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Curt Day, Chairman

### ONTARIO, AUGUST 4, 1957 — SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

#### 60 YEARS AND OVER

By JAMES WEEKS

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Port, Santa Monica .....	2	1	56	126	44.4
Johnson, Los Angeles .....	1	2	39	164	23.8
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#### WESTERN OPEN

### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA — AUGUST 24-25, 1957

#### SOUTH GATE PARK

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Fred Bonaly, Los Angeles .....	9	6	472	894	52.9
Elmer Beller, Bellflower .....	8	7	443	880	50.3
Ned Shaver, Whitter .....	6	9	412	828	49.8
Tom Nichols, Bell .....	5	10	497	944	52.8
Henry Durr, Baldwin Park .....	5	10	393	858	45.9
Roy Reed, Paramount .....	5	10	345	772	44.7
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Pictured above are the new officers of the National association. Reading from left to right: Cletus Chapelle, president; Elmer O. Beller, secretary; Don Titcomb, 1st vice-pres.; Elois Standard, 4th vice-pres.; Mr. Gunderson, county commissioner; Curt Day, 3rd vice-pres.; and Paul S. Rose, 2nd vice-pres. Also pictured are the trophies and other prizes that were awarded.

## HARVARD, AUGUST 18, 1957 — SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

### AMATEUR

#### GROUP ONE

	Won	Lost	R	S.P.	%
Wm. Shoemaker, Monrovia .....	5	0	180	316	57.0
Gunner Hansen, Baldwin Park .....	4	1	167	300	55.7
Tom Nichols, Bell .....	3	2	156	298	52.4
Waldo Hagy, Long Beach .....	2	3	139	268	51.9
R. A. Long, Santa Paula .....	1	4	141	302	46.7
Wally Haugland, W. L. A. ....	0	5	90	252	35.7

#### GROUP TWO

	Won	Lost	R	S.P.	%
Frank Esperanza, Oxnard .....	4	1	209	330	63.3
Harry Morse, South Gate .....	4	1	156	284	54.9
H. W. Standard, Ventura .....	2	3	159	318	50.0
Roy Reed, Paramount .....	2	3	172	354	48.6
Nick Port, Santa Monica .....	2	3	150	330	47.2
Ed Anderson, Hawthorne .....	1	4	121	288	42.0

The first two from each group played round robin for championship.

	Won	Lost	R	S.P.	%
Frank Esperanza, Oxnard .....	2	1	120	178	67.5
Gunner Hansen, Baldwin Park .....	2	1	134	222	60.4
Harry Morse, South Gate .....	1	2	139	230	60.4
Wm. Shoemaker, Monrovia .....	1	2	118	218	54.1

Esperanza defeated Hansen in playoff for first place.

On October 5th and 6th the San Bernardino County Fair tournament will take place, the prize list will be about the same as it was last year. So, horseshoe players, make this tournament a must.

The San Bernardino County Fairgrounds are located in Victorville and will be a 12 man round robin, qualifying up to 12 noon of the 5th.

# Presenting . . . . Dawna Bridge "Queen" of 1957 Tournament

Brown-haired, brown-eyed Dawna Bridge, 19-year-old beauty from Salt Lake City, reigned over the 1957 National Tournament as "Miss Ringer." Her attendants were two equally striking blondes, Janice Kammerath and Jean Romney, both of Salt Lake City.

The three were selected from among 17 lovelies in an exceptionally close contest sponsored by the Murray, Utah Junior Chamber of Commerce. They were formally introduced at the opening of the tournament.

Miss Bridge is a student at the Salt Lake City School of Culture, Miss Kammerath is a senior at Granite High school while Miss Romney is in her Junior year at the University of Utah.



## NORTHERN INDIANA TOURNAMENT CITY PARK — WABASH, INDIANA — AUGUST 4 AND 5

Harrison Maitlen of Berne won the Northern Indiana Tournament for the fourth straight year without the loss of a single game, tossing 80% ringers against second place winner Clarence Bellman of Warsaw.

Play in Class G was disrupted by a violent wind and rainstorm on Saturday afternoon, and Class F players were handicapped by very inadequate lights that evening, but otherwise playing conditions were perfect. The Tournament drew a total of 60 entries.

