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MESSAGE FROM YOUR CHAIRMAN OF REGIONAL DIRECTORS

A workable program for Regional Directors has been completed and sent out to my committee. We sincerely hope we have launched an undertaking that will be a decided success dedicated to the welfare and promotion of the game in the entire U. S. and Canada.

The following Regional Directors have been appointed by our National President, Cletus Chapelle. These men are very well known, and are very easy to work with. Please contact them for information or any assistance you might give them.

Pacific Coast States: California, Oregon and Washington.

Art Lienes, 1111 East Market Street, Aberdeen, Washington.

South Central States: Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Mississippi and Louisiana.

Perl "Pep" Pepple, 401 Topeka Boulevard, Topeka, Kansas

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Stanley Manker, Route 1, Martinsville, Ohio

Rocky Mountain States: Utah, Idaho, Nevada, Arizona, Wyoming, Colorado, Montana.

Clive Wahlin, 1108 Harrison Avenue, Salt Lake City, Utah

North Central States: Illinois, Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota, Wisconsin.

Charles Hopkins, 912 East 2nd Street, Ottumwa, Iowa

New England States: Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut.

Howard J. White, 942 Woodbury Ave., Portsmouth, New Hampshire

New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

Lee Davis, 648 Abbott Avenue, Ridgefield, New Jersey

There are approximately 34 state charters in the U. S. Some of the states mentioned above do not have charters at present with the N. H. P. A. It is requested that Regional Directors try contacting these states in an attempt to get their charters in force.

The N. H. P. A. announced that we are now an international organization by the granting of a charter to the Canadian Association as a recognized group in the N. H. P. A. This was brought about by the hard work of our National Secretary-Treasurer, Elmer O. Beller, consisting of much correspondence. A Regional Director for Canada is now in the process of being appointed by President Chapelle.

Motto: "Don't be late for '58.' Let's start planning next year's program now."

Howard J. White, Chairman

LINDMEIER WINS CENTRAL STATES THRESHERMEN'S TOURNEY

By VERNELL DRAGER

The second annual Central States Threshermen's tournament was held at Pontiac, Illinois, on the 4-H Club Park courts, this past summer. John Lindmeier of Broadview, Illinois, a former state champion swept thru Class A without losing a game. Ellis Cobb of Aurora, Illinois, was undefeated in the Class B division.

Prizes totaling \$150.00 in cash were donated by the Central States Threshermen's Association and the business men of Pontiac. Meet was sanctioned by the Illinois association and the NHPA.

ILLINOIS STATE CHAMPION WINS ROCK RIVER VALLEY OPEN

By LESLIE LONG

The second annual Rock River Valley Open Horseshoe tournament was held on the Laurence Park courts midway between Sterling and Rock Falls, Illinois, on Labor Day. We had 38 qualifiers, the top 32 got into the tournament divided in 4 classes of 8 in a class. Ellis Griggs, Illinois state champion, was the highest qualifier with 241 points, he also won the tournament by winning all 7 of his games in Class A; he also had the highest ringer percentage with 76.3. He also had the best pitched game with 81.7. He had 49 ringers out of 60 shoes.

Glenn Anderson, last years champion, came fourth this year. John Lindmeier, 4 time state champion, was runnerup, Chester Hefner, who is a former midwest champion, came 3rd.

Leslie Long had the best pitched game in Class B with 48 ringers out of 62 shoes with 77.4%. Ernie Danielson, Jr. who is but 14 years of age, won 2 games out of 7 games, and he pitched good horseshoes to defeat the top two players in class B.

Class A

	W	L	Pct.
Ellis Griggs, Plainville, Illinois	7	0	76.3
John Lindmeier, Broadview, Illinois	5	2	65.7
Chester Hefner, East Peoria, Illinois	5	2	63.2
Glenn Anderson, Moline, Illinois	4	3	67.6
Russell Drew, Cullom, Illinois	3	4	59.7
Nelson Vogel, Manito, Illinois	2	5	61.0
Joe Bennett, South Pekin, Illinois	2	5	60.2
Fred Hart, Jacksonville, Illinois	0	7	54.1

Class B

Ellis Cobb, Aurora, Illinois	5	2	60.7
Ernie Danielson, Sr., Burlington, Iowa	5	2	58.6
Aden Swinehamer, Aurora, Illinois	4	3	57.9
Herbert Plautz, Rock Falls, Illinois	4	3	61.1
Frank Palka, Chicago, Illinois	4	3	62.5
Leslie Long, Sterling, Illinois	3	4	61.8
Ernie Danielson, Jr., Burlington, Iowa	2	5	50.1
Virgil Toerger, Minonk, Illinois	1	6	50.6

Ellis Cobb defeated Ernie Danielson, Sr. in the playoff 50 to 37 for first place in Class B, Cobb had 61.4%, Danielson had 60.2%. It is a coincidence that both Ellis's won their own class.

