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The East holds the sway in tournament activities again . . . in spite of squabbles in New York and the withdrawal of the National charter they seem to be the livest bunch after all . . . maybe a little scrapping does no harm . . . and the Golden Gate Exposition walked out on us . . . but there's still hopes of a tourney in San Francisco . . . if we didn't know D. O. Chess so well we couldn't say this, but he has a bulletin out that reads like a fairy tale to us . . . we have pinched ourselves and find that he has an idea for real money for the National Association . . . if he's right, boys, we have been a bunch of "dubs" and should turn the works over to him . . . and yours truly is resigning as Secretary if we can ever get a National Convention . . . about time to let the younger chaps try their hand at stopping New York scraps, trying to land a National tournament, etc. . . . has been fun but injurious to the health and to the magazine . . . so be picking out a good Secretary . . . and in the meantime send in those good match scores.

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A RAY OF SUNSHINE



In spite of the fact that there has been an "air of gloom" over the horseshoe picture, due to our inability to get a sponsor for a National Tournament, we would like to report a brighter side.

Horseshoes are selling more rapidly this summer than ever. A manufacturer told us this the other day. This means, he says, a greater interest each year in the game. Let's just harness this interest in our 1939 membership drive and start those memberships rolling in.

What's wrong, fellows? Where are those memberships?



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CLUB HAS BIRTHDAY PARTY



Above is a picture of the Salem Horseshoe Clpb. The picture was taken by Ralph Riggs, member of the club and ex-newspaper photographer. The occasion was the first anniversary of completion of the club house, used exclusively the year round for horseshoe pitching. Class A round robins are played every Saturday night and Class B round robins every Monday night, and records of all games are kept. In the picture the member holding the big birthday cake is Edd S. (Dad) Byers, a veteran member of the club. First, left, on the front row is P. C. Harland, president of the club, and last, right, D. E. Janzen, secretary-treasurer.

JACKSON OFFERS AN IDEA

By C. E. Jackson

Without a doubt you have noticed that the majority of horseshoe pitchers are of the working class of people. Very few business men take part in the game. Also very few women participate. Most business men have not developed their muscles so that they can toss a horse shoe the full distance; the same applies to women; therefore they have made the rules for women to be 30 feet. But women hate to be handicapped, they feel they are as good as men, and rather than pitch 30 feet they will not pitch at all.

A business man tries to throw a horseshoe 40 feet and he has to exert himself so much he loses his accuracy and therefore he says he was not cut out to be a horseshoe pitcher. Lots of business men could toss a horse shoe 30 to 35 feet and still be fairly accurate; the same applies to women.

Get the women to pitching horseshoe and the men will pitch. But with the present rules where the women have to be handicapped by

men they will not pitch. Now here is my suggestion:

Make the distance for men and women 33 feet. At this distance the business men would be able to toss the shoes more accurately and therefore would become more interested and the women would take more interest as they could meet the men on the same level. This would make it so the average player would be on a more equal with the top notch players. Some may say that the champion players would put them all on. This would not be the case as I have seen it tried. If they should get to making too many ringers then make the opening in the shoes three inches instead of three and one-half inches.

I have been pitching 30 feet for the past three years and have had other players to try pitching 30 feet and everyone who has tried it likes it better. I feel certain that this would bring more business men into the game and in that way we would have more men in the game that

have more money. I know that if we make this game so that more people will get interested in it we can make it the most popular sport in America.

The shorter distance would make it possible to have more indoor pitching and then it would be a year round sport.

Waterbury Wins In Yakima Meet

Art Waterbury and Jay Elliott, Cowiche veteran, tied for first place Sunday in Class A of the Yakima (Wash.) Horseshoe Club's round robin tournament in the City park. In the play-off, Waterbury won, 50 to 43. A. Detloff and Al Miller deadlocked for the top in Class B, with Detloff winning the playoff, 30 to 10.

Detloff, high in Class B, beat Bewley, low in Class A, 30 to 15, for the right to go into Class A next Sunday. Clarence Ross, of Seattle, a former club member, was a visitor.

Class A

	W	L	Pct
Waterbury	4	1	230
Elliott	4	1	237
Cook	3	2	230
Ross	3	2	239
H. Scott	1	4	188
Bewley	0	5	134

Class B

Detloff	8	1	249
Miller	8	1	253
Rediske	5	4	226
Palmer	5	4	225
Sundquist	5	4	212
J. Scott	5	4	207
A. Keyes	4	5	214
J. Keyes	3	6	173
Preacher	1	8	152
Lasha	1	8	147

The two high averaged 50 per cent

VAN MATRE NEW CHAMP

Ringers were plentiful among the crowd as the Crestwood Horseshoe Pitching Club held its recent big spring outing at City park, in New Orleans, La.

Ed Van Matre came out winner in the singles pitching, but the doubles competition was so close nothing was decided except that the teams of Bob Dyer, E. Van Matre and Jacob Mayer-Tony Santa Cruz were equally good, tying for first place.

TO PASS IT AROUND.

