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MORE reports of state and district tournaments in this issue of the Horseshoe World . . . it always does us a lot of good to check over the figures of these state tournaments and to see how the game has progressed in the number of good pitchers . . . every state has many pitchers good enough to enter a national tournament . . . and we hope there will be one for them to enter this winter . . . it's time some Southern city began making plans for this event which will do more to advertise their city than any other one thing we can think of . . . St. Petersburg lost a golden chance last winter, but may decide to be the host to her good friends, the horseshoe pitchers, this winter . . . wherever it is let every state in the Union send entrants . . . let's make it a real national tournament . . . if you want to see a real ringer record turn to the story of "the world's greatest game" in this issue .

OCTOBER, 1930

HORSESHOE BY MAIL

HORSESHOE contests played by mail seem to be increasing in popularity. Every issue we carry some story about a contest that has been played by two or more clubs. This is most gratifying, showing that interest in the game is growing every year.

With the indoor-court season near at hand this way of staging contests can still be used and the Horseshoe World offers its facilities to any clubs desiring to arrange such matches. We will be glad to have the scores sent to us and to announce the winners.

Let's play horseshoes by mail!

OUR READERS COME FIRST

In publishing THE HORSESHOE WORLD, our readers come first. The magazine is printed monthly for them and every article is run with the idea of interesting them. Suggestions to the editor for the betterment of the magazine are always welcomed.

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Horseshoe Golf A Reality --- Here's The New Idea

ASURE ENOUGH barnyard golf course has just been started at Franklin Park, Tacoma, Wash., in sight of Hoodlum Lake, a well-known swimming hole of days gone by.

This idea for a Horseshoe Golf Course which consists of 18 horseshoe pegs and platforms was initiated by Bob Hager, president of the Tacoma Horseshoe Pitchers' Association.

Harry Kenny, veteran horseshoe pitcher of Tacoma, and secretary of the State Association, deserves considerable share of credit for his untiring work in constructing the 18 pitching boxes and in assisting Mr. Hager in laying out this first "Barnyard Golf Course." Many of the other members of the Horseshoe club assisted to install the course.

This new game of horseshoes may be played as match play, that is peg by peg as match golf play is played hole by hole, or by medal play, or count of total score. Playing the game as match play, the gap between tip top players and mediocre players will be closed just as it works out in golf. The latter system of medal play will not differ from the ordinary count in horseshoes except that the player who has the highest score at the end of 36 shoes or once around the 18 peg course may be declared the winner instead of playing to the usual goal of 50 points.

The score cards for the course will have four columns for each player, one for points made at each peg, the second in which to record ringers, a third to record double ringers and the fourth to figure percentages.

The Course in Hoodlum Lake district in Franklin Park is laid out on very rolling, uneven ground with shrubs and bushes forming many natural hazards. Despite the uneven ground, the construction crew, all horseshoe pitchers themselves, have been careful to see that all pegs are set at the correct distance of 40 feet from the pitching platforms and that each platform is level with the box to which you pitch.

This style of play will eliminate long waits for other players to vacate the courts. Each player will be able to play as soon as those ahead of him have started around the course. This duplicates a very popular feature of golf.

Play may be singles or doubles, solitaire or threesome.

At the opening of this first Barnyard Golf course, many different types of competition were used. First each pitcher continued around the 18-peg course until he had scored 20 ringers, of course the man going the shortest distance won. Match play was used for one round, counting hole by hole (peg by peg). One round was used for total score counting all shoes within six inches regardless of opponent's shoes, just as strokes are counted in golf. Later on in the summer the playground department held a "Tombstone" tournament, which is a good way to run a large number through in a short time. Each pitcher continued

around the course until 100 points were scored, each player counting his score regardless of canceling ringers or points. When the 100 points were scored a man would stick up his tombstone, which in this case was a wooden tongue depression with his name written on it. The number of shoes thrown were noted and low man won. First place was taken by Bill Herdman, who tossed 73 shoes for his 100 points; in other words he had gone around the course twice and threw just one shoe at peg No. 1 on the third round. The scores ranged from that to 201 shoes. This man went around the 18 peg course five times and threw one shoe on the 11th peg on the sixth round before he scored his 100 points.