Class C

	W	L
Vernell Dreager, Graymont, Illinois	7	0
Ivan Beerbower, Davenport, Iowa	5	2
Woodrow Martin, Pekin, Illinois	5	2
Wayne Canavit, Rock Island, Illinois	4	3
Cleon Chrisman, Peoria, Illinois	3	4
Oscar Reingardt, Sycamore, Illinois	2	5
Fred Richards, Maple Park, Illinois	2	5
Harold Darnold, Burlington, Iowa	0	7

Class D

Arthur White, Peoria, Illinois	6	1
Ralph Dykes, Chicago, Illinois	5	2
Francis Thomas, Davenport, Iowa	5	2
Allen Holmquist, Sterling, Illinois	5	2
Winfred Willard, Manito, Illinois	4	3
Ray Wueblen, Sterling, Illinois	2	5
Francis McBride, Rock Falls, Illinois	1	6
Roy Efflandt, Moline, Illinois	0	7

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA HORSESHOE PITCHERS ASSOCIATION

By EARL DAVIS

If all the news relating to our activities during the past month were to be printed it would take up this entire book. So I will endeavor to hit the highlights.

First on the list was our Northern Picnic which was held at the Arroyo Viejo picnic grounds. A very large crowd was on hand and as usual Vince Deering of the Golden Gate Club assisted by Mrs. Dorothy Thompson went all out in giving the kids plenty of activity. There were prizes galore with all of them going home with "a trick or treat bag" full to the top with prizes, candy and crackerjack. Mr. and Mrs. George Callas of the Golden Gate Club, Czar Marceovich of the Oakland Club and John Longrell of the Arroya Club, as well as many others helped in making this the finest of all picnics.

Next on the list was our visit to Fresno and what a visit it was. Since I first became interested in horseshoes there was talk of having the Northern Association meet the Southern Association in a horseshoe match. Well, it has finally taken place with the North getting the best of things, but regardless of the outcome it was a wonderful boost for our great sport.

The Northern Association through the efforts of our president, Czar Marceovich, was instrumental in getting the Calo Dog Food Co. to sponsor our team for the event. We will be forever indebted to them for their great undertaking and interest in our sport.

Their rescue unit was on hand the entire day with their pair of nationally known blood hounds and their master, Russ Cone. The Calo Co. also provided music over their loudspeaker system and furnished coffee and doughnuts to the large gathering. Elmer Beller, our national secretary, acted as general chairman and Harvey Clear, Northern tournament manager, acted in that capacity for the two-day event.

Our hats are off to the Roeding Park Horseshoe Association for giving the two teams such a wonderful reception. The entertainment and refreshments at the party on Saturday night were tops.

H. W. A. (Major) Dalton deserves a special bouquet as he was always on hand wherever we went to make sure our stay was a pleasant one.

We hope this event will take place every year now that the ice is broken and if the Southern Association can get a sponsor next year we are sure the games won and lost will be a lot different. The North won the match 48 to 16.

In an exhibition match between Don Titcomb and Guy Zimmerman the crowd saw some marvelous pitching, with Guy pitching 82 ringers out of 94 shoes and Don throwing 74 with Guy winning 50 to 28.

NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TEAM PLAY OCTOBER 20, 1957, FRESNO NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Harvey W. Clear, Tournament Manager

	Won	Lost	R	S.P.	%
Brownell	8	0	318	442	72.0
Titcomb	7	1	324	456	71.0
Allen (Ira)	5	1	212	312	68.0
Moskalik	3	2	221	348	63.5
Zimmerman	4	0	169	202	84.0
Mori	4	0	166	230	72.2
Zumwalt	4	0	126	238	52.9
Anderson	3	1	145	262	55.3
MacCarty	3	1	143	262	54.6
Callas	1	3	158	276	57.2
Henderson	2	1	86	180	48.0
E. Davis	1	1	53	106	50.0
Craig	1	1	62	128	48.4
Marceovich	1	1	56	102	54.6
Reed	1	1	68	124	55.0
G. Davis	0	2	48	106	43.4

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OCTOBER 20, 1957, FRESNO

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Harvey W. Clear, Tournament Manager

	Won	Lost	R	S.P.	%
Weeks	5	3	357	536	66.8
Esperanza	5	3	341	540	63.1
Moefeld	2	6	330	540	61.1
Long	2	6	218	450	48.4
Hagy	1	7	202	474	42.6
Geer	1	7	154	378	40.7
Beller	0	8	231	464	50.0
Smith	0	8	162	392	41.3

The Northern C Championship was held at the Arroyo Viejo horseshoe courts, Sunday, October 27. Bud Alexander, Fred Meyer, John Kohler, Genero Gonzales and John Longrell were instrumental in making this a very successful tournament.

