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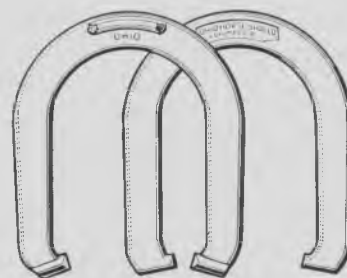
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**M**ORE news in this issue of state tournaments . . . some states have new champions and in some the 1930 champ was able to defend his crown . . . in Iowa the crown remained in the Jackson family, but it is on a new head . . . read the story penned by a Des Moines Register writer . . . more scores sent in to us this month than will get into print, but be patient, we will get around to them soon . . . keep sending them . . . the editor has been having lots of fun with a tourney in his own county, which he is sponsoring . . . and some of these Madison county boys are good timber for future Ohio champions, we'll tell you . . . Ohio pitchers should begin now to get the Ohio State Fair interested in a tournament . . . it need not take away any interest from the state meet at Lakeside, but many Central Ohio tossers would benefit by a match at the fair . . . other states not having tournaments at their state fair should get busy, too.

**W**E CAN'T help bringing up a subject that we have touched upon many times.

It is an urgent request to horseshoe pitchers to use standard, authorized horseshoe equipment. Why should a horseshoe pitcher, who is proud of his ringer record, attempt to pitch shoes with a pair of blacksmith's shoes and on Ford axles when there are so many reliable firms making pitching shoes and stakes.

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# Metropolitan District Championship Tourney

The Third Metropolitan District Championship Horseshoe Pitching Tournament was held at Midland Beach on Staten Island, N. Y., July 25, 1931. There were 29 entries from near-by counties in New York State, Long Island and in Northern New Jersey.

The qualifying round consisted of pitching 50 shoes by each entrant, the five men making the most number of points to pitch in the round robin of 10 men for the championship and the cup. Then the men that did not stand in the five highest again pitched the second 50 shoes and the five making the most points in this

trial made the total of 10 men for the finals. In pitching his 50 shoes the first time Coleman stood the highest, with 94 points, 28 ringers, nine double ringers. In the second trial, Garry DeYoung stood the highest with 90 points, 25 ringers, seven double ringers.

These 10 men in the finals played a round robin resulting in Coleman, Lamella and DeYoung tying for the championship with each winning seven games and losing two. Coleman lost to Puglise and DeYoung. Lamella lost to Coleman and DeYoung and DeYoung lost to Larson and Boyce.

Mr. Victor Larsen and which has been greatly fostered by Mr. Jas. Graham, owner of this beach and other similar properties. This third championship tournament was by far the best yet held in interest aroused in the game and the proficiency shown by the players and the keen competition.—D. D. Cottrell.

## Chautauqua Horse Shoe Pitchers Win

Chautauqua, Aug. 24—Carl Vonder Lancken and Walter McKain, youthful Chautauqua Horse Shoe Club team, trekked to Buffalo Saturday where they met and defeated, 9-1, a picked aggregation from the lake city organization.

A large crowd which watched the matches was amazed at the expert tossing of the local duo. Mr. Moore, Buffalo city champion, succumbed in straight games to Vonder Lancken who won the recent titular tourney at Chautauqua, and McKain, runner-up in the same event. The matches were played on the municipal courts.

John Youngson, Pittsburgh, acted as manager of the C. H. C. outfit on the trip.

Name	Address	W	L	Pts	R	DR	SP	OP	Pct
Edward Coleman, Hicksville, L. I.		7	2	438	228	48	540	287	.442
Wm. Lamella, E. Patterson, N. J.		7	2	393	191	34	540	332	.354
Garry DeYoung, Preakness, N. J.		7	2	414	182	32	530	308	.343
Frank Boyce, Old Bridge, N. J.		6	3	412	196	29	560	301	.301
John Larson, New York City		5	4	385	205	29	592	402	.347
Albert Carlson, Central Valley, NY		4	5	371	179	25	572	360	.313
Harold Cosine, Haledon, N. J.		4	5	347	171	23	560	360	.305
Paul Puglise, Patterson, N. J.		3	6	385	172	25	630	412	.272
Fred Ludwig, Wautaug, L. I.		2	7	299	134	14	606	445	.221
A. S. Sullivan, New York City		0	9	213	93	11	524	450	.171
Totals			45	3657	1751	270	5654	3657	.309