D. O. Chess, secretary of the Buckeye State Horseshoe Pitchers Association, has promised to pass the Horseshoe World Trophy around to the other cities in Ohio. The trophy was won by the Buckeye state group for having the most members affiliated in the National Association on January 1, 1939.

LINDMEIER WINS ILLINOIS INDOOR MEET

Horseshoe pitching received a great boost in Chicago when the First Annual State of Illinois Indoor Amateur Horseshoe Tournament, sponsored by the International Outdoor Sportsmen's Show, was held in the Stockyards Amphitheatre, 43rd and Halsted Sts. John Lindmeier, 1937 National A.A.U. champion, won first place by taking five straight games in the final round.

More than 275,000 people visited the show during nine days, from Jan. 21st to 29th, to set a record for this kind of show. The horseshoe tournament, which was sanctioned by the Central A.A.U. and conducted by John J. Hogan, Chairman of the C.A.A.U. Horseshoe Pitching Committee, was one of many sports featured at the show, including Table Tennis, Archery, Trap Shooting, Casting, Log Rolling, Canoe Tilting, Wood Chopping, Dog Retriever Trials and Indoor Ski Jumping.

Exhibits of motor boats, trailers, fishing tackle, and all kinds of sports equipment were also part of the show. The promoters plan to make this show an annual event.

Dorne Woodhouse set a new record in the qualifying round by tossing 80 ringers for a score of 257 points. Lindmeier was not far behind with 75 ringers and 246 points. Len Loerzel, 1938 Chicago A.A.U. champ, was a bit rusty, and failed to qualify

when he scored only 201 points.

A crowd of 25,000 witnessed the presentation of prizes to the first, second and third place winners. The boys were given beautiful gold, silver and bronze trophies, representing a horseshoe pitcher in action, and received a fine hand from the crowd in the central arena. Summary:

Qualifying Round

	P	R	DR
Dorn Woodhouse.....	257	80	32
John Lindmeier.....	246	75	28
Wm. Danhauer.....	233	69	23
Henry Fleming.....	220	67	23
Leo Rollick.....	218	64	21
Lynford Norton.....	206	57	13
Leonard Loerzel.....	201	59	18
William Blair.....	196	54	13
Herbert Kupper.....	195	50	13
Edward Babush.....	191	52	12
Arnold Thompson.....	191	51	11
George Bowman.....	188	50	12
August Brock.....	188	45	9
Peter Markarian.....	183	50	12
John Fleming.....	182	48	9
Charles Schneider.....	182	46	10

Woodhouse established a new Central A.A.U. Record.

Final Standing

	W	L	P	R	DR	Pct
Lindmeier.....	5	0	250	205	58	.625
Danhauer.....	4	1	239	211	52	.583
Woodhouse.....	3	2	211	182	49	.579
Fleming.....	2	3	200	173	48	.558
Rollick.....	1	4	141	133	27	.458
Norton.....	0	5	156	130	32	.457

LATCH STRING IS OUT SAYS LONG ISLAND CLUB

I am writing on behalf of the Long Island Association to request the cooperation of the Horseshoe World as a means of publicising a matter of general interest to all horseshoe pitchers.

The summer of 1939 will be unusual in that thousands of residents of the Central United States will travel either to New York or San Francisco to visit the World's Fair or the Exposition. Among these thousands will be many horseshoe pitchers. Assuredly, one of the highlights of such a trip would be the opportunity to pitch shoes on new courts and to meet fellow horseshoe players in the East or West.

Unfortunately, for reasons known only to themselves, the authorities of the New York Fair have neglected to include horseshoe pitching facilities in the fair's sports program.

By way of correcting this oversight, the Long Island Association, an organization of all horseshoe clubs in Long Island's four counties, feels

itself obliged to act as unofficial host to all visiting horseshoe pitchers who may come to New York City during this World's Fair season.

Because many of the association's finest courts are situated virtually at the Fairs' front door, a visit to the grounds will permit horseshoe fans to throw a few ringers in the shadow of the famed Perisphere without any inconvenience or expense.

The association has already scheduled matches with groups of players from upper New York State, New Jersey and Massachusetts. By way of international competition, a team from Toronto, Canada, is expected to reach New York during the latter part of next month.

I realize, of course, that teams from the more distant states will be few, if any. However, in the event that any group of pitchers is coming to the Fair, arrangements for friendly match games may be made by writing to me as soon as possible. More emphatically, the association wishes to stress the fact that individual horseshoe pitchers, from states near or far, are invited to make use

of the association's many courts—without cost—while in New York.

The Long Island daily newspapers are co-operating with the association in providing detailed information as to the location of the various courts in the vicinity of the Fair grounds.

You can appreciate, I am sure, the difficulty of getting news of this invitation to the proper ears. Only through the medium of the Horseshoe World can the association convey its message to the interested pitchers. I am confident, however, that the circulation and prestige of your publication will secure the necessary publicity.