This club was just formed this year and they have done a wonderful job so far. Let's hope they keep up the good work.

Les Baer of the Oakland Club won a beautiful trophy with a record of 10 victories and 1 loss. Results are as follows:

	Won	Lost
1. Les Baer, Oakland	10	1
2. Ray Galli, Golden Gate	9	2
3. Jim Templeton, Oakland	8	3
4. Val Terlicker, Vallejo	7	4
5. Fred Meyer, Arroyo Viejo	7	4
6. Jim Adams, Sunnyvale	7	4
7. Paul Dovell, Arroyo Viejo	6	5
8. John Kohler, Arroyo Viejo	4	7
9. Tom Cochrane, Vallejo	3	8
10. Bill Jerome, Arroyo Viejo	2	9
11. Frank Westbrook, Vallejo	2	9
12. Ed. McConnell, Arroyo Viejo	1	10

ARIZONA CROWNS NEW CHAMP

By WALTER STEARNS

Arthur Kamman of Mesa, who played in the National for the first time this year, dethroned Stan DeLeary, who had held the Baby State's Class "A" Championship for eight years. Kamman went thru the Tourney without a loss. It was a thrilling and close battle between DeLeary and Kamman all the way with the New State Champ ekeing out a 50-48 win.

The Tournament was sanctioned by the N. H. P. A. and sponsored by the Arizona State Fair and held at the fairgrounds during the State Fair, November 2 to 11. The winners were presented trophies in an impressive ceremony at the band stand before a great crowd of people.

The Doubles Championship went to Russ Shaffer and Bill Adair of Phoenix and the runner-up to Willard Phillips of Tempe and Art Kamman of Mesa. Russ Shaffer was high qualifier with 74 ringers and 240 points.

	W	L	%
Arthur Kamman, Mesa	9	0	58.7
Stan DeLeary, Phoenix	8	1	70.2
Russ Shaffer, Phoenix	7	2	53.8
Walter Stearns, Mesa	5	4	49.0
Bill Adair, Phoenix	5	4	42.7
Gifford Thompson, Flagstaff	4	5	42.8
Willard Phillips, Tempe	3	6	39.7
C. L. Carson, Mesa	2	7	44.4
Glen Crandall, Mesa	0	9	25.7

INDIANA DIVISION OF THE N. H. P. A.

By **BOB PENCE**

BETHEL OPEN TOURNAMENT

Curt Day defeated Virgil Taylor two games to one in the play-off. Paul Van Sickle was the high qualifier, posting an excellent 251 points in his 100 shoes. The day was somewhat windy and chilly. Burl Taylor did an excellent job of staging this tourney which the Bethel Club hopes to make an annual affair.

GROUP ONE

	Won	Lost	R	S.P.	%
Curt Day, Frankfort	5	0	192	262	73.3
Frank Cotton, Decatur, Illinois	3	2	211	346	61.0
Nelson Brown, Mulberry	3	2	200	324	60.5
Lowell Edmondson, Danville	2	3	229	350	65.4
Paul Van Sickle, Indianapolis	2	3	175	288	60.8
Charles Broadstreet, Stilesville	0	5	124	260	48.0

GROUP TWO

	Won	Lost	R	S.P.	%
Virgil Taylor, Greencastle	4	1	335	432	77.1
John Stimac, Terre Haute	3	2	295	420	70.2
Floyd Fowler, Greencastle	3	2	248	358	69.3
Ed Sharp, Mulberry	2	3	248	356	69.7
Oris Harshman, Frankfort	2	3	246	368	66.8
George Johnson, Sr., Indianapolis	0	5	150	282	53.2

PLAY-OFF

	Won	Lost	R	S.P.	%
Curt Day	2	1	199	266	74.8
Virgil Taylor	1	2	185	266	69.9

LAFAYETTE-TIPPECANOE COUNTY TOURNAMENT

The veteran Steve Raymond won the Lafayette Area tourney as the club completed a very successful year. Under the direction of Joe Schilling and George Kingma the club had almost 100 active members and 51 entries in the tourney in addition to building five new courts.

Raymond averaged 62.3 in winning while Earl Billingsley, Bill Merkel and Al LaFon all pitched fine shoes. Other Class "A" players were Bill Everett and Omer Minnier. Other champs were: Class B, Clarence Childers; Class C, P. Snapp; Class D, Dale Reeves; Class E, G. Harris; Class F, E. McMindes; Class G, C. Calloway; Consolation, K. Summers; and Junior Class, Steve Kingma.