Coleman, DeYoung and Lamella then played a round robin to decide the championship resulting in each winning one game which left the decision the same as it was at the end of the first round robin. These tie games resulted as follows:

	W	L	P	R	DR	SP	Pc
Coleman	0	1	30	20	2	60	.333
Lamella	1	0	50	27	6	60	.333
DeYoung	1	0	50	27	4	82	.329
Lamella	0	1	48	26	1	82	.317
Coleman	1	0	50	25	4	62	.403
DeYoung	0	1	37	18	3	62	.290

It had been agreed that if this round robin should not decide the championship then the highest percentage of ringers should control in awarding the honor and the next two places. This gave the championship cup and gold medal to Coleman, the silver medal to Lamella and the bronze medal to DeYoung. As the tournament lasted until it began to get dark, before the play-off for the ties the players were treated to a generous helping of sandwiches and coffee by Mrs. Jas. S. Graham, owner of Midland Beach, who, with his wife

had been very interested onlookers in the crowd that enjoyed the competition.

While the ten-man round robin had been played, the men that had not succeeded in winning a place in the finals played a consolation tournament among themselves on the other fine clay courts that were not needed for the finals. This resulted in C. P. West, Allentown, N. J., winning first prize, a carrying case for horse-shoes; second prize, Victor Larsen, New York City, a set of shoes and the third prize going to F. Alburthus, Brooklyn, which was also a set of shoes.

At the conclusion of the meet, Mr. Jas. S. Graham in a few well chosen words, expressing his pleasure in having the meet held in Midland Beach and congratulating the winners in their success, presented the different prizes to the successful men as D. D. Cottrell, who had charge of the tournament, read the records made by each.

Midland Beach is fast becoming the center of the horseshoe activities in the Metropolitan area through the efforts of the Midland Beach Horseshoe club which was organized by

	Pts	%
Vonder Lancken	50	53
Rice	28	40
Vonder Lancken	50	62
Moore	29	50
Vonder Lancken	50	52
Elsinger	46	51
Vonder Lancken	50	54
Smith	5	11
Vonder Lancken	50	66
Arndt	6	26
McKain	50	66
Moore	44	64
McKain	50	51
Elsinger	14	12
McKain	50	54
Smith	20	16
McKain	48	54
Arndt	50	54
McKain	50	62
Rice	35	48

THANKS, BOYS!

The Horseshoe World management desires to thank the hundreds of pitchers who have ordered Cottrell scoresheets from us and to thank those club officials who have sent us orders for stationery, membership cards, handbills for exhibition games, etc. Naturally the Horseshoe World has a complete line of illustrations for all kinds of printing pertaining to the game.

HORSESHOE PITCHING

IS NOT A LOST ART

We are happy to note the enthusiasm with which the horseshoe pitchers of Columbus and central Ohio received the announcement that The Dispatch would again sponsor the city-wide championship tournament. Last year more than 2000 men and boys participated in the horseshoe contests held to determine the best horseshoe pitcher in central Ohio. This year indications point to an even larger enrollment, all of which goes to prove that the art of horseshoe pitching one of the most primitive American games, is far from being lost.

At one time Columbus was one of the liveliest horseshoe pitching centers in the country. Nearly every neighborhood was spotted with courts and in some sections no little money was spent in making the recreation plots suitable for night playing; even indoor pitching courts were open and the rage continued for several years, but apparently subsided.

Three years ago The Dispatch and officials of the city recreation department revived horseshoe pitching as a competitive sport. Each year youth is entering more into the spirit of the game and recreation department officials fully expect the junior class in the 1931 tournament to exceed the enrollment of the senior class.

In this day of dog races, professional wrestling, boxing and other commercialized sports, it is good to see the public turning back to the good old days of the horseshoe tournaments.—Columbus (O.) Dispatch.

RATE HIGH IN MAIL TOURNEY



Coleman, team representing Nassau County Horseshoe Club, of Central Park, L. I. in nation-wide mail contest. These boys were declared New Yourk champions in this mail tourney.

JOE SAUCO WINS STATE CROWN AT BOOKINGS, S. D., TOURNAMENT

Joe Saucó, Langford painter, won the horseshoe pitching crown of South Dakota in the most closely-contested tournament held in that state in years. The scene of the state meet was the campus of South Dakota State college, Brookings, the tournament being held as a feature of Farm and Home Day there, on July 11.