Thanking you for your consideration, and trusting you will be able to favor my request with some measure of your personal enthusiasm for the fraternity of horseshoe pitchers throughout the United States, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

JOHN J. ENRIGHT, Sec.
94-21 40th Rd., Elmhurst, L. I.,
New York City, N. Y.

SEASON OPENS

The opening gun of the horseshoe pitching season will be fired on Sunday, May 7th, in the Metropolitan Area when the various clubs of the Knickerbocker Horseshoe Pitchers' League, of New York, start the first half of their schedule with the following contests: Crotona, at Emerald; Jasper Oval at High Bridge Park; Woodlawn at Fort George.

Each club will be represented by three groups of four players in each group. Each group will play a series of 16 games for a total of 48 games in each match.

Players shall be classified or grouped according to a ringer percentage, based on past performances of each contestant and assigned as follows: Groupe One, Class A, over 40 per cent; Group Two, Class B, 30 to 40 per cent; Group Three, Class C, under 30 per cent.

If, and when, after competing in two matches, the ringer percentage of an individual player fluctuates, thereby changing the group or class of that player, it shall be the duty of Handicapper Bill Mullaly to notify the team captain of that particular club of which said player is a member, that the status of said player has been changed for future competition.

It is hoped that the above rule will correct an evil that has been a bugaboo in the past, when a club, unintentionally or otherwise, continued to assign their players to the improper groups for the purpose of winning a majority of games in a match.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Recreation Horseshoe Club
White Plains, N. Y.

Another successful and eventful indoor season has just been completed by the Recreation Horseshoe Club.

A vote of thanks is hereby tendered to the White Plains Bureau of Recreation for sponsoring the finest indoor courts to be found in the East, to Frank T. Hanlon, Director of Athletics, for the interest he has taken in the club and its activities and the many courtesies he has extended to the members from time to time; to Superintendent Mattison and Charles Hallock for the efficient manner in which they kept the courts for the boys to pitch on.

An increase in attendance over last year is shown by the following figures: 5894 visits were made to the courts this past year. This is an increase of 426 over last year.

On Sundays the following teams competed against the local club:

DeKalb, of Brooklyn, New York; Woodlawn, of Bronx, N. Y.; Bearcats of Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; Pawling, of Pawling, N. Y.; Saw Pitts, of Portchester, N. Y.; Rose Hills, of Yonkers, N. Y.; Hudson County, of Jersey City, N. J.; Paterson, of Paterson, N. J.; Englewood, of Englewood, N. J.; Stamford, of Stamford, Conn.; Fleetwoods, of Mt. Vernon, N. Y.; Tarrytown, of Tarrytown, N. Y.

On Monday nights the Stamford "A" team was a weekly visitor to the courts. On Tuesday afternoon 36 boys from the Junior High School used the courts, pitching 30 feet.

On Tuesday and Friday nights, the "B" league used the courts, the teams of Stamford, Yonkers, Tarrytown, Mount Vernon and White Plains playing in this league.

On Wednesday nights the "C" teams of Stamford and White Plains played weekly match games.

On Thursday nights, the Junior members of the Recreation Horseshoe Club played weekly matches. These boys, all under 16 years of age, pitched the 30 foot distance, and there are several promising pitchers in this group.

Saturday afternoons was open for practice. This schedule gave the boys plenty of activity and several of the boys improved their ringer percentage as can be seen by the statistics listed at the end of this report.

William Hamann, state champion, and a member of this club engaged in several match games and exhibitions in and around New York.

A summer schedule is being

planned and the boys are all looking forward to the opening of the outdoor courts.

The junior members, known as the "Cubs," will sport new uniforms as well as the seniors.

Individual Results

	W	L	P	R	DR	SP	%
W. Hamann	20	5	1181	1478	532	1931	765
C. Seacord	31	11	1844	1408	319	2566	548
M. Driscoll	159	49	11013	4754	1095	10014	474
F. Troxel	160	73	10098	4737	1034	10626	446
M. Smith	6	9	559	407	89	906	440
C. Young	164	80	12018	5141	1112	12186	421
J. Green	105	78	7679	3196	586	7956	401
D. Gardner	102	115	8631	3822	681	9876	386
J. Hammer	115	91	9653	3714	710	9860	376
F. Conklin	36	53	4495	1233	199	4050	304
R. Crozier	42	42	4518	960	135	3200	300
J. Yasinac	28	56	3322	742	99	2800	265
C. Peters	28	56	2998	721	93	2750	261
T. Schnau	20	67	2765	648	52	3200	202
Totals	1016	785	80773	32963	6836	81721	403

The reason for some of the boys scoring so many points on so few games won was due to the fact that in one of the leagues the "count all" method of scoring was used. This method was found satisfactory for the players under 30 per cent, but the 40 per cent pitchers preferred the "cancel method."

