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SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM OUR NATIONAL ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

To all of you who will receive and read this new magazine, I send greetings.

As most of you probably know, our former editor, Byron Jaskulek passed away March 14, 1956. Since then your National officers have been desperately trying to get another one started and through the kind and efficient help of Ellis Cobb, Secretary of the Illinois Association, we are able to send you this sample copy.

We all feel that a magazine is imperative if our National organization is to function as it should. We also feel that it should be owned and controlled by this same National organization. I feel sure that this can be accomplished through our united effort.

So will all of you please contact your state President immediately either personally or by letter telling him your opinion regarding this so he can instruct the delegates from your state that will be representing you at the National Convention at Murray, Utah, July 18-25. This way we can all have a voice in our major decisions and where a majority will rule and when that decision is made we will all support it wholeheartedly.

REMEMBER the tournament date July 18-25. The Convention will convene on the morning of July 19th. We do hope that you will be able to be in attendance and be able to welcome you at that time.

Sincerely,

Arch Stokes, President

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NATIONAL SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

These items from various members and the other officials concerning the idea of NHPA taking over and operating the "Pitcher" magazine will likely not be very well coordinated as no one knows just what angle is covered by someone else.

I am led to believe all officials are of the opinion that the "Pitcher" magazine should be published by the NHPA. That all material presented for publication should be passed upon by someone interested in the welfare of our organization. If the NHPA wish to take over the magazine there are several methods that could be employed to effect this. Also there are many details that should be definitely decided if such action is taken in convention. Think this matter over well. Discuss its merits and weak points with your fellow members. This way it can be more intelligently acted upon in convention. If you are unable to attend this meeting at Murray, Utah, make your ideas known to the representatives of your association whom will be there. If you know your State will not be represented there it would be well to mail in your opinions so we can have them in written form.

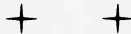
We certainly need a magazine as a medium of information reaching nationwide. It is the most effective tie we have to keep the organization knit together in some degree. Most of us get a great deal of enjoyment out of reading this magazine and look forward to what it will contain when we receive the next issue. With proper supervision it can be made even more effective and enjoyable to all.

Elmer O. Beller,

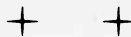
National Sec-Treas.

In Memoriam

"In my Father's house are many mansions: If it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you, and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am there you may be also . . ."



On March 14, 1956, the Supreme Ruler of the universe gently tugged at the arm of our good friend Byron Jaskeulek, and bade him to walk with him into the valley of the great beyond.



"Jake" as we all knew him was the editor of "The Horseshoe Pitcher" who, thru his own efforts and assisted by others was able to keep the many participants in the horseshoe pitching sport informed of all activities thruout the nation. He was an ardent supporter of the game and we will all miss him.

Greetings . . .

This being the first issue of "THE HORSESHOE PITCHER'S NEWS DIGEST," I want to take this means of saying "hello" to the members of The National Horseshoe Pitchers' Association and other readers.

I feel that I have been greatly honored on being asked by president Arch Stokes to be the editor and publisher of our new magazine. I will do all in my power to make it as interesting and "newsy" as possible. With the cooperation of all state secretaries, regional directors and all others I am sure that we can have a magazine of which we can be justly proud.

I hope to have the pleasure of meeting as many players and members as possible, when I again visit the National Tournament at Murray, Utah.

It is my sincere hope that the members and delegates to the convention will concur with the officers of the association in their decision to carry on the magazine.

F. Ellis Cobb,
Editor

NOTICE TO ALL S.C.H.P.A. MEMBERS

THE "SEMANA NAUTICA" TOURNAMENT AT SANTA BARBARA WILL BE AS FOLLOWS: JULY 7, CLASS "B" TOURNAMENT. JULY 8, CLASS "A" TOURNAMENT.

THESE COURTS ARE IN "OAK PARK", JUST OFF HIGHWAY "101". CALIFORNIA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP, AT SAN JOSE, SEPT., 15-16.

PRIZE LIST:

1.	\$100.00	7.	35.00
2.	80.00	8.	34.00
3.	60.00	9.	33.00
4.	50.00	10.	32.00
5.	45.00	11.	31.00
6.	40.00	12.	30.00

The following pertains to "Open" Tournament at Victorville, Oct., 6-7, 1956. Entrance Fee \$200. Qualifiers will be required to pitch 200 shoes. They may qualify morning of Oct. 6th, or previous day, provided a qualified score-keeper is present. Qualifying will cease at 12:00 noon on Saturday, October 6th. All persons unable to qualify in the first ten positions will receive their entrance fee back, and the \$20.00 received from the ten men who do qualify will be added to the \$200.00 purse, making a prize list of \$220.00

Persons having the 10 highest qualifying scores will play a ten-man round robin, beginning at 1:00 P.M., Saturday, October 6th and play 4 games. The remaining 5 games will be played on Sunday, October 7th, beginning at 1:00 P.M. Person winning the most games will be declared the winner. Ties for first place must be played off. Other ties will be decided by ringer percentages.

