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IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM NATIONAL SECRETARY

Most of you know my term of office expires with coming convention in Murray.

It has been a pleasure to serve you the past two terms in my small way. I want you to know I certainly appreciate the cooperation accorded me by members and officials.

For various reasons it will be impossible for me to accept another term. However, my heart is in the development of the horseshoe association. I will at all times do everything within my power to advance its interests and growth.

We are in a position to accomplish more in the next few years than we have been any time in the past. If each individual will make a full effort to do his own small part, then collectively we will get results that will be gratifying to all. Accomplishment needs the full cooperation of all. Results will depend on and be in proportion to how each one meets these responsibilities.

There are good strong individuals within our association that can be chosen to be your officers. But no matter how good and competent they are they must have your support and backing as members.

I expect to tabulate the results of this match after I return home. Do the mimeographing and mail out to all members the full results as I have done in the past.

We have now held ten World Championship Tournaments in Murray, Utah. We have had one of the finest sponsors any sports organization could hope to have. They have worked with us and for us to make these a grand success. This is the 11th one coming up. Let's pull together, work as a team, to make this, 11th tourney, the best ever held at Murray, Utah.

Elmer O. Beller

National Sec.-Treas., NHPA

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THE NEW JERSEY STATE ASSOCIATION

JULY 20 (Sunday)

Essex County Open, Branch Brook Park, Newark, New Jersey. (Ringer Cancellation Handicap System) Classes A, B, C and D. Rain date, Sunday, July 27.

WEEK OF AUGUST 10 (ALL NIGHT GAMES)

New Jersey closed tournament, Classes A, B, C and D.

All games to be played at Weasel Brook Park, Clifton and Englewood Courts, Englewood, New Jersey. Some games will be played at Belleville if the courts are available.

Entries for the New Jersey closed tournament must be sent to Paul Puglise, 200 Ludington Avenue, Clifton, New Jersey, no later than August 3rd.

Following are the results of the Rosselet Memorial Tournament held on the Union Park Courts, Sunday, June 22.

CLASS A

	W	L		W	L
Vito Fileccia, New York.....	5	0	Dr. Sol Berman, New Jersey..	2	3
Joe Zichella, New York.....	4	1	William Kolb, New Jersey....	1	4
John Fulton, Pennsylvania....	3	2	Lee Davis, New Jersey.....	0	5

In Class B, Willie Paradise, of Connecticut, won first place honors with Mays of Pennsylvania, second and Swendel of New Jersey, third.

MESSAGE FROM OUR NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Once again it is National Tournament time and another year has swiftly slipped by. For some it has been good and for others quite disappointing. I find myself in the first category because I now realize just how many good friends I have made because of my activity in the horseshoe game.

It has been said that the time to make a friend is before you need a friend. That is just what I have tried at all times to do. It has also been said that a man with more than one or two real good friends is rich; in that respect I find myself very wealthy. Truly this has been a source of comfort to me at times when I fell so far behind in my work that I felt I never would catch up. Then a friend would pop up with a brilliant idea to help me out, or another would shoulder some part of my burden and the sky would clear again. So I have learned from experience that friends can help pick up your spirits faster and easier than you had thought possible.

Now, at the end of my first year as your President, it is time to pass along some well deserved bouquets. My first thanks go to my very able and efficient fellow officers, then to Ellis Cobb for his faithful and devoted effort in getting out the magazine, to Howard White and his staff of Regional Directors, and last but not least to the Chairmen and members of the various committees. I have not worked directly with the various state officers but they also should come in for their share of recognition. All this effort added up to a very efficient and effective year for the N.H.P.A. and I, most of all, am extremely grateful for all the help rendered. Please accept the thanks in the spirit in which it is given as it is impossible to thank each one of you personally.

Mr. Beller informs me that he is bowing out of an active position in the game. This vacancy will be hard to fill as no man, with the possible exception of our past President Arch Stokes, ever worked so efficiently and effectively for the game. We certainly wish him every success in his future endeavors and again state that it was very pleasurable working with him. We would go far if there were more such men working in our behalf.

Word recently reached me from Bill Smith, Manager of the Murray Chamber of Commerce, that a variety of recreations and entertainments are being planned for us. The bowlers should be interested in learning that a tournament may be staged in the off hours and with a sizeable prize or purse available. This is still in the talking stage but could be developed.