The Chumps of White Plains

	W	L	P	R	DR	SP	%
Chumps							
Driscoll	55	17	3022	1752	442	3600	486
Green	40	32	2550	1424	282	3600	395
Gardner	30	42	2384	1292	252	3600	358
Totals	125	91	7956	4468	976	10800	413

	W	L	P	R	DR	SP	%
Tigers							
Troxel	46	26	2614	1615	361	3600	448
Young	43	29	2520	1509	337	3600	419
Hammer	30	42	2326	1298	244	3600	360
Totals	119	97	7460	4422	942	10800	409

	W	L	P	R	DR	SP	%
Nutmegs							
Wagner	47	25	2660	1642	367	3600	456
Linnane	47	25	2659	1511	333	3600	419
Belive	19	53	2004	1216	211	3600	337
Totals	113	103	7323	4369	911	10800	404

	W	L	P	R	DR	SP	%
Rosehills							
Wagner	31	41	2333	1456	272	3600	404
Gibson	27	45	2106	1370	260	3600	380
Lohrfink	17	55	1862	1132	173	3600	314
Totals	75	145	6301	3958	705	10800	366

The above games were played at

the White Plains indoor courts.

topped out the Tigers of White Plains by six games, with the Nutmegs of Stamford six games behind the Tigers.

The Rosehills of Yonkers were a bit weak and came in third. In all it was a close race right up to the last match, as can be seen by the results below the boys were evenly matched.

WOODARD WINS

Local Horseshoe Expert Beats High State Man Yesterday

May 7th.—Lloyd Woodard, Columbus horseshoe pitching expert, took Alvin Dahlene of Lawrence, Kans., to a trimming to the tune of four games to two yesterday afternoon at Legion Park. Woodard wins \$40 donated to the Columbus Horseshoe Club to bring this match to the local court.

Dahlene beat Alvin Gandy, present Kansas champion last Sunday in Topeka four games to two in a seven game match.

Woodard has defeated Frank E. Jackson, 13 times world champion, and Putt Mossman, twice world's champion, both on Columbus courts, losing only once on home courts to Ted Allen, present world champion.

Much interest was aroused by the match yesterday and a large crowd gathered under the large roof at the park.

Floyd Bond, secretary of the horseshoe club, hopes to bring several other big matches to the local courts this summer. The scores for the six games:

Woodard	16	50	31	50	50	50
Dahlene	50	30	50	28	31	41

Woodard pitched "Ohio" horseshoes.

ENTHUSIASM!

This old worker in the vineyard, who has been trying to sell horseshoe memberships more years than he likes to tell, was greatly interested in the enthusiastic bulletin which D. O. Chess, 6208 Quimby avenue, Cleveland, secretary of the Buckeye State Horseshoe Pitchers Association put out to district commissioners in his state.

Whaddyou think? Can it be done? Read his bulletin and tell us whether we are asleep at the switch or whether our good friend Chess is over enthusiastic. Well, anyway, here's his bulletin:

To District Commissioners and All Interested:

Mr. Kenny Baker, 1030 Forsythe St., Toledo, Ohio, has been appointed District Commissioner for District No. 1, comprising Williams, Fulton, Lucas, Defiance, Henry and Wood Counties. This supplements our appointments of March 1939.

Gentlemen: There is a fortune in horseshoe pitching for all those successful, just as there are for those who excel in baseball, prize fighting, etc., when our sport adopts one national scoring rule that is on a 50-50 basis in the point-scoring column, irrespective to ability of players. We stress "one scoring rule" for all as the only means leading to success, because all players prefer to play and score like the champions do and are entitled to do so.

We believe that, with the adoption of such a method, the sport could be made self-supporting within three years time and we could have a National Tournament twice a year with at least \$100,000 for each, and the winner get no less than \$25,000, graduated down to \$500 for last place in finals, to be increased yearly thereafter, and pay for it ourselves.

Here is how it would work: Mr. Howard, who is perfectly capable, would design an affiliation card second to none in beauty, which every organized and back-yard player would be wild to possess at 25 cents each, and 3,000,000 such cards bring \$750,000, of which 10 cents each would bring the National Association \$300,000, who could apply \$100,000 to some project to benefit all affiliated members and their dependents (possibly insurance) and still have \$200,000 for two tournaments each year. The remaining 15 cents each for states would bring \$450,000 and divided by 48 (pro-rated among 48 states) would bring \$9,374 for each state. It should not be long until affiliations would reach ten million and upward for this simple action of

helping our brother players.

Man is but a combination of flesh, bone, blood, hair and brain cells. These are the building materials out of which he shapes his desires and habits, and with the application of the following captioned principles: A definite chief aim; Self-confidence; Initiative and Leadership; Imagination, Enthusiasm, Self-control, Concentration, Co-operation, Accurate thought, Persistence and tolerance, all mixed freely and abundantly with the Golden Rule in the interest of Brotherhood, we have, and are almost daily seeing wonders taking place on land, water and in the air. Had it not been for the application of these principles in the early stages of our country it would possibly still be a wilderness inhabited by those whose chief aim was to be warriors and hunters with their women folk doing all the manual labor, and we would not be here now.

Though done at an enormous human sacrifice, all are better off as we, with them, are all representative of American leadership in education, industry, etc., today.

