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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

One year ago we were dubious of our ability to hold our organization together because of financial reasons. I am glad to report at this time that we have successfully survived and the future looks bright. Moreover we have a magazine that we are justly proud to claim as our own. Taking that step is probably the most important one we have taken in recent years.

Interest is increasing, judging by the amount of correspondence that comes to Mr. Beller and myself. We appreciate it but please don't expect an immediate answer as we are snowed under at times. But your letter will be answered I promise. We are anxious to keep you members informed and satisfied.

I hope you will convey your ideas to the various committees that have been announced. That will take some of the load off Mr. Beller's shoulders and also mine. With that in mind, I now take pleasure in announcing the appointment of Howard J. White as head of the Regional Directors. His address is 942 Woodbury Avenue, Portsmouth, New Hampshire. We desire to work out a definite program for the directors to follow in the future.

Cletus Chapelle

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## 1960 WORLD'S FAIR HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT

The World's Fair is to be held in Seattle, Washington at that time and Mr. Ted Bostwick our State Assn. President lives in Seattle. He planned our Sea Fair Tournament held in conjunction with the Sea Fair and Gold Cup Boat Races this year and he thinks the Worlds Horseshoe Tournament could be arranged to fit in the Worlds Fair providing we don't wait too long to start planning for it.

I think the Horseshoe Pitchers and the National Association should be notified of this event through the Horseshoe Pitchers News Digest and the pros and cons ironed out. Also he will need help with this from the Association to get the ground work rolling.

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## CANTON, ILLINOIS FIRE LADDIE SMOTHERS COLCHESTER MEET WITH AVALANCHE OF RINGERS

In the annual Colchester Open Tournament held at Colchester, Illinois, on Labor Day, at the lake courts, things got so hot that it was necessary for Gene Lawver, Canton, Illinois, fireman, to take charge. He did so in such an expert manner that even though losses were suffered by those he encountered, he came out unscathed. It was necessary for him to subdue the heat created by the hot ringers thrown by the 1956 Illinois state champion, Truman Standard also of Canton.

Joe Hightower of Colchester was the promoter of this annual affair. Following are the standings: Class A, First, Gene Lawver; second, Truman Standard; both of Canton; third, Roy Slater, Smithfield; fourth, Lee Junk, Stilwell; fifth, Clarence Hess, Liberty; sixth, Russell Moore, Quincy; seventh, Keith Jacobs, Quincy; eighth, Albert Mayfield, Liberty. Class B winners: first, Omer Potter, Lincoln; second, Raleigh Forner, Industry; third, Melvin Vaughn, Huntsville; fourth, Gene Sapp, Prairie; fifth, Lee Atwood, Pittsfield; sixth, Erwin Bemson, Macomb; seventh, O. C. Brown, Quincy; eighth, Ray Worley, Mendon.

# FINAL STANDINGS OF TRI-STATE TOURNAMENT HELD AT CHEYENNE, WYOMING

## CLASS A

### Group I

	W	L	%
Graves, Colo. ....	6	1	65.1
Palmer, Wyo. ....	5	2	67.9
Ochsner, Colo. ....	5	2	64.0
Tiilekainen, Colo. ....	3	4	62.0
Vanda, Colo. ....	3	4	49.3
Bowman, Colo. ....	2	5	57.3
Engel, Colo. ....	2	5	55.3
Patton, Wyo. ....	2	5	57.6

### Group II

	W	L	%
Allen, Colo. ....	7	0	81.2
L'Abbe, Colo. ....	6	1	68.0
Russell, Colo. ....	5	2	57.3
Forsyth, Wyo. ....	4	3	56.2
Dilley, Colo. ....	4	3	49.7
Fuller, Colo. ....	2	5	49.3
Palese, Colo. ....	1	6	50.2
Arnold, Wyo. ....	0	7	40.0

### 4-Man playoff for Championship.

Allen .....	3	1	82.3
Graves .....	1	2	61.3
Palmer .....	1	2	59.8
L'Abbe .....	1	2	50.5

## CLASS B

Tulk, Colo. ....	6	1	52.0
Laughlin, Wyo. ....	6	1	53.8
Miller, Wyo. ....	5	2	50.4
Siebenaler, Neb. ....	4	3	44.0
Trump, Wyo. ....	3	4	51.0
Daulton, Wyo. ....	2	5	42.2
Davis, Wyo. ....	1	6	34.6
Schott, Colo. ....	1	6	34.1

### Play off Class B Champion.

Tulk .....	2	0	53.3
Laughlin .....	0	2	45.9

## CLASS C

### Group I

	W	L	%
Clewell, Wyo. ....	3	1	48.7
Peck, Wyo. ....	3	1	48.3
Alley, Wyo. ....	2	2	42.5
Alexander, Neb. ....	2	2	38.3
Land, Wyo. ....	0	4	15.0
<b>Playoff</b>			
Clewell .....	1	0	56.8
Peck .....	0	1	36.4

### Group II

	W	L	%
Selby, Colo. ....	3	1	43.6
McKinnon, Neb. ....	3	1	44.0
Farrell, Wyo. ....	2	2	44.5
Strange, Wyo. ....	1	3	45.2
Sherard, Wyo. ....	1	3	40.8

Playoff			
Selby .....	1	0	48.6
McKinnon .....	0	1	47.1
Championship			
Clewell .....	1	0	50.0
Selby .....	0	1	36.6
3rd Place			
Peck .....	1	0	42.4
McKinnon .....	0	1	31.8

## LATTRAY DETHRONES ELKINS TO WIN MISSOURI TITLE

The Missouri State horseshoe tournament ended Monday, August 19th by crowning a new champion, Paul Lattray, from Webster Groves, Mo. He dethroned John Elkins of Stella, who was defending his title and ended in eighth place. He also had to win over Bob Bales of Kansas City in a best 2 out of 3 play off.