Mrs. Elois Standard is gathering a very suitable collection of trophies for the tournament and working on publicity. Arch and Katie Gregson have composed a set of tournament rules and Arch is tournament manager. Paul Rose is cooperating with the local civic groups on publicity and things to make our stay in Murray interesting and enjoyable. Lou Siebenaler will again take the movies of events as they happen. So for a fine and enjoyable vacation this summer, we will be very happy to welcome you to Murray and the TOURNAMENT.

This constitutes my final article for this fiscal year. You members were very kind indeed in putting up with my inexperienced and feeble efforts. For this I can only say that I am extremely grateful.

Cletus Chapelle, President

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INDIANA NEWCOMERS TOURNAMENT

Indiana's annual Newcomers Tournament got off to a good start in June despite the handicap of heavy rains and high floods.

108 players participated in four sectionals throughout the state in a tourney in which only new members and low percentages of last year were eligible. The first and second place winners in each class at each of the four sectional centers will compete in the championship finals at Kokomo's Highland Park later on. Clyde Green at Geneva, Bill Dunn at Kokomo, Curt Day at Frankfort and Paul Van Sickle at Indianapolis were in charge of sectional play and all did a good job.

1958 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP PRIZE LIST — JULY 23-30

Class "A" — Total Prizes \$3,924.00

1.—\$450	7.—\$152	13.—\$92	19.—\$65	25.—\$57	31.—\$51
2.— 350	8.— 142	14.— 82	20.— 63	26.— 56	32.— 50
3.— 300	9.— 132	15.— 77	21.— 61	27.— 55	33.— 49
4.— 250	10.— 122	16.— 72	22.— 60	28.— 54	34.— 48
5.— 197	11.— 112	17.— 69	23.— 59	29.— 53	35.— 47
6.— 172	12.— 102	18.— 67	24.— 58	30.— 52	36.— 46

Class "B" — Total Prizes \$391.00

1.—\$30	6.—\$24	11.—\$19	16.—\$14
2.— 28	7.— 23	12.— 18	17.— 13
3.— 27	8.— 22	13.— 17	18.— 12
4.— 26	9.— 21	14.— 16	19.— 11
5.— 25	10.— 20	15.— 15	20.— 10

Ladies Tournament — Total Prizes \$96.00

1.—\$25	5.—\$8
2.— 20	6.— 7
3.— 15	7.— 6
4.— 10	8.— 5

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Coming Tournament Dates

July 20 — Richardson County, Nebraska, Falls City.

July 23-30 — World Tournament, Salt Lake County Fairgrounds, Murray, Utah.

July 26-27 — Northwest Tournament, Ramsey County fairgrounds, St. Paul, Minnesota.

August 3 — Annual Four State Open (MO., IOWA, KANSAS, NEBRASKA), Falls City.

August 3-9 — Eastern National Tournament, Mt. Pleasant, Pennsylvania.

August 9-10 — Minneapolis Centennial Open, Loring Park, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

August 12-13 — Illinois State Tournament, State Fairgrounds, Springfield, Illinois.

August 13 — Illinois Boy's Tournament, State Fairgrounds, Springfield, Illinois.

August 17 — Indiana State Tournament Qualifying at Frankfort, Muncie, Wabash and Bethel, Indiana.

Aug. 23-24 — 5th Annual Cornbelt Open, Crapo Park, Burlington, Iowa.

August 31 — Annual Nebraska State Tournament, Falls City.

August 31 and Sept. 1 — Minnesota State Tournament (residents only) Hibbing, Minnesota.

August 30-31 & Sept. 1 — New York State Tournament, Johnson City, New York.

Sept. 1 — Rock River Valley Open, Lawrence Park, Sterling, Ill.

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MRS. CLOYD HAFFNER DIES OF INJURIES

Mrs. Clloyd O. Haffner, wife of "Doc" Haffner, head of the Crawfordsville, Indiana Horseshoe Club, died of injuries received in an auto accident on May 28.

"Doc" Haffner has for many years been connected with the horseshoe game in Indiana and is an N.H.P.A. member. He was Secretary-Treasurer of the Indiana Division of the N.H.P.A. in 1953. Mrs. Haffner was 60 years of age.