Lansing Wins

Results of a match at Potter Park, Lansing, Mich., September 20.

	Lansing							
	W	L	P	OP	SP	R	DR	Pct
Graham	6	0	300	85	274	143	36	52.2
Fisher	6	0	300	134	330	157	38	47.6
Price	6	0	300	147	340	112	24	32.9
Allen	5	1	264	190	368	129	21	35.1
Minich	5	1	280	194	378	127	18	33.6
Starkweather	4	2	255	211	354	102	15	23.8
Totals.....	32	4	1719	961	2044	770	148	37.7

	Franklin							
	W	L	P	OP	SP	R	DR	Pct
Cummins	2	4	234	257	390	121	20	31.0
Martin	2	4	224	262	376	124	18	33.0
Johnson	0	6	162	300	320	80	11	25.0
Bristol	0	6	136	300	256	77	8	21.6
Gray	0	6	131	300	336	76	6	22.6
McCrumb	0	3	25	150	128	19	1	14.3
Utley	0	2	42	100	106	18	0	17.0
Wood	0	1	7	50	32	3	0	9.4
Totals.....	4	32	961	1719	2044	518	64	25.3

Have Busy Summer

Winning 6 out of 10 games played by mail and 10 out of 20 games in and near Winston-Salem, the Winston-

Salem, N. C., club reports a splendid summer.

Individual percentages of the Winston-Salem boys are

Name	R. Pct.	SP	Points	R	DR
Edgar Chilton .....	.4613	800	1410	369	90
Robert Bradford .....	.5133	300	590	154	18
R. L. Higgins .....	.43	300	424	129	36
E. J. Caudle .....	.4967	300	584	149	40
Hobart Davis .....	.56	300	600	168	29
Reed Collins .....	.4267	300	498	128	29
R. E. Chilton .....	.4633	300	539	139	33
Reuben Chilton .....	.4767	300	543	143	33
Clyde Caudle .....	.525	800	1556	420	125
Totals .....	.4862	3700	6744	1799	497

TENNESSEE TOURNAMENT IS SUCCESSFUL

By F. R. CORWIN

THE State and District Horseshoe Tournament was held during the week of Aug. 6 to Aug. 13, on the courts of the new Industrial Y. M. C. A. in Chattanooga, Tenn.

As usual there were four events contested—the State Singles, the City Doubles, and the District Singles and Doubles. The State Singles title was won by G. A. Smith, who finished second last year and third the year previous to that. Leon Allen, a 14-year-old school boy, finished second, being beaten only by Smith, while John Bohannon, a seasoned pitcher of several campaigns, finished third.

The City Doubles was won by the Junior Order team composed of J. L. Amos, three times state champion, and C. R. Zimmerman. Second place was won by Western Union Car Shops, represented by John Bohannon and J. McKinney. The District Singles was won by O. S. Cartwright, J. W. Stone being the runner up.

The District Doubles was won by Alton Park Community (A. Chambers and H. Haley) with the Industrial Y. M. C. A. team second, composed of Leon Allen and David Allen. There were 15 competitors in the preliminary round of the State Singles; five of these being eliminated by the method in use in the Minnesota State Tournament, that of each man pitching 100 shoes without

competition, the highest men going into the final round robin, the results of which are given herewith.

The Tournament Committee in charge of the events were:

M. Z. L. Fuller, J. L. Amos, O. C. Drinnon, F. R. Corwin.

The tournament was a thorough success and it is evident that there will be more than the usual amount of interest next year.

FINAL STANDING IN THE TENNESSEE STATE HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT

	W	L	P	R	DR	TR	SP	Av.R
Geo. Smith	9	0	889	267	108	483	1084	.445
Leon Allen	8	1	887	290	97	484	1134	.426
John Bohannon	7	2	882	290	103	496	1182	.419
Aaron Chambers	5	4	888	297	90	477	1290	.369
N. P. Smith	4	5	768	291	61	418	1222	.337
Martin Glenn	4	5	775	295	71	437	1178	.370
C. R. Zimmerman	3	6	749	293	51	395	1322	.298
Harry Haley	3	6	835	302	84	470	1276	.368
Allen Smith	2	7	673	248	42	332	1250	.241
Jack Bennett	0	9	737	297	65	427	1376	.310

CALIFORNIA MEET AT COVINA, OCT. 30-NOV. 1

All the preliminary arrangements have been made for the holding of California's tenth annual horseshoe tournament at Covina, October 30, 31 and Nov. 1, 1930. This tournament carries with it a prize list of upwards of \$500.00, not including medals or merchandise prizes so generously donated by Covina's enterprising business firms. A large entry list is confidently expected, and very keen competition is assured both in the singles event as well as in the team contest.

