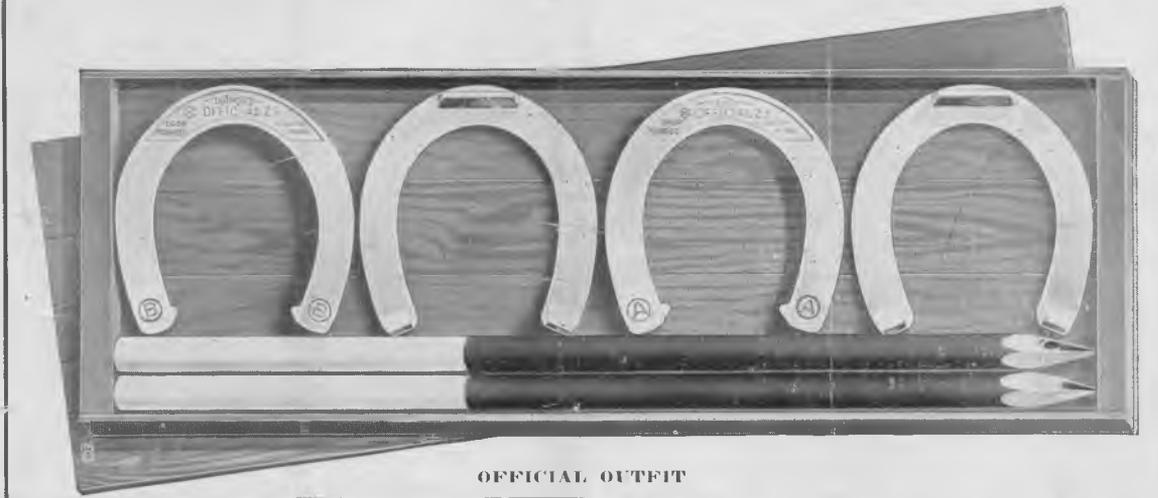
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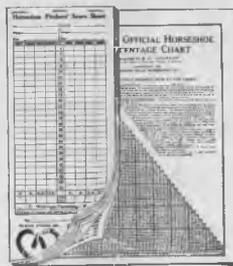


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