Lattray by trade is a commercial artist and 2nd place Bales is an employee of Union Wire Rope.

During the tournament Lattray set a new ringer record for qualifying on the Sedalia courts by throwing 81 ringers in 100 shoes for 258 points.

In the class B division Earl Winston of LaMonte captured top honors.

In the election of officers for the coming year for the Missouri Horseshoe Pitchers Association, Earl Winston, LaMonte, was elected President, Wm. Young, Overland, Vice President and J. A. Larson, Sedalia, Secretary and Treasurer.

### Class A

	W	L	%
P. Lattray, Webster Groves .....	9	2	69.5
B. Bales, Kansas City .....	9	2	69.3
C. Long, Carthage .....	8	3	61.7
B. Young, Overland .....	8	3	62.2
B. Kempfe, Alma .....	5	6	62.1
R. Cavin, St. Joseph .....	5	6	58.5
R. Mosby, Kansas City .....	5	6	57.1
J. Elkins, Stella ('56 champ) .....	5	6	58.5
P. Stockwell, St. Joseph .....	5	6	59.4
H. Gardner, Bosworth .....	3	8	52.6
F. Baker, Wentworth .....	2	9	50.3
K. Walker, Columbia .....	2	9	48.9

### Class B

	W	L	%
E. Winston, LaMonte .....	10	1	62.1
W. Wamser, St. Louis .....	8	3	58.4
J. Lilly, Lamar .....	7	4	52.9
W. Winston, LaMonte .....	7	4	54.7
G. Ostendorf, St. Louis .....	6	5	53.1
J. Wors, St. Louis .....	6	5	49.7
C. Banes, Irwin .....	5	6	52.0
C. Picraux, Defiance .....	5	6	51.9
N. Snelson, Springfield .....	4	7	48.5
H. Gilmore, Jefferson City .....	3	8	48.9
C. Kilgore, Stewartville .....	3	8	45.8
L. Kerns, Trenton .....	2	9	39.1

In the play-off for first place Bales won the first game throwing 80.6% by a score of 50-28 but Lattray came back winning the next two games 55-41 and 51-49 averaging 76% ringers against Bales' 72%.

Trophies and Certificates were awarded first place winners in both classes. Second place contestants received Silver medals in both classes and thirds were presented bronze medals in addition to premium money by the Missouri State Fair. Premiums and ribbons awarded to twelfth place in both sections.

# MERLE PALMER WINS WYOMING STATE CROWN

By Ward Albin

Merle Palmer of Cheyenne won the state horseshoe title for the 10th consecutive year in a meet held at Holliday park, Sept. 1 and 2.

Cecil Trump of Cheyenne won the B division, tossing the highest single game ringer percentage of 76.9.

Eldon Preston of Cheyenne was winner in the C division.

Cheyenne merchants furnished the prizes and the wives of the Cheyenne club members served the lunch on both days of the meet, which was greatly appreciated by everyone.

Next year will see "The Art Rugg Trophy" presented to the most improved pitcher. It will be furnished by the Wyoming state association president. Winner will be based on his 1957 percentages.

After a lay-off of one season, Wheatland will again have a six-man team available for matches, and Sarotoga will have a team for the first time next season. Following are the results of the meet:

## CLASS A FIRST ROUND

	W	L	%
Palmer, Cheyenne .....	7	0	64.2
Patton, Saratoga .....	6	1	57.2
Forsyth, Cheyenne .....	4	3	56.4
Miller, Saratoga .....	4	3	55.6
Laughlin, Cheyenne .....	4	3	51.9
Arnold, Wheatland .....	2	5	43.9
Dungan, Casper .....	1	6	33.5
Faray, Cheyenne .....	0	7	36.6

Forsyth and Laughlin won third and fourth positions in a playoff with Miller.

	W	L	%
Palmer .....	2	1	68.3
Patton .....	2	1	63.2
Forsyth .....	2	1	53.4
Laughlin .....	0	3	55.4

Palmer won his title by defeating both Patton and Forsyth, and Patton won from Forsyth for second place.

## 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.

## FIRST ROUND B DIVISION

	W	L	%
Trump, Cheyenne .....	6	1	53.4
Sherard, La Grange .....	5	2	44.9
Peck, Cheyenne .....	4	3	40.6
Clewell, Cheyenne .....	3	4	42.5
Alley, Laramie .....	3	4	39.5
Strange, Cheyenne .....	3	4	36.3
Albin, Cheyenne .....	3	4	32.2
Osborn, Cheyenne .....	1	6	35.4

Strange won the playoff between Alley, Clewell and Albin to gain fourth place.