CLASS A	Won	Lost	R	S.P.	%
Harrison Maitlen, Berne .....	7	0	326	438	74.4
Clarence Bellman, Warsaw .....	5	2	338	496	68.1
Carl Atwell, Flora .....	4	3	278	432	64.3
Earl Van Natter, Russiaville .....	3	4	289	438	65.8
Bill Hobbs, Kokomo .....	3	4	287	438	65.7
Bob Pence, Gary .....	3	4	331	510	64.9
Jim Shively, Gas City .....	2	5	233	430	54.2
Richard Konieczny, LaPorte .....	1	6	247	432	57.2

CLASS B	Won	Lost	R	S.P.	%
Clyde Green, Portland .....	6	1	269	450	59.8
Steve Raymond, Lafayette .....	5	2	250	448	55.1
Noah Adams, Claypool .....	4	3	238	418	56.9
John Allen, Kokomo .....	4	3	219	430	51.2
Al LaFon, Lafayette .....	3	4	230	462	49.8
Kenneth Haffner, Portland .....	3	4	222	454	49.0
Art Moore, Wabash .....	2	5	200	418	47.8
John Kolaiser, Hammond .....	1	6	221	448	49.3

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### CLASS C

	Won	Lost	R	S.P.	%
Charlie Cummings, Sweetser .....	7	0	278	432	64.4
Claybert Anderson, Lafayette .....	5	2	263	442	59.7
Virgil Holloway, Fairmount .....	5	2	256	462	55.4
Roy Bellman, Breman .....	3	4	256	482	53.1
Paul Mitchener, Gaston .....	3	4	196	410	47.8
Neil Farr, Fairmount .....	2	5	263	480	54.8
Bob Neaderhouser, Berne .....	2	5	233	438	53.2
Jim Johnson, Decatur .....	1	6	181	422	42.9

### CLASS D

	Won	Lost	R	S.P.	%
Elbert Boone, Wabash .....	7	0	306	482	63.5
Lester West, Gas City .....	5	2	260	462	56.3
Omer Minnier, Lafayette .....	3	4	273	466	58.6
Virgil Huffman, Poneto .....	3	4	230	436	52.8
Alvin Ford, Fowlerton .....	3	4	246	486	50.6
Bill Grant, Kokomo .....	3	4	208	442	47.1
George Popejoy, Burrows .....	2	5	225	436	51.4
Bill Dunn, Kokomo .....	2	5	242	478	50.7

### CLASS E

	Won	Lost	R	S.P.	%
Dale Solsbery, Sharpsville .....	6	1	219	398	55.0
Harold Walker, Pennville .....	5	2	243	436	55.8
John Shuck, Forest .....	5	2	212	428	54.2
George Kingma, Lafayette .....	5	2	233	458	52.0
Kenneth Eltzroth, Wabash .....	3	4	208	414	50.2
John Huffman, Gary .....	3	4	230	466	49.4
Kenneth Grenzer, Hammond .....	1	6	169	374	45.2
Babe Povlovk, Rolling Prairie .....	0	7	72	272	26.0

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### CLASS F

	Won	Lost	R	S.P.	%
John Coble, Peru .....	6	1	191	382	50.0
Ed Jamison, Marion .....	5	2	199	388	51.3
Glen Wade, Wabash .....	5	2	212	438	48.4
Zelbert Harp, Kokomo .....	3	4	181	398	48.0
Joe Schilling, Lafayette .....	3	4	177	408	43.4
Alton Corson, Decatur .....	3	4	158	418	37.8
Alvin Skinner, Fairmount .....	2	5	154	436	35.3
Lawrence Howard, Wabash .....	1	6	93	356	26.1

### CLASS G

	Won	Lost	R	S.P.	%
Dale Reeves, Lafayette .....	6	1	176	410	42.9
Red Davis, Kokomo .....	5	1	151	326	46.3
Frank Croddy, Kokomo .....	4	1	121	300	40.3
James Garrard, Plymouth .....	2	1	68	148	40.5
Clyde Richards, Fairmount .....	4	2	124	336	36.9
Mike Cody, Kokomo .....	4	3	144	442	32.6
Bob Snoke, Claypool .....	4	3	145	382	37.7
Dick Johnson, Monroe .....	3	2	114	310	36.8
Jim Huth, Kokomo .....	1	4	57	308	18.5
Barney Mohlke, Valparaiso .....	0	3	47	174	28.0
Ed Nickols, Fairmount .....	0	3	34	140	24.3
Bob Maitlen, Berne .....	0	5	34	258	13.2

## NEBRASKA-IOWA OPEN TOURNAMENT WON BY ROBINSON IN FOUR-MAN PLAY-OFF — AUGUST 11

After winning 7 straight games in his division, Howard Robinson of Nebraska City, Nebraska, continued his triumphant march to win in the play-off games between the first two of the two classes in the Nebraska-Iowa Open tournament held on the Dewey Park courts, Omaha, Nebraska, Sunday, August 11th. Dale Dixon, Des Moines, Iowa; Sidney Harris, Shelton, Nebraska; and Earl Wiges, Exira, Iowa, finished in that order in the play-off.