CLINTON COUNTY TOURNEY

Ed Sharp dethroned Curt Day as County Champ with a sizzling 80.0% ringers for the round robin and 80 ringers in 90 shoes in the key game against Day. George Popejoy finished third. Other Class "A" players were Nelson Brown, Oris Harshman, Carl Atwell, Elvin Cast and Morris Briney. Kenney Achors won Class B; Bud Bemis, Class C; O. Ely, Class D; Ed Dick, Class E and Joe McClain, Class F.

GRANT COUNTY TOURNAMENT

Gil Lee of Marion upset Neil Farr and defending champ Jim Shively to win the annual Grant County Tourney with 55.0% ringers. Other Class "A" players were Ed Jamison, Virgil Holloway and Sylvester Lockridge. Paul Mitchener of Gaston won Class "B" and Dick Enyeart took Class "C" honors. Ed Jamison was in charge of the tourney which is probably the oldest continuous county tourney held annually in the state. It was held in conjunction with the County Fair in Marion.

FAYETTE COUNTY TOURNAMENT

Jimmy Kemple pitched 67.7% ringers to win the Fayette County Tourney despite the fact that Graydon McFatrige averaged 79.1% for the entire tourney. Kemple, however, won all his games and handed Graydon his only

defeat, 50 to 36. Harold McFatrige finished third with 65.2%. Dave Craven finished fourth, Marvin Chrisman, fifth and Cecil Burris, sixth. John Parker won Class "B," Dawson Adams, Class "C" and Richard Pitcher, Class "D." The tourney was part of the Fayette County Fair and was open to residents of Fayette and adjoining counties.

INDIANA NOTES

Two Indiana horseshoe clubs, Wabash and Gary, sent teams to St. Joseph, Michigan for friendly, get acquainted team matches arranged by Bob Pence, Indiana state secretary, and Kenneth Jensen of the Michigan club. The Hoosiers had a little too much balance and experience for the boys from the Wolverine state, despite the presence of the Michigan state champ, Delmar Hallock. Wabash won 27 to 9 and Gary 27 to 22.

The Wabash club had the Bellman brothers, Clarence and Roy, Art Moore, Kenny Eltzroth, Richard Konieczny and Bob Pence. Clarence Bellman won all of his games.

The Gary team was made up of John Sanders, John Huffman, Rudy Lundgren, Fred Scheub, Earl Miller, Len Palmer and Kenneth Grenzer. Sanders had a 6 and 1 record, including a win over the Michigan champion, but lost to Jensen.

For St. Joseph, Hallock and Jensen proved themselves able to hold their own in any kind of competition.

MISSOURI TEEN-AGER SETS NEW STATE RECORD

While many of his pals were concerning themselves with "rock 'n roll" and perhaps out churning up the road with their "hot-rods," David Baker, the teen-age horseshoe pitching wizard of Wentworth, Missouri, was repeating for the Missouri Open Championship. This annual affair was held at Phelps Grove, Wentworth, with action that produced a new state record of 96.4 ringer percentage.

Baker defeated Earl Winston of LaMonte in a best two out of three play-off after they had tied for first place with identical records of 6-1 in the regular 7-game round robin. Winston won the first game 50-47, throwing 77.4 percent ringers. Baker won the next two by scores of 50-48 and 50-31 with ringer percentages of 74 and 76 respectively.

The state record was set when Baker clamped on 54 ringers out of 56 shoes to subdue Lindza Greenlee, veteran Missouri pitcher, with a scorching 50 to 3 count, and a new state record of 96.4 ringer percentage. While all this was going on, Greenlee was throwing 38 ringers out of the 56 shoes for a percentage of 67.9.

The above match is just one of the many games being played in our horseshoe sport today that will give life to our game of tomorrow.

IOWA TEEN-AGER GIVES TALK ON HORSESHOES BEFORE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS

There has been some discussion as to whether the younger generation was taking any interest in the horseshoe pitching sport. The myth was exploded when Ernie Danielson, Jr. of Middletown, Iowa, gave a short talk on the game, before his class at the Burlington, Iowa high school. It can be said by those in the "know," that Ernie is one of the up and coming young pitchers of the present time. Altho he is only thirteen he has thrown many games over 70 percent ringers.

In his talk he stressed the importance of the "hold" on the shoe. To clarify his point, he used the top three official shoes to demonstrate the various holds as used by players throughout the country. He also explained the official court, height of stakes, kind of clay that was best for obtaining the best results, also how tournaments were conducted and where the big tournaments were held. His listeners proved to be a very attentive group which indicates that the great game of horseshoe pitching will be carried on for many years to come.

Editor's Note: The members of the Iowa Hawkeye Association should be very proud of this outstanding young player, who is justly proud of his dad who taught him the correct way to pitch.