Henry Anderson of Elk Point was runner-up. Francis Jones of Sioux Falls, last year's champion, placed fourth.

Forty-two men from 16 counties in the state entered the tournament, each player being required to throw 100 shoes to qualify. The 12 high men were matched in round-robin style, each man playing every other man. The next 12 were matched in consolation games, this also being a round robin affair.

In the qualifying round, Francis Jones, the defending champ, was high with 212 points for his 100 shoes. Ferd Drey of Beresford, was second with 199. Mr. Drey was runner-up in the state meet last year and is the champion of the United States for his age, which is 71. Joe Saucó was third with 195 points and Henry Anderson was seventh with 170. A score of 168 was required in order to qualify for the championship round.

In the championship round, every

contestant lost at least two matches, none being able to come through with a clean record. Drey and Anderson were tied for second place, each having lost three matches, and in the play-off, Anderson won the title of runner-up.

In the consolation matches Clarence Myers of Flandreau was first, with Ralph Haas of Worthing, runner-up.

A meeting of the state horseshoe pitchers association was held after the state tournament and Mr. Drey was re-elected president.

GAME POPULAR HERE

West Liberty, O.—Horseshoe pitching is getting to be a great sport here, especially among a few of our business men and the farmers.

The Zerkle court consisting of three courts attracts many players and sightseers every evening from 6 to 10 o'clock.

One evening last week a group of Springfield players were scheduled for a tournament but they did not appear, however, a number of games were played.

Those whom we usually see on the court are: S. E. Zerkle and son, Willard, D. J. Reardon, H. C. Eichholtz, C. A. Crouse, Mr. Wallace and sons, R. S. Wolfley, Robert Wearnly and A. G. Keller.


  
**SPARKS** FROM THE PEG
   


Some of the horseshoe enthusiasts of Amenia, N. Y. are John J. Honan, Otto Bode, Sr., Walter McDonald, William McEnroe, Michael Dunn, John Culligan, A. L. Wathley, of Dover Plains, N. Y. also a shoe tosser.

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A Western Michigan Horseshoe League has been organized with the following towns taking part: Grand Rapids, Hastings, Sand Lake, Fairview, Caledonia and East Paris. Standings were sent to the World July 14 but are too far out of date to be published in this issue.

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Brookville, O. has a warm friend of the game in Newton Warner.

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A county tournament was recently held at Corunna, Mich. Dr. O. H. Geib is one of the horseshoe tossers of that section.

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Dorothy M. Brown, Hettinger, N. D. writes for rules of the game.

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We are indebted to Mis sMartha Hunter, of Linton, Ind., daughter of Clayton C. Hunter, one of our subscribers, for a very fine letter on shoe activities in Linton. Martha acts as secretary and scorekeeper for the men's club and is captain of the girl's team. Hubert Trinkle is the "boy wonder" pitcher of Linton.

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Horseshoe pitching finds a place at Sunken Orchard, Oyster Bay, N. Y. Edgar Osborne is superintendent.

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R. L. Case, Wasta, S. Dak. is a shoe tosser.

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Leland Mortenson, 816 Douglas Ave., Des Moines, Ia. wants to get in touch with clubs in Canada, Mexico, South America and foreign countries for mail matches.

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Newark, O. has a staunch friend of the game in O. J. Hawkins. Mr. Hawkins is an engineer and general contractor.

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Ambrose Sprauka, Detroit Lakes, Mich. is a shoe enthusiast.

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Putt Mossman, pitcher de luxe, recently put on an exhibition at Spokane, Wash.

Mr. Gordon, manufacturer of the Gordon horseshoe, is a member of the Santa Barbara, Calif., club, and is a real booster for the game.

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Mabel Shirley, director of the Department of Physical Education for Women, St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn., with a friend, is writing a technique book on recreational sports and plans to include horseshoe pitching in it.

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The Horseshoe World will be included in the annual magazine shows at Tokyo and Osaka, Japan. The magazine samples are being placed in the show by our agents, Maruzen Co., Ltd., of Tokyo.

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Athol, Mass., has more than 50 horseshoe tossers.