MONASMITH, WASHINGTON ACE, WINS BRYANT MEMORIAL MEET

Horseshoe pitchers from Oregon, Washington and Idaho gathered at Laurelhurst Park in Portland for the sixth annual Bryant Memorial Tournament, Sunday, June 1st. It was the largest turnout ever for this event, as thirty-seven men turned in qualifying scores.

John Monasmith of Yakima, Washington, the defending champion, picked up where he left off last fall and once again showed us how ringers should be thrown. In his game against Chapelle, he pitched ninety percent ringers. While percentages are not yet available, he averaged about seventy-seven or seventy-eight percent for the tournament. By winning this year, he made it his third win in six years and thus retired the beautiful Bryant Memorial Trophy.

Pitching conditions were excellent and scores good for so early in the season. Monasmith, the Washington and Northwest champion, lost to Getchell in a 112 shoe game. Bob West, the Oregon champion, was defeated by Chapelle. So West and Monasmith went into the last game with one defeat each. West pitched a good game but Monasmith nosed him out for the championship.

Action was just as hot in Class B, where Hampton and Harvey came into the last game with identical records. In a seventy-five percent game, Hampton nosed out Harvey. Both of these men are former state champs and had to be content with playing in Class B this year.

CLASS A

	Won	Lost
Monasmith	6	1
West	5	2
Getchell	4	3
Knauft	4	3
Chapelle	4	3
Fishel	2	5
Olsen	2	5
Kaufman	1	6

CLASS B

	Won	Lost
Hampton	7	0
Harvey	6	1
Morris	4	3
Hill	4	3
Riley	3	4
Sears	2	5
Bostwick	2	5
Krug	0	7

Class "C" was won by Jim Malvern of Seattle, Washington with 7 wins and no losses.



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NEWS AND NOTES FROM HORSESHOE FOLK

Mr. John Gordon celebrated his 86th birthday last month. He has been strictly confined to his home since coming out of the hospital after breaking his hip in a fall last November. He spends most of his time in bed but has been up in a chair some lately.

In spite of all this his spirits are high. Until right recently he has declared he would be able and in shape to attend the World Tourney at Murray, Utah. He has now given that up. He wants it known he would sure like to be there. He sends his best wishes to his many friends there.

We know John would appreciate a card or letter from any of you who would like to write him. His address — 6700 Orange Ave., North Long Beach, California.

Virgil Ioerger, jovial Illinois player from Minonk, Illinois underwent back surgery recently and is confined in St. Francis Hospital in Peoria, Illinois. He will be out of competition for this season. He would enjoy getting cards from his many friends.

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THE ARCH STOKES MEMORIAL TROPHY

To the Horseshoe Pitchers and Fans:

We of the Arch Stokes family would like to present a trophy as a memorial to someone we loved very much. We are planning to make this an annual affair and we need your help. We feel the award should be made for outstanding contribution to the game of horseshoe. As we are not familiar with all the persons that should be considered we are asking you readers to help us. It would be greatly appreciated if you, who wish to nominate someone, would fill in the following form and send it to us as soon as possible.

Following is a list of the only rules to be followed in making the selection:

1. **Eligibility.** Anyone is eligible for consideration, a man or woman. It could be the champ, the president, or just a promoter of the game. Just so you feel that the person you recommend, has made the outstanding contribution to the game of horseshoe in the past year.

2. **Time to be covered.** The award will cover from July 1, 1957 to July 1, 1958.

3. **Committee.** The deserving individual will be chosen from the list of nominations sent in. The committee making the final selection and presentation will be composed of members of the Arch Stokes family.

4. **Presentation.** The presentation will be made during this year's tournament, probably the last day.

Detach Nomination Ballot and Mail AT ONCE !!

The person I feel who has made the most outstanding contribution to the game of horseshoe is _____

Following are reasons for my selection.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Please send your nomination to:

Mrs. A. L. Stokes
1310 Woodland Ave.
Salt Lake City, Utah

OR

C. Arvin Cook
3616 Aurora Cr.
Salt Lake City, Utah

CONNECTICUT CLOSED TOURNEY ENDS IN A PARADISE VICTORY

By WILLIAM KAMSIK

Willie Paradise of Bristol, Conn. emerged the victor in the first tournament of the season on the Beardsley park courts in Bridgeport. The meet was sponsored by the Connecticut State Association on Sunday, May 18. It was a closed tournament, being for Connecticut members only. Brino Kenderski was runner-up and giving Paradise his only defeat. In third place was Jake Kurlik of Forestville. Joe Blomquist of Stamford took Class B honors, while in Class C, Ervin Van Dine and Walter Earley had to play off a tie, Van Dine coming out on top. Trophies were awarded to first three places in each division.