SOUTH GATE, OCTOBER 13, 1957 — SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAMPIONSHIP — CLASS "A"

The class "A" championship was postponed on October 13 because of rain and was completed on November 10.

Esperanza was off to a slow start, but finished the last half of the tournament hitting the peg for well over 80%. Hats off to Homer Moefield, he came through in great style to win the Southern California championship. This has been his goal for many years, we hope to see him on top for many more years, right "Little Moe."

	Won	Lost	R	S.P.	%
Homer Moefield, Long Beach	9	0	341	504	67.7
Jim Weeks, Norwalk	8	1	296	422	67.8
Frank Esperanza, Oxnard	6	3	392	584	67.1
Jerry Schneider, Montebello	6	3	330	536	61.6
Henry Durr, Baldwin Park	5	4	323	530	60.9
Waldo Hagy, Long Beach	5	4	315	542	58.1
Ralph Metcalfe, Ontario	3	6	252	472	53.4
Wally Haugland, Culver City	2	7	291	554	52.5
R. A. Long, Santa Paula	1	8	286	552	51.8
George Hook, Ontario	0	9	Forfeited All Games		

ROEDING PARK HORSESHOE ACTIVITIES, FRESNO, CALIFORNIA

By MAJOR (HWA) DALTON

We here in Fresno have recently held the first annual Northern California vs. Southern California match. The affair turned out so well that plans were made at the Get-together Party to hold such a match every year. We are about halfway between Los Angeles and San Francisco and are the logical place for such a match. We played 64 games as there were 8 men on each team. This being the first attempt at such a meeting, many first class pitchers could not arrange to be present, especially with the Southern California delegation, who sent only 8 players. Absent was Fernando Isais and some other 80% players. On the other side the northern team was 16 strong, so of course being two deep. The north won 48-16. The tournament was managed by Mr. Harvey W. Clear of Santa Cruz, assisted by Pres. L. L. Sage of the Roeding Park Club and Major Dalton. Our fine new courts were praised by all, many stating they were the finest in California. I quote an excerpt from a letter of the national president, Mr. Cletus Chapelle, "Let me say that I think you are doing a magnificent job in promoting horseshoes."

CARLOS REED WINS FRESNO CITY TITLE IN MEET CONDUCTED BY ROEDING PARK CLUB

Here is a story of our big open tournament of September 21-22. Carlos E. Reed, the Fresno city champion of 1954, now owns his second such title, the result of winning 12 out of 13 games on the new Roeding Park Courts. Reed, who has a right arm crippled by a childhood polio illness, nosed out E. E. (Gene) Davis and Merle Preo who tied for second place with eleven wins and two losses. Gene had the best ringer percentage of 48%, while Preo only made 44.5%. Reed's average was 46.9%.

The newly constructed Fresno courts, reputed to be the finest in the state, will be the site of a playoff between an all-star team from Northern California and one from Southern California. The tentative date is October 20. Many of the local veteran pitchers who used to compete on the old Court House Park courts were among the crowd of nearly 200 fans who witnessed the finals. Ira Allen, brother of world's champion Ted Allen, gave an exhibition of trick shots.

John Roscoe, who was city champion back in 1929, acted as head scorekeeper. Earl J. Davis, Northern California division secretary, Elmer Bradt, Oakland, California club secretary and Czar Marceovich, Alameda County champion and Oakland club president were on hand for the tournament.

Allen and Marceovich played a special match at half time Sunday. Complete results, games won and lost and ringer percentages follow:

	Won	Lost	R	S.P.	%
Carlos E. Reed	12	1	295	628	46.9
E. E. (Gene) Davis	11	2	320	660	48.5
M. A. Preo	11	2	289	648	44.5
J. W. Wilfong	10	3	274	696	39.3
Kim Ludlow	10	3	284	768	36.9
Ray Lambeth	8	5	290	728	39.9
J. W. Fulton	8	5	272	686	39.6
L. L. Sage	6	7	198	668	29.6
Floyd Sugden	4	9	171	668	25.5
Marion Hicks	4	9	143	748	19.0
Buck Haley	3	10	166	558	29.7
Dave Cunningham	2	11	88	596	14.4
John McCray	2	11	57	516	11.0

MR. JOHN GORDON RECOVERING FROM BROKEN HIP

Mr. John Gordon, who celebrated his 85th birthday last July, has been in the hospital again. This time with a broken hip. This is the third trip to the hospital for Mr. Gordon in the past year. Two of these trips were for major operations. Mrs. Gordon also had an appendectomy a short time ago. So they have had their share of hospital time lately.

Mr. Gordon had just moved from Monrovia to North Long Beach, California when he took a fall on the steps of his doorway, resulting in the broken hip. At this writing he is home, looking very chipper and doing quite well, except that he is bedfast.