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W. L. Mann acted as manager of the tournament staged at the Athol, Mass., Fair, September 5 and 7.

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Two Kansas City, Mo., tossers are Jess Lutz, 2916 E. 25th St., and Paul Saunders, 1427 Prospect Ave.

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From down in San Antonio, Fla., we receive greetings from Frank A. Moyer, horseshoe tosser.

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We note that several subscriptions to the Horseshoe World are marked "gift subscription," given by one friend or relative to another. What finer birthday gift or Christmas gift could be given?

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Johnny Colao, aged 15, was too much for the old timers in the Chicago amateur tournament. He was an easy winner.

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Mt. Clemans, Mich., has a live-wire horseshoe club.

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A horseshoe tournament was held in Lorain, O., Sunday, September 13. Louis Gasper was in charge of the event.

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A. Lindner is a horseshoe tosser at Creve Coeur, Mo.

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Here's a letter from Harvey L. Peetz, Batesville, Ind. He and Raymond Davis are county doubles champions.

Hugh Dougherty, 69, retired Dayton and Columbus, O., photographer, died recently at the home of his sister, Mrs. J. C. Bowman, New Cumberland, O. He was pitching horseshoes when stricken with an attack of acute indigestion.

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Paul Turtlott, Spokane fireman, won the Inland Empire tournament, held August 2, at Spokane, Wash.

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R. J. Kilzen, 10 Wallace St., Red Bank, N. J., is an ardent horseshoe fan.

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J. A. Hurst is secretary of the Burgoon, O., horseshoe club.

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The Sunset Burial Park team, of which Jack H. Claves is sponsor and manager, won its second consecutive pennant in St. Louis, recently. In 240 games the Burial Park boys threw 6,495 ringers, 1,473 doubles, tossing 14,048 shoes with a team average of .462.

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Triangle Park, Greene County, O., is the scene of many horseshoe battles each Sunday. The park even had an orchestra for the tournament the other Sunday.

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Gerald Smith, Wilmington, O., tosser, will leave for the University of Florida soon. Gerald sure likes his horseshoes. He recently induced his dad, Hamlin Smith, Wilmington dry cleaning establishment owner, to put up prizes for a Southwestern Ohio tournament.

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\* HORSESHOE PITCHING \*  
\* TAKES HOLD IN BOSTON \*  
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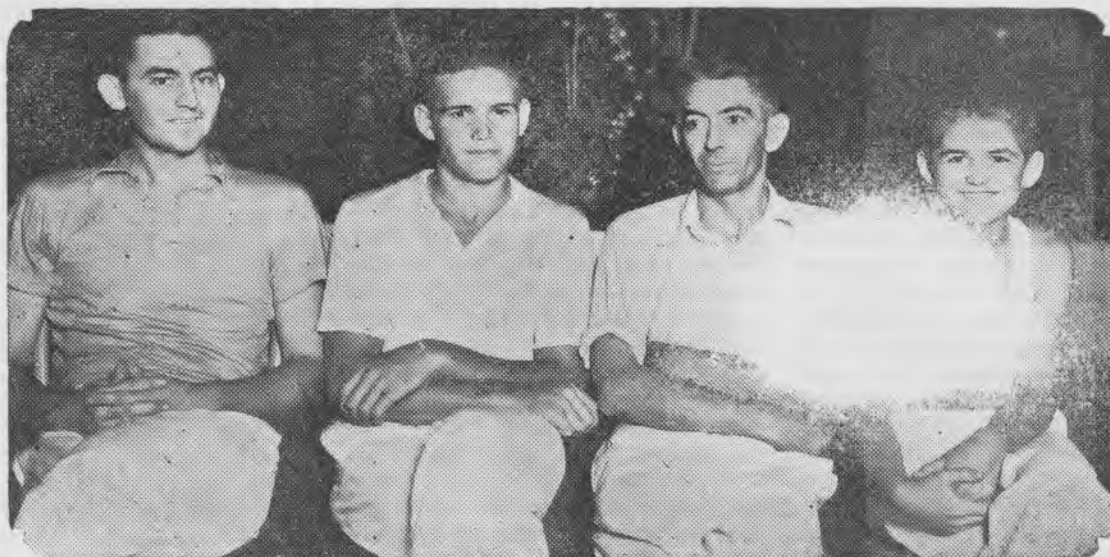
Boston, Mass.—Exit miniature golf—enter horseshoe pitching. A year ago miniature golf courses were almost as numerous as gasoline filling stations, but today the fickle public is passing them by. In and about Boston the gittle golf courses are beginning to gradually disappear, and the old fashioned game of a horseshoe pitching—is squiring a foothold, with courts appearing here and there about the summer resorts.