Very great credit is due Mr. S. N. Benton and Mr. J. R. Bleecker, of the Covina Club for their untiring effort in enlisting the aid of their own city officials and service clubs, as well as business men, in backing up the proposition of entertaining this very important tournament. The location selected, adjacent to the beautiful 10-acre City Park, with all its conveniences, is very propitious.

Following is a brief summary of the events:

Elimination down to 16 contestants for all entrants in the state championship singles by throwing 150 shoes.

Event 1. State singles championship.

Event 2. Team championship.

Event 3. 200 shoes; points win; no age limit.

Event 4. Men 65 to 75 years old. Each pitches every other one 21-point walking game. Games win.

Event 5. Men 75 years old and up. Same as Event 4.

Event 6. Boys under 14 years old. 21-point walking games.

A special \$5.00 prize is offered to all throwing 50 per cent ringers or over in all events except in the team contest.

Walter Krowell of the South Park club, Los Angeles, is the present singles champion, while the Fresno club are team champions. Both expect to defend their titles at Covina.

There are at present 19 clubs affiliated with the State Association.

Our state association was recently donated a beautiful new team championship banner by Mr. J. A. Gordon, manufacturer of the popular new Gordon "Spin On" horseshoe.

GLENN B. PORTER, Sec'y-Treas

HAVE FINE SHOE CLUB

Colorado Springs, Colo., has a fine horseshoe club with a membership list that is growing. D. E. Nance is secretary of the organization.

New Club Organized

The Patterson (N. J.) Horseshoe Pitching association was organized in the Board of Recreation rooms in the city hall under the direction of Supervisor Al Cappio. Officers elected were Garry De Young, president; Eugene Hillman, vice president; John Steele, treasurer; John Van Lenten, secretary; and George Koch, executive secretary.

William Emmetts was named chairman of the committee to plan and execute a membership drive. Members were received at the next meeting Friday night, October 3.

Paul Cosine and John Van Blarcom were appointed a tournament committee, and announced that the club has already entered three tournaments for the near future. The first will take place Saturday at Babylon, L. I., and Garry DeYoung, Art and Gene Hillman, Paul and Harold Cosine, Bill Lamela and Paul Puglese will represent the club.

HAVE GOOD SUMMER

The Lansing horseshoe team, one of Michigan's best, won 8 out of 9 games played in this summer's series. Bert Graham, efficient secretary of the Lansing club, has kept the Horseshoe World informed of the club's activities.

"Heins" Graham Wins Oregon State Horseshoe Tilt

HEINE (H. H.) Harris Graham, of The Dalles, Or., won the Oregon state horseshoe pitching championship, a title held by W. H. Hayden, of Portland for the past four years. The tournament was held at Portland, Oregon, on August 30-Sept. 1. Graham was victorious only after a hard day's work on the Lotus Isle courts, in which he turned back 14 of the most formidable hoofwear slingers in the northwest. He won 14 and lost one game in the round robin round to lead Joe Francisco, veteran Portland pitcher, by two games. Francisco took second with 12 triumphs and three defeats. Graham lost one contest, his conqueror being George Jensen, of Portland.

While not a novice to the game, Graham's experience is short compared to that of the players who lined up against him, but the shoes he hurled through 40 feet of atmosphere alighted around the pegs more frequently than those of his veteran rivals. The titlist has been playing for only five years. He is national horseshoe pitching champion of the Union

Pacific system. He won the crown for the fourth consecutive time by triumphing at Ogden, Utah, last month. He slapped back the jinx of jinxes by winning the banner on August 13—a rousing indication of his ability to control the flight of equine oxfords.