PRIZE LIST:

1.	\$40.00	6.	18.00
2.	35.00	7.	16.00
3.	30.00	8.	14.00
4.	25.00	9.	12.00
5.	20.00	10.	10.00

1956 SCHEDULE OF TOURNAMENTS

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HORSESHOE PITCHING ASSOCIATION

8.	July 7	Added Class "A" (Night)	Ontario
9.	August 5	Added Class "C"	Pomona
10.	August 19	Added Class "D"	Huntington Park
11.	August 26	*"Western Open"	South Gate
12.	Sept. 9	"Amateur"	Harvard
13.	Sept. 30	Championship Class "B" (10 man)	Ontario
14.	Oct. 6-7	"Open"	Victorville
15.	Oct. 14	Championship Class "D" (10 man)	Long Beach
16.	Oct. 21	Championship Class "C" (10 man)	Harvard
17.	Oct. 28	Championship Class "A" (10 man)	South Gate

1. Huntington Park—1 block So. of Gage—½ block East of Niles Ave.
 2. Long Beach—122 Alamitos—North of Hotel Villa Riviera on Ocean Blvd.
 3. Ontario—Corner of Emporia & Lemon—East of Euclid—Back of City Hall.
 4. South Gate—On Southern Ave.—2 blocks West of So. Gate Arena off of Atlantic.
 5. Harvard—Between Normandie & Western Aves.—on 61 St. 6 Blks. So. of Slauson.
 6. Pomona—On corner of Third and Park St.
- *Western open is for all pitchers holding National cards.

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1. All tournaments to be 8-man Round-robins, except the last five, which will be 10-man Round-robins.
 2. Ties for first place must be played off. All other ties will be decided on basis of ringer percentage.
 3. To be eligible to play in S.C.H.P.A. tournaments, a person must have been a resident of So. Cal. for three months prior to tournament. All players must be S.C.H.P.A. members. Dues are \$3.50, including Nat'l dues. Dues for non-playing members, \$1.50 per year.
 4. Tournament entry fees are \$2.00. All tournaments will require a 100-shoe pitch, except the Added Class "A", which is 200-shoes. Qualifiers may Qualify the morning of tournament or on previous day if a qualified scorekeeper is present. Scorers must be from a club other than the qualifiers home club. Players may be qualified by any officer of the S.C.H.P.A. Qualifiers must notify the scorer prior to pitching when he is starting his qualifying. Deadline for qual. on day of tournament to be **12:00 noon**. Score-sheets must be marked qualifying. Entry fee to be paid before qualifying.
 5. An amateur is defined as one who has not received money prizes at any horseshoe tournament for the past two years, and must have an established record of less than 60%.
 6. Pitchers will be divided into classes according to previous percentages Thusly: Those above 60%—Class "A"—Above 50%—Class "B"—Above 35% Class "C" All below 35%—Class "D" If any player should win a tournament with a percentage over his class he must move up in class for any future tournaments.
 7. We expect to have three to five trophies for each tournament. At Victorville \$200 will be divided among all ten players.
- Let's all buy cards at the earliest opportunity and pull together for a good year.

Cards are available from the following: Elmer Beller, 111 Via Buena Ventura, Redondo Beach; Louis Dean, 379 W. McKinley, Pomona; Ralph Navarro, 10451 Stanford, South Gate; Larry Geer, 7821 Dorothy Ave., South San Gabriel; Billy Crick, 1716 W. 62nd St. Los Angeles.

HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIF. — APRIL 8, 1956

OPEN CLASS "D"

D-1

Qual.	Name	W	L	Shoes	P.	R	%
201	Sam Burt, Los Angeles	2	1	218	84		38.5
186	Robert Perry, Inglewood	2	1	192	91		47.3
182	Wally Haugland, W. Los Angeles....	1	2	212	92		46.1
174	Edmund Gaston, Inglewood	1	2	226	103		46.1

There was a play-off for first place between Burt and Perry. Burt won with 54.3 per cent, and Perry, runner-up had 51.4 per cent.