### GROUP No. 1

	Won	Lost	Ringer %
Earl Wiges, Exira, Iowa .....	7	0	72.
Dale Dixon, Des Moines, Iowa .....	6	1	73.4
Merl Denning, Elm Creek, Nebraska .....	5	2	65.
Merion Lange, Bondurant, Iowa .....	3	4	60.
Harrold Shaw, Fairfield, Iowa .....	3	4	61.
Don McCance, Cozad, Nebraska .....	3	4	60.
John Paxton, Ottumwa, Iowa .....	1	6	60.5
Joe Foster, Omaha, Nebraska .....	1	6	54.

### GROUP No. 2

	Won	Lost	Ringer %
Howard Robinson, Nebraska City, Nebraska .....	7	0	71.
Sidney Harris, Shelton, Nebraska .....	5	2	67.
Harry Page, Waterloo, Iowa .....	4	3	67.
Leland Wiges, Exira, Iowa .....	4	3	62.
Hugh Rodgers, Cedar Falls, Iowa .....	3	4	63.5
Tom Novacek, Omaha, Nebraska .....	3	4	61.2
Willard James, Council Bluffs, Iowa .....	2	5	57.5
Lee Collins, Carrol, Nebraska .....	0	7	54.

### THE FOUR MAN PLAY-OFF FOR TOP FOUR PLACES

	Won	Lost	Ringer %
Howard Robinson, Nebraska City, Nebraska .....	3	0	77.6
Dale Dixon, Des Moines, Iowa .....	2	1	74.5
Sidney Harris, Shelton, Nebraska .....	1	2	71.
Earl Wiges, Exira, Iowa .....	0	3	60.



# "From Out Of The Mail Bag"

Cincinnati, Ohio  
August 17, 1957

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

Dear Mr. Cobb:

First, orchids to the Digest. I cannot see how any pitcher can consider himself well informed without the benefit of this publication.

The announcement enclosed constitutes a late notice, but we do want your office to know that we in Ohio are holding our regular Annual State Championship Tournament which will be at Greenville, Ohio City Park Courts over Labor Day week-end. The twelve courts are well located in the City Park and a large attendance is expected both as to entrants and spectators. Harold Reno, Sabina, Ohio, is defending champion, having won last year at Columbus at State Fair.

The Ohio Buckeye State Association is proud of the showing made by its members at the recent World's Championship at Murray, Harold Reno, Paul Focht, Harold Wolfe, Stanley Manker, Leonard Glass and W. O. Maxwell having been in the play-offs and in addition Paul Focht named a National Committee Chairman. Have also understood that our strong supporter, Denver Ford, was on hand.

The results of our State Tournament will be forwarded in due time to make the October issue of the Digest.

Sincerely,  
W. J. Woods

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F. Ellis Cobb, Editor  
The Horseshoe Pitcher's Digest  
Aurora, Illinois

Dear Sir:

I read with great interest, the article by Harvey W. Clear, in the June issue, describing the colorful career of Guy Zimmerman.

In 1932, Guy came to Gas City, Indiana, as an exhibition pitcher and salesman for the Gordon Spin-on Horseshoe.

This little Hoosier community was a hot-bed of interest in the gentle art of Barnyard Golf. The one individual responsible for this interest, was a man who had established quite a reputation of his own in the game. He was Vinston Stevens, National Champion in 1920, and, I believe, co-founder of the present Ohio Horseshoe Co.

I was one of Steven's pupils and boasted a 50% average for the season—which was a very respectable percentage in those days. During the exhibition, I became one of Guy's opponents — and victims. The way Guy mowed down the crack pitchers of our club was a devastating blow to our ego. But for Guy, it was a fruitful visit. We bought all the shoes he had with him.

