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# Looking Into The "Hall Of Fame"

## Fernando Isais Records

A few of the outstanding games and other records of this really great pitcher.

As far as these records show, he is one of two, to pitch a perfect game in any sanctioned game of importance. He won his in San Jose, California, in 1952 in the California State Championship, when he pitched 30 consecutive ringers; a complete game. The report on the other perfect game will come out later. If there are others we would be pleased to get report on them from any part of the country.

His best percentage record for a complete World Championship tournament was at Murray, Utah, in 1951. He won all 35 games with average of 85.7.

In 1947, at Murray, Utah, he lacked one shoe of pitching a perfect game. In that same tournament he had them all on but three in a longer game.

In 1948, at Milwaukee, Wis., he had two games in which he placed them all on but three shoes. One of these in a rather long game.

In 1949, at Murray, Utah, where he lost only one game, he had 41 out of 42 ringers in one game.

In 1950 at Murray, Utah, he had 11 games over 90%. The highest 94.8. In 1952 he had a long game with Ray Gatewood, 128 shoes, averaging 89.6%.

In 1954, when Guy Zimmerman won the World Championship at Murray, Utah, in the three long games of the play-off, they each pitched a total of 402 shoes in the three games. Isais averaged 85.3% for the entire three games and lost them all.

But the game, that can be considered one of the greatest of all time, was between Isais and Allen at Murray in 1956. This the the longest game on record, breaking a record that had stood since 1940, by four shoes. They pitched 168 shoes. Isais had 148 ringers, averaging slightly over 88%. They had 133 dead ringers each. Isais had 65 doubles tying a previous record held by Allen. They had 51 4-dead, topping all previous records by one. Previous to this game 145 ringers was the greatest number of ringers pitched in one game by one man.

Isais has won the World Championship 7 times and California State Championship 8 times. He has done considerable exhibition pitching.

Next month look for outstanding games and feats of Ted Allen. Records of other great pitchers will appear from time to time.

Elmer O. Beller

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## NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL NEWS

By HOWARD WHITE

The 1957 New England championship tournament will be held in Dover, New Hampshire, August 31st through September 2nd. It will be played on the courts at Henry Law Park, Dover. It will be sanctioned by the NHPA and will be for A-B-and C pitchers. A running account of the meet will be carried over the public address system. Everyone that is able to qualify for the 12-man Class A championship on Labor Day will receive a prize. Edgar Landry will be the defending champion.

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## ARIZONA DIVISION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

By WALTER STEARNS

The Mesa Playgrounds tournament was held March 10th on the Rendezvous Park courts. The winners are as follows: Class A, Art Kamman, Tempe; Walt Honeywell, Billings, Montana; Doubles Winners, Art Kamman and Willard Phillips; Russ Shaffer and Bill Adair of Phoenix. Class B, Singles, Fred Brown, Chester, Montana; Wayne Webb, Mesa, Arizona; Doubles, Wayne Webb and Paul Wykoff; Hayes Stark and Whitey Leaver. Beautiful trophies were awarded the winners.

## INDIANA ASSOCIATION TO STAGE "NEWCOMERS TOURNAMENT"

The Indiana Association will sponsor a State-Wide Special "Newcomers' Tournament" to be held at the Highland Park Courts in Kokomo, Indiana, June 1 and 2. The qualifying rounds will be conducted on Saturday, May 25 from 12 noon till 9 p.m., also Sunday, May 26th from 10 a.m. till 9 p.m. The meet will be open to three brackets of players, as follows: Players who are new members in the Indiana association; players who have not played in the State tournament during the past two years and all players who have averaged under 50% ringers in the State tournament during the past two years. Players will be notified by postcard at the conclusion of the qualifying rounds as to what class they qualified for and when to return for the finals.

### CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

**Saturday, June 1 & Sunday, June 2**

Class A—Top eight qualifiers—Sunday afternoon, June 2,  
Starting time 1:30 P.M.

Class B—Next eight qualifiers—Sunday afternoon, June 2,  
Starting time 1:30 P.M.

Class C—Next eight qualifiers—Sunday forenoon, June 2,  
Starting time 10:00 A.M.

Class D—Next eight qualifiers—Sunday forenoon, June 2,  
Starting time 10:00 A.M.