Graham Defeats Ex-Champ

Hayden, defending the championship, had a bad day and won only five games. However, in his final contest he met Graham and made a formidable drive for victory, losing by one point, 50 to 49. He edged ahead of The Dalles ace in the last set of throws, but Graham closed the affair in excellent style with two ringers that won the game. Graham was hot and most of his shots settled about the peg. In one game he slung 43 consecutive circlers.

Francisco, L. Jenkins and A. J. Robinson tied for second place, but after a series of orations and arbitration meetings a compromise was effected by awarding Francisco the position. He also led the others in scoring. Carol Cook, 13 year old Eugene

youngster, weakened in his final matches, but pulled out in tenth place and beat his father, H. V. Cook. Young Carol won six contests to four for his dad.

Southpaw Takes Seventh Place

P. B. (Tom) Hendricks, the only southpaw in the final division, took seventh place.

The tournament was well attended and already plans are under way for the 1931 carnival.

Graham's record and the final results follow:

Graham	.....49	George Jensen	51
Graham	.....54	H. Covey	.... 9
Graham	.....51	Carol Cook	..18
Graham	.....51	L. F. Allen	..33
Graham	.....51	C. Chappelle	..16
Graham	.....50	P B Hendricks	9
Graham	.....55	R M McQueen	16
Graham	.....51	H. V. Cook	..35
Graham	.....51	S. Riso	.....22
Graham	.....49	Joe Francisco	39
Graham	.....53	A J Robinson	19
Graham	.....51	L. Jenkins	..38
Graham	.....52	A. Johnson	..23
Graham	.....50	W. H. Hayden	49
Graham	.....50	E. Barrendre	.10

SUMMARY OF ROUND ROBIN PLAY

Name	Qualifying	Score	Won	Lost	Pts.	R	DR	SP	OP	Pct.
H. H. Graham, The Dalles	224	13	2	770	482	131	874	460	55.1
Joe Francisco, Portland	208	12	3	703	454	128	840	440	54.0
L. Jenkins, Eugene	219	12	3	742	441	111	850	491	51.8
Art Robinson, Portland	211	12	3	670	448	92	952	617	47.0
O. A. Johnston, Portland	219	10	5	691	458	92	948	590	42.2
F. Riso, Portland	201	9	6	650	506	70	974	679	51.9
T. Hendricks, Portland	185	8	7	591	396	74	904	700	43.8
L. F. Allen, Portland	177	7	8	635	409	83	868	573	42.1
H. C. Cook, Eugene	193	7	8	659	444	98	1000	630	44.4
Carrol Cook, Eugene	174	6	9	548	375	65	944	709	39.4
C. Chappelle, Woodburn	180	6	9	509	389	67	932	616	41.7
W. H. Hayden, Portland		6	9	618	403	70	924	631	43.6
R. M. McQueen, Willamina	183	3	12	534	362	55	974	769	37.1
H. Covey, Woodburn	174	4	11	550	363	65	938	735	38.6
Geo. Jensen, Portland	175	4	11	553	340	58	956	726	36.5
E. Barendse, Astoria	163	2	13	452	334	54	866	719	38.5
Grand Total....					9895	6613	1313	14744	10085	44.8

Sam White Retains

Erie City Title

Samuel A. White, 1929 Erie (Pa.) city champion, successfully defended his title Tuesday, Sept. 23, on the Glenwood Courts at Erie, defeating John Barth, leader in B. League, three out of four fifty-point games. Sam White was leader in A. League,

and manager of both.

It was decided to play the best out of five 50-point games.

Johnnie gave Sam a good beating in the first game to the tune of 50 to 21, however Sam came back and swept the next three, and the title by scores of 52 to 32, 52 to 44 and 50 to 35.