Can we afford to laugh these things off? Our sport may be said to be in the same category of the early stages of our country insofar as the scoring method is concerned, and what a shame that it is non-supporting, having to beg in order to have tournaments at whatever prize money it is seen fit to give us with no other outlook except abandonment of both the National and State Associations and the magazine because we cannot make it go, in which case there would be no recognized champions.

On the other hand, when, by helping the ordinary players in the manner as outlined above, the experts become the chief beneficiary with top prize money in five figures and prominent stage careers comparable to other sports, and, just to think, that the latter players are the only one who can do it.

We urge, and feel sure, that Buckeye State District Commissioners and club officials will take full advantage of the courtesy of the National Association officials in the use of the count-all method of scoring this year in the interest of encouraging the beginners and ordinary players thereby creating greater interest in the sport, hoping against hope that the experts will do something about our method at the National Convention this fall, after which, depending upon what is done, whether any further effort as an association is justified.

With our very best regards, we are Sincerely yours,

D. O. CHESS, Sec.

HOT GAME

The hottest games ever pitched in Kansas, were pitched at Columbus, Kansas, Sunday morning, April 16, the two contestants being very close friends and teammates, namely Roland Kraft of Lawrence, and Alvin Dahlene, of Lawrence.

Kraft started the game with seven consecutive doubles, then singled. He then tossed eight consecutive doubles and then singled. Four more doubles followed that, then another single. He then slammed on another six consecutive doubles then another single. He finished the game with six consecutive doubles. His grand total was 66 ringers out of 70 shoes, for a percentage of 94.2 per cent.

Dahlene had 53 out of 70 for 76 per cent, and scored 12 points. This was a warm-up game, but the one-armed young man from the cyclone state was more than warm—he was "sizzlin'."

TANNER PLANS FOR ILLINOIS TOURNEY

L. E. Tanner, president of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association and also head of the Illinois state association, is now making plans for the Illinois meet.

This tournament is one of the greatest in the country and will be held over a three-day period. This year will mark the 14th annual Illinois tournament.

GOOD START

The West Hempstead Club got off to a very good start Friday, March 31, at a regular meeting of the club. Plans were made for the coming summer. An open tournament will be held on the club courts Sunday, May 21st. As we have only five courts there will have to be two 10-man round robins, with the first one getting under way at 12 Noon, and the second one starting around 3:30 p. m. All qualifying scores must be in by 11:30 a. m., and no exception will be granted to this rule. Qualifying will start at 9 a. m. There will be three prizes in each group.

The boys decided to have three teams competing in the Long Island League this summer. We will have A, B and C teams entered.

This meeting was held at the home of Angus Hamilton, after the meeting a social was held with plenty of refreshments.

PETER MCGILL.

LOOK FOR THE GREEN STAMPS

MODERN PROGRESS

Since the pitching shoe game has become so popular it has become necessary for manufacturers to develop the product along most scientific lines to meet the exacting demand of horseshoe pitchers.

Then, too, it is necessary to produce shoes of special design, that conform with the rules and regulations of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association. It may be interesting to learn of the processes that are now applied to the production of these products by one of the large producers — the Giant Grip Mfg. Co., of Oshkosh, Wis.

All Giant Grip pitching shoes are made under the hammer forging process. Through no other method of metal fashioning is it possible to secure all of the essential strength and the finer balanced proportions that can be accomplished through the slow and thorough hammering of the steel into its proper shape.

The main advantage of the hammer forging process is that the grain structure can be governed more closely and the uniformity of the physical properties can be more rigidly controlled and in this way the steel is thoroughly refined, adding strength and toughness and forming it into a dense mass of flawless metal.

There is still an appreciable demand for hand or hammer forged products and the secret of their superiority is that the more steel is hammered the finer and more durable it becomes, whereas in ordinary drop-stamped or a product that is only hit one heavy, pressing blow to form it, does not provide the density of grain structure to increase the strength.

These are factors that have been considered in the production of Giant Grip pitching shoes and that is the reason it is possible to claim that their shoes are unbreakable and they are in such fine temper that it is not necessary to specify the hardness when selecting Giant Grip shoes. They are made in one special temper and so uniformly worked out that they meet the general requirement of the horseshoe pitcher.

Through another special heat treating process the shoes carry a slight surface hardness that keeps them free from nicking, and still provides a free falling shoe, the kind horseshoe pitchers prefer. Another factor is that this special hammering process allows for forming the steel into perfect balanced proportions so that the shoes will pitch straight—another desirable feature in a pitching shoe.

This game has made such rapid

progress that manufacturers have found it necessary to keep their lines very much up to date to meet the exacting requirements of horseshoe pitchers.

BEATS FILECCIA

Bill Hamann, New York State champion, defeated Vito Fileccia, former New York State champion, two out of three games in a special match Sunday, March 26, at the Whitestone Indoor Courts, 15th Ave., at 150th St., Whitestone, L. I., N. Y.

Following are the results.

Table with 5 columns: Name, Game 1, Game 2, Game 3, Total. Rows include Hamann and Fileccia for three games and a total row.