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**BEG PRADON**

We apologize for the vast amount of news we were unable to get in this issue. The October number will carry it and will be published early.

# CLARK COUNTY, OHIO, HORSESHOE TOSSERS



Left to Right—Lester Allen, of the Willis Avenue Club, Springfield, who recently won the Clark County championship; Ronald Peters, of Donnelsville, William Gravenkemper, of Willis Avenue and 14-year-old Kenneth Peters, who tied for runner-up post.  
—Courtesy Springfield News-Sun

## HAMILTON CO., O., TOURNAMENT HELD

The following are the results of a horseshoe pitching tournament conducted by the Cincinnati Post and the Central Parkway Branch Y. M. C. A. of Cincinnati and Hamilton county, Ohio.

The number of participants in the tournament was approximately 500, who came from all Hamilton county.

The eliminations were held in different parks in Cincinnati and the final eight men and women were taken to Carthage Fair, Carthage, Ohio, where they played the semi-finals and finals, August 12, 13, and 14 and 15.

Following are the winners and runners-up:

Men's champion, Wm. Corey, Peoples Gas Co., Cincinnati; runner-up, Wm. Hendricks, 4401 Franklin Ave., Norwood, Ohio.

Women's Singles Champion, Lorraine Hogan, 1012 Locust street, Cincinnati; runner-up, Helen Brandt, 3640 Dickens Ave., Cincinnati.

Men's Doubles Champions, C. S. Burdsal, R. D. 10, Madisonville, O., and J. Kirkpatrick, R. D. 10, Madisonville, O.; runners-up Thomas Kelleher, 4696 Winton Rd., Cincinnati, and Jas. Kelleher, 219 W. 68th St., Carthage.

Women's Doubles Champions, Lo-

rain Hogan, 1012 Locust St., Cincinnati, and Violet Balastra, 1012 Locust St., Cincinnati; runners-up, Eva Klosterman, 1232 Bates Ave., Cincinnati and Elizabeth Ruehrwein, 359 Findlay St., Cincinnati.

Trophies and medals for the tournament were furnished by the Carthage Fair.

The winner had his closest call at the hands of John Hobbs in the third round, but pulled through with a 50-43 victory. He turned in his outstanding game in the final frame, upsetting Kenneth Thompson, Riverside winner, 50 to 4.

### Share Second Place

George A. Reis, Ellenberger champion, tied for second place with Paul VanSickle, Ellenberger runner-up. Both won three games and lost two. The scores by rounds follow: First round, Harris, 50; Sowers, 31. Thompson, 50; Reis, 23. VanSickle, 50; Hobbs, 39. Second round, Thompson, 50; Sowers 19. Harris 50, VanSickle 20; Reis, 50, Hobbs 49. Third round, Harris 50, Hobbs 43; VanSickle 50; Thompson 37, Reis 50; Sowers 25. Fourth round, Hobbs 50, Thompson 35; Harris 50, Reis 28; VanSickle 50, Sowers 41. Fifth round, Harris 50, Thompson 4; Reis 50, VanSickle 39; Hobbs 50, Sowers 29. The final standing with the total number of points, number of ringers and double ringers is shown below:

	W	L	P	R	DR
Harris	5	0	250	57	51
Reis	3	2	201	80	24
VanSickle	3	2	209	102	18
Thompson	2	3	176	66	21
Hobbs	2	3	231	86	38
Sowers	0	5	145	73	18

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**THE COVER PAGE**

\* The gentlemen pictured on \*  
\* the cover page of this month's \*  
\* Horseshoe World are two \*  
\* mighty good Portland, Oregon, \*  
\* horseshoe pitchers. On the \*  
\* right is O. A. Johnson, former \*  
\* city champ, and on the left \*  
\* is William Hayden, city cham- \*  
\* pion, and at one time the \*  
\* Oregon state champion. \*  
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## Harris Victorious In Indianapolis

Indianapolis, Ind.—Orville Harris copped the city parks horseshoe championship at the Fall Creek courts August 30, when he scored five consecutive victories over the remaining sectional winners and runners-up in the final play-off.