	W	L	%
Trump .....	3	1	51.1
Sherard .....	3	1	38.2
Strange .....	2	2	44.0
Peck .....	1	3	40.0

Cecil Trump won B championship by winning over Sherard.

Eldon Preston won C division in playoff with Clifford Trump and Jerry Crumbliss.

## 1957 WASHINGTON STATE HORSESHOE PITCHING CHAMPIONSHIP, BREMERTON, WASHINGTON — AUGUST 31, SEPTEMBER 1-2

The Washington state 1957 tournament at Bremerton broke the attendance record with 55 players taking part in 6 groups. The Bremerton club proved such fine hosts, they were awarded the 1958 tournament. The following officers re-elected: Ted Bostwick, Seattle, president; Ed Shidler, vice-president, Seattle; Art Lienes, secretary-treasurer, Aberdeen.

Champions crowned: John Monasmith, Yakima, class A; Pearle Stratton, Port Orchard, class B; R. G. Scott, Bremerton, class C; Chuck Damm, Aberdeen, class D; Melvin Carter, Tacoma, class E; Jim Saari, Aberdeen, Junior.

The class A roster are all members of the national and the following players in the other classes belong: Class B, Stratton, Reese, Malvern, Bostwick, Miller. Class C: Ertsgaard. Class D: Damm, Rudd. Class E: Taylor, Marcear.

### CLASS A

	W	L	Pct.
J. Monasmith, Yakima .....	15	0	78.7
H. Knauft, Spokane .....	13	2	71.3
E. Fishel, Neilton .....	12	3	72.6
E. Patrick, Toppenish .....	9	6	63.4
P. Kaufman, Seattle .....	9	6	61.8
L. Getchell, Tacoma .....	8	7	63.1
F. Winetrout, Seattle .....	8	7	62.1
F. Olsen, Hoquiam .....	8	7	61.4
H. Criss, Bremerton .....	8	7	58.7
L. Monasmith, Kennewick .....	8	7	58.5
J. Ringrose, Tacoma .....	7	8	62.0
K. Laraway, Bremerton .....	6	9	60.0
K. Canady, Seattle .....	3	12	47.5
P. Luoto, Seattle .....	3	12	46.9
R. Warthen, Hoquiam .....	2	13	51.3
E. Shidler, Seattle .....	1	14	47.0

120 ringer games:

- Ringrose 68, Olsen 67—(135)
- Monasmith 67, Knauft 66—(133)
- Monasmith 67, Fishel 59—(126)
- Patrick 62, Fishel 62—(124)

## LANDRY AGAIN NEW ENGLAND HORSESHOE KING

Edgar Landry of Fall River for the 3rd consecutive year won the Class "A" New England Horseshoe Pitching Championship, as Bay State tossers dominated competition. Like last year Landry had a perfect record of 13 wins and no defeats. This year the boys threw everything at him, as Charley Gerrish, Maine State Champion came the closest. In this battle, it went 108 shoes, results, Landry 50, Gerrish 48, 75.9% — 74.1% 4 dead ringers on the stakes 7 straight times, as big Ed had a run of 21 straight ringers in this game for the most consecutive ringers of the meet.

Al Bourgeois, R. I. State Champ gave the rugged Landry his longest game, 110 shoes, results, Landry 50, Bourgeois 37, 79.1-73.6%, and 4 dead 6 straight times.

Joe Comeau, the Mass. State Champ finished 2nd, his losses were only to Landry and Gerrish. The nonchalant easy swinging Bay Stater has now been runner-up to Landry five times.

Landry's hottest game and best of the meet was against Basil Blackburn of Fairhaven, Mass. In this game Landry peppered the stake by tossing on 37 ringers out of 44 shoes for a neat 84.1%.

In Class "B", Clyde Robinson of Derry, N. H. was the winner with only one loss to John Fisher, Vermont 47-50. The victory was a popular one as it marked the first for the man from



Derry in the winners circle.

John Fisher of Guilford, Vermont had the high game in "B", 59.3% win against Arthur Fernald, Portsmouth, N. H.

Frank Smith, 16 year old Amesbury, Mass. boy champion and youngest

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man in the meet, valiantly took on New England's best class "B" pitchers. Although losing all his games, some very close, he will be back next year, bigger, stronger and more experienced. Frank said to say hello to Stan (indian) Deleary who showed him how to pitch.

In Class "C" Norman Gautreau of Revere, Mass. took top honors, his only loss was to Phillip Drew the New Hampshire Class C champ.

Nice to see some familiar faces again at the big meet, Mike Vecchitto and family up from Conn., Harry "Red" Glancey back home from Calif., Rex (Pop) Ryan former chairman of the N.E. Horseshoe Pitchers Council, Clarence Gill, Bridgewater, Mass., and Herbert G. Bowman, Hebron, Maine, Chairman, Maine executive committee plus many new members who will be active next year.

Held in Henry Law Park, Dover over the Labor Day Weekend the tournament attracted entries from every state in New England. Large crowds turned out to watch the holiday week-end action.

Portsmouth, N. H. was selected as the site for next year, which makes New Hampshire the fortunate state as host for the 3rd straight year.

Herman Babbie, President of the New Hampshire State Association, presented the trophies and plaques. Leon "Speedy" West did his usual excellent job of announcing the tournament over the public address system which was donated free of charge by Chris, the Hot Dog Man, of Dover. They will be back next year.