D-2

144	Russell Norman, Santa Monica	7	0	428	174		40.7
136	Ernie Anderson, Inglewood	5	2	472	132		28.0
170	Turk Ruge, Huntington Park	5	2	468	115		24.6
149	Lewie Shell, W. Los Angeles	4	3	448	149		33.3
136	Adolpho Chavez, Rivera	3	4	440	121		27.5
128	Ferdie Grangruth, Los Angeles	3	4	444	122		27.5
84	Edwin Carl, Pasadena	1	6	486	104		21.4
—	Howard Marjama, W. Los Angeles ..	0	7	336	33		.09

LONG BEACH, CALIF. — APRIL 22, 1956

OPEN CLASS "A"

Qual.	Name	W	L	Shoes	P.	R	%
242	Jim Weeks, Norwalk	6	1	436	311		71.1
246	Louis Dean, Pomona	6	1	452	304		67.2
212	Waldo Hagy, Long Beach	4	3	476	300		63.0
232	George Sechrist, San Bernardino	4	3	488	297		60.8
211	Henry Harper, Monterey Park	3	4	452	278		61.5
215	George Hook, Ontario	3	4	456	276		60.5
215	Billy Crick, Los Angeles	1	6	496	284		57.1
222	Ralph Metcalfe, Ontario	1	6	360	174		48.3

There was a play-off for first place between Weeks and Dean, with Weeks winning by a score of 51 to 35. Weeks pitched 71 ringers out of 88 shoes, for a percentage of 80.7. Dean pitched 66 ringers out of 88, for a percentage of 75.0.

ONTARIO, CALIF. — MAY 6, 1956

OPEN CLASS "C"

Qual.	Name	W	L	Shoes	P.	R	%
175	Fernand Fabre, Baldwin Park	7	2	528	267		50.6
184	Bill Shoemaker, Monrovia	7	2	536	267		49.8
177	Bob Perry, Inglewood	5	4	586	289		49.3
185	Bill Goodrick, West L. A.	5	4	562	277		49.3
181	Otto Stewart, Bell	5	4	524	232		44.3
188	Sam Burt, Los Angeles	4	5	564	254		45.0
190	Larry Geer, So. San Gabriel	4	5	540	241		44.6
191	Harry Morse, South Gate	3	6	606	250		41.0
205	Archie Gregson, Crestline	3	6	610	243		39.5
184	Ralph Navarro, South Gate	2	7	588	223		37.7

There was a play-off for first place between Fabre and Shoemaker, with Fabre winning by a score of 50 to 49. Both men pitched approximately 50 per cent.

SOUTH GATE, CALIF. — MAY 19, 1956

OPEN CLASS "B"

GROUP ONE

Qual.	Name	W	L	Shoes	P.	R	%
206	Harry Dolan, Fontana	5	0	320	199		62.2
214	Henry Harper, Monterey Park	4	1	310	186		60.0
215	Jimmy Gregson, Crestline	3	2	352	196		55.7
188	Lee Elrod, Paramount	2	3	316	140		44.3
215	Ralph Metcalfe, Ontario	1	4	330	167		50.6
240	Bill Shoemaker, Monrovia	0	5	284	122		43.0

GROUP TWO

219	Gerry Schneider, Montebello	5	0	266	176		66.2
234	Elmer Beller, Redondo Beach	4	1	274	147		53.6
208	Nick Port, Santa Monica	3	2	326	154		47.2
209	Sam Burt, Los Angeles	2	3	314	162		51.6
194	Norman Smith, Culver City	1	4	302	164		54.3
203	Ralph Boldra, Huntington Park	0	5	326	166		50.9

The first three from group one played the first three from group two for the six trophies

Place	Name	Pts.	R.	Shoes	P.	R	%
1.	Gerry Schneider	50	39	56			69.6
2.	Harry Dolan	28	32	56			57.1
3.	Henry Harper	50	38	60			63.3
4.	Elmer Beller	37	35	60			58.3
5.	Nick Port	50	30	48			62.5
6.	Jimmy Gregson	20	19	48			39.6

HARVARD PARK, CALIF. — JUNE 3, 1956

CLASS "A" TOURNAMENT

Qual.	Name	W	L	Shoes	P.	R	%
220	Homer Moefield, Long Beach	7	0	522	348		66.7
256	Louis Dean, Pomona	6	1	428	292		68.2
205	Gerry Schneider, Montebello	4	3	488	299		63.7
246	Jim Weeks, Norwalk	4	3	420	244		58.2
211	Roy Hearn, Whittier	3	4	428	233		54.4
213	Waldo Hagy, Long Beach	3	4	434	231		53.2
208	Billy Crick, Los Angeles	1	6	474	260		54.1
228	Ed Babush, Hollywood			FORFEIT			

Annual Southern California Meeting

The new officers for 1956 are as follows: James Weeks, President, 12133 Graystone, Norwalk, Calif.; Louis Dean, First Vice President, 379 W. McKinley, Pomona, Calif.; Waldo Hagy, Second Vice President, 1619 E. Broadway, Long Beach, Calif.; Norman Smith, Third Vice President, 4064 Jackson Ave., Culver City, Calif.; Billy Crick, Secretary-Treasurer, 1716 W. 62nd St., Los Angeles, Calif.