CLASS A

	Won	Lost	R	S.P.	%
W. Paradise	6	1	210	428	49.0
B. Kenderski	5	2	211	460	45.7
J. Kurlik	4	3	229	476	48.0
R. Hilburn	4	3	196	452	43.3
D. Dunleavy	3	4	190	428	44.3
J. Dudek	3	4	170	422	40.2
A. Turbie	2	5	162	436	37.1
R. Barrows	1	6	175	462	37.8

CLASS B

	Won	Lost	R	S.P.	%
J. Blomquist	6	1	187	478	39.1
M. Shoppey	5	2	169	432	39.1
F. Wagner	4	3	176	450	39.1
D. Harrison	4	3	182	468	38.8
R. Hoyt	4	3	177	480	36.8
H. Wrisley	3	4	177	502	35.2
W. Schustek	1	6	160	436	36.7
C. Sokolowski	1	6	135	454	29.7

CLASS C

E. Van Dine	5	1	126	396	31.7
W. Earley	5	1	137	402	34.0
D. Majewski	4	2	137	406	33.7
J. Golba	3	3	116	384	30.2
D. Mauro	3	3	93	400	23.2
J. Welsh	1	5	69	350	19.7
B. Mauro	0	6	53	330	16.0

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MURRAY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

To our Horseshoe-Pitching Friends:

The city of Murray, Utah is rapidly becoming known as the "Horseshoe Pitching Capitol of the World." We take such praise with appreciation and we glory in such a title.

Each year it is a distinct pleasure to welcome back our many friends who take part in the National Horseshoe Pitching Tournament and the many others who join us on the sidelines "rooting" for our favorites.

The Murray City Chamber of Commerce extends a warm, wholehearted welcome to the National Horseshoe Pitching Association and to all those who enjoy, as participants or spectators, this extraordinary contest of individual skill, fortitude and persistency.

Sincerely,

*J. M. Cornwell, President
Murray Chamber of Commerce*

KIWANIS CLUB OF MURRAY, UTAH

*National Horseshoe Champions World Tournament
Contestants, Family, and Friends:*

Murray Kiwanis Club wishes you a hearty welcome on this 1958 annual World Championship Pitching Tournament. Our Murray Club meets each Tuesday night and should any of you be Kiwanis members, we heartily welcome you to attend our meeting while you are in town.

If there is anything we may help you with during your visit here, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best wishes in your venture and we hope you enjoy your stay in our city.

Very truly yours,

Murray Kiwanis Club

MURRAY JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

*National Horseshoe Pitchers
World Tournament*

Contestants, Families, Friends:

It is certainly a privilege to welcome you as guest in the city of Murray. We have associated with many of you in various capacities in the past and many of you are familiar with Murray and the local surroundings. The facilities which we have to offer are outstanding. This is noted by the fact of your repeated interest in our community. To those who are new for the first year please make yourself at home. We of the Murray Jaycee will be doing our utmost to make you welcome.

Again this year the Murray Jaycees will have their "Snak Shack" in operation. The operation of this will provide you with refreshments and has served to provide us with a profit making project with which to run our many community improvement programs during the coming year. We encourage your support in this endeavor.

Cordially Yours,

*Mr. John Q. Walker
Murray Junior Chamber of Commerce*

ROTARY CLUB OF MURRAY

National Horseshoe Pitching Assn.

To: Contestants, Families and Friends

Dear Friends:

I wish to extend a cordial welcome, on behalf of the Murray Rotary Club, to the participants and their families in the National Horseshoe Pitching Tournament.

We are honored, that you have once again chosen Murray as the location for your annual contest.

If the Rotary Club or its members can be of service during your stay, feel free to call on us.

We especially extend the hand of friendship to fellow Rotarians of your group and invite them to 'make up' at our regular Monday noon meeting at the La Villa Cafe.

Sincerely,

*Bruce J. Parsons, O. D.
President*

LIONS CLUB OF MURRAY, UTAH

National Horseshoe Pitchers' Assn. of America

Dear Friends:

The Murray Lions Club wishes to extend a very special welcome to all prospective contestants, their families, and friends to attend the National Horseshoe Tournament to be held in Murray, Utah, July 1958.