## C. WAHLIN RETAINS UTAH CHAMPIONSHIP

By W. ANDELIN

Clive Wahlin of Salt Lake City, Utah, won the 1957 Utah State Horseshoe pitching championship. This was a repeat performance, as he won the title last year for the first time, defeating the veteran Ray Ohms, who before had held the Utah title more than any other Utah player — 7 times.

We are proud of our new star out here in Utah. He is a clean-cut, hard working Mormon boy, the same as Gene Fullmer, with a steady nerve for throwing ringers. He holds all the state's major ringer records, and if he continues to improve at the same rate as he has done in the past, we expect him to bring the world's title to Utah and Salt Lake City next year. At the recent world's tournament at Murray this summer Clive pinned the only defeat on Ted Allen — a nice neat performance!

Clive is the son of E. W. Wahlin, a prominent Utah ringer pitcher of 25 years ago; and incidentally, Clive's most ardent booster.

His past ringer average in state tournament competition has been:

1954	1955	1956	1957
45.5%	60.3%	70.8%	78.2%

Name	City	Won	Lost	Ringer Pct.
1. Clive Wahlin, Salt Lake .....		15	0	78.2
2. Ray Ohms, Salt Lake .....		13	2	64.7
3. Harold Bennett, Kaysville .....		13	2	66.8
4. Hugh Galpin, Salt Lake .....		11	4	58.8
5. Arvil Jennings, Murray .....		9	6	57.5
6. Ralph Hall, Salt Lake .....		9	6	61.5
7. Clarence Giles, Riverton .....		9	6	57.0
8. Roger Parsons, Midvale .....		8	7	56.0
9. Carl Davis, Provo .....		8	7	56.2
10. Dr. Gilbert Moesinger, Ogden .....		7	8	52.1
11. Alma Madsen, American Fork .....		6	9	50.2
12. Oscar Funk, Murray .....		5	10	35.8
13. Brent Hogenson, Midvale .....		3	12	42.5
14. Wilford Andelin, Murray .....		2	13	33.0
15. Melvin Swain, Payson .....		0	15	52.1
16. Ammon Throckmorton, Payson .....		0	15	45.3



# NEW YORK TITLE WON BY ROCHESTER STAR

By F. MICHALEK

Carl Steinfeldt of Rochester won the New York State Championship beating J. Zichella of N. Y. C. in a play off game after they finished in a tie in the finals. This was the first time such a tournament was ever held in this part of the State and it looked like it went over good. As far as the players were concerned, it must have gone over big with them because they want to come back again next year. The semi finals were held in Johnson City and the finals in Endicott where a big E. J. celebration was held. The crowd there was amazed at the way the fellows could throw ringers. Most of the people said that if they hadn't seen it they would never have believed it.

	Won	Lost	R	S.P.	Pct.
C. Steinfeldt .....	14	1	717	952	75.3
J. Zichella .....	13	2	767	1040	73.7
V. Feleccia .....	13	2	721	994	72.5
A. Natale .....	12	3	769	1076	71.1
A. Cope .....	11	4	655	968	67.6
J. Hardwick .....	9	6	619	1006	61.5
C. Earley .....	8	7	666	1062	62.7
F. Michalek .....	8	7	619	1014	61
T. Sauro .....	7	8	746	1110	67.2
S. Fenicchia .....	7	8	647	1036	62.4
R. Larzelere .....	5	10	608	1006	60.4
H. Beckwith .....	4	11	592	996	59.3
J. Cipolla .....	4	11	607	1038	58.4
G. La Rose .....	3	12	552	950	58.1
R. La Rose .....	1	14	495	930	53.2
P. Moschak .....	1	14	376	818	45.9

## Finals

	Won	Lost	R	S.P.	Pct.
C. Steinfeldt* .....	4	2	435	568	76.5
J. Zichella* .....	4	2	400	536	74
A. Natale .....	3	3	378	514	73.5
V. Fileccia .....	1	5	352	494	71.2

\*Steinfeldt defeated Zichella 50-17.

## Finals

	Won	Lost	R	S.P.	Pct.
R. O'Connell Jr. ....	15	0	504	904	55.7
C. Graves .....	12	3	522	868	60
G. Hart .....	11	4	512	974	52.5
W. Packard .....	10	5	547	1014	53.9
A. Hilsinger .....	8	7	469	890	52.6
L. Wahl .....	8	7	446	908	49.1
K. Simmons .....	8	7	458	938	48.8
D. Wunch .....	7	8	483	978	49.3
T. Kirk .....	7	8	471	968	48.6
F. Miller .....	6	9	492	1020	48.2
G. Patrick .....	6	9	470	1014	46.3
R. Kubitz .....	5	10	447	950	47
M. Mozolf .....	5	10	411	918	44.7
M. Holden .....	5	10	397	936	42.4
N. Big Tree .....	4	11	438	922	47.5
B. Parker .....	3	12	413	928	44.5

## Finals

	Won	Lost	R	S.P.	Pct.
R. O'Connell Jr. ....	3	0	103	196	52.5
C. Graves .....	2	1	87	188	46.2
G. Hart .....	1	2	99	204	48.5
W. Packard .....	0	3	96	212	45.2

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## CURT DAY WINS INDIANA STATE MEET

By BOB PENCE

Curt Day of Frankfort won the 1957 Indiana State Tournament over the Labor Day week end on the Highland Park courts in Kokomo, marking the third time in five years he has emerged victor in the Hoosier championships.