NEWS, OFFICIAL  
REPORTS, ETC.

From the  
Secretary's Desk

D. D. COTTRELL  
Secretary  
NORTH COHOCTON,  
N. Y.

Your secretary was much interested in the report of the Hartford, Conn., exhibition of horseshoe pitching in the August Horseshoe World. It seems that there are a number of active clubs in Hartford and that they have classifications of players for all. There are no addresses of the officials given, so it is impossible for your secretary to correspond with them. Evidently there is a good place for the manufacturers of horseshoes to sell some shoes, for a blacksmith is quoted as saying that a number of times a week people come to his shop for old horseshoes. This is mentioned because it would add interest to such reports if the name and address of the official who is in charge of such meets was given so that the National Association could write to him and help if possible in having these meets held so that scores are kept showing the proficiency of the players. Your secretary hopes that every official in charge of such gatherings and meets will feel free to write to him for any help that he may be able to give that will foster the sport.

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Your secretary has recently issued a sanction for a county championship tournament to be held at the New England Fair, Worcester, Mass., under the rules of the National Association, Sept. 29 to October 3. Mr. Frank H. Kingman is general manager of the fair. Certificates of Championship for the territory covered by the tournament are issued under the seal of the National Association to the winner of every meet sanctioned. These certificates are treasured by the ones to whom they are awarded and are unassailable records of their honors won.

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Your secretary has just received a complimentary card of membership in the North Montana Horseshoe Pitchers Association from Mr. H. J. Case, 1124 Third Ave. North, Great Falls, its secretary-treasurer. This organization held its championship horseshoe pitching tournament at the North Montana Fair in Great Falls, Aug. 24th to 28th. Mr. Case writes that they have no state organization in Montana and that there has not

been a state tournament in the past two years because the State Fair at Helena and the Midland Empire fair at Billings are not offering enough money for prizes to make it interesting for the pitchers. He says that the vast area of the state and the small population make the distances so great to go to hold such a meet that the conditions are a great deal different from those in more thickly populated states. For their tournament six new courts were put in by the fair authorities and their installation has created a lot of interest and inquiries. Mr. Case formerly lived in Detroit, Mich., and is a live wire and enthusiast for the horseshoe game. He plans on starting a state organization affiliated with the National if possible. The other officers of the North Montana Horseshoe Pitchers Association are, President, Chas. Conklin, Davenport Barber Shop, and Frank Holman, 1505 2nd Ave., South, both of Great Falls. They have been playing the game in that section for four or five years.

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In sending out the invitation to attend the 1931 Washington State Horseshoe Pitching Championship Meet held at Deep Lake, 8 miles south of Olympia, they say that all pitchers in the states of Idaho, Montana, Oregon, California and Utah are urged to be the guests of the Washington State Association, and urged to be present. They say that they have under way a Six State Pacific Coast Tournament for 1932. They hope that all horseshoe pitchers in these states can plan their vacation so as to be present so as to help plan for this six state meet next year. This invitation is signed by Mrs. F. Sayre, 9644 East C St., Tacoma, Wash., state secretary, and Mr. M. H. Brown, 766 N. 74th St., Seattle, Wash., state president. It is hoped that every player in these six states that will do all he can to help bring about this meet in 1932 will get in correspondence with these officials and say what he thinks of the plan and also tell them what he will do in his state to help bring this much desired meet to a successful conclusion. Such a tournament

would be a great boost for the sport on the Pacific coast, and in these northwestern states.

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Information has come to your secretary about the wonderful exhibitions that Putt Mossman and his sister Dessie put on at Pt. Defiance Park, Tacoma, Wash., July 4th, when he and his sister thrilled the large crowd. The report of one of the local newspapers says that what they didn't do with the shoes wasn't worth doing. The report continues saying that he tossed them in every way except by his eyebrows, which weren't long enough to clutch the shoes. He pitched seven turns and put a ringer on every shot, even to putting on two ringers out of three shoes with his foot.