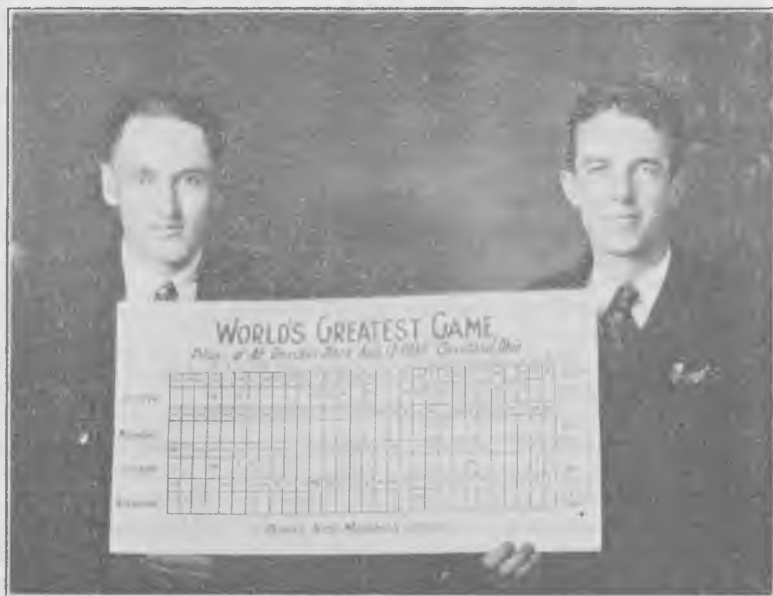
This match brought to a most successful close the fourth year of ex-

istence of the Erie Horseshoe Pitchers League.

The following players were given awards. Sam White, first; John Barth, runner up; Geo. Wright, second in Class A, and J. White, third. L. Holtz, second in Class B, and R. Schell, third. As the two leagues came to a close on Sept. 18 found L. Holtz and John Barth tied for

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PITCH WORLD'S GREATEST GAME



Bert Duryee (left) and Blair Nunamaker (right), world's champion holding chart of the world's greatest game which they pitched at Gordon Park, Cleveland, Ohio, August 17, 1930. In this game between Nunamaker and Duryee a total of 197 ringers, 81 doubles was made. All four shoes were on 30 times during the match.

Look at the Ringers—Duryee 101 ringers, 63 doubles, 44 per cent; Nunamaker, 96 ringers, 38 doubles, 80 per cent.

Retains Title

J. L. Stuckey, Seattle, Wash., Again Winner in Northwest Meet

The Northwest Horseshoe Tournament held at the Washington State

Fair was again captured by last year's champion—J. L. Stuckey, of Seattle, with A. McMillan, second and Jay Elliott third. McMillan comes from Portland, Oregon, while the third pitcher hails from Yakima, Wash.

The results:

Name	W	L	R	DR	SP	Pct.
L. Stuckey, Seattle	15	2	426	82	950	45
A. McWilliam, Portland, Ore.	15	2	360	78	808	44
Jay Elliott, Yakima, Wash.	15	2	418	70	1072	39
Alex McLeod, Natches, Wash	13	4	380	56	904	37
E. McMillan, Portland, Ore.	13	4	414	68	1036	41
J. A. Stuen, Sunnyside	11	6	355	74	1004	35
W. E. Snowden, Yakima	11	6	348	60	948	36
W. A. Phillips, Selah, Wash	10	7	347	58	1000	35
W. E. Cox, Sunnyside	9	8	389	34	842	35
J. F. Schriener, Yakima	7	10	327	58	1007	32
W. H. Brown, Seattle	7	10	244	28	862	29
Perry Elliott, Yakima	6	11	243	34	786	31
J. P. Rooney, Selah	5	12	235	30	998	23
J. Breshars, LaGrand, Ore.	5	12	379	18	1008	34
Frank Briskey, Yakima, Wash	4	13	235	28	770	23
G. E. Stacy, Yakima	3	14	256	35	1078	25
E. E. Bridgerman, Yakima	4	13	168	14	894	20

LADIES AND BOYS UP TO 12 YEARS

Name	W	L	R	DR	SP	Pct.
Magnus Rooney, Selah	5	0	74	8	284	27
Sugiel Green, Seattle	4	1	80	14	228	36
Jack Rooney, Selah	3	2	49	3	260	25
Mrs. J. Gordon, Los Angeles	2	3	5	0	250	0
Mrs. I. L. Stuckey, Seattle	1	4	7	0	240	3
Mrs. W. H. Brown, Seattle	0	5	4	0	248	1