Class E—Next eight qualifiers—Saturday evening, June 1,  
Starting time 7:00 P.M.

Class F—Next eight qualifiers—Saturday evening, June 1,  
Starting time 7:00 P.M.

Class G—All remaining players—Saturday afternoon, June 1,  
Starting time 2:00 P.M.

Play in Championship Finals will consist of round robin schedules in each Class, 50 point games, cancellation method of scoring. Games won and lost will determine final ranking in each Class. All first place ties will be played off.

**TROPHIES & PRIZES**—Trophies, cash prizes and merchandise prizes will be awarded in each and every Class. All entry fee money will go back into the tournament in the form of trophies, cash prizes, etc.

**ENTRY FEE**—\$2.00 entry fee for each player, unless player joined the Indiana State Association for 1957 prior to Jan. 15, in which case the entry fee is 50 cents.

All players must be 1957 members of the Indiana Division of the National Horseshoe Pitchers' Association of America. Membership cards will be available at the Tournament, or may be obtained in advance by writing to Bob Pence, State Secretary, 341 Polk St., Gary, Ind.

**ADDITIONAL COMPETITION**—(No additional entry fee) The qualifying scores of the top five men from each of the various horseshoe clubs around the state with players in the tournament will be totaled and the club whose top five man total is highest will be recognized as team champion and the five players will each receive individual trophies.

**INDIANA STATE ASSOCIATION MEETING** will be held at the courts on Sunday afternoon, May 26 at 2:30 P.M. to make plans for the State League and other future events.

**TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE**—Bill Hobbs, Chairman, James Coy, Max Dale, and Ed Hight, plus officers of the Indiana Division of the N.H.P.A.

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## **HAVE YOU SIGNED UP THAT NEW MEMBER?**

The advent of spring brings a new surge of life into horseshoe pitching everywhere. New fields of conquest and new opponents to conquer face each of us. Dreams of games we have dreamed about in the long winter months can now materialize on the horseshoe courts all across the nation. The National Horseshoe Pitchers' Association has endeavored to keep you interested during the slack season. Now you can do YOUR part for the game by going out and securing new members. I predict that the membership in 1957 will be the largest that it has been in the history of the game. That prediction will rest on the cooperation of you readers and how well you do your job. If you wish to show your respect and appreciation for your officers just give them a helping hand. The results that follow will be to your liking and then you can truthfully say that we have an organization that you are justly proud of and can recommend to any horseshoe pitcher.

Cletus Chapelle, Chairman

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## **IOWA HAWKEYE ASSOCIATION SEASON SCHEDULE**

As was stated in the last issue of the "Digest" Iowa Hawkeye is looking forward to a busy season. The complete summer schedule is set forth below. All players throughout the country are invited to participate in any of the open tournaments if they are in the vicinity. The first meet will be a "Warm-Up" tournament to be held on the Birdland Park courts, Des Moines, Iowa, on May 12th.

May 26, Birdland Park, Des Moines — Midwest Open; June 9, Open tourney, Osceola; June 16, Lawn City Open, Riverside Park, Cedar Falls; July 4th, Eastern Iowa Open, Ellis Park, Cedar Rapids; July 14, Carlisle Tourney, Iowa Members Only, Carlisle; July 28, Cornbelt Open, Crapo Park, Burlington; August 18, Exira Tourney, Iowa and Nebraska Members only, Exira, Iowa; Sept. 8, Ottumwa.

## WABASH INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT TO OPEN 1957 INDIANA HORSESHOE SEASON

A special round robin tournament at City Park in Wabash, between the top eight players in the state will usher in the 1957 horseshoe season in the Hoosier state on Sunday afternoon, May 19th.

Art Moore, head of the Wabash club, is staging the event and has rounded up some financial support from a number of local fraternal organizations and business firms. Pitching platforms, stakes and clay of the City Park courts are being renovated in preparation for the affair.

Art is holding a party for Indiana Division members the night before the tourney in the form of "Open House" at his residence, 298 North Thorne Street in Wabash.

Invitations to compete in the tourney were sent to the top twelve players in the state. The following players have indicated they will be on hand; Red Brumfield of Markleville, Curt Day of Frankfort, Ed Sharp of Mulberry, Virgil Taylor of Greencastle, Bill Neilson of Dugger, Graydon McFatrige of Rushville, Harrison Maitlen of Berne, and George Johnson, Jr., of Indianapolis.