Robinson: "Who was that man you just raised your hat to?"

Green: "That? Oh, that was my barber. He sold me a bottle of hair restorer a month ago, and whenever I meet him I let him see what a fraud he is."

The champion athlete in bed with a cold was told that he had a temperature. "How high is it, Doc?" he asked.

"A hundred and one."

"What's the world's record?"

ROCKY MT. OPEN TOURNAMENT — JULY 14-16, AT BOULDER, COLORADO

By TED ALLEN

Attention all horseshoe pitchers in Canada and east of the Rockies, but not excepting any of those anywhere else who are contemplating the trip to Murray, Utah. We, in Boulder, Colo., are planning to hold a tournament here for the first time. The Rocky Mt. Open Championship. To be staged July 14-16, just prior to the big one in Utah, July 18-25th.

You need not qualify here on the grounds if you cannot make it here in time for that. Qualifying of the 100 shoe pitch must be over by noon of Sunday the 15th, on the grounds. But you who cannot make it here in time to qualify before that, or if you prefer you may send in your qualifying score by mail in advance, scored by a member of your own club, or league. Most players from the far eastern states will be doing this. If you are not here in time to start the finals on the day of the class A or B that you are in, we cannot wait. Class B is played on Sunday afternoon and evening. Class A, Monday afternoon and evening.

There is every indication that if this is a success, and if Utah gets the National convention again for 1957, then this same tourney will be staged again in Boulder. It could potentially lead to a start of circuit that will make it real interesting in the future. Who knows what other locality may some time follow with another contest after Murray. Timed so that three tourneys could be made in a short time. If this should be the case we will keep striving to make things better, each year.

This city is in the process of fast growth and so the recreation activities are going to be expanded. So there is a lot of competition from other sports as to who gets the attention and budget. Horseshoe pitching isn't getting much of that budget. So the Horseshoe club has pitched in to help get the courts set up. Even the Phi Delta Theta at the University helped set up our light poles during their National community projects day.

Tournament progress has been slowed at times by obstacles and red tape. Bill Leuthauser, of recreation, and I attended the Jaycee Directors' meeting there they listened enthusiastically about our tournament plans, and they voted to help us sell tickets. Again, we attended their weekly luncheon June 5th, where I was again introduced and became the speaker for the day. As soon as their "Chuck Wagon Day" is over this month they will start working on our contest, ticket sales.

This tournament will be different than most. We have no outright gift of finances for prizes as is often given at other places. There is no celebration here at the time. We are relying on advance and on-the-spot ticket-admission sales. In addition the entree fee of \$3.00 per qualifier will be added 100% to the prize fund, plus the net proceeds of the sale of refreshments on the grounds.

We hope for and are striving to get close to or at a \$500 prize list in cash and merchandise. If we make less it is still better than any other tourney in Colorado before.

But of course even at the maximum allowed of a \$500 tourney we hope even to go over the top, because anything over that is to go towards a youth movement in the sport, chiefly to buy cheap pitching shoes (not mine) so that the recreation can get them started.

Newspaper coverage is one of our best ways for getting the game out of the backyard. We do not believe in invading the privacy of a neighborly backyard sport, but we do want the newspapers to know how much the game is appreciated by so many people, and to let them know what we are doing.

Mr. Gregg Rice, Opportunity, Wash., is planning to correspond with Sports Illustrated and Monitor encouraging them to give the Utah tourney coverage. I, myself will write two or three. That is what we need. Others have suggested contacting many other publications and broadcastings. So everyone write to what ever magazine that suits you. Before we know it this game will be in the limelight more than ever.

INDIANA DIVISION

of the

NATIONAL HORSESHOE PITCHER'S ASSOCIATION

1956 PROGRAM

ALL STAR STATE LEAGUE—Five teams; seven men to a team; 49 games to a match; entry fee \$10.00 per team; individual awards to each member of championship team.

TEAMS	HOME COURTS	MANAGERS	ADDRESS
Fortville	Fortville Park	Paul Cross	461 Hamilton St., Portville
Frankfort	Dorner Park	Nelson Pickering	R.R. No. 5, Frankfort
Indianapolis	Brookside Park	Peyton Printz	215 E. Thompson Rd., Indianapolis
Muncie	Heekin Park	George Johnson, Sr.	2411 Harlan St., Indianapolis
Wabash	City Park	Jim Finchum	1423 E. Willard St., Muncie
		Art Moore	298 N. Thorne St., Wabash

BOOSTER or "B" LEAGUE—Ten Teams; two sections, EAST & WEST; seven men to a team; 49 games to a match, "singles" type play; entry fee \$10.00 per team; individual awards to each member of the champion team in both the EAST & WEST SECTIONS.