It happened to be Putt's birthday and so, with the aid of the Washington Hardware Co., who sell the Mossman shoes, the Tacoma Club helped him celebrate his 25th anniversary. One of Tacoma's leading bakeries made him a beautiful birthday cake and one of the florists sent him an immense bouquet of flowers and sent out potted plants to decorate the whole table. The Washington Hardware Co. presented him with a beautiful leather bill fold. Places were laid for 40 at his table and was a complete surprise to Putt. Several other birthday cakes were presented to him besides the one from the bakery. In the afternoon Putt and Dessie put on another wonderful exhibition and then he played several of Tacoma's star pitchers. Among them was Roy Hopkins, father of the horseshoe game in Tacoma; Ira Light, Tacoma's oldest pitcher; Harry Kinney, former state secretary, winning from all three. Then he played Floyd Sayre, city, state and tri-state (Washington, Oregon, Idaho) champion. Sayre won the first game, 25 to 17; second game Putt won, 25 to 24, and the third game Putt won 50 to 40.

Then Dessie was challenged by Bill Herdman, Tacoma's star bowler; she gave him 10 points to the game and the one that won the best two out of three was to get the big watermelon which Bill had brought



**SECRETARY'S PAGE Con.**

along. Dessie won the melon and got a big hand from the crowd.

Putt gave a thrill to an immense crowd on Saturday night at the Tacoma Stadium during the Motorcycle races. Putt and Dessie put on all kinds of fancy and daring motorcycle stunts and won the crowd more than all the races put together.

**Jersey Schoolboy Winner in Tourney**

Donald French, a 19-year-old Bloomfield, N. J., schoolboy, won the second annual Manhattan open horseshoe pitching championship sponsored by the Fort George Horseshoe Pitching club at its courts on Fort George

Avenue near 194th street. About 200 persons were in the spectators' gallery under the trees.

The Bloomfield schoolboy won nine straight games and lost none, for which he received a plaque bearing a golden horseshoe, emblematic of the championship. Frank Boyce, the Old Bridge, N. J. farmer, took the second prize, a pair of horseshoes, with seven games won and two lost. Edward Coleman, the Hicksville, L. I., plumber, was third, with six won and three lost, while Harold Cosine, of Haledon, N. J., was fourth, with five won and four lost.

In the Class B tournament, Fred Ludwig sr., of Central Park, L. I., won the plaque, while Frederick Al-burtus, of Flatbush, Brooklyn, won the shoes. A. Korzon, of Rahway, N.

J., was fourth. The high point of the day's play and the biggest upset came when Coleman defeated Boyce in the semi-finals by making 51 per cent ringers.

**UHLIG WINS OVER PUTT**

Guy Uhlig, three times champion of Nebraska, recently defeated Putt Mossman, former world champion in two games out of three at Cozad. In one game Uhlig made 16 ringers with 18 tosses.

**INVENTS SCORE IDEA**

D. J. Cowden, of Adair, Ia., originator of many horseshoe scoring ideas, has originated a new Triple Score Card, a sample of which has been sent to the Horseshoe World.

THERE IS ONE  
BEST  
IN EVERYTHING



THE SHOE THAT'S  
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RINGERS

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(EDITOR'S NOTE—We print all letters sent to us for publication. We do not always agree with the writers, but believe our readers have a right to their opinions. Unsigned letters are ignored.)

Editor H. S. World: I saw in your July number that Herbert Grant of N. Y. Champions the "Skunk-cancel" because it enables a strong player to pass a weak one, but what of the "weak" player with a bad start? How does the racer, tennis and golfer, trap and rifle shooter, base and basket ballers, no cancel and bowlers racerovercome a bad start? Why, by speed and proficiency ad not by destruction and delay—the two worst thoughts of the brain and acts of the body, while speed and proficiency are two finest thoughts of the brain and acts of the body. Classify yourself. In this day of high ringer percentage all state and national tournaments should use the Ringer game. Ringer each and me one, and no ringers and me one, doesn't enthuse the crowd or players. It is ringers thrown and topped that the crowd like.

Then use the ringer and cut out this ridiculous canceling 75 percent of your points and loss of time.

D. J. Cowden,  
Adair, Iowa.

Dear Editor:—

Received the June issue of "The Horseshoe World," and must say I am greatly impressed with the progress of the great old game, and the fine manner in which you put forth the interesting articles.