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Brumfield is the present State Champion, while Day, Mc-Fatridge and Nielson are former titleholders. Maitlen won the Central States Tourney at Ottumwa, Ia. last year and Day the Mid-West Open. Both Taylor and Sharp have made outstanding records in the last two National meets at Murray, Utah, together with Curt Day who finished in fourth position.

Peyton Printz of Indianapolis was the ninth man to indicate a willingness to participate and will be used as an alternate in case one of the others cannot be present. Jim Kemple of Rushville, Lowell Edmondson of Danville and John Stimac of Terre Haute were invited, but will be unable to attend.

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Three regional type tournaments will be held in Indiana during the season. The established Northern Indiana will be held at Wabash the first week end in August. A Southern Indiana Tourney will be held at Garfield Park in Indianapolis. Probable dates are early in June. Paul Van Sickle, George Johnson, Sr., and Peyton Printz will be in charge. Arrangements are also being made for a Central Indiana meet sometime in June. It is hoped to hold this meet at Athletic Park in Anderson. Red Haven, Sports Editor of the Anderson Herald, is interested in staging it. Anderson was formerly a hot bed of the game, but has been inactive the past few years.

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It is reported that Ray England, popular pitcher from Crawfordsville, has been ill the past winter and has been given a "go slow" order by his doctor that may take Ray out of active competition for the first time in more than 30 years.

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## MAINE NEWS

By CHARLEY GERRISH

Those items on "Improving Pitching" by the world champion Ted Allen in the "News Digest" are notably good contributions. Though Ted hasn't yet told yours truly how to average 75 percent ringers in his tournaments, he still keeps trying—yours truly keeps trying, that is. Practice cannot be the whole secret, for we have done lots of that. Practice can be overdone, as well as underdone. How much should one practice? Maybe the week or two before a tournament is the most important training period. What is the system, if there is one, used by the top pitchers just before a meet, so to be at their peak at the right time?

Perhaps the writer started at too late an age to make much further ringer gain at the game. 37 years old was his start in 1925. He expected to do nearer 90 percent ringers after 30 years pitching . . . This is not said to discourage others. Start young if you can, yes. But it is better to start playing at 40 or 50 or 60, than not at all. What a lot of fun and recreation one gets from the ancient pastime.

If it is safe or permissible to express an opinion, this reader would say that the reading matter of the "News Digest" is in general the more interesting part, than the statistics of game tournaments. Except of course events like the National, Regional and more local concerns. Indiana makes one marvel at their high class pitching, but state statistics usually are a mass of mostly uninteresting columns of figures. Fewer lists of figures and more storied writings of the doings of players are more enjoyable matter, in this writer's opinion. No offense to the wonderfully energetic states of California, Indiana, Ohio, etc.

Taking the liberty to mention New Hampshire in this Maine item, we may say that the appointed regional director for New England horseshoes, Howard White, showed a good film at Portsmouth in January of the 1956 world champion meet in Utah.

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## CANADIAN HORSESHOE PITCHERS' ASSOCIATION

By TED BURROWS

### ROYAL WINTER FAIR TOURNAMENT

#### CLASS "A" — 8 Players — Round Robin — 50 point games

				R.	S.P.	%
D. McLaughlin	1st	— 7 wins		349	476	73.3
E. Hohl	2nd	— 5 wins	79 pts	321	444	72.3
G. Mawson	3rd	— 5 wins	40 pts	259	444	58.3
F. Ladouceur	4th	— 4 wins	41 pts	212	404	52.5
N. Black	5th	— 3 wins	140 pts	268	460	58.3
S. Fritz	6th	— 2 wins	192 pts	258	482	53.5
D. Vann	7th	— 2 wins	148 pts	258	472	54.7
M. Buckingham	8th	— 0 wins	172 pts	164	382	42.9

#### CLASS "B" — 8 Players — Round Robin — 35 point games

				R.	S.P.	%
J. Boa	1st	— 5 wins	50 pts	181	314	57.6
G. Edwards	2nd	— 5 wins	49 pts	174	318	54.7
C. Lentz	3rd	— 5 wins	42 pts	162	330	49.1
L. Nichols	4th	— 4 wins	96 pts	193	326	59.2
H. Blackman	5th	— 4 wins	79 pts	155	286	54.2
G. Banks	6th	— 3 wins	123 pts	182	366	49.7
T. Burrows	7th	— 2 wins	110 pts	141	314	44.9
W. Pascoe	8th	— 0 wins	122 pts	104	272	34.6