These were the first "hook shoes" that any of us had ever pitched, and our percentages improved by leaps and bounds.

Guy visited us again in 1933, found a ready market for his shoes—and a little tougher competition in the exhibition matches. He and I had a real "dog eat dog" match, until I weakened in the late stages of the game. We had 4-dead 5 times in a row—13 times in the game, we had 4 dead. Some



of the other pitchers did about as well against him. Guy was amazed and intensely pleased at our improvement.

For some unknown reason, Guy didn't come around in 1934. Then the following year interest lagged in the game, plus the fact that our club grounds was sold as a building site, so we just sort of folded up and died.

In this community, which also spawned the mighty Jimmy Risk, we have read isolated stories of Guy's feats around the country, and cherished the memories of his visits to our hamlet.

We have an everlasting warm spot in our hearts for this great Guy, for it was he who lifted us from the status of "Backyard Pitchers" to the tough competitive level. Many of us, with this impetus, went on to win state-wide recognition in various tournaments through the years that followed.

Yours Respectfully,  
Lester U. West  
132 West North D St.  
Gas City, Indiana

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August 18, 1957

F. Ellis Cobb  
1307 Solfisburg Avenue  
Aurora, Illinois

Dear Sir:

Should have written you long ago but have been just too busy.

First I want to congratulate you on the fine job you are doing with the magazine. Hope the motion I made at the meeting doesn't make too much extra work for you. I felt that was one thing we could do for the players that might create more interest. Also we should be on equal footing with any magazine and that is give a full year subscription when it is paid for.

Am enclosing the results of two tournaments held in our state this summer.

Hope you aren't working too hard and the best of luck to you.

Sincerely yours,  
Lee Davis  
N. J. H. P. A.

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August 23, 1957

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1307 Solfisburg Avenue  
Aurora, Illinois

Dear Mr. Cobb:

I enjoy receiving the magazine and reading about the clubs and states that are increasing in National memberships. I believe, as in bowling, all horseshoe clubs must give the beginners and enthusiastic 25% pitchers some tournaments and incentive to improve. I have never met a happy player who does not get an opportunity to play at a tournament. At our C. N. E. tournament this year, all play. If they miss the first 24, they played in a doubles tournament that had been arranged.

Of course we have to promote big tournaments for the top players. In the meantime, best wishes to all our friends in the U. S. A. Here's hoping that Earl Winston of Missouri writes and says that he has the biggest and best "corn" in the state this year.

Best wishes,  
Harold Blackman  
Toronto, Canada

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**DEADLINE FOR 'NEWS DIGEST'—FIRST OF MONTH**

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# HOOSIER SHARPSHOOTER TAKES TOP SPOT IN FOURTH ANNUAL CORN BELT OPEN TOURNAMENT

By HAROLD DARNOLD

Ed Sharp of Mulberry, Indiana, third place winner in the 1957 National tournament at Salt Lake City, captured the fourth Annual Corn Belt Open held at Crapo Park, Sunday, August 25th, in Burlington, Iowa. Truman Standard of Canton, Illinois was runner-up with Glenn Anderson of Moline, Illinois and Ellis Cobb of Aurora, Illinois, third and fourth. Anderson was high qualifier with 260 points to lead a field of 54 entrants from a five state area. Jim Johnson, Kentucky state champion shot the highest single game percentage of 91.6. Other top qualifying scores were: Sharp, 259; Cobb, 244; and Standard, 247.

	Qual.	Won	Lost
Ed. Sharp, Indiana .....	259	7	0
T. Standard, Illinois .....	247	6	1
G. Anderson, Illinois .....	260	5	1
E. Cobb, Illinois .....	244	4	2
J. Paxton, Iowa .....	241	3	2
H. Rogers, Iowa .....	240	4	1
H. Page, Iowa .....	217	3	2
F. Palka, Illinois .....	222	3	2

## OREGON STATE TOURNAMENT — AUGUST 24 AND 25

By CLETUS CHAPELLE

12 trophies worth \$100.00 and two pairs of horseshoes were given as prizes. West averaged 73.3 and Harvey 71.8. This was the largest tournament held in Oregon in over twenty years. Our 1957 membership exceeded last years by eight members. So you see we have had an excellent year.