EAST SECTION

	HOME COURTS	MANAGERS	ADDRESS
Geneva	Lybarger Farm	Bill Shepherd	Geneva, Ind.
Fortville	Fortville Park	Jim Johnson	110 S. 10th St., Decatur
Muncie	Heekin Park	Lemuel Price	Maple St., Fortville
Swayzee	Swayzee Park	Harold Renner	203 Willard St., Muncie
		Neil Farr	East Main St., Swayzee
		Ed Jamison	R.R. No. 4, Marion
Wabash	City Park	Art Moore	298 N. Thorne St., Wabash

WEST SECTION

	HOME COURTS	MANAGERS	ADDRESS
Crawfordsville	Milligan Park	C. O. Haffner	126 Green St., Crawfordsville
Frankfort	Dorner Park	Elvin Cast	1008 Barner St., Frankfort
Indianapolis	Brookside Park	Paul Van Sickle	32 Whittier Pl., Indianapolis
Lafayette	Columbian Park	Leonard Rhode	15 Lincoln St., Lafayette
		Al Lafon	2208 Perrine St., Lafayette
Noblesville	Forrest Park	Lester Crask	1194 Division St., Noblesville

All matches will start promptly at 1:30 P.M. Central Daylight Savings Time.

All players must hold 1956 membership cards (\$3.00).

Each ALL STAR LEAGUE team must list five players who will not be eligible for the BOOSTER or "B" LEAGUE teams.

Rules that have governed league play in past seasons will be in effect.

A NORTH SECTION of the BOOSTER or "B" LEAGUE is in the process of being formed to include players in Gary, Hammond, Valparaiso, South Bend, and Elkhart. Lafayette may play its home games at Dorner Park in Frankfort.

Geneva takes the place of Berne and is building four new courts to add to the three they already have.

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West Section Booster League

East Section Booster League

July 15

July 15

Indianapolis at Noblesville
Crawfordsville at Frankfort

Swayzee at Geneva
Fortville at Muncie

All Star State League

July 1

July 22

Frankfort at Wabash
Indianapolis at Fortville

Fortville at Frankfort
Muncie at Indianapolis

West Section Champ vs East Section Champ—July 29 on a neutral court.

MID WEST "RINGER ROUND UP" OPEN TOURNAMENT

Dorner Park, Frankfort, Indiana — 12 courts
Friday, July 6; Saturday, July 7; Sunday, July 8

QUALIFYING ROUND — 150 shoes

Friday, July 6 between the hours of 1:00 P.M. and 9:00 P.M.
Saturday, July 7 between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M.

FINALS — Five Classes

CLASS A—12 players. Starting time 9:00 A.M. Sunday, July 8.
CLASS B—12 players. Starting time 9:00 A.M. Sunday, July 8.
CLASS C— 6 players. Starting time 7:00 P.M. Saturday, July 7.
CLASS D— 6 players. Starting time 7:00 P.M. Saturday, July 7.
CLASS E— 6 players. Starting time 7:00 P.M. Saturday, July 7.

Round robin schedules in all classes. 50 point games, cancellation method.

There will be a one hour recess for lunch Sunday noon for Class A and B. All times listed are Central Daylight Savings Time.

ENTRY FEE—\$3.00 per player. Class A players will each pay \$3.00 additional. Class B players \$2.00 additional. Classes C, D, and E \$1.00.

PRIZES—All entry fee money will go into tournament prizes plus whatever donations can be obtained from local sources.

The tournament is open to anyone and is being sponsored by the Frankfort Indiana Club assisted by the Indiana State Association. It is hoped to make this an annual affair and attractive to out of state pitchers, consequently every effort is being made to make it successful and worthwhile.

The Frankfort Club has staged the big Indiana State Tournament for the past six years and has a fine 12 court layout and the know how to stage an efficient tournament.

JUNIOR TOURNEY—for boys under 19 years of age. No entry fee. 50 shoe qualifying round Saturday afternoon, July 7. Six finalists to play Saturday evening. Trophy to the winner.

Tournament Committee will have final jurisdiction over all questions. Chairman—Nelson Pickering, R.R. No. 5, Frankfort, Ind.; Assistant—Oris Harshman, President of the Indiana Division of the N.H.P.A.; Assistant—Bob Pence, Secretary of the Indiana Division of the N.H.P.A.

All players must hold a 1956 National Horseshoe Pitcher's Association membership card from the State in which they reside. Players who do not yet have their 1956 card will be able to obtain one at the tournament pit from the Tournament Committee no matter what state they are from.