Ed Sharp was the runner up and this is the sixth time in seven years he has occupied this slot. The defending champion, Gene "Red" Brumfield, finished in a three way tie for third along with two former champions, Graydon McFatridge and Bill Neilson.

Day dropped only one game in the sixteen man round robin, that to McFatridge. The champion also led the 150 shoe qualifying round with a record of 128 ringers and 403 points.

John Stimac of Terre Haute was awarded the annual Sportsmanship Trophy by a vote of the Class A players. Clarence Bellman of Warsaw in his first year of competitive horseshoe was the surprise of the tourney, finishing with a record of 8 and 7 including a win over defending champion Brumfield with 79.5 percent ringers. Bob Pence, Secretary of the State Association, sustained a fracture of the index finger of his pitching hand and played with a splint on the injured digit.

Ray England, 64 year old Crawfordsville player, won the "Old Timers Division" for players over 60 years of age, while Mike Cody of Kokomo won the Junior title.

The tournament had a total of 107 competitors in 12 divisions. One of the qualifying days was completely rained out or the entry list would have been much higher. A combination of inadequate lights and very poor clay coupled with gusty wind conditions on the final day handicapped the quality of play considerably, especially in the two top classes.

Bob Pence of Gary was re-elected Secretary for 1958. Other officers are as follows: President, Clyde Green of Portland; Treasurer, Earle Wilmore of Gary; Vice-Presidents, Lewis Bollinger of Indianapolis, Curtis Day of Frankfort, Walt Horner of Farmersburg, and Art Moore of Wabash.

An eight man Activities and Membership Committee comprised of the following was appointed: Marvin Chrisman of Connersville, Marvin Craig of Parker, Claude Fewell of Kokomo, Doc Haffner of Crawfordsville, Ed Jamison of Marion, Nelson Pickering of Frankfort, Joe Schilling of Lafayette and Paul Van Sickle of Indianapolis.

### Class A

	Won	Lost	R.	S.P.	%
Curt Day, Frankfort .....	14	1	742	970	76.5
Ed Sharp, Mulberry .....	12	3	768	1018	75.5
Graydon McFatridge .....	11	4	788	1084	73.7
Bill Neilson, Dugger .....	11	4	722	1052	68.7
Gene "Red" Brumfield, Markleville .....	11	4	686	1008	68.1
Harrison Maitlen, Berne .....	9	6	762	1082	70.5
Oris Harshman, Frankfort .....	9	6	689	1066	64.2

Clarence Bellman, Warsaw .....	8	7	782	1154	67.8
Lowell Edmondson, Danville .....	8	7	684	1038	65.9
George Johnson, Jr., Indianapolis .....	7	8	640	1028	62.3
John Stimac, Terre Haute .....	6	9	634	1012	63.0
Marvin Craig, Parker .....	5	10	669	1052	63.1
Virgil Taylor, Greencastle .....	5	10	625	1002	62.5
Carl Atwell, Flora .....	2	13	553	958	57.7
Bob Pence, Gary .....	2	13	576	1000	57.6
Floyd Fowler, Greencastle .....	0	15	548	982	55.7

#### Class B

	Won	Lost	R.	S.P.	%
Jim Kemple, Rushville .....	7	0	309	476	64.9
Eugene Mendenhall, Noblesville .....	5	2	231	424	54.5
Walt Horner, Farmersburg .....	4	3	275	482	57.1
Burl Taylor, Greencastle .....	4	3	237	452	52.4
George Johnson, Sr., Indianapolis .....	3	4	264	462	57.1
Earl Green, Indianapolis .....	3	4	222	402	55.2
Nelson Brown, Mulberry .....	1	6	268	498	53.9
Clint Moore, Crawfordsville .....	1	6	190	404	47.0
Bill Hobbs, Kokomo .....				Withdraw	
Ben Farmer, Union City .....				Withdraw	

## IOWA STATE HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT

### IOWA STATE FAIR — AUGUST 30-31, 1957

	W	L	Qual.
1. Earl Wiges, Exira, Iowa—Trophy .....	14	1	245
2. Wellington Taylor, Grand River, Iowa—Trophy .....	13	2	232
3. Dale Dixon, Des Moines, Iowa—Trophy .....	12	3	245
4. Hugh Rogers, Cedar Falls, Iowa .....	11	4	245
5. John Paxton, Ottumwa, Iowa .....	11	4	227
6. Ernie Danielson, Middletown, Iowa .....	10	5	212
7. Fred Keiper, Palo, Iowa .....	8	7	216
8. Marion Lange, Bondurant, Iowa .....	8	7	196
9. Francis Rogers, Waverly, Iowa .....	7	8	231
10. Willard James, Council Bluffs, Iowa .....	6	9	214
11. James Williams, West Burlington, Iowa .....	5	10	188
12. Art Brown, Patterson, Iowa .....	5	10	214
13. Royce Gale, Des Moines, Iowa .....	4	11	213
14. Leo Hamand, Peru, Iowa .....	3	12	206
15. Harry Savage, Des Moines, Iowa .....	3	12	189
16. Clifford Hansen, Gilbert, Iowa—forfeited .....	1	15	184

We have sold eight of the 1958 State and National Cards with 1 year to the magazine.