Sam White Retains Title

first place in the B. League, so the best out of five 50-point games were decided on. Barth won the match making him runner up. This is the way they finished:

Class A League

	W	L	Pct.
S. White	54	18	.743
G. Wright	47	24	.660
J. White	47	25	.653
E. Kelley	41	27	.602
C. White	37	31	.540
J. Graves	37	34	.521
D. Kreider	35	38	.474
F. Coolbaugh	30	34	.460
J. Leonardi	7	41	.143
R. Jobs		36	.380

Class B League

	W	L	Pct.
J. Barth	62	14	.810
L. Holtz	62	14	.810
R. Schell	49	27	.640
A. Baldwin	46	30	.605
C. Keim	46	30	.605
C. Cook	44	32	.571
S. Jobs	44	32	.571
K. Shaffer	46	34	.570
J. Spencer	39	37	.510
M. Seelinger	37	39	.470
W. Davis	11	66	.140
E. Baldwin	0	67	.000

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From the Secretary's Desk

D. D. COTTRELL Secretary NO. COHOCTON, N. Y.

Soon after the August issue of the Horseshoe World went to press, your secretary received a letter from Mr. Hahn, secretary-treasurer of Fort Wayne, Ind., Horseshoe club, in which he wrote that he had done everything possible to finance a National tournament there this summer. He said the Chamber of Commerce would not underwrite it and that business conditions were such that the merchants of the city did not feel as though they could back the tournament for the amount of money necessary in order to guarantee the prizes that were to be offered.

I am frequently asked how much must be offered in prizes in order to hold a National tournament. My reply is that there should be enough prize money offered to attract the best players in the country to compete, for if the prize money is not attractive, the best players will not feel that they can afford to go sometimes hundreds of miles at considerable expense and not stand a fair chance of winning enough prize money to at least pay them a considerable amount of the expense they are obliged to incur. This is a large country and there are a great many players in different parts of it that are of championship timber and the more of these players that can be gotten together in competition the better the tournament will be. The national officers have therefore felt that at least enough money should be in the bank to pay prize money or that the amount should be guaranteed by some responsible man or group of men before a tournament should be advertised to be held at any place.

Mr. Hahn worked to the limit to get this tournament held in his city and he is not to blame because he was not able to get it financed there this season. He got the co-operation of the newspapers in giving such a meet publicity. Got the ball park to hold the tournament in and also got them and others to furnish clay and lumber for the courts. Also the radio people to boost the plans in their broadcasting. He thinks that next spring he will be successful in getting more backing and be able

to hold the tournament next summer.

Because your secretary keeps getting such letters of inquiry as to whether membership of clubs or state associations run for the calendar year or for one year from the time the charter is issued I am explaining this matter again. Membership in the National Association for clubs is \$5.00 for less than 50 members, and \$10 for over 50 members, payable each year. On receipt of the proper amount a charter to the club is issued under the seal of the National Association and the club is a legally organized part of such National body. The annual fee for a charter for each state association is \$25. After paying this fee and receiving the state charter under the seal of the National Association, said state association is empowered by this charter as the state division of the National to charter clubs in their state is the recognized ruling body of the game in that state and all correspondence about such matters is referred to the proper officer of the state association. Every club and state association should become affiliated with the National Association.

I have recently been asked what is the regulation shoe for women to pitch in tournaments. It is just the same shoe that the men pitch, although some women pitch a little lighter shoe than the men—about two to four ounces lighter. Also I am asked can any certain shoe be used in championship games. To this my reply is that all shoes that comply with the specifications given in Rule 6 of the National Rules can be pitched in all tournaments that are held or advertised to be held under National Rules. No tournaments not so held are recognized by the National Association, nor are championships won under any other rules or when any shoe that is allowed by this Rule 6 is not allowed to compete. In other words all shoes that any player uses that comply with this rule must be allowed to be used in the tournament. These are the only conditions under which tournaments and meets are sanctioned by

the National Association. In reference to sanctions for tournament write your secretary and full information will be furnished and sanction issued if tournament complies with the conditions of the rules. A small fee is charged for such sanction. A Certificate of Championship is also sent to the winner of such sanctioned tournament without extra cost.