"OTTUMWA-MIDTOWN-U. S. A."

Mrs. Lucille Hopkins, secretary of the Iowa-Hawkeye association, calls attention to the Army's TV Big Picture "Ottumwa-Midtown-U. S. A." program to be televised over 400 TV stations on January 17th or 18th. It will be telecast in conjunction with the Military Ball being held in Ottumwa, Iowa on that date. Horseshoe pitching will be one of the features of the program. All pitchers throughout the United States are advised to tune their screens to that program. So watch your TV programs as printed in your local papers for exact time and station.

ADDRESSES WANTED

First class mail directed to the following named persons has been returned because of incorrect addresses. Each of them is a member in good standing in the National association. Their last known addresses are listed below. If anyone of our readers know of the whereabouts of any of these members please send the information to: The Horseshoe Pitcher's News Digest, 1307 Solfisburg Avenue, Aurora, Illinois.

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WASHINGTON STATE ASSOCIATION NEWS

By JOHN MONASMITH

The horseshoe season was climaxed here in the Northwest with the annual Northwest Championship Tournament held in conjunction with the Central Washington Fair held in Yakima, Washington.

We pitchers in the Northwest are all very proud of our friend and fellow-pitcher, National President, Cletus Chapelle. We will all do everything in our power to help him and the National Association in any way that we can.

There were more than 100 players pitching in the Washington and Oregon State tournaments this season. This is an indication that horseshoes is on the upgrade in this area.

Our annual North Washington meeting was highlighted by an address by our National President, Cletus Chapelle. He pointed out many items of interest to us which benefit all members of the National Association and serves as an incentive for more pitchers to become members.

Our Northwest Tournament usually attracts pitchers from Oregon, Washington, Idaho and British Columbia, however, the Canadians were unable to be present this year. They always prove themselves to be very adept in the art of tossing ringers. Oregon filled the gap with several new pitchers. The meet was very successful and was provided with a few upsets which made it very interesting.

RESULTS OF FARMERS DIVISION, IOWA STATE FAIR

	Qual.
1. Leland Wiges, Exira, Iowa	172
2. Archie Matheney, Toddville, Iowa	197
3. Waldo Lepper, Radcliffe, Iowa	228
4. James Wilkinson, Peru, Iowa	159
5. John Weakland, Osceola, Iowa	182
6. Walter Ross, Boone, Iowa	208
7. Leighton Vandergriff, Selma, Iowa	176
8. Arlo Williams, Lineville, Iowa	162
9. Maurice Clark, Osceola, Iowa	212
10. Warren Hartley, Palmer, Iowa	178
11. Otha Hulse, Mingo, Iowa	155

Grand Championship: Best two out of three games playoff: Harold Hughes won first two games, and Trophy for Farmer-Open Divisions.

TED ALLEN HORSESHOE CO. — BOULDER, COLO.

Again winning the World's Championship, 1957. Almost yearly, now, Allen's have made new World's records, including several of 1957. Of the 18 major world's records now standing, all but three are currently held, or having had a hand in, by Allen's.

Several factors are involved in winning a title but the advantages of the Allen's played a major part.

1. Twice, in establishing world's qualifying records — 1953, of 556 pts. or 90.5% ringers; 1955, of 570 pts., 187 ringers for 93.5% it requires ringers to stay on. Not a single ringer came off. And, too, to make 36 consecutive doubles, and to win close games.
2. Hardened points on soft shoes have a tremendous advantage over battered points. They get many ringers out of near misses.
3. Time and again Allen's were "on" in a close measure, on account of good points.
4. Hard points save ringer averages, money in winnings and longer life effectiveness. Makes the shoes good as long as the body lasts. In old days I used 2 pair for each tourney to have good points. But the past two tourneys were won by only one pair of shoes, and good for more, lasting many times longer for top playing.

THREE OF A KIND



By FRANK COTTON, Illinois

I took this picture during the "Ringer Round-up" tournament, July 6 and 7, 1957, at Dorner Park, Frankfort, Indiana.

In the picture, left to right is, Curtis Day of Frankfort, who has made his three-quarter reverse turn famous by winning the Indiana state championship 3 times in 5 years and by fashioning the world's greatest game in his contest with Ted Allen this summer at Murray, Utah. Curt is not only a great competitor but he is a tireless worker in his efforts to promote horseshoe pitching in his home state and the nation. More power to Curt!