#### GROUP C — 8 Players — played 7 game Round Robin — 35 point games

Schneider	1st	— 6 wins	24 pts.	Play off — 35-28
Hore	2nd	— 6 wins	24 pts.	favor, Schneider
Schuett	3rd	— 5 wins	50 pts.	
Horsley	4th	— 3 wins	85 pts.	
Matthews	5th	— 3 wins	75 pts.	
Willis	6th	— 2 wins	122 pts.	
Stewart	7th	— 2 wins	116 pts.	
Boswell	8th	— 1 win	149 pts.	

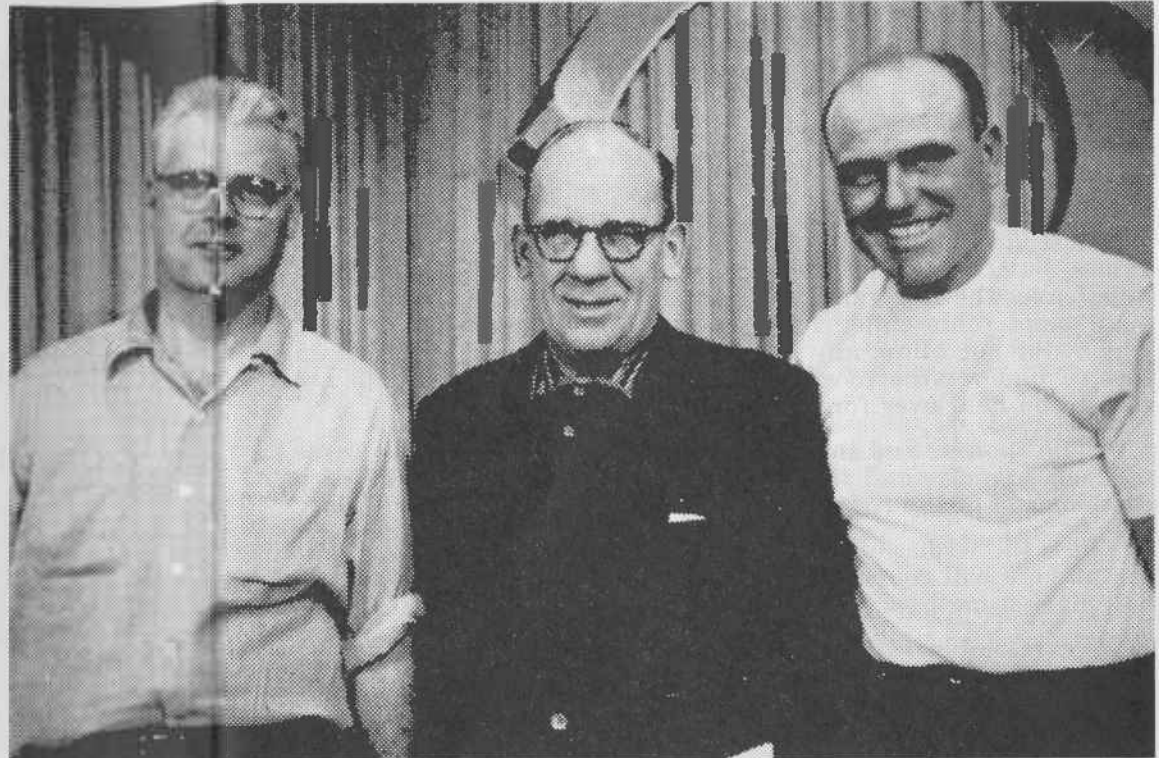
## Mr. "Horseshoes" Makes A Visit To TV "Color" Studio

For those who can not see the current "Championship Horseshoe" television program perhaps a word picture will give everyone an idea of the setting for this unique sports show.