Champion Class	W	L
Bob West, McMinnville.....	9	0
Eldon Harvey, Canby.....	8	1
Roy Getchell, Portland.....	7	2
Barney Hampton, Portland.....	6	3
Cletus Chapelle, Portland.....	5	4
Howard Peterson, Portland.....	3	6
Arnold Pedersen, Canby.....	2	7
Ivan Lowe, Salem.....	2	7
Clyde Riley, Canby.....	2	7
Mark Butler, Roseburg.....	1	8

Class B	W	L	Class D	W	L
Glen Morris, Portland.....	9	0	Tony Prothe, Corvallis.....	4	1
Roland Anderson, Salem.....	7	2	Lowell Davis, Corvallis.....	3	2
Ray Weller, Portland.....	6	3	Edwin Solberg, Salem.....	3	2
Perry Davis, Eagle Creek.....	6	3	Ted Christiansen, Hillsboro....	2	3
Bill Boetger, Portland.....	5	4	Denver McComb, Salem.....	2	3
Roger Bowman, Eugene.....	5	4	John Anderson, Silverton.....	1	4
Lloyd Bays, Jefferson.....	4	5			
Bill Hulshof, Coquille.....	2	7	Class E	W	L
Lloyd Day, Portland.....	1	8	Albert Erickson, Beaverton....	5	0
Otto Johnson, Milwaukee.....	0	9	Gary Lewis, Gladstone.....	4	1
			Clyde Riley, Jr., North Plains	3	2
Class C	W	L	John Maxwell, Coquille.....	2	3
Francis Hampton, Lebanon....	7	0	Larry Beck, Canby.....	1	4
Leonard Holland, Salem.....	5	2	Bob Burt, Portland.....	0	5
Ted Zwickl, Corvallis.....	5	2			
Eugene Lowe, Portland.....	3	4	Class F	W	L
C. Schaumberg, Veronia.....	3	4	Jesse Edwards, Portland.....	3	0
Melvin Lien, Salem.....	3	4	Steve Fenner, Lebanon.....	2	1
Frank Johnson, Salem.....	2	5	Tom Butler, Portland.....	1	2
Jim Regas, Vancouver.....	0	7	Albin Sundsten, Portland.....	0	3

# HILLBURN CAPTURES CONNECTICUT STATE TITLE

By WILLIAM KAMSIK

## CLASS A

	Won	Lost	R	S.P.	%
R. Hillburn, Meridan .....	8	1	258	512	50.3
J. Dudek, Hartford .....	7	2	263	556	46.4
D. Smith, Southington .....	6	3	270	566	47.7
D. Dunleavy, Hartford .....	5	4	279	592	47.1
R. Barrows, Bridgeport .....	4	5	236	560	42.1
B. Kenderski, Bridgeport .....	4	5	224	566	39.5
W. Schustek, Bridgeport .....	4	5	198	528	37.5
F. Smith, Southington .....	3	6	229	568	40.3
J. Blomquist, Stamford .....	3	6	214	554	38.6
F. Wagner, Stamford .....	1	8	204	542	37.6

## CLASS B

	Won	Lost	R	S.P.	%
K. Chase, Middletown .....	5	2	258	588	44.0
M. Vecchitto, Middletown .....	5	2	211	538	39.2
A. Turbie, Hartford .....	4	3	207	482	42.9
W. Paradise, Bristol .....	4	3	213	480	42.2
C. Lavers, Bridgeport .....	3	4	200	478	41.8
V. Sokolowski, Deep River .....	3	4	203	512	39.6
D. Harrison, Manchester .....	3	4	185	472	39.1
J. Rose, Bridgeport .....	1	6	171	474	36.1

## CLASS C

	Won	Lost	R	S.P.	%
H. Wrisley, Bristol .....	6	1	134	350	38.2
R. Hoyt, Hartford .....	6	1	127	350	36.2
C. Sokolowski, Middletown .....	5	2	129	350	36.0
L. Martineau, Terryville .....	4	3	115	350	32.8
C. Reed, Bridgeport .....	3	4	100	350	28.5
D. Majewski, Hartford .....	2	5	93	350	26.0
I. Van Dine, Hartford .....	2	5	90	350	25.7
K. Welsh, Middletown .....	0	7	52	350	14.8

## CLASS D

	Won	Lost	R	S.P.	%
J. Sargent, Southington .....	4	1	84	250	33.6
J. Serkolet, Hartford .....	3	2	67	250	26.8
J. Golba, Middletown .....	3	2	84	250	33.6
C. Griffin, Bridgeport .....	2	3	67	250	26.8
R. Duran, Middletown .....	2	3	48	250	19.2
E. Freve, Middletown .....	1	4	48	250	19.2

Mickey Vecchitto of Middletown won the play-off for Class B honors over Ken Chase of Middletown.