Next we see Ellis Cobb of Aurora, Illinois, who is Illinois N. H. P. A. secretary as well as being the editor of our great "Horseshoe Pitcher's Digest." Ellis took on this monumental work in July, 1956 after the death of "Jake" Jaskolusk, editor of "The Horseshoe Pitcher" magazine. No one will deny that Ellis has done a splendid job as editor and don't anyone forget that he is also a real good horseshoe pitcher himself. He was instrumental in promoting the TV Champion Horseshoe program at Chicago last winter. He played on that program and is a credit to the great game of horseshoes wherever he may play.

Last, but not least by any means, is Bob Pence, N. H. P. A. secretary of Indiana and it is my honest opinion that no one person anywhere in the nation has done more to promote the game of horseshoes than Bob Pence. Bob is a prolific writer of articles of interest to horseshoe pitchers everywhere and, as proof of his untiring efforts in boosting his favorite game, Indiana can boast of having more card carrying players than any other state in the Union.

One of the reasons why Indiana has so many players is the fact that in their contests they make a class of players of all degrees of proficiency. Then the winner of each class receives a nice trophy, in addition to a certain amount of money for each game won. In their 1957 state tourney there were 107 contestants in 12 classes. Their aim is to promote horseshoe pitching, not just a champion among a select group of the best players. As a result of this attitude Indiana has produced some of the finest players in the country, including such outstanding examples as Day, Sharp, Neillson, McFatridge, Brumfield, Taylor and a host of others who play close to the 80% mark.

I think it behooves us all to take a hint from Bob Pence and his hustling Hoosiers and do a better job of promoting our great game in our own home districts.

INDIANA JUNIORS TAKE PART IN "RINGER FEUD"

As the "Martins and the Coys," those reckless mountain boys that we have heard about in mountain ballads, so the Days and Sharps, of Clinton County, Indiana, staged another "ringer feud" when Oris Harshman of Frankfort, Indiana conducted a boys' tournament for Clinton County youngsters under 15 years of age. Seven future ringer artists competed and the event was an interesting and unqualified success. Jimmy Day, 14 year old son of Curt Day won first place and his brother Bob finished fifth. Three of Ed Sharp's progeny, Paul, Jack and Tommy gave the Day boys plenty of competition along with tiny Hal Brown, who tied for second, and Jerry Moore.

DON McCANCE WINS TOP HONORS IN NEBRASKA STATE

By TOM NOVACEK

Don McCance of Cozad, Nebraska, successfully maneuvered his way through a tough line-up of top Nebraska pitchers to win the Nebraska state title. Sam Somerhalder of Minden and Sid Harris of Shelton were second and third respectively. Class B honors were taken by Walker of Falls City and Class C winner was Clyde Fischer of Curtis. This tournament was sponsored by the Curtis Chamber of Commerce. Trophies were awarded to the winners. Following are the vital statistics:

CLASS A	Won	Lost	Points	%
Don McCance, Jr., Cozad, Nebraska.....	8	1	454	64
Sam Somerhalder, Minden, Nebraska.....	7	2	431	70
Sidney Harris, Shelton, Nebraska.....	7	2	410	66
Merl Denning, Elm Creek, Nebraska.....	5	4	395	64
Howard Robinson, Nebraska City, Nebraska....	4	5	412	66
Thomas Novacek, Omaha, Nebraska.....	4	5	355	57
Darrold Earlywine, Omaha, Nebraska.....	3	6	371	54
K. C. Yohe, Falls City, Nebraska.....	3	6	360	54
Joe Foster, Omaha, Nebraska.....	2	7	312	54
Dave Fischer, Curtis, Nebraska.....	2	7	293	53

CLASS B	Won	Lost	Points	%
Walker, Falls City, Nebraska.....	7	0	360	45
Burns, Falls City, Nebraska.....	6	1	353	41
L. Seibenaler, Kimbal, Nebraska.....	4	3	334	46
Shaw, Falls City, Nebraska.....	4	3	308	39
Neibaum, Falls City, Nebraska.....	4	3	297	41
Fleharty, Cozad, Nebraska.....	2	5	188	34
Strasil, Falls City, Nebraska.....	1	6	215	32
McCance, Cozad, Nebraska.....	0	7	169	28

CLASS C	Won	Lost	Points	%
Clyde Fischer, Curtis, Nebraska.....	5	0	262	24
Myrl Stinnett, Curtis, Nebraska.....	4	1	240	30
W. Lerner, Lincoln, Nebraska.....	3	2	198	26
John Ruppert, Curtis, Nebraska.....	2	3	224	22
Vance Hosick, Curtis, Nebraska.....	1	4	130	14

ANNUAL HAY-DAY TOURNAMENT HELD AT COZAD, NEBRASKA

Don McCance of Cozad, Nebraska, 1957 champion, continued his winning ways to capture the annual Hay-Day meet. He was tied with Merl Denning of Elm Creek and R. Whitehead of Gothenburg at the end of regular play. In the play-off he won by scores of 51-31 and 50-31. Denning defeated Whitehead 50-47. This annual event was held at Cozad, Nebraska.