Mr. L. J. Fogassy, Art Department, St. Louis Dispatch, writes me that they are operating a 4 and a 6-team league as a Municipal League and also 24 teams in an Industrial League. The latest is two night leagues operating on the Pastime Recreation and the Champion Recreation courts. The night courts are giving the Baby Golf courses a good run in a competitive way.

There are ten or more night courts located within a radius of ten miles of St. Louis and each has from 4 to 20 courts.

He says that the games are attracting splendid crowds and have had eight full pages of newspaper publicity during the season including the news of each league and tournament. He and Jack Claves are sponsoring a city tournament. They have 3 or 4 players that pitch around 50 per cent.

The demand for the book "Horseshoe Pitching," which is published by the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association, shows that the game is coming to the front more and more. The price is 40 cents each or three for \$1.00 postpaid. Better send for your copy now.

Decorative border with floral motifs and text: THE COVER PAGE The lady pictured on the cover page of this issue is Nettie M. Hendricks, who won the ladies' state championship at the tournament at Portland, Oregon, Labor Day. The match was held at Lotus Isle park.

Horseshoe A Fascinating' Handy Form Of Recreation

By MALCOLM M. WICKWARE, M.D

(Reprinted from Scout Signal,
Detroit, Mich.)

IN the June issue of this magazine the writer read with pleasure an article on the splendid game of tennis. Having played tennis not a little in years past, the paragraphs were perused with considerable interest. However, as a medical man, we cannot agree with that portion of the article's caption which reads, "The Game for All Ages." In our humble opinion, no man or woman past 40 years of age—unless accustomed to daily playing for years—should participate in

a game of tennis. This contest is in reality a "running game" and, in the middle age or older, acute dilation of the heart is not unlikely to occur, with immediate or subsequent unfavorable results.

Horseshoe pitching is the real game for all ages, not even excepting golf. Its playing combines walking, bending, twisting, deep breathing and—we were going to say, some "cussing." Golf is a splendid game, but think of the distance one has to travel through endless traffic to reach the scene of action, and the time and expense involved. It is not necessary to take a half day off to get splendid, all-around exercise and

diversion in playing the increasingly popular game of horseshoes. Then, too, this form of exercise, owing to its convenience, may be taken daily, in moderation—the real beneficial way—and as many miles as desired may be traveled. It requires as much skill and science to throw a perfect "open shoe" forty feet and land it around a one-inch stake, as it does to make a perfect golf shot, and more skill than to knock down pins in a bowling alley.

It is generally believed that the game of horseshoe pitching originated on the farm. However, this is not true. The fact is, it was invented by hardy, fearless, fire fighters.

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At the beginning, old Dobbin's cast-off shoes were used, but especially manufactured shoes soon came into vogue, together with definite rules and regulations. Since its standardization, the game's popularity has increased by leaps and bounds, until today there is scarcely a city or hamlet in the country but what has its club or clubs or group of devotees to the game. Then, too, there is the National Horseshoe Pitchers' Association, with its official monthly magazine the (London, Ohio) Horseshoe World, besides state and county associations. Regular National, State and County tournaments are held. Further, many towns and cities have regulation indoor courts for all-season playing.

We quote the following from a three-page, illustrated article on the horseshoe game, recently published in the Country Gentleman:

"Nowadays the scientific horseshoe pitcher invokes sundry laws of physics, higher mathematics, physiology, psychology and metallurgy. The game has been nationalized, the ringer is no longer a supermundane phenomenon. The shoe nowadays is held and pitched in such a way that after leaving the hand it turns precisely one and three-quarters times and arrives at the peg open side foremost. This is called the "open shoes," and to its discovery a number of years ago the games of horseshoes owes much of its present popularity. A few players also pitch the open shoe with a three-quarters turn, and some use a one and a quarter turn or a two and a quarter turn."

Quite recently Putt Mossman, the twenty-two-year-old horseshoe wizard of Eldora, Iowa, pitched 85 per cent fingers in winning the championship of his state from Frank Jackson. Mr. Mossman was national champion for two years, but was defeated by a narrow margin at a National Tournament, a few years ago. Blair Nunamaker, of Cleveland, Ohio, is present national champion.