NOTICE TO INDIANA PLAYERS. There will be an official meeting of the Indiana Division of National Horseshoe Pitcher's Association Saturday evening July 7 at the close of the qualifying round.

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Our State League which is now under way. We also have a number of tournaments coming up. They are as follows:

Mid West "Ringer Round-Up" Open—at Dorner Park, Frankfort, Ind., July 6, 7 and 8.

Northern Indiana Tournament at City Park, Wabash, Ind., Aug. 4, 5, 11 and 12. Six classes of eight players each. 100 shoe qualifying round Aug. 4 and 5. Finals August 11 and 12.

INDIANA STATE TOURNAMENT at Heekin Park, Muncie, Ind. 150 shoe qualifying round August 18, 19, 25 and 26. Finals in nine classes September 1, 2, and 3.

Clinton County Tourney at Dorner Park, Frankfort August 4 and 5.
Adams County Tourney at Geneva August 11 and 12.

Lake County Tourney at Gary September 9.

Wabash County Tourney at City Park, Wabash September 16.

Northwestern Indiana Tourney at Studebaker Park, Elkhart September 22 and 23.

Porter County Tourney at Tower Park, Valparaiso September 30.

Chesterton Open at Chesterton October 7.

Bob Pence, Secy. Ind. Div., N.H.P.A.

MURRAY, UTAH, TO BE SCENE OF WORLD'S CHAMPIONSHIP RINGER TOURNAMENT

As the sun rises over the mountains in the land of Brigham Young namely, Murray, Utah, on July 18 to 25 inclusive, horseshoe pitchers from throughout the country and Canada will be on hand to compete for the World's championship. Among them will be Ted Allen from Colorado who is the defending champion.

Qualifying begins on July 18th with the actual tournament starting on July 19th. All games in the Class A division will be played under lights. The Salt Lake County Recreation Department is sponsoring the tourney in conjunction with the National Association.

The tournament is to be conducted along the same basic lines as last year. 200 shoe pitch, counting all points for qualifying. A score-keeper at each end of courts. Score-keeper must be from other than qualifiers home State.

The high 35 qualifiers, along with defending Champion will play a 36 man round robin. The next 16 high qualifiers will have the privilege of competing in a Class "B" match. (In order to assist the management in making up the schedule of "B" players, report by noon Thursday, July 19th if you intend to enter this match if you are one of the 16. If you do not report, the next in line will be stepped up to your position.)

The 36 man round-robin will start Thursday evening. Seven games will be played per evening for five evenings. (weather permitting) Of course there will be no Sunday tournament. That way the 36 man R.R. will be concluded Tuesday evening July 24th. Then the big four man play-off for the World Championship by the top four contestants of the 36 man round robin, Wednesday evening July 25th.

There is also to be a Ladies and a Junior tournament. The exact time for these matches to be arranged by officials or tournament committee.

This Is The Way The Prize-list As Set Up By The Board Members.

1. \$475.00	10. \$122.00	19. \$65.00	28. \$53.00
2. 375.00	11. 112.00	20. 63.00	29. 52.00
3. 325.00	12. 102.00	21. 61.00	30. 51.00
4. 275.00	13. 92.00	22. 59.00	31. 50.00
5. 197.00	14. 82.00	23. 58.00	32. 49.00
6. 172.00	15. 77.00	24. 57.00	33. 48.00
7. 152.00	16. 72.00	25. 56.00	34. 47.00
8. 142.00	17. 69.00	26. 55.00	35. 46.00
9. 132.00	18. 67.00	27. 54.00	36. 45.00

CLASS "B"

1. \$32.00	5. \$18.00	9. \$14.00	13. \$10.00
2. 28.00	6. 17.00	10. 13.00	14. 9.00
3. 24.00	7. 16.00	11. 12.00	15. 8.00
4. 20.00	8. 15.00	12. 11.00	16. 7.00

LADIES

1. \$25.00	3. \$15.00	5. \$9.00	7. \$7.00	9. \$5.00
2. 20.00	4. 10.00	6. 8.00	8. 6.00	10. 4.00

JUNIORS

Juniors will receive trophies and medals.

Mr. Harvey Clear, your National Secretary of a few years back, writes that he had an 18 pound tumor removed from his side a short time ago. Although this was a very serious operation, he states that he is doing very well now. We all wish him the best. May he have many years of good health.

Had word from Alvin Dahlene that he would not be able to attend the Murray tournament. He also stated that Roland Kraft lost his mother a very short time ago and doubted if Roland would attend. Our sympathy to Roland. We will all miss these two very fine gentlemen if they cannot attend.

ILLINOIS STATE TOURNAMENT TO BE HELD AUGUST 14-15, STATE FAIRGROUNDS, SPRINGFIELD

As one of the many features of the 1956 Illinois State Fair, the annual Illinois State Horseshoe Pitching Tournament will be held on August 14th and 15th at the State Fairgrounds, Springfield.