## FAIRFIELD COUNTY (CONNECTICUT) TOURNAMENT

	Won	Lost	R	S.P.	%
F. Wagner, Stamford .....	7	1	192	492	39.0
B. Kenderski, Bridgeport .....	7	1	198	418	47.3
J. Blomquist, Stamford .....	6	2	159	420	37.8
W. Kamszik, Bridgeport .....	6	2	175	404	43.3
R. Barrows, Bridgeport .....	4	4	187	430	43.4
C. Reed, Bridgeport .....	3	5	134	432	31.0
W. Schustek, Bridgeport .....	2	6	131	426	30.7
J. Rose, Bridgeport .....	2	6	75	280	26.7
J. Hood, Bridgeport .....	1	7	72	348	20.7

F. Wagner defeated B. Kenderski in a play-off game for first place.

J. Blomquist defeated W. Kamszik in a play-off game for third place.

## TED ALLEN WINS TRI-STATE MEET AT CHEYENNE, WYOMING

By WARD ALBIN

Ted Allen of Boulder, Colorado, world champion, won the Tri-state meet held Sunday, August 18th on the Holliday park courts, Cheyenne. Earl Graves, Colorado state champion and Merle Palmer, Wyoming state champion, finished in second and third place respectively. Jim Tulk of Greeley, Colorado, won the B division after a playoff with Lee Laughlin of Cheyenne. C class honors went to Joe Clewell of Cheyenne.

Horseshoe has progressed considerably in Cheyenne this year. We have ten teams of six men each playing in a regular handicap league. They are sponsored by various business firms in and around Cheyenne. We also compete in league play with Denver, Boulder and Greeley teams. We have 12 beautiful courts equipped with 14,000 watts of lighting. All pitchers passing through or living in the vicinity are cordially invited to use the facilities at Holliday park, Cheyenne.

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## MAINE NEWS

By CHARLES GERRISH

That was a wonderful report and synopsis of the world championship games in Utah this summer, so promptly got out by our National secretary. The chief page in it for this fan was No. 10, which details the amazing game, pitch by pitch, between champion Ted Allen and Curt Day. 155 ringers each, 69 double ringers each, 89 percent each. Whew! 16 live ringers each and 139 deads each. Two close shoes counted for Ted and but one for Curt, to be the only difference in the game. Two runs of 6 straight 4-deads, and two others of 8 straight. Four-deads 54 times. Curt made 6 points but once, after 106 shoes, that being the only time that Ted missed with both shoes. Ted had only one six-pointer after 106 shoes, when Curt's only miss occurred. Thanks for giving all the scores of the game. We should have more of such.

Maine had its annual tournament on August 18th at Brewer, Maine with the state championship being won by your writer, C. S. Gerrish, whose next birthday will be seventy years. (Editor's Note: Orchids to you Mr. Gerrish, there are not many that are able to accomplish that feat.)

### 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.

## "A NOTE OF SINCERE THANKS AND APPRECIATION"

*On August 13th at the Illinois state tournament held at the state fairgrounds at Springfield, Illinois, one of the most pleasant experiences of my life took place.*

*The tournament was about to get underway when Mrs. Elois Standard, the 1957 World Tournament manager, asked if she might make an announcement over the public address system. She asked for me to step forward and at that time she presented me with a beautifully engraved plaque naming me as the recipient of the "1957 National Achievement Award for Outstanding Service to the Horseshoe Game."*

*It was a wonderful surprise to me and I want to take this means of expressing my sincere thanks and appreciation to the officers and members of the National Association for the honor bestowed on me, together with another honor given to me by the officers and members of the National Association and that was electing me to "Lifetime Membership" in the Association. No one will ever know the happiness it has given me by being so honored. I will do all in my power to keep faith with those who have had faith in me.*

*Ellis Cobb*

## FIRST ANNUAL MISSOURI TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS

The first annual Tournament of Champions was held at Springfield, Missouri, July 27-28. David Baker of Wentworth, Missouri, went through the entire meet with a perfect record of nine wins and no losses. This speaks well of him as he is only 18 years old and was competing with players many years his senior. In his march to victory he defeated the current state champion, John Elkins of Stella, Missouri, 50 to 21. The results are as follows:

	Won	Lost
David Baker, Wentworth .....	9	0
John Elkins, Stella .....	7	2
D. E. Wommock, Springfield .....	6	3
L. Greenlee, Springfield .....	5	4
Lou Ross, Springfield .....	5	4
C. Long, Carthage .....	4	5
Neil Snelson, Springfield .....	4	5
G. Nixon, Springfield .....	3	6
L. Coffey, Joplin .....	2	7
T. Hubbs, Springfield .....	0	9

Shown below are the 14 happy finalists around the trophy table, together with "Miss Ringer," center, and one of her attendants, Miss Kammerath, third from left.



## PAUL FOCHT, DAYTONIAN, WINS SOUTHWESTERN OHIO DISTRICT TITLE WITH ELEVEN STRAIGHT

In a perfect day at bat, Paul Focht of Dayton, Ohio, swept through to victory over a strong field, to win the Southwestern Ohio District tournament held at the J. W. Denver Williams, Jr. Memorial Park, Wilmington, Ohio, on August 16-18. This district includes 18 counties. Harold Reno was the defending champion, and was the runner-up. Tournament was sponsored by the Clinton County Horseshoe League and was sanctioned by the National Association. Following are the results:

### CLASS A

	Won	Lost	R	S.P.	%
Paul Focht, Dayton, Ohio .....	11	—	459	640	71.7
Harold Reno, Sabina, Ohio .....	10	1	392	538	72.8
Harold Wolfe, Cedarville, Ohio .....	8	3	412	656	62.8
Charles Sipple, Dayton, Ohio .....	8	3	390	644	60.5
Leonard Glass, Xenia, Ohio .....	6	5	413	690	59.9
Ulysess Rose, Dayton, Ohio .....	5	6	309	638	48.4
William Sollar, Waynesville, Ohio .....	5	6	326	674	48.3
Stanley Manker, Martinsville, Ohio .....	4	7	354	686	51.6
Leo Fouse, Wilmington, Ohio .....	3	8	319	644	49.5
Eddie Fouse, Wilmington, Ohio .....	3	8	327	680	48.1
William Skidmore, Franklin Ohio .....	2	9	224	574	39.0
Harold Fields, Wilmington, Ohio .....	1	10	275	652	42.2

### CLASS B

	Won	Lost	R	S.P.	%
Jr. Crisman, Piqua, Ohio .....	4	1	157	320	49.0
Howard Bryant, Washington C. H. ....	3	2	142	312	45.5
Zack. Campbell, Lebanon, Ohio .....	3	2	130	292	44.5
George McKinney, Cincinnati, Ohio .....	2	3	118	302	39.0
Clarence Byrne, S. Lebanon, Ohio .....	2	3	122	316	38.6
Marvin Broughton, Dayton, Ohio .....	1	4	109	278	39.2

### CLASS C

	Won	Lost	R	S.P.	%
Frank Karacia, Dayton, Ohio .....	6	1	161	396	40.6
Jack Slamer, Dayton, Ohio .....	5	2	167	400	41.7
Roy Honeyman, Clayton, Ohio .....	4	3	153	418	36.6
Harold Lucas, Wilmington, Ohio .....	4	3	130	358	36.3
John Arney, Dayton, Ohio .....	3	4	135	394	34.2
Audie Rich, Greenhills, Ohio .....	3	4	130	418	31.1
George Meek, Mason, Ohio .....	3	4	119	400	29.7

## PERCENTAGE SYSTEM OF HANDICAPPING HORSESHOES

By VAIL RASMUSSEN

The writer has observed various methods of Handicapping used from Seattle, Washington, to California and Indiana. Has anyone ever tried the Percentage system of Handicapping.

Under the various systems used such as count all, it was necessary to have a fairly elaborate scoring system that made the game very difficult. Under the Percentage system proposed, scoring would be as is presently used for all Association Games:

a. Play would be a regular 50 point game.

b. Handicap would be based on percentages rather than on points.

Inasmuch as play would be a regular 50 point game, this would eliminate one of the principle complaints heard about Count-All systems.