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A tournament advertised as a national event and sponsored by the American Horseshoe Pitchers Association, a new horseshoe group not affiliated with the old National Horseshoe Pitchers' Association, was held in Chicago recently.

While no report of the event could be obtained by the Horseshoe World it is understood from press reports that Jimmy Risk, Montpelier, Ind., won the men's division and that Miss Bessie Schneider, Chicago, won the women's division.

weight allowed and is the weight most universally used. Official stakes are one inch round and three feet long; are driven in to within ten inches of the ground, inclining one inch towards the pitcher. The pitching distance is 40 feet for adult males. Ladies are permitted to stand ten feet ahead of the stakes and boys under 16 years of age are granted the same privilege. In the construction of regulation, official courts the stakes are anchored solidly underneath the ground and surrounded to a distance of at least 15 inches by blue clay, which is kept pliable by moderate sprinkling and burlap and rubber matting covers. In cold weather, rock salt is also made use of to keep the clay from freezing.

To become an expert horseshoe pitcher requires practice, of course, but here are a few general rules of guidance, compiled from hints thrown out by several of the leading expert open shoe pitchers:

1. Grip shoe firmly with near finger tips, with thumb at point of shoe balance.
2. Feet together; body erect. Moderate relaxation.
3. Eye stake intently—at base if inclined to pitch over the stake; at top if inclined to pitch under distance.
4. Hold shoe flat, with wrist moderately stiff.
5. Bring shoe back easily and slowly and a natural, comfortable distance.
6. Go forward with left or right foot, with forward swing of arm.
7. Bring shoe forward on moderately rising plane and "follow thru" as in golf.
8. Throw shoe 6 to 10 feet high at highest rise.
9. If your shoes are opening too much, pitch a little lower to lessen the distance they have to travel; if

not opening enough, throw shoes a little higher to increase the distance they have to travel.

10. Take it easy; don't make hard work of it; don't over-exert; avoid too much body motion; throw in front of stake rather than too far. Over-anxiety to win is liable to affect your form unfavorably. Practice enough but don't overdo and become stale. If a "slump" overtakes you, lay off a few days.

To finally attain an open shoe pitch, take hold of the shoe either on one side or the other. A right-handed pitcher, taking hold of the shoe on the side—about midway between the toe and heel calk—with the open end of the shoe pointing away from the body, will eventually obtain a three-quarters or a one and three-quarters turn, depending on the type of delivery; holding the shoe at a corresponding point, with the open part towards the body, a one and a quarter turn will eventually be obtained. Probably ninety per cent of the most expert pitchers of today throw the one and three-quarters turn.

We heartily recommend the game of horseshoes to the Boy Scouts of America, as a clean, fascinating and convenient form of exercise and recreation. Once the thrill of the flat, definitely turned shoe encircling the stake is experienced, full enthusiasm for the game is assured.

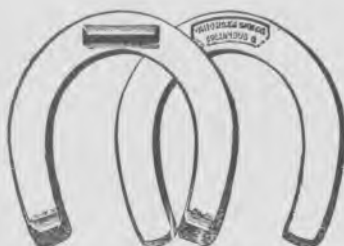
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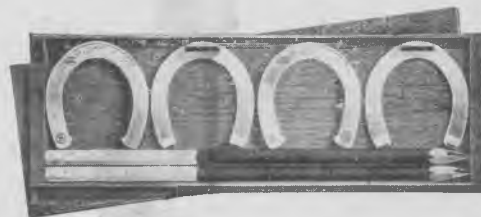
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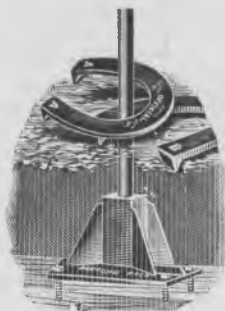
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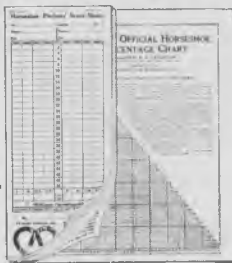
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