CLASS A	Won	Lost	%
Don McCance, Jr., Cozad, Nebraska.....	4	1	60
Merl Denning, Elm Creek, Nebraska.....	4	1	56
R. E. Whitehead, Gothenburg, Nebraska.....	4	1	54
Guy Uhlig, Cozad, Nebraska.....	2	3	43
Richard Herrick, Cozad, Nebraska.....	1	4	43
Charles McCance, Cozad, Nebraska.....	0	5	30

CLASS B	Won	Lost	%
Robert McVicher.....	7	0	44
Wayne Kock.....	6	1	32
L. E. Whitehead.....	4	3	38
D. K. Johnson.....	4	3	33
Larry Masek.....	3	4	27
Ralph Fleharty.....	2	5	28
Hanlin Jensen.....	2	5	29
Bob Hertnin.....	0	7	18



"From Out Of The Mail Bag"

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

October 31, 1957

Dear Sir:

Greetings from the Niagara District Horseshoe Pitchers Association who are affiliated with your National Horseshoe Pitcher's Association of America. We receive your Horseshoe Pitcher's News Digest and happy are we in getting the horseshoe news from throughout the states.

We of the Niagara District are comparatively new as an association but we find since we have started that our association has tripled itself in four years. Up to the present time we have eighteen teams with twelve in each team, with prospects in the coming year of quite a few new entries. Our league opens in May and carries through to September. Owing to the number of teams in the association last year we split them up into three groups, comprising six teams in each group. The play-offs are arranged so that each group has a chance to become league champion. This year City Ramblers of Port Colborne, Ontario were league champions with Teal's Hotel, Crystal Beach, Ontario runners up. Our individual play-offs was won by Ken Gainer of Port Colborne who plays for the Boilermakers team with the percentage of 76. Mac MacAlister was a close second, from the New Germany team with 74%. Ervin Schneider, also from New Germany, placed third with 70%.

At the end of each season we have a big banquet for the entire association at which time the trophies are presented, the new executive introduced and a gala time is had by all.

Would be glad to hear from you, until then I remain,

Sincerely Yours,
Russell E. Sauer, Secretary

Lawrence, Kansas
November 11, 1957

F. Ellis Cobb, Editor
The Horseshoe Pitcher's News Digest
1307 Solfisburg Avenue
Aurora, Illinois

Dear Mr. Cobb:

I know that I should have written you long ago concerning your fine publication. You are to be congratulated on such a neat job of makeup and a concise story of the news. I was a subscriber to the "Horseshoe World" from 1933 until it faded out in 1942. Then I subscribed to Pop Woodfield's little paper until he passed on and subsequently the "Horseshoe Pitcher" put out by the late Byron Jaskulek. Next spring I will be embarking on my 36th year of horseshoe pitching — still like to pitch but of course no longer much of a threat in a tournament. However I have enjoyed my association with the game and the many friends I have made over the nation. It has been a lot of hard work at times, but if I had to do it over again, I would do it with the same zeal. Roland Kraft and I have been going to tournaments together for 27 years and the "Little Dutchman" is still tough.

Sincerely,
Alvin Dahlene

FLORIDA DIVISION OF THE N. H. P. A.

By RAYMOND B. WOODROW

I think it's about time to send the News Digest some news regarding the Florida Division of the N. H. P. A.

Our season is starting in a very slow way about the first of November. Picking up a little until Christmas time. That's when the shoes really get to flying thru the warm Florida air. The main part of the season lasting until about April first.

The west coast of Florida is the main horseshoe section of the state where we have real competition. Both the two principal horseshoe clubs have fixed up their courts to be proud of. The court at the Bradenton Trailer Park was improved a year ago, even to a complete blacktopping. It is now weather proof.

This past season the courts of the Sunshine Pleasure Club were also rebuilt completely. The courts were graded perfectly level, new pitchers boxes built with concrete pitching slabs, stakes reset in hardwood blocks, new areas built for spectators, in fact everything was done to improve the oldest horseshoe court in the state.

So, now, if anyone is interested in visiting Florida this winter, and has horseshoes in his mind, I am sure he can find plenty of top competition, even to the world's champion. It is my belief that Florida has the best extended pitching season anywhere in the U. S., from November 1st clear thru to May 1st there are only a few days when pitching is no pleasure. So why not take a couple weeks off and visit Florida this winter. It's not expensive.

The club at St. Petersburg is hoping to have a small open tournament late in the winter, depending upon the pitchers available. Why not write me a letter, care of Sunshine Pleasure Club, St. Petersburg.

Season's Greetings



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