Murray has been Host City for the National Horseshoe Tournament for many years. Our desire is that your stay will be a most enjoyable one.

Sincerely,

*Arthur L. Bishop
President, Murray Lions Club*

NORTHERN INDIANA TOURNAMENT CITY PARK — WABASH, INDIANA

100 Shoe qualifying round Saturday afternoon, July 19 and all day Sunday, July 20.

Championship finals on Saturday, July 26 and Sunday, July 27.

Six classes, A through F, will each contain eight players. Consolation class for all remaining players.

Consolation Class will play finals on Saturday afternoon, Classes E and F under lights Saturday evening, Classes C and D on Sunday forenoon and Classes A and B Sunday afternoon.

Entry fee will be \$2.00. Trophies and cash prizes in each class.

Manager Art Moore of the Wabash club reports that the set of four west courts have been entirely rebuilt with new stakes, clay and lights, so they will be in the same excellent condition the east set of courts were last year.

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INDIANA NOTES

The first week end of play in the Indiana State League saw Wabash edge Adams County 25 games to 24 with Clarence Bellman, John Coble and Kenny Eltzroth leading victors and Harrison Maitlen and Guy Binkley as standouts for the losers. Bellman was undefeated.

Kokomo upset Nobleville 26 to 23 with Earl Van Natter winning all seven games. Red Brumfield won all five games he played for Noblesville.

Frankfort, led by Curt Day, defeated Bethel 28 to 21, while Clinton County, aided by Ed Sharp's seven straight wins, downed Indianapolis 31 to 18.

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HARVARD PARK, JUNE 1, 1958 — SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**ADDED CLASS "B"**

By JAMES WEEKS

GROUP ONE

	Won	Lost	R	S.P.	%
Henry Fisher, Compton	4	1	167	278	60.1
Fred Burkhart, So. San Gabriel	4	1	188	326	57.7
R. A. Long, Santa Paula	3	2	143	300	47.7
Henry Durr, Baldwin Park	2	3	174	334	52.1
Al Rogers, San Pedro	2	3	189	358	52.8
Waldo Hagy, Long Beach	0	5	147	304	48.4

GROUP TWO

	Won	Lost	R	S.P.	%
Ned Shaver, Whittier	4	1	175	312	56.1
Gunnar Hansen, Baldwin Park	4	1	181	334	54.2
Fred Bonaly, Los Angeles	3	2	183	336	54.5
W. Shoemaker, Monrovia	2	3	190	354	53.7
Elmer Beller, Bellflower	1	4	145	294	49.3
Harry Morse, South Gate	1	4	158	330	47.9

The top two from each group played a four man round robin for the championship.

	Won	Lost	R	S.P.	%
Ned Shaver	3	0	128	190	67.4
Gunnar Hansen	1	2	128	204	62.7
Henry Fisher	1	2	100	172	58.1
Fred Burkhart	1	2	125	222	56.3

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BALDWIN PARK, CALIFORNIA — JUNE 8, 1958**ADDED CLASS "C"****GROUP ONE**

	Won	Lost	R	S.P.	%
Henry Fisher, Compton	4	1	166	316	52.5
Larry Geer, So. San Gabriel	3	2	150	292	52.4
Nick Port, Santa Monica	3	2	136	290	46.9
Ed Gaston, Downey	3	2	130	288	45.1
Norman Smith, Culver City	2	3	171	340	50.3
John Gillock, Baldwin Park	0	5	86	270	31.9

GROUP TWO

	Won	Lost	R	S.P.	%
Henry Durr, Baldwin Park	4	1	185	320	57.8
Gunnar Hansen, Baldwin Park	4	1	170	304	55.9
W. Shipley, West Covina	4	1	164	294	55.8
Ralph Boldra, Huntington Park	2	3	147	314	46.8
V. B. Gasaway, Baldwin Park	1	4	102	284	35.9
Adolfo Chavez, Rivera	0	5	128	328	39.0

The top two from each group played a four man round robin to decide the championship.

	Won	Lost	R	S.P.	%
Henry Fisher	3	0	130	222	58.6
Henry Durr	2	1	127	234	54.3
Gunnar Hansen	1	2	120	228	52.6
Larry Geer	0	3	107	212	50.5

FILECCIA CAPTURES FORT GEORGE OPEN TOURNAMENT

The Fort George Horseshoe Club open tournament held on Saturday, May 31st was conducted under clear skies with 22 contestants, on the Fort George club courts.