The tournament will take place on the permanent courts located near the Conservation Building. Play will be under a large tent as has been the custom in past years. Tournament will be open to any resident of the State of Illinois and will be for individuals.

Preliminaries will start at 8:00 a.m. Tuesday, August 14th, closing at 12:00 o'clock noon, SHARP. Contestants will be allowed to pitch two 100 shoe scores to qualify, the best 100 shoe score to count for semi-finals. The semi-finals will start at 1:00 p.m.

The 23 HIGHEST qualifiers together with the defending champion, John Lindmeier, of Chicago, Illinois, will be placed in 3 groups of 8 players each. Each of these groups will play a round robin match or 7 games. The four top men having the most games won out of each group will form the championship round to be played on Wednesday, August 15th, starting at 9:00 a.m. These 12 men will play an 11 game round robin for the championship of the State of Illinois.

The HIGHEST ringer percentage in ALL games of the tournament will decide all ties, EXCEPT for championship, in which case this must be pitched off.

Trophy To Be Presented

A beautiful trophy will be presented the new champion immediately following the final game.

All rules of the National Horseshoe Pitchers' Association will govern this tournament and the winner will be recognized by the State Association as the State Champion.

There will be a meeting of all members of the Association for the dispatch of business and the election of officers for the coming year immediately following the final game on Tuesday, August 14th. For any additional information concerning this tournament, contact Ellis Cobb, Secretary and Treasurer, 1307 Solfisburg Avenue, Aurora, Illinois.

First Prize	Trophy and \$50.00
Second	40.00
Third	30.00
Fourth	25.00
Fifth	20.00
Sixth	18.00
Seventh	16.00
Eighth	15.00
Ninth	14.50
Tenth	14.00
Eleventh	13.50
Twelfth	13.00
Thirteenth	12.00
Fourteenth	11.00
Fifteenth	10.00
Sixteenth	9.50
Seventeenth	9.00
Eighteenth	8.50
Nineteenth	8.00
Twentieth	7.50
Twenty-first	7.00
Twenty-second	6.00
Twenty-third	5.00
Twenty-fourth	4.00

It is gratifying to announce that our good friend Mr. Carl Bomke of Springfield, Illinois has been appointed by the Fair Association to position of Superintendent of Horseshoe Tournament. We all know what a grand job he has done in handling all the details that go toward the success of such a venture as the State Horseshoe Pitching Tournament.

Public Address System To Describe Tourney

In order that all spectators and others may be able to follow various games being played, the State Association will have a public address system installed so that a play by play description may be enjoyed by the fans seated in the stands.

Also a running score will be kept by the scorekeepers on specially designed scoreboards visible to all spectators. These extra features are all in keeping up interest in the games in the tourney.

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ILLINOIS BOY'S TOURNEY OPENS WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15TH

As a means of supplying the correct material for future adult tournaments, the State Association will conduct a Boys State Tournament on Wednesday, August 15th. Contestants will pitch 50 shoes for place in the finals. The eight qualifiers will play in the finals starting at 1:00 P.M. on August 15th. A trophy will be awarded the winner. Premiums will be awarded all finalists by the Fair Association.

In a letter from the Executive Secretary of the Illinois High School Association he states that in all probability no boy participating in the Boys' State Pitching Contest will endanger his future athletic eligibility by accepting cash or other prizes as a reward for direct participation.

All contestants must be under 18 years of age, The same rules as used in the men's tourney will govern this contest.

First—\$20.00 and Certificate as Illinois State Champion	
Second	\$17.00
Third	16.00
Fourth	14.00
Fifth	12.00
Sixth	10.00
Seventh	6.00
Eighth	5.00

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NEBRASKA DIVISION OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

THOMAS NOVACEK, Secretary

The Nebraska Division of the N.H.P.A. is a brand new organization and has been well rooted from the beginning. Following are dates for the summer tournaments to be held at Dewey Park courts, Omaha, Nebraska:

The Nebraska and Iowa Open, August 15th.—One class only.

Omaha City Tournament, August 12th.—Class A and B.

The Omaha and Council Bluffs Tournament, August 29th.—Class A and B.

The Nebraska State Tournament, September 2nd, in case of rain the tournament will be held the following day, September 3rd. Class A and B.