#### Junior Boys Tournament

	Qual.
1. Ernie Danielson, Jr., Middletown, Iowa—Trophy .....	204
2. Francis Pratt, Cedar Rapids, Iowa .....	142
3. Warren Hartley, Palmer, Iowa .....	178
4. Dave Bennett, Des Moines, Iowa .....	139
5. Robert Taylor, Grand River, Iowa .....	137
6. Dennis Scoular, Council Bluffs, Iowa .....	82
7. Marvin James, Council Bluffs, Iowa .....	66
8. Mike McDonald, Council Bluffs, Iowa .....	60
9. Richard Yates, Eldon, Iowa .....	49
10. Richard Garner, Selma, Iowa .....	62
11. Charles Wilkinson, Salma, Iowa .....	53

The Junior Boys formed an Assn. and elected officers which I will send later at Iowa State Fair this year.

Officers elected for the Iowa Hawkeye Horseshoe Assn.: President, Royce Gale, Des Moines, Iowa; Vice-Pres., Marvel Bean, Des Moines, Iowa; Secy.-Treas., Mrs. Charley Hopkins, Ottumwa, Iowa.

# 'TOP THIS ONE'

By J. B. LOWE

A pitcher had been telling us other pitchers for three or four years when one of our shoes was a little short of a ringer that if we had shoes like he pitched that it would have been on. He told us always that our shoes had shorter points and, that if we had the same kind of shoes he had ours would have been on when they fell a little short. He kept this harping up for three or four years but one day we were in our county horseshoe tournament. This fellow pitched his shoes which he said were so sure of making it always and never fell short. But he convinced himself in this very tournament that this argument wouldn't hold water. He pitched his two shoes and by the way, one fell a little short. He measured it and the measuring stick touched the two points and the peg so that it was really short of a ringer. You know what? He pulled a file out of his pocket and filed the peg, then measured the shoe again and this time it was on.

Now, such practice is illegal and can't be tolerated even in barnyard horseshoe pitching but the fellow he was opposing in that particular game didn't want any trouble started so he didn't report it to the Director until several days after the tournament.

Some good pitchers do argue that the longer the points on the shoes the more apt they will make ringers but I heartily disagree with that argument because shoes must be thrown on the stake before they are ringers whether the points are long or short, or blunt as some are after worn awhile.

I've seen good pitchers opposing each other and one would pitch with new and long points on the shoes and the other pitcher would have old worn shoes with blunt points who would make just as many ringers with the old worn shoes as the fellow made with the long new points. The two pitchers were about the same in ringer average ability no matter what kind of shoes they pitched.

J. B. Lowe, of Logan, Virginia is responsible for the starting of this new column in the "Digest" and it will feature unusual happenings in the horseshoe pitching activities. It will be called "Top This One." Anyone can send in something that may be unusual and of interest to our readers.

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## NORTHERN CALIFORNIA NEWS

By EARL DAVIS

Paul Mori of the Golden Gate Club of San Francisco successfully defended his Northern Class A Championship at Mosswood Courts in Oakland at the annual Labor Day Tournament September 1st and 2nd.

The largest crowd to ever witness this annual event were well rewarded by some marvelous horseshoe pitching.

Miss Ann Gallagher of Oakland was crowned "Miss Ringer" of Northern California, and little Judy Davis, daughter of Abe Davis of the Oakland Club was introduced as our little Queen. C. Lindhout, also of Oakland had two of his sons acting as Mascots for the occasion.

The courts were decorated with flags and banners and the courts sported a new paint job.

Harvey Clear, former National Sec'y announced all games played on the No. 1 court and as usual did a masterful job. Czar Marcevic, Northern President, thanked the members for the splendid job they did in getting the courts in such fine condition. He paid special tribute to Harry Nielson, chairman for the tourney and also to Clarence Peterson for the splendid job of painting, Abe Davis for getting the grounds in good shape, also to Vail Rasmussen, C. Lindhout and Joe Decker, as well as many others.

Tibby Davis and Marion Ittel served refreshments to the players and their families both days of the affair at the Oakland Clubhouse, overlooking the courts.

Bud Ittel took colored motion pictures during both days, which will be shown to all who wish to see them in the near future.

Guy Zimmerman, former World Champion, gave a short speech and told the large crowd that he expected to be back pitching next year and would

try to give some of the boys a bad time. We all sure hope so — as Guy always adds a lot of color to any tournament.

A large number qualified for the two (2) day tournament with the 14 high qualifiers participating.

Complete results are as follows:

	W	L	Pct.
Paul Mori, San Francisco .....	13	0	73.4
Don Titcomb, Sunnyvale .....	12	1	76.6
Bill Blexrude, Oakland .....	10	3	69.0
Tom Brownell, Sunnyvale .....	10	3	68.4
Czar Marceovich, Oakland .....	7	6	65.5
Stan McCarty .....	7	6	56.8
Bill Fraser, San Francisco .....	6	7	62.5
Carl Moskalik, Sunnyvale .....	6	7	56.3
Bert Zumwalt, Santa Rosa .....	5	8	56.2
Vail Rasmussen, Oakland .....	5	8	52.4
C. Lindhout, Oakland .....	5	8	51.9
Earl Davis, Oakland .....	4	9	54.0
Al Alameda, Vallejo .....	2	11	54.5
Joe Costa, Sunnyvale .....	0	13	45.5

## McFARLAND MAKES CLEAN SWEEP OF TEXAS STATE

By B. E. SIPPLE

Results of 1957 State Tournament held at Mason Park, Houston, Texas, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 30, 31, Sept. 1, 1957.