In Class A, Vito Fileccia was the winner with Joe Zichella the runner-up. In Class B, John Loughrey Jr. led the way, with Owen Farmer in second place. In Class C, J. Swindell was first with J. Ravenscraft in second place.

CLASS A

	Won	Lost	%
Fileccia	7	0	.713
Zichella	6	1	.658
Hardwick	5	2	.593
Fulton	4	3	.636
Kolb	2	5	.587
Davis	2	5	.503
Hart	1	6	.542
McCrink	1	6	.493

CLASS B

	Won	Lost	%
Loughrey, Jr.	6	1	.513
Farmer	5	2	.562
Brooks	5	2	.528
Cancos	5	2	.489
Brumek	3	4	.451
Peary	1	6	.433
Wagner	1	6	.403
O'Connell	1	6	.398

CLASS C

	Won	Lost
Swindell	4	1
Ravencraft	4	1
Spittler	3	2
Werle	3	2
Puglise	1	4
Duebel	0	5

Swindell defeated Ravenscraft in a play-off for first place.

Spittler won over Werle in a play-off for third place.

OPEN HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT TO BE HELD AT MACON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS, DECATUR, ILLINOIS

Frank Cotton of Decatur, Illinois will superintend a new Open Tournament to be held on the Macon County Fairgrounds courts, on Tuesday, July 29th, at Decatur, Illinois.

The qualifying round will begin at 8:00 A. M. and close promptly at 12:00 o'clock. Each entrant will have the privilege of pitching two series of 50 shoes each taking his highest total count as his qualifying score. There will be two classes, the top eight highest qualifiers will form Class A and the next eight will constitute the Class B division. Round robin style of play will begin at 1:00 P.M. and the cancellation method of scoring will be used.

Cash prizes for games won will be pro-rated from the \$100.00 premium fund plus entry fees received and after tournament expenses have been deducted. Entry fee will be \$2.00 for each man entering the tournament. As a further incentive, a special prize of \$5.00 will be awarded to the pitcher who has the highest qualifying score.

All pitchers throughout the mid-west and surrounding territory are invited to come out and join in the festivities in the friendly atmosphere of Macon County, in mid-state Illinois.

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MINNESOTA CENTENNIAL OPEN TOURNEY

Beautiful Loring Park in downtown Minneapolis, will be the scene of the Minnesota Centennial Open Tournament that will be staged August 9th and 10th as a sports event of the State of Minnesota Centennial. The Minneapolis park board in close conjunction with the local club are making great plans in preparing for this great sporting event that is expected to draw pitchers from throughout the surrounding states.

The courts are all modern and are equipped with powerful lights for night playing. Blacktop strips between and behind the courts. They are situated in scenic Loring Park in downtown Minneapolis. For a truly wonderful vacation everyone is cordially invited to be a part of this centennial celebration on August 9th and 10th in Minneapolis.

INDIANA STATE TOURNAMENT

A 150 shoe qualifying round for the Indiana State Tournament will be held at four centers on Saturday, August 16 and Sunday, August 17, with the championship finals scheduled for the Labor Day weekend at the Indiana State Fair in Indianapolis.

This marks the first time Indiana has used the multiple center qualifying set-up. Players will have their choice of qualifying at any one of the four centers.

The four qualifying centers and the committees in charge follows: Bethel Courts near Greencastle; Curt Day, Burl Taylor and Paul Van Sickle.

Dorner Park, Frankfort; Bob Pence, Oris Harshman and Joe Schilling. Heekin Park, Muncie; Art Moore, Harold Gill and Marvin Craig. City Park, Wabash; Clyde Green, Ed Jamison and Kenny Eltzroth.

The finals at the State Fair over Labor Day weekend will give out ten trophies and \$550.00 in cash prizes in ten differnt classes.

The State Fair Board is building twelve new courts with a six and six, back to back arrangement to accommodate the tournament. Curt Day of Frankfort is the defending champion. Bob Pence of Gary will be the Tournament Director.