The following players are members of the Nebraska Division; L. E. Arnold, Mart. Arensdorf, Chas. Case, Paul Babbitt, Almer Hughes, Ted Moore, W. J. Wooden, Ed. Goedert, Thomas Novacek, Joe Foster, Donley Moran, George Warf, C. M. Vandas, Marvin Schoonover, Darrold Earlywine, Ralf Fleharty, Don McCance, Chas. McCance, Luther Jensen, L. E. Whitehead, Burnell Kaup, Evan Gewecke, Sidney Harris, Frank E. Church, Merle Denning, Howard Robinson, Sam Somerhauder, Larry Walters, R. E. Whitehead and Low Siebenaler.

ROCK RIVER VALLEY OPEN TOURNAMENT

The first annual Rock River Valley Open Horseshoe Tournament will be held on the Lawrence Park Courts midway between Sterling and Rock Falls, Illinois on Labor Day, Sept. 3rd, 1956.

This tournament will be sanctioned by the Illinois State Horseshoe Pitchers Association. All pitchers eligible to qualify must have a state and National card.

Qualifying will be from 8 A.M. to 12 noon Daylight Saving time, tournament starts at 1 P.M. \$1.00 entry fee to qualify, \$3 for the highest qualifier, the 8 highest will be placed in class A, the next 8 in class B. These 2 classes will play a round robin of 7 games, then the 2 highest in class A and the highest in class B will play it off for the championship of the tournament. The winner will receive 1st prize and the trophy.

The 48 highest qualifiers will participate in the tournament in class C and D there will be a double elimination tournament. The 17th highest qualifier will pitch against the 33rd, the 18th highest against the 34th; the 19th against the 35th and so on down the line until all have pitched at least 2 games.

This is a beautiful park, bring the whole family, a good place to have a picnic, swings and rides for all the kids, lunch stands and swimming pool.

Class A	1st.....	\$20.00 & trophy	Class B	1st.....	\$15.00
	2nd.....	15.00		2nd.....	12.00
	3rd.....	12.00		3rd.....	10.00
	4th.....	11.00		4th.....	9.00
	5th.....	10.00		5th.....	8.00
	6th.....	9.00		6th.....	7.00
	7th.....	8.00		7th.....	6.00
	8th.....	7.00		8th.....	5.00

George Hinricks, President; Herbert Plantz, Vice President; Leslie Long, Promoter and Secretary.

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THIRD ANNUAL CORN BELT OPEN TOURNAMENT

HAROLD DARNOLD, Promoter

All Mid-West pitchers are expected to be on hand when the third annual Corn Belt Open Tournament takes place Sunday, August 19th on the new courts at Crapo Park, 2 miles south on Main Street, Burlington, Iowa.

The sponsors of this new pitching event are the Burlington Retail Merchants and the Hawkeye Gazette. There will be a trophy to the champion and other cash prizes. Qualifying will start at 8:00 A. M. in the morning and continue until noon, daylight savings time.

The tournament will be conducted in the following manner, each entrant will pay \$1.50 to throw 100 shoes. The sixteen highest will enter the tournament paying an additional fee of \$1.50. These 16 men will be grouped in four groups of four men each with the four highest men in four different groups.

This will be the Class A preliminary and will consist of three 50 point round robin games. The top 2 men in each group will be divided into two groups of four men each with the high qualifiers staggered. Round robin, 3 games each. The winner of each group will play one game for first and second. The next highest in each group will play one game for third and fourth. The third highest man in each group will play for fifth and sixth place and the last two men will play for seventh and eighth. The third highest men in the Class A preliminaries will play a three game round robin for ninth to twelfth places. The other four places will be made up of the four highest Junior qualifiers with a round robin play of 35 points each.

There will be a trophy plus merchandise prizes and entry fees turned back also cash prizes to eighth place and valuable merchandise prizes for ninth to sixteenth place. In the Junior Tournament the entry fee will be \$1.50, with cash and merchandise prizes to the winners.

The first shoe will be pitched by Mr. Harry Hatt, Supt. of Parks; Head Scorekeeper Dr. A. G. Limbocker; Umpire, Richard Wiesel.

WHERE TO PLAY WHEN YOU'RE AWAY

- ARIZONA**—Peart Park, Casa Grande; Rendesvous Park, Mesa; Encanto Park, Phoenix.
- ARKANSAS**—Fair Park, Boyle Park, MacArthur Park, Little Rock.
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- CANADA**—Dieppe Park, East York.
- COLORADO**—City Park and Washington Park, Denver; City Park, Greeley.
- CONNECTICUT**—Beardsley Park, Bridgeport; Pope Park, Hartford.
- DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**—Commerce Courts, Washington.
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- ILLINOIS**—Welles Park, Chicago; Athletic Park, Canton; Riverside Park, Moline; Mineral Springs Park, Pekin; Reservoir Park, Quincy; Long View Park, Rock Island; Big Creek Park, Canton; Laura Branley Park, Peoria; Kings Park, Pittsfield; Fairview Park, Decatur.
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