### Class A (Championship)

	Won	Lost	S.P.	Ttl.	%
E. J. McFarland .....	11	0	546	336	61.5
L. Mettlach .....	8	3	598	311	52.0
R. Travis .....	7	4	646	314	48.6
J. W. Robertson .....	6	5	692	272	39.3
John Sarwell .....	6	5	672	260	38.7
P. D. Riley .....	5	6	624	264	42.3
E. L. Alexander .....	5	6	712	285	40.0
V. Jamison .....	5	6	728	302	41.5
H. M. Bowers .....	4	7	662	248	37.5
Joe Minnich .....	4	7	660	237	35.7
S. Donnell .....	2	9	724	255	35.2
W. C. Herren .....	2	9	650	217	33.4

### Class B

	Won	Lost	S.P.	Pct.
B. E. Sipple .....	6	1	350	34.3
James Walker, Jr. ....	5	2	450	30.4
E. B. Bloom .....	3	4	400	25.5
L. Griffin .....	3	4	474	23.6
C. Zarnicki .....	3	4	376	22.6
C. E. Morian .....	3	4	446	21.7
R. Lungstrum .....	2	5	322	24.5
Carl L. Elder .....	0	7	156	20.5

### Junior Bracket: (25 point games)

	W	L
1. John Bowers .....	2	0
2. Gary Minnich .....	1	1
3. Doug Minnich .....	0	2
Doubles:		
1. E. J. McFarland, Houston .....	5	1
J. W. Robertson, Clovis, New Mexico		
2. Joe Minnich, Houston		
Louis Mettlach, San Juan .....	4	2
3. Chester Zarnicki, Houston		
Ralph Travis, Rusk .....	3	2

# JAMES OHLER REPEATS 1956 VICTORY BY WINNING THE 1957 PENNSYLVANIA STATE TITLE

James Ohler of Scottdale, Pa. won the Pennsylvania State Title at the Mt. Pleasant Horseshoe Courts on Labor Day, September 2, 1957. John Fulton of Carlisle, Pa., came in second, but missed an opportunity to play in a three-game playoff for the State Championship with Ohler by losing in the final round to Al Zadroga of Elizabeth, Pa. by a score of 50-49.

With but two games remaining, Ohler had a perfect 7-0 record while Fulton had lost only one game, that being to Ohler. However, in the 8th round Fred Lutter of New Freedom, Pa. beat Ohler 50-44 with but one round remaining. In the final round, Ohler pitching superbly, defeated Dean Mayes of Pine Grove Mills, Pa. 50-32, the game going to 100 shoes. However, John Fulton lost out in the final round to Al Zadroga of Elizabeth 50-49, the game going 104 shoes, thus giving the title to Ohler.

The following is a summary of the final standings:

### Class A

	Won	Lost	Pct
1. James Ohler .....	8	1	74.4
2. John Fulton .....	7	2	63.7
3. Al Zadroga .....	6	3	63.8
4. Fred Lutter .....	6	3	60.3
5. G. C. Over .....	5	4	59.4
6. Milton Kuhn .....	3	6	61.9
7. Dean Mayes .....	3	6	57.6
8. Joe Ehrlich .....	3	6	51.7
9. Clyde Falk .....	2	7	55.4
10. Glen Sebring .....	2	7	48.6

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### Class B

	Won	Lost	Pct
1. Jack Potter .....	7	0	60.7
2. George Curry .....	6	1	64.3
3. Kenneth Burris .....	4	3	55.7
4. Wesley Kuchcinski .....	4	3	55.7
5. Jim Solomon .....	3	4	47.9
6. Clifton Johnson .....	2	5	46.2
7. Merle Trumble .....	2	5	41.5
8. John Clingan .....	0	7	38.9

After the tournament the following officers were elected for the coming year: John Fulton, R. D. 5, Carlisle, Pa., President; Steward Straw, 207 Witmer St., Clearfield, Pa., Vice-President; Alex Zebrun, R. D. 2, Clearfield, Pa., Secretary-Treasurer.

It was also decided at this meeting that the 1958 State Tournament will be held at Mt. Pleasant, Pa. on Labor Day with an 18 man round-robin, all competing in Class A instead of two classes. The tournament will be run off in two days which will include Sunday afternoon and Monday. Qualifying for next year will start on Friday evening for those arriving at that time and continuing all day Saturday.

It was also suggested at this meeting that the State Secretary notify all members to donate \$1.00 in order to build up our treasury to help finance our expenses arising during a tournament each year. A letter will go out to each member asking for this dollar and the reason will be stipulated in the letter.

For all of the horseshoe pitchers in the eastern part of the country who will be reading this article, you may be interested to know that Mt. Pleasant is very interested in having the Eastern National Tournament held there for 1958. The committee from Mt. Pleasant feels they are in a position to offer a \$500 prize fund excluding entry fees for this tournament. Anyone wishing further information concerning this should get in contact with James Ohler of 405 Scottdale Ave., Mt. Pleasant, Pa.