As we enter the studio itself, which is a room approximately 50 feet square, our eyes look up at a maze of huge Kleig lights. When they are all turned on for the show it gives the same effect as if one was playing on a court out in the open sun on a hot August afternoon. The court is regulation in every respect. The clay is a potter's clay and is of a burnt orange color and is mixed with water. The boxes are constructed of wood and are painted a pale blue. In the center of the clay area the stake is painted a brilliant white. The backstops are padded so as to absorb any noise from a wild shoe and are a dark green, they form a half circle in back of the stake and box area. The area between the stakes is built up even with the pitchers' box and is painted a grass green. The backdrop in back of the pitchers' box is aqua colored beset with two large horseshoes, one being red and the other blue. The lights are approximately 10 feet above the surface of the pitchers' box and are somewhat of a hazard to anyone who is used to pitching a high arching shoe. It has a tendency to make the player shoot his shoe at the stake rather than lofting it. In one corner of the studio is the area that is used for the commercial part of the program. It is made up in beautiful combining colors so as to make a pretty picture on the "Color" TV screen. In case it has never been mentioned the show is televised in black and white and also in compatible color.

Two color cameras are used being focussed on the one stake as the pitchers pitch from one end only. The shoes are returned to the pitchers by the stage hands. There is an official referee who calls all the scores and measures all points and ringers. A scorekeeper tallies the points, ringers, shoes pitched, doubles and prize money as the game progresses. Immediately at his right the announcer gives a word description of the game, speaking into a microphone loud enough for the listening audience but not so that the players can hear him.

This is a half hour show and in the interest of time 5 innings are played before the show goes on the air. As soon as the show is on it starts with an introduction followed by a commercial. The players then resume playing and continue for 10 more innings at



Mr. Matt Niesen, TV producer (center) is pictured with Truman Standard, Illinois state champion (right) and John Lindmeier, former Illinois state champion, following their second "Championship Horseshoes" match, March 6.

which time there is a second commercial; at the close of that the pitchers finish out the remaining 10 innings of the game. As soon as the final score is computed the announcer presents the prize money and a beautiful golden horseshoe to each of the players.

### Run Down of "Championship Horseshoes" Matches

After weathering the storm of two strenuous weeks against Truman Standard in which one match had a string of 13 consecutive ringers, John Lindmeier again matched ringers with that left-handed, reverse pitch artist, Curtis Day on March 13. Despite a last half rally by Lindmeier, Curt's early lead managed to give him a 3 point margin at the end of 25 innings thereby giving him another opportunity to get revenge with that quick-witted star from Peoria, Illinois, Milton Tate on March 20. He proceeded to out maneuver the Peoria welder and by virtue of doing so earned the right to return to the "color courts" on March 25th where he found Virgil Taylor, also of Indiana, who was prepared for a last ditch stand against this unorthodox pitcher. Being unable to get into his stride, Taylor could not stand the pace of 75% set by Day and he too fell by the wayside. Thus ended another series of "Championship Horseshoes".



## METHOD OF PLAY FOR NATIONAL TOURNEY

Last year at the national convention in Salt Lake City, the delegates voted the method of play for the 1957 tournament be left up to the executive board and the sponsor.

No method is perfect. Most players enjoy playing the round robin and meeting every player. But we must also consider the sponsor and the audience. Without a sponsor we would have no World Tournament. The players don't mind the long session of games, but the paying audience must go to work the next day. This leaves the late games playing to empty stands. Also the 36 man round robin called for a full session of games each night, which did not allow any chance for doubling up of games in case of bad weather conditions. Most of the players would not care to be held over for another day.

The sponsor and the executive board were presented three methods of play, and they decided on this method, which is a combination of the round robin and the group system.

It is the wishes of the executive board and the sponsor, that the players will cooperate with this method of play, so that we may have a most successful World Tournament this year.

### (Combination round robin and group system)

CLASS A	1-Champion	High 2-Qualifier
	4	3
(Qualify by 200 shoe pitch)	5	6
	8	7
Semi-Finals	9	10
The top 36 men will be placed	12	11
in class A and will be divided	13	14
in two equal groups of 18 men	16	15
each. They will be placed ac-	17	18
cording to their qualifying	20	19
scores, as indicated at right.	21	22
	24	23
The Semi-Finals of Class A con-	25	26
sists of 17 games, 5 games to	28	27
be played the first night and	29	30
6 games the second and third	32	31
night.	33	34
	36	35
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	333	333

### Finals — Group 1

At the end of these two 18 man round robins, the top 7 men from each group will form a 14 man round robin for the championship (13 games here), 5 games to be played the fourth night, 4 games the fifth night, and 4 games the sixth night.