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IDAHO DIVISION NEWS

There is more interest in horseshoes in Idaho each month. Recently players have organized a club in Pocatello. They have started a handicap league in conjunction with the city recreation department, with John L. Brenna, director of recreation, coordinating the play. They have inaugurated a system similar to that of the Boise club whereby a champ of the month is crowned. This has aroused a lot of interest.

In the Boise area a handicap league has been started. Many tournaments have been played and will be followed by the city tournament in August with the state tournament being scheduled for Labor Day at Nampa, Idaho. At the "Pac-Out" meet Jim Kosterman of Boise was first thereby gaining the chance to play E. J. Wiley of Nampa for the trophy. In this match, Kosterman eked out a close one to take home the trophy to Boise for the first time. All players pasing through Boise on their way to Murray are invited to make use of the club's courts.

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OZARK OPEN WON BY JOHN ELKINS

The Ozark Open was held June 14-15 on the new courts in Smith Park, Neosho, Missouri with John Elkins of that city emerging victorious. This meet was for pitchers from Missouri, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Kansas. A new record for Missouri tournaments was set when Dave Baker of Wentworth and W. Uhlig of Tulsa, Oklahoma had 7 consecutive four-deads. A short time later, Baker and W. Winston nearly broke the new record when they had four four-deads, then three ringers followed by four more four-deads. The longest game was between E. Winston and Elkins with 116 shoes pitched, Baker and W. Winston each had 8 straight doubles to their credit. Results are as follows:

	W	L
J. Elkins, Neosho, Mo.	10	1
D. Baker, Wentworth, Mo.	9	2
W. Uhlig, Tulsa, Okla.	9	2
N. Snelson, Springfield, Mo.	7	4
E. Winston, LaMonte, Mo.	7	4
C. Long, Carthage, Mo.	6	5
L. Greenlee, Springfield, Mo.	6	5
W. Winston, LaMonte, Mo.	4	7
F. Baker, Wentworth, Mo.	3	8
B. Nixon, Elkland, Mo.	2	9
J. Copenhaver, Bartlesville, Okla.	2	9
E. Sharp, Bartlesville, Okla.	0	11

OHIO STATE CHAMPIONSHIP HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT

By W. J. WOODS, Publicity Director

The Ohio Buckeye State Association is pleased to announce that Greenville, Ohio has again been selected as the site for the 1958 State Championship in having accepted the invitation of The Darke County Horseshoe Club to return to the scene of last year's meet in beautiful City Park, Greenville, Ohio, August 30-31 and September 1. Special emphasis will again be given towards placing all entrants in the tournament, by classes to be determined by their qualifying scores. Of course, only residents of Ohio who are members of the State and National will be eligible to enter. Cards will be made available at the courts.

Qualifying will begin at 9:00 A. M. and close at 6:00 P. M. on Saturday, August 30th. The entry fee will be \$5.00 and no additional fee will be charged those who qualify and play in the tournament. Contestants will pitch 100 shoes counting total points to determine the position he will have in the round-robin matches which will start Saturday evening, August 30th, and continue on Sunday, August 31st and Labor Day, Monday, September 1st.

Both trophies and cash prizes will be distributed, and the Class A winner recognized as the State Champion to be recipient of the National Certificate under whose rules the tournament is conducted. Harold Reno, Sabina, Ohio, is the defending Champ, and Paul Focht, Dayton, Ohio, last year's runner-up.

The Association will hold its annual meeting in convention at this tournament. All members are urged to attend and take an active part.

Excellent hotel and motel facilities are available and visitors are cordially invited to attend and visit the historic city of Greenville with its beautiful surroundings, where no effort is spared that all fans may enjoy the play-by-play during the games. The courts are located in City Park on State Route No. 127, at the north end of the city.

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WEST VIRGINIA STATE TOURNAMENT TO BE HELD AT NITRO

The annual West Virginia state tournament will be held August 30 and 31 at Nitro, West Virginia. The meet will be sponsored by the Nitro Horseshoe club. Trophies will be awarded to winners of Class A and B. Arner Lindquist of Morgantown will be defending his title.

The qualifying round will start on Friday, August 29 and closes at noon on Saturday, August 30. Round robin play will begin at 1:00 P. M. on Saturday, with Class B contestants taking to the courts first. In this division, Forest Hill of Salem, West Virginia will be defending titleholder. On Sunday, August 31, at 10:00 A. M., Class A competition will get underway.