In the round robin that preceded this match, Bill Hamann took first place, the score follows.

Table with 5 columns: Name, W, L, P, R, DR, Pet. Rows include Hamann, Fileccia, Christy, and Hubbs.

The Whitestone Club has two fine indoor courts and five outdoor courts, and have joined the Long Island Association, and also have joined the State and National Association, at the present time they have ten members in the State and National, and expect to have more in the very near future.

Following is the final standing of the Wednesday Night Club. These games were played at the Whitestone Indoor Courts.

Table with 5 columns: Name, W, L, P, R, DR, Pet. Rows include Christy, Hubbs, Patrick, McGill, Campbell, and Querett.

PETER MCGILL

WANT GAMES

The Fall Creek Horseshoe Club of Indianapolis, is desirous of scheduling team matches with other Indiana clubs throughout spring and summer months. Club secretaries are urged to write as soon as possible to Fall Creek Club manager, Mr. Geo. Johnson, 1406 Hôye Ave., Indianapolis, Ind.

G. S. Thornberry, Versailles, Ill., is a 72-year-old pitcher and says, "I challenge any man my age." There you are "boys," take him up!

BAD NEWS

While no further word has been received by the Horseshoe World from A. F. Heuer, 509 Sansome Street, San Francisco, his last letter indicated that efforts were being made to finance a 1939 National meet through other sources, following the "bad news" that the Golden Gate Exposition had cancelled its arrangement.

The National Association officers have told Mr. Heuer that they will make the requirements as light as possible.

We were all set to have a tourney at San Francisco and we still desire to do so!

GAMBLE RESIGNED

Word has been received by the Horseshoe World of the resignation of Frank P. Gamble as president of the New York State Horseshoe Pitchers Association.

Mr. Gamble states that although he has dropped out of the picture he hopes to be able to support or help the game in any way that he may be called to do so and that he will "lend my assistance whenever requested and by any who may request same."

It is felt that the opportunity may now be at hand for the operation of a state-wide group that will embrace all factions in New York State and that a Charter may be reissued by the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association. The charter had formerly been held by the group which Gamble headed, but had been withdrawn by the National Association because of the factional fight with another group of pitchers who had formed another state association.

The Horseshoe World acknowledges with thanks a long list of subscriptions from Angela Hopkins, secretary of the Sportswomen's Horseshoe Club at 31 Dartmouth St., San Francisco.

A new horseshoe club has been inaugurated in Scranton, Pa., according to John Robinson, long a shoe enthusiast, who lives at 335 Cayuga Street, Scranton.

A fine letter from R. M. Buchanan, secretary of the Colorado Horseshoe Pitchers Association, 3055 South Broadway, Englewood, Colo., states, "I am going to try very hard to be in 'Frisco."

A STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT TANNER

The National Horseshoe Pitchers Association is going to insist that all shoes used in the coming National Tournament and in State Tournaments comply with the national rules. All such shoes that do not comply with the rules will be barred.

The National rules were made up by the horseshoe companies and the pitchers and we officers must see that they are lived up to in the coming National Tournament, and such rules are going to be enforced.

L. E. TANNER, Pres.
Natl. Horseshoe Pitchers Asso., Anchor, Ill.

HAMANN WINS MAHONEY MATCH

William Hamann, New York State champion, defeated Larry Mahoney, New Jersey State champion, in their match held Thursday night, April 13, in the gymnasium of the Methodist Church, Englewood, New Jersey.

Hamann got off to a flying start, leading 19 to 3, at which point Mahoney spurted to tie the score at 30 all. Hamann then tossed 30 ringers out of the next 32 pitches to finish the game, 50 to 33. Mahoney tried desperately to hold on and for six consecutive innings the boys had four ringers on the peg. Hamann got another double but Mahoney's second shoe flew off the stake and the three points ended the game in Hamann's favor.

Hamann retained his form to win the second and third games and the match with scores of 50-37 and 50-40.

Summaries

	P	SP	R	DR	Pet
Hamann	50	94	77	32	81.9
Mahoney	34	94	73	26	77.1
Hamann	52	90	66	20	73.3
Mahoney	37	90	59	19	65.5
Hamann	50	78	59	22	75.6
Mahoney	40	78	55	19	70.5
Totals—					
Hamann		262	202	74	77.1
Mahoney		262	187	54	71.4

HUDSON COUNTY OPEN TOURNEY

The Hudson County Horseshoe Club, of Jersey City, is working on plans to make this year's Hudson County Open tournament better in every respect than ever before. The date is June 25th, and the place is Lincoln Park, Jersey City.

There will be ten clay courts and 25 temporary courts available, making 35 in all. This should provide adequate facilities for all that wish to enter. It is ten more courts than were available for last year's record entry of 90 players, and should insure round robins for all.

As usual the Hudson county boys are digging down for some extra prize money which should be of in-

terest to all competitors.