These fellows have a very excellent court arrangement in Mt. Pleasant and I am only too glad to recommend Mt. Pleasant as the site for the 1958 Eastern National Tournament.

## OHIO STATE CHAMPIONSHIP HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT

### CLASS A

	Won	Lost	R	S.P.	Pct.
Harold Reno, Sabina .....	15	0	615	808	76.1
Paul Focht, Dayton .....	14	1	619	876	70.7
Harold Wolfe, Cedarville .....	11	3	590	872	67.6
W. O. Maxwell, Hicksville .....	11	3	533	794	67.1
Leonard Glass, Xenia .....	8	6	530	892	59.4
Wilbur Kabel, New Madison .....	7	7	504	896	56.2
James Schamp, St. Mary's .....	7	7	501	902	55.5
Howard Bryant, Washington C.H. ....	7	7	504	928	54.3
Walter Allison, Jackson .....	6	8	444	816	54.4
Leo Fouse, Wilmington .....	6	8	455	866	52.5
Ray Miller, Irwin .....	5	9	515	896	57.4
Stanley Manker, Martinsville .....	5	9	527	948	55.5
Donald Clapp, Greenville .....	5	9	409	840	48.6
Glenn Boehringer, Covington .....	3	11	465	904	51.4
Frank Karacia, Dayton .....	2	12	334	778	42.9
Merl Banister, Thornville .....	1	13	313	768	40.7

14 Games were completed in Class A. Due to a very hard rain, one court was fixed for H. Reno and P. Focht, to complete their last game which decided The State Championship. Score 50 to 38.

### CLASS B

	Won	Lost	R	S.P.	Pct.
Charles Coppess, Greenville .....	8	1	316	546	57.8
Mac. Rexrode, New Madison .....	8	1	301	574	52.4
Junior Chrisman, Piqua .....	5	4	327	598	54.6
Melvin Montgomery, Columbus .....	5	4	279	560	49.8
Ulysess Rose, Dayton .....	4	5	324	612	52.9
Zack Campbell, Lebanon .....	4	5	273	540	50.5
Don Grunden, Montezuma .....	3	6	311	602	51.6
Melvin Kalb, Bucyrus .....	3	6	257	516	49.8
Chadwick Mays, Kenton .....	3	6	246	552	44.5
Eddie Fouse, Wilmington .....	2	7	240	528	45.4

Tie in Class B was won by C. Coppess, winning First 2 Games, 1st. Game 50 to 27. 2nd. Game 50 to 32. Ringer Percentage for both games, C. Coppess, 53.0%, Rexrode, 43.0%.

### CLASS C

	Won	Lost	R	S.P.	Pct.
Lester Rose, Gallipolis .....	5	2	219	444	49.3
Marvin Broughton, Dayton .....	5	2	223	426	52.3
Gerald Wiseman, Chillicothe .....	5	2	218	432	50.4
Denver Ford, Fayette .....	4	3	208	444	46.8
Carl Cline, Dayton .....	3	4	197	456	43.2
Robert Brooks, Union City .....	3	4	165	406	40.6
Fred Collins, Trotwood .....	2	5	170	448	37.9
Fred Holsapple, New Madison .....	1	6	165	408	40.4

3 way Tie in Class C. was played with each throwing 100 Shoes. M. Broughton, 199 — 57.0%. L. Rose, 198 — 60.0%. G. Wiseman, 166 — 42.0%. 2 top men played 2 out of 3 games. L. Rose, won 1st. game 50 to 45. M. Broughton, won 2nd. game 50 to 28. L. Rose won 3rd. game, 51 to 48. L. Rose Pct. 54.9%. M. Broughton, Pct. 56.4%.

### CLASS D

	Won	Lost	R	S.P.	Pct.
Orval Cross, Newark .....	6	1	140	314	44.5
Ottie Reno, Lucasville .....	6	1	150	388	38.6
Floyd Coblentz, Greenville .....	5	2	113	394	28.6
Wayne Coblentz, Greenville .....	4	3	127	370	34.4
Walter Fender, Greenville .....	4	3	141	416	33.8
Audie Rich, Greenhills .....	2	5	110	370	29.7
Reed Stammer, Dayton .....	1	6	54	316	17.0

Tie in Class D. was won by O. Cross, winning first 2 games, 1st game, 50 to 39. 2nd game 50 to 47. Ringer Pct. for both games. O. Cross, 36.6%. Reno, 33.0%.

This is the largest Tournament we have had for a long time. 41 entries and all had a chance to play. We had a number of new players and one by one the old members are coming back. We wish to say thanks to each and every one who helped us in the Tournament, The Greenville Horseshoe Club, Greenville City Park, The Business Places, Hotels, Motels, Score Keepers and the boys who helped to keep the Courts in good shape. Also all the Horseshoe Players who took part to make this 1957 one of the nicest Tournaments we had the pleasure to run. Sanctioned by the National Association.

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**Due to so many tournaments that were held the latter part of August and throughout September, material for the "Digest" reached overflow proportions. As a result of this condition, articles not appearing in this issue will be carried over into the November issue. — Editor.**

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