## Finals — Group II

The next six high men from each group of the Semi-Finals will form a 12 man round robin and play 11 games, 6 games to be played the fourth night, and 5 games the fifth night. This group plays for a trophy and for 15th to 26th places.

## Finals — Group III

The last 5 from each group of the Semi-Finals form a 10 man round robin and play 9 games, 5 games to be played the fourth night and four games the fifth night. This group plays for a trophy and for 27th to 36th places.

## CLASS B

Class B shall consist of 20 men, qualifiers 37 through 56. These 20 will be divided into two equal groups of 10 each, playing 9 games.

Class A never plays over 6 games a night, so they will start at 6:30 and play straight through. This will allow Class B to play 3 games an afternoon for the first three days, starting at 3:00 and playing to 5:30. This will give one hour of time for the reconditioning of the courts and the warm up of the Class A players.

## Finals, Class B

The two top men from each group of 10 will form a 4 man round robin playing 3 games the fourth day for the championship of Class B.

**Rules for play.** A round robin schedule allowing the best players to meet in the final games will be used. The best players can be placed according to their performance in the 18 man Semi-Final round robin. Since 4 games will be played the final night, this method allow the deciding games to be played then. Only the 14 players in the finals will be playing the last night, so the bleachers can be placed around seven courts.

**Comments:** This system combines the group system and the round robin. It should provide a climax on the final night by bringing the best players together in the last games. It also places players of the same caliber in a group. It allows games as follows:

Class A, Group I	30 games
Class A, Group II	28 games
Class A, Group III	26 games
Class B,	9 games, plus a 4 man playoff.

It limits play to 6 games a day. It allows the B class to use the same courts, playing in the late afternoon. The B class play-off will come on the fourth day, before the A's start. The Women's and Junior's playoffs will come on the fifth day, before Class A starts. The Class A Finals for the World's Championship will be on the sixth day, thus making a playoff the last three nights for a paid admission crowd.

A complete set of Tournament rules will be published later.

Elois Standard, Tournament Manager.

# Send In That Information of 1957 Tournaments

## Use Form Below

In order to acquire all of the information necessary to print a complete list of all the tournaments for the ensuing season we would very much appreciate your supplying us with the following information on any tournaments to be held in your locality.

1. The name of our Tournament to be known as \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. The date or dates this tournament will be held are \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. This tournament will be held at (town) \_\_\_\_\_

(name of Park or Courts) at \_\_\_\_\_

(Address) at \_\_\_\_\_

4. Individual, Persons or Organization sponsoring this event are \_\_\_\_\_

5. Entry fee if any \_\_\_\_\_

6. Qualifications of players competing (Memberships necessary? etc.) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

7. (a) **Give full details** of Elimination, Qualifying, Round Robin Games, etc. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(b) Time each event is to commence and time qualifying etc., close \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(c) Number of players to compete in finals \_\_\_\_\_

(d) Quantity of courts available and Quantity to be used \_\_\_\_\_  
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(e) Will courts be equipped with covers in case of rain? \_\_\_\_\_

(f) Are there electric lights available? \_\_\_\_\_

8. Prize List will be as follows:

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9. The names of the following individuals who will officiate in conducting the tournament are:

Head Score Keeper \_\_\_\_\_

Umpire \_\_\_\_\_

Official Starter \_\_\_\_\_

As soon as all the data has been compiled send this form to "The Horseshoe Pitchers' News Digest", 1307 Solfisburg Avenue, Aurora, Illinois.

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## "ORCHIDS" TO ARIZONA STATE ASSOCIATION

Arizona has an up and coming State Organization this year. They have a fine set of officials. Mr. Walter Stearns is their State secretary. To let you know how he has been on the "ball"; he had signed up more members by the first of January for 1957 than they have had in the past for a complete year. To this he added more from time to time. Most States have less so far than last year, because of the policy to include the magazine and join early, as expected. Arizona is the first and the only State so far to have more than for 1956. We salute you, Arizona.