The defending title holder is William Hamann, of White Plains, N. Y., who will be on hand to defend his laurels against the outstanding pitchers of the East. Larry Mahoney, New Jersey state champion, and Vito Fileccia, of Brooklyn, former New York state champion, and three time winner of the Hudson County Open title, should furnish plenty of competition for Mr. Hamann. In addition to these players, the Tournament Committee hopes to attract such talented tossers as Messrs. O'Shea of Massachusetts, Hurst of Rhode Island, and Frye of Virginia.

J. H. Browning, 1047 Liberty St., Meadville, Pa., reports that Meadville has started a movement for official lighted courts for 1939 play.

Harry Woodfield writes that his horseshoe club has courts two blocks from the White House, just south of the Treasury Building. They hope to

have lights for night pitching this summer.

Temple R. Jarrell, of Berwyn, Md., well-known to all shoe tossers, recently completed his Master's degree at the University of Maryland.

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R. C. (Dick) Sprinkle, 56 Marathon Avenue, Dayton, O., is a horseshoe enthusiast. He and other pitchers in his neighborhood will have a neighborhood court this summer.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WANTS ACTION

Canton, Ohio

Mr. R. B. Howard, Publisher,
The Horseshoe World,
Sec.-Treas., The Nat'l Horseshoe
Pitchers Asso.

Dear Sir:

Much has been said about what is wrong with the horseshoe pitching sport in the past five years, and very little has been done about it. It seems everyone has a possible remedy but nobody attempts to try them out. Of course, Mr. D. O. Chess, in Cleveland, has tried out the no cancellation method and it has become rather successful in the Greater Cleveland area, but I am afraid it is not approved by the better pitchers.

If a player pitches, throws 70 ringers out of 100 is matched against a player who only pitches 10 ringers, the score will be about the same as if they played a 50-point game and the score is 50 to 2, only in the no cancellation the score is higher just in figures and the player gets beat just as bad. The idea that if a player gets to count his score will bring more beginners into the game is out of the question. It is up to the better pitcher to encourage the poorer player and not refrain from pitching with him. Most of the better players have the idea that they are too good to associate with the poorer players and do so only in a match game.

By better players I mean those who win in the various tournaments and who are able to hold up an average of 60 per cent and more. The greater number of such players do not even belong to the National Horseshoe Pitchers Asso. They are the ones who should belong and help the sport, but, no, they do not believe in organizations.

I look forward to the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association to adopt some rules quite different from the present rules at the convention at San Francisco this coming August. The better players have let down the N. H. P. A., and in turn the N. H. P. A. has been floundering like a fish out of water.

The N. H. P. A. has been dormant too long. They should let the people know they are an active organization. They will have their chance at the coming convention in August. A rule book should be published after the convention with all the new adopted rules and any amendments. Provisions should be made for a National Horseshoe League, and the only way this is possible is to charge admission to horseshoe games and

build courts in such a manner that that will be possible.

A rule should be adopted that will specify how many men comprise a team, just like baseball, football and any other sport. Abandon the 50-point game for team matches, and make a rule that each man will pitch just so many shoes during a match game. The 50-point games to be used only in tournaments where individual championship is being decided.

Just a word about Mr. Von der Lancken's plan. Why not go a step farther? Why not adopt a five-year plan and endeavor to sell 100,000 shares of stock at \$10 a share. This low price per share will make it possible for practically every horseshoe player to buy a share and thereby be able to help his sport by buying at least one share. These shares could be made to pay a dividend at the end of five years, and in this way persons who do not pitch horseshoes might be attracted to invest money in the sport. By charging admission to games the horseshoe sport can put itself on a level equal to other sports.

Recently while listening to a sports announcement over the radio the announcer said that there were eighty million paid admissions in basket ball last year, sixty million in baseball and forty million in football. With the actual three million horseshoe players in the United States why couldn't horseshoes have at least thirty million paid admissions?

Horseshoe pitching, by building indoor courts could be made an all-the-year-around sport and could go farther than any one could dream. Horseshoe pitching is an art, and a scientific game, and must not be construed as "barnyard golf." It is a respectable sport in which all classes of people can participate. So

why isn't the game in the limelight?

Action on the part of the horseshoe players and the officers of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association is necessary at once.

Respectfully yours,

ANDREW STOLARIK
726 Mahoning Rd., N.E.

Blue Mound, Kans.

Editor Horseshoe World:

In 1909 a horseshoe tournament was held in Kansas for the championship of the world. Since that time several other such tournaments have been held in all part of the United States. In all there has been some thirty of such national tournaments held. In only one case has the gate receipts exceeded the expense. Has it never occurred to the horseshoe pitchers that something was wrong?

In September there will be another such tournament held. My bet is that as far as gate receipts is concerned this will be another loss for the sponsors. How long will this go on before there will be no more tournaments?

If I were in the automobile business and I paid \$2000 for an automobile and sold the car for only \$500 then I would not buy another car like that for \$2000 but would not pay more than \$400 for another like it. That is the reason it is so much trouble to find a buyer for the national tournament.

If, on the other hand, I were to sell that automobile for \$3000, then I would be glad to pay \$2500 for another like it.