Following is a suggested method of play:

**Basis of Handicap:** Players Percentages.

**Method of determining Handicaps:** Handicaps would be based on a minimum of 3 competitive games. New Players or substitutes without prior competitive records of Percentages would play 3 games with own Club mem-

bers prior to participating in a Handicap Game; the resulting percentages would be certified by the Club Secretary and would be the basis for the player's first game Handicap. After the player has competed in a handicap tourney the new Competitive Percentage, brought up to date after each contest, would be the basis for handicaps.

**Play:** Shall be a regular 50 point game, but players Percentages shall be the basis for determining a win or loss.

**Scoring:** A 60% player competing against a 20% player will play a regular 50 point game and will record Shoes Pitched and Ringers. If the 60% player makes 60% and the 20% player makes 25%, the 20% Player will be the Winner:

A — Player.....60%	Game results:
B — Player.....20%	“A”.....60% — 60 Points
40% is “B” Handicap	“B”.....25%
	Handicap...40 — 65 Points

**Team Play:** All the Players Percentages on “A” Team be added and All the Players on “B” Team be added. The difference would be the Handicap. At the end of a team Game, the Percentages actually made for each team be added and the Handicap applied to the Team with the handicap that was previously established and the winner be determined accordingly:

- (a) 3 Players “A” Team Average 60% each — 180 Points
- (b) 3 Players “B” Team Average 40% each — 120 Points

Team “B” Handicap ..... 60 Points

The 60 Points would be added to “B” for each series of Team Play to determine winner.

## NEBRASKA STATE TOURNAMENT TO BE HELD IN SEPTEMBER

By RICHARD HERRICK

Horseshoe pitching enthusiasts will vie for honors when the Nebraska State Tournament gets under way on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 20-21-22, at Custis, Nebraska. The Curtis Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring this annual meet. \$100 in cash prizes is offered in addition to trophies which go to the winner of each class.

Qualifying begins on Friday continuing Saturday until 1:00 P.M. All qualifying must be finished by that time. Each player will throw 100 shoes. In the event that a second chance is desired, payment of an additional fee is required provided there is enough time left to do so. As many as possible are asked to qualify on Friday. The 30 highest qualifiers will be divided into three classes according to the way they place. Class B will start a round robin at 1 P.M. Saturday: Class C will start at 8:30 A.M. Sunday and Class A players will take to the courts at 1 P.M. Sunday afternoon.

The entrance fee will be \$3.00 and will figure in the prize money. All pitchers are requested to wear white outfits with name and town on their “T” shirts in large letters visible at a distance. Further information may be obtained from Richard Herrick, Curtis, Nebraska or Thomas Novacek, 1410 Garfield St., Omaha, Nebraska.

## SEND IN THOSE BITS OF NEWS

To all of our readers who have any news such as might be of interest to members of the association please send it to the editor. Items such as weddings, births, special celebrations, personality stories, etc. Season's schedules listing tournaments also results of matches, are also requested as soon as they are completed.

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## ROEDING PARK (CALIFORNIA) ASSOCIATION STAGES FIRST SANCTIONED TOURNAMENT

By MAJOR DALTON

We here in Fresno have just held our first sanctioned NHPA tournament and it proved to be very successful. A number of spectators joined our club and helped keep score. Horseshoes is getting stronger here in the San Joaquin valley. Fresno is about halfway between San Francisco and Los Angeles. The Roeding club is in the Northern California division. The Fresno Bee, radio station KMJ, and TV station KFRE all gave us very good publicity. Once more all of us commend the good work of the "News Digest," long may it flourish.

	Won	Lost	R	S.P.	%
Ira Allen .....	7	0	317	286	75.8
Gene Davis .....	6	1	199	420	47.0
Ray Lambeth .....	5	2	204	454	45.0
Rusty Cima .....	2	5	175	398	43.0
Jim Fulton .....	4	3	185	428	43.0
Jimmy Wilfong .....	3	4	144	386	37.0
Les Sage .....	1	6	106	402	26.3
Dick Freitas .....	0	7	93	358	26.0

### BEG YOUR PARDON —

I wish to use this medium to apologize to Curtis Day for error in reporting his games won and lost in the final 14 Man round-robin for World Championship. This error appeared both in this magazine and in the mimeographed pages of complete results sent out by me to each member. It should have read 8 wins, 5 losses instead of 7 and 6. Curt and Tommy Brownell each had 8 wins, but Tommy had a few more total points, placing him in 5th position and Curt Day in 6th. My error all the way.

Elmer O. Beller  
National Sec.-Treas.