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# *Introducing . . . the Personality of the Month*

By ELOIS

## **TRUMAN STANDARD — ILLINOIS STATE CHAMPION**

His name suits his personality for indeed he is honest and upright. He has a rare talent for seeing the other fellow's side and being always fair in judgment. Anything he attempts must be done well. The word 'quit' just isn't up-to-Standard!

He is a Farmer by occupation, having always lived on the home farm near Canton, Illinois, where he learned to pitch horseshoes as a boy. His father was a 60% pitcher. Truman remembers his first double ringer. He was about 6 years old and was so excited he ran out on the farm for a mile to tell his Dad.

He met his wife at a small country church near his home. There wasn't much horseshoe pitching in his life during his courtship and the early years of their marriage. Now after 17 years of married life, and 4 children; 2 boys and 2 girls, the sound of horseshoes clanking is music to his ears. With his love for the game and such a family of ardent fans, he just can't fail to do his best.

He is gifted in Music and Cartooning and his chief hobbies are Horseshoes and Bowling.

The outstanding things about Truman are: his optimistic attitude; keen sense of humor; even temper and the ability to take it with a smile, win or lose.

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# *"From Out Of The Mail Bag"*

February 26, 1957

The Horseshoe Pitchers'  
News Digest  
1307 Solfisburg Ave.  
Aurora, Illinois

Dear Mr. Cobb:

Just a word to let you know that I, for one, feel that the "News Digest" has made a splendid beginning. The variety and extent of coverage is already in evidence, and must call for plenty of effort.

Especially have I been interested in the articles by Ted Allen. A short time back I wrote a letter begging for such items and have been more than glad to see the results. The only thing I now hope is that Ted does not get too busy to keep it up, but on the other hand there are others who can contribute from their experience. There is no doubt what a grand fellow he is and tireless in his efforts toward putting the game on high plane it deserves. I met him a number of years ago while attending a Sports Show in which he appeared in Cincinnati. After his performance he took several of us back to his booth and was tireless in answering questions and showing his films.

To get back to the magazine, you can rest assured that those of us in and around Cincy will continue to boost subscriptions in this area.

Sincerely,

W. J. Woods  
2479 Madison Rd.  
Cincinnati 8, Ohio

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Mr. Ellis Cobb  
Editor of The Horseshoe Pitchers' News Digest  
Aurora, Illinois

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing a picture of the Horseshoe Pitching team of the Bradenton Trailer Park, Bradenton, Fla. It is the world's largest trailer park with over 1250 trailers at the present time. We have the largest horseshoe club in Florida with seventy-four

members and a team of twelve that have played seven tournaments against St. Petersburg this winter, Bradenton winning four out of seven.

The Bradenton courts have been newly paved this winter and Mgr. Ray Middleton shipped several thousand pounds of blue clay from Michigan which makes a perfect clay to pitch on. The team has new white uniforms with red caps, which gives the team a very neat appearance on the courts.

This year the team had a float in the Bradenton Desota parade which attracted a lot of attention and as there were over 50,000 spectators, we did a good job of advertising horseshoe pitching. We have a challenge board at the courts with the names of all players and this makes several daily contests between the members each trying to get as high as possible on the board. Each member can challenge the one directly above him and if he wins he may put his name above the one he defeated. We are now planning on a Southern National meet for next winter if it can be arranged.

I enjoy your new Horseshoe Pitchers' Digest very much and wish you continued success.

Very truly yours,

Denver Ford  
1502-13th W.  
Bradenton, Fla.

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March 5, 1957

The Horseshoe Pitchers' News Digest  
Mr. Ellis Cobb; Editor  
Aurora, Illinois

Dear Mr. Cobb:

First, I want to thank you for printing my article, "Horseshoe Pitching Comes Back", in your fine magazine.

In the Jan. issue, you put a story together about "Championship Horseshoes". With a little effort on my part, I typed several letters regarding your interesting article explaining the set-up. One letter was addressed to W.N.B.C. T.V. New Britain, Conn. (channel 30). I promptly got an answer from Dave Scott, who has a program called, "Sports Camera", following the nationally televised fight on Friday evenings. He's interested in having someone from Conn. to appear on his show, to bring the public up to date on the art of horseshoe pitching.

Those articles that Ted Allen is writing are sure good and helpful. I enjoyed them very much.

Yours Sincerely

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