Why not put the tournament on in such a way that the gate receipts would be \$5000 instead of \$500 as it is now? In this way the prizes would be more and it would pay all the players for their time and ex-

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 pens to attend the tournament. I sincerely believe we have given the round robin plan a good trial, so why not discard the method that has proven such a failure and try some other method.

Here is a plan that has been proven to be a success, so why not adopt it and put the horseshoe game with the leaders as it should be. This is the plan with a few changes to suit the horseshoe game:

First, qualify 32 players by the 100-shoe pitch as used at the tournament at Moline.

Second, select players according to the score made in the qualifying round, high score being No. 1, second high score No. 2, etc.

Third, the first round No. 1 plays No. 32, No. 2 vs. No. 31, etc. These games shall be two best out of three.

Fourth, in the second round players shall be seeded again according to the percentage of ringers pitched in the first round. All losing players in each round are eliminated from further competition in the tournament, but will receive 20 per cent of the prize money to be divided equally between the eliminated players. In the second round the high percentage in the previous round

will be No. 1, second high percentage will be No. 2, etc. No. 1 vs. No. 16, No. 2 vs. No. 15, No. 3 vs. No. 14, etc. Games in this round will be two best out of three. Eliminated players will also receive 20 per cent of prize money equally divided.

Fifth, in round three, players will be seeded as before, according to percentage made in second round. High percentage man will be No. 1, second high No. 2, etc. No. 1 vs. No. 8, No. 2 vs. No. 7, etc. These matches will be three best out of five. Eliminated players will receive 20 per cent of prize money divided equally as before.

Sixth, in fourth round there will be only four players left. The man having the highest percentage in the preceding round will play a match of four best out of seven games with the man with the lowest percentage. The other two will play a similar match. Losers to receive 15 per cent of prize money.

The winners of these two matches will play each other four out of seven games for the championship. Winner gets 15 per cent of prize money and the loser gets 10 per cent of the prize money.

Now for a little discussion on this plan. Supposing there is \$2000 in

prize money. The first 16 players to be eliminated would get \$400, divided equally between them, or \$25 each. In Chicago the lowest prizes were \$10 in the round robin plan.

The next eight players to be eliminated would get \$400 or \$50 each. The next four players to be eliminated would get \$400 or \$100 each.

The next two players to be eliminated would get 15 per cent or \$300 or \$150 each. Second prize would be \$200 and first would be \$300.

On this plan the tournament could be run on one court instead of 16 courts. The interest would be centered on only one game at a time.

Sincerely yours,

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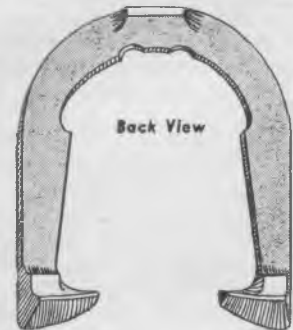
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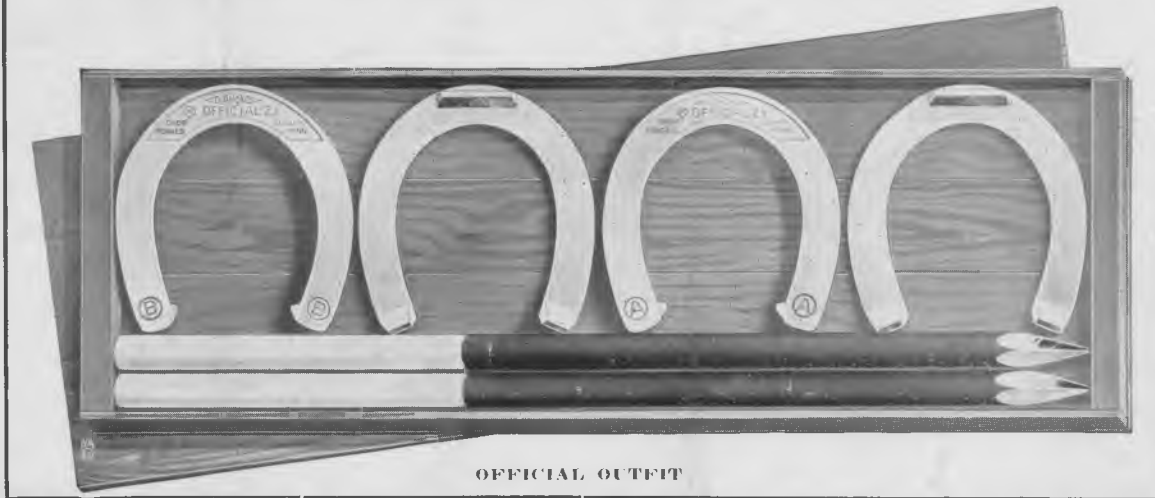
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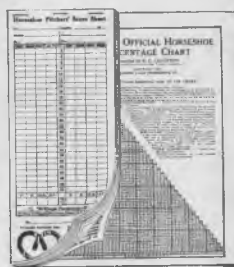
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