Handling details for this annual event will be R. L. Harris of Nitro, who is the tournament chairman and also president of the West Virginia state association. He will be assisted by Mrs. Anna Lindquist, secretary and J. B. Lowe, vice-president.

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FIFTH ANNUAL CORNBELT OPEN TOURNAMENT

The fifth annual Cornbelt Open Tournament will get underway at Crapo Park, Burlington, Iowa on Saturday, August 24th and Sunday, August 25th. This meet is expected to draw pitchers from all parts of the middlewest.

Qualifying will begin at 1:00 P. M. Saturday and close at 6:00 P. M., continuing again on Sunday morning, starting at 7:00 A. M. and closing at 11:00 A. M. Qualifying fee will be \$2.00 plus \$2.00 for the 32 highest qualifiers. Eight groups of four men each with high qualifiers staggered will comprise the preliminaries which will start at 12:00 NOON, CENTRAL STANDARD TIME. \$164.00 prize money based on 50 entries. There will be a trophy for first place, plus cash and merchandise prizes for all 32 men in the preliminaries. There will be special prizes for high qualifier, etc.

NEW JERSEY ASSOCIATION STAGES HANDICAP TOURNAMENT

By LEE DAVIS

Six beautiful new lighted court were inaugurated on May 24th in Englewood, New Jersey, when the New Jersey state association staged a 100% handicap tournament. It was sponsored by the above association and was the first time that the 100% handicap cancellation system was used. There were many comments both pro and con about the system, but as far as purpose was concerned it worked out very well.

The idea of the handicap system was to give everyone an equal chance to win. The result proved that the fellow that pitched closest to his average, or better, was the winner in each group.

The Tournament was divided into two groups — A and B. Donald French won Class A without a loss of a game, and just missed pitching his average. Joseph Zichella of New York City was the scratch player, with a ringer percentage from last year of 73.8. Barney Knapp of Midland Park, N. J., won Class B, with four wins and one loss. Robert O'Connell of New York was the scratch player in this group, with a ringer percentage from last year of 54.0.

GROUP A

	Won	Lost	Percent	1957 Ave.
Donald French, Bloomfield, N. J.	5	0	56.2	56.6
Lee Davis, Ridgefield, N. J.	4	1	52.5	56.5
Joe Zichella, New York	3	2	71.3	73.8
D. Fogal, Ramsey, N. J.	2	3	49.2	58.0
Dr. Berman, Elizabeth, N. J.	1	4	47.5	61.5
A. Courtock, Passaic, N. J.	Forfeit			

GROUP B

	Won	Lost	Percent	1957 Ave.
B. Knapp, Midland Park, N. J.	4	1	48.6	46.0
W. Haring, Westwood, N. J.	3	2	39.7	44.0
H. Hoodiman, East Paterson, N. J.	3	2	30.8	35.0
R. O'Connell, New York	2	3	41.2	54.0
A. Deubel, New York	2	3	33.3	40.0
R. Schwendel, Jersey City, N. J.	1	4	30.3	49.0

Officials for the Tournament: L. Albert Anderson, Englewood City Inspector; Paul Puglise, Jersey State Association Tourney Director; William Fournier of Hasbrk Hts., Association Secretary; and Ed. Pietranski, Association Third Vice-President.

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WASHINGTON STATE ASSOCIATION NEWS

By ARTHUR LIEDES

Pitching in the state of Washington has opened with local leagues in operation in Seattle, Bremerton and Grays Harbor.

The Grays Harbor club has a 12-3 man team league operating, using the "Stokes Handicap Cancellation System." Seven local tournaments are on the club roster, including a visit from the Portland, Oregon club.

The Washington state association picnic comes off at Woodland Park in Seattle, June 22nd. The annual state tournament is scheduled for Bremerton August 30, 31 and September 1. The Seattle club plans the 2nd annual Seafair invitational tourney early in August.

Many Washington players attended the annual Bryant Memorial tournament at Portland, Oregon, which opened the season in grand style with superb pitching, large attendance and excellent running of the tourney by the Portland organization. Congratulations to all.

In behalf of all the horseshoe pitchers, we wish a speedy recovery to two very fine ladies, Irma Monasmith and Polly Patrick. Irma is secretary of the Northwest association and wife of Washington state champ John Monasmith. Polly is the wife of Eugene Patrick, president of the Northwest association, also active in the horseshoe game.



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