In my opinion there is no outdoor game which quite approaches the fascination of horseshoe or one which could be more beneficial to the maintenance or upbuilding of ones health. I believe this to be one of the strong arguments in our favor in our efforts to foster the organization of clubs in every city, town and hamlet.

"The Burgoon Horseshoe Club" was organized in the spring of 1930 by Mr. O. L. Bennett and myself and the success of our 8 man team has been beyond our fondest expectations.

Our opening game was attended by some 500 people, a few of which came from a distance of 25 and 30 miles. This led us to believe that we

could, by greater efforts, bring even larger crowds to this little village of 200 people, so late in the fall we secured Mr. Blair Nunamaker, "world's champion," for an exhibition which to our surprise produced a crowd of approximately 1000 people, which we believe to be the largest ever attending a sporting event of this kind. We gladly refer you to Mr. Nunamaker as the truth of this statement.

We are glad to report that Mr. Nunamaker proved himself a fine sportsman and certainly entertained the crowd with his great tossing. He certainly is a champion to be admired from every standpoint, and a man of his caliber will do much to further the interests of our fine old game.

Mr. Bennett and I are firmly convinced that the game needs only a reasonable amount of pushing to place it among the leaders of American sports, where it ustly deserves to be.

I wish to congratulate Rev. Stevens on his interesting article relative to the various turns used by different tossers, and wish to say that after eight years of experience with the one and three-quarter turn I can heartily agree with him. I find that the beginners on our team could master this turn quicker as it seems more natural to them. I do not wish to codemns the three-quarter or one and one-quarter as I know of some great tossers that have mastered these turns, but I believe as Mr. Stevens that if ever a perfect game is tossed it will be by the one and three-quarter shoe, and cite Mr. Duryee's record of 87 as my reason.

I would be very glad to hear from some of the other boys on this subject.

I shall look forward to receiving each number of "The Horseshoe World," and to reading its interesting articles. Let's all get back of the good old game and cooperate in fos-

tering a greater interest throughout the land.

Yours sincerely,  
JULIAN A. HURST,  
Sec'y and Treasurer,  
Burgoon Horseshoe Club,  
Burgoon, Ohio.

**Martin Champion**

Robert Martin is the 1931 champion horseshoe pitcher of Winnebago county, winning that title in the county tournament held on the Fair Grounds park courts, Rockford, Ill., Sunday. George Hagerman was the 1930 champion.

The tournament developed the fastest competition in the history of the county tournament which has been held for five years. The average ringer percentage for the ten players who met in the finals was 41 per cent for 81 games played. All 10 finalists were Rockford men.

The county champions, since the tournament started, are as follows: Cleveland, 1927; Jimmy Peebles 1928; Wadsworth, 1929; George Hagerman 1930; Robert Martin, 1931.

No one has ever won the county championship twice, although Cleveland came close to winning his second title this year. In five county tournaments held there have been four different turns in shoes tossed by the winners. It was won once by the 1 1/4 turn, once by the 5 1/4 turn, twice by the 1 3/4 turn, while Martin, the new champion, throws the 3/4 turn.

Sunday the Dubuque, Ia., Horseshoe club team meets the Rockford team at Fair Grounds park courts, starting at 2 o'clock. The Rockford team defeated Dubuque once this season, 22 to 14.

The table showing how the ten finalists finished is as follows:

	W	L	P	R	DR	S	%
Bob Martin	8	1	423	246	63	500	49
C. Cleveland	8	1	444	283	73	558	51
G. Hagerman	7	2	406	266	67	536	50
C. Plum	6	3	372	234	51	524	45
H. Bloomberg	4	5	348	186	39	504	37
J. M'Camond	4	5	381	244	51	608	40
E. Hagerman	3	6	334	204	43	534	38
F. Urbom	2	7	296	182	33	496	37
M. Frieberg	2	7	262	170	29	508	33
G. Peterson	1	8	247	157	28	462	34

Following are results of the play-off between Martin and Cleveland, playing off the tie for the championship:

	P	R	DR	SP	Pct
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Cleveland	44	39	6	885	44

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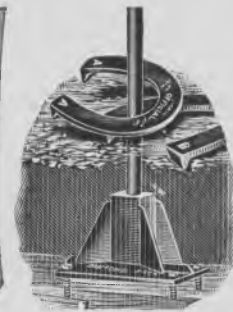
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