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MESSAGE FROM THE NEW NATIONAL SECRETARY

Delegates to the annual meeting of the N.H.P.A. assembled during the World's Tournament in Utah saw fit to elect me your Secretary-Treasurer for the next two years, and I feel greatly honored.

I also feel honored to succeed your past Secretary, Elmer Beller, who was forced to forego another term due to personal business reasons. Mr. Beller set a wonderful pattern for devotion, efficiency and service during his term.

Archie Gregson, your new President and all the members of the Executive Council feel that the outgoing officers have left the N.H.P.A. in the strongest position of its 43 year history. We are determined to maintain and improve this position. How well we succeed will depend upon the co-operation of all individual N.H.P.A. members and the hard work of the various State Secretaries.

Essentially the Secretary-Treasurer is the custodian of monies, properties and records of the N.H.P.A. and a clearing house for routine business, the handling of complaints and new ideas, and the dispenser of information. In addition I shall do all I can to aid the State Secretaries to stimulate membership and activities.

Robert G. Pence

YOUR REGIONAL DIRECTORS

The Executive Council of the N.H.P.A. has appointed the Regional Directors listed below for the coming year. They represent the N.H.P.A. in their various sections of the country and will be in charge of publicity, information and the stimulation of activities.

Lou Siebenaler of Kimball, Neb. has been made Chairman of the Regional Directors. Lou has made movies of the World Tournament in recent years and will have full charge of handling the official films of the 1957 and 1958 World Tourney which will soon be available to clubs and individuals desiring to make use of them.

CHAIRMAN: Lou Siebenaler, Box 42, Kimball, Neb.

NEW ENGLAND STATES: Joseph Comeau, 12 Alley St., Lynn, Mass.

EASTERN STATES: Lee Davis, 646 Abbott Ave., Ridgefield, N. J.

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DOM. OF CANADA: Ted Burrows, 61 Forest Ave., Port Credit, Ontario, Canada.

The N.H.P.A. wishes to express its appreciation for the co-operation of the following manufacturers of horseshoes who are Associate and Contributing members of the National Horseshoe Pitchers' Association of America and whose horseshoes are fully approved for use in any sanctioned tournament:

The Diamond Tool and Horseshoe Company, Duluth, Minnesota.

The Dixon Victory Shoe Company, Des Moines, Iowa.

The Gordon Horseshoe Company, Cincinnati, Ohio.

The Ted Allen Horseshoe Company, Boulder, Colorado.

HAROLD RENO WINS 1958 EASTERN NATIONAL TITLE

Harold Reno of Sabina, Ohio, won the 1958 Eastern National title with a record of 16 wins and 1 loss at the Rainbow Garden courts at Mt. Pleasant, Pennsylvania. His only loss came at the hands of James Ohler, Pennsylvania state champion from nearby Scottsdale, Pennsylvania, by a 52-33 score. Ohler pitched 82.9% and Reno pitched 76.5% in this game. The highest percentage game was also turned in by Ohler against Al Zadroga of Elizabeth, Pennsylvania, when he turned in a 90.5% game. Kelly, of Detroit, Michigan, won the "B" title with a record of 6 wins and one loss.

Class A

	Won	Lost	%		Won	Lost	%
H. Reno, Ohio.....	16	1	76	Berman, New Jersey	8	9	56
Ohler, Pennsylvania	15	2	77	Fulton, Pennsylvania	7	10	58
Bellman, Indiana	15	2	71	Metzler, Pennsylvania	7	10	51
Maddox, West Virginia.....	12	5	68	Lundgren, Michigan	6	11	52
Wolfe, Ohio	12	5	62	Manker, Ohio	4	13	49
Anderson, Illinois	11	6	69	Glass, Ohio	3	14	52
Lindquist, West Virginia...	11	6	58	Trumble, Pennsylvania	3	14	51
Kuhn, Pennsylvania	10	7	63	Peary, Michigan	3	14	45
Zadroga, Pennsylvania	10	7	61	Dickson, Pennsylvania.....	Forfeit		

Class B

	Won	Lost		Won	Lost
Kelly, Michigan	6	1	Bourret, Pennsylvania	4	3
O. W. Reno, Ohio	5	2	Falk, Pennsylvania	4	3
Louderback, Ohio	4	3	Henry, Pennsylvania	1	6
Santmyer, Pennsylvania	4	3	Christman, Ohio	0	7

Nothing definite has been decided about the placement of the 1959 Eastern National Tournament pending the decision of the Portsmouth, New Hampshire group who, according to an article by Howard White in the May issue of the "Digest" feels certain, if supported by the New England Boys, would be held in that locality in 1959. It has definitely been decided that Pennsylvania will not sponsor the 1959 Eastern National Tournament.

ESSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY OPEN HANDICAP CHAMPIONSHIPS

Class A

	Won	Lost	Ringer Average
B. Knapp, Midland Park, New Jersey	4	2	55%
W. Brooks, Brooklyn, New York	4	2	48.6%
L. Cangos, Brooklyn, New York	3	3	52.7%
L. Davis, Ridgefield, New Jersey	3	3	51.1%
P. Hanas, Midland Park, New Jersey	3	3	59%
Louchery, New York, New York	2	4	48.4%
F. Wagner, Connecticut	2	4	33.9%

Two out of three games play-off for first place between B. Knapp and W. Brooks won by Knapp. Three way tie for third place won by L. Cangos.

Class B

	Won	Lost	Ringer Average
Gene Titus, Clifton, New Jersey	6	1	26.6%
H. Hoodiman, East Paterson, New Jersey	6	1	29.4%
Chas. Warsham, Fenwood, New Jersey	5	2	34%
R. O'Connell, New York, New York	5	2	38.4%
G. Spittler, Brooklyn, New York	3	4	33.7%
Steve Lacko, Belmar, New Jersey	2	5	27.7%
T. Early, New, York, New York	1	6	30.0%
Ca. Smoleen, Elizabeth, N. J.	0	7	9.9%

Two out of three games play-off between Titus and Hoodiman won by Titus. Tie for third place between O'Connell and Warsham. Won by Chas. Warsham.

MESSAGE FROM OUR NEW NATIONAL ASSOCIATION LEADER

As your new President I want to express my thanks to the delegates at convention who were responsible for electing me to the presidency of the National Horseshoe Pitchers' Association. I shall do all I can to uphold your sport and direct its affairs to the best of my ability. I feel highly honored to be your president, but the success of any organization depends on the support of its members.

It is not a new thing to be one of your officers and I have not been out of office long enough to forget the amount of work that is being done by your officers. Your National officers, committees, regional directors, state secretaries, etc., are all on one team, striving for the development of the Horseshoe game. All of you members are on that same team. A fine display of teamwork was reflected in the support given in conducting the recently completed tournament at Murray, Utah. It's the little things that count.

You can be a good team member by contacting your Regional Director and National Secretary for information, copies of rules, copies of constitution and by-laws, and by encouraging your friends to join your ranks. Send in that little bit of news to your local paper, contact your sports editor and newspaper for information on important tournaments in process, encourage your clubs and groups to see the films of the National Tournament and players in action, encourage them to join you in spending a vacation at one of our National Tournaments. These are only a few of the things to be done.

It was your team members who selected your officers. It is your duty to support them and I feel sure that you will.

Your National President

Archie J. Gregson

CONVENTION ADOPTS NEW RULING FOR MOVIE FILM

By LOU SIEBENALER

The 1958 National Tournament movie films are now available for circulation. They are very good with one exception, in the rush the last evening to get pictures of all of the awarding of the trophies, 25 ft. of the last film was accidentally double exposed. It spoils part of this part of the program, however I am leaving it in the film as it is interesting to see. I regret this very much but it is only 25 ft. of approximately 700 ft. The approximate time to show this film including the changing of reels will require about one hour and 15 minutes. The reels used are only 200 ft. for the reason that some of the projects cannot use larger reels, therefore it was necessary to use four reels.

The new rulings adopted at the last annual meeting on July 25th at Murray, Utah are as follows:

For the use of the 1958 film there will be a charge of \$5.00 plus a \$5.00 deposit to be paid in advance. The \$5.00 deposit is imposed as a penalty for keeping the film overtime. The penalty will be applied at the rate of \$1.00 per day for every day that the film is kept longer than one day after the date of showing. The date of showing will be the date for which you desire the film in your request. If the film is not kept overtime the \$5.00 deposit will be promptly refunded. This precaution was made necessary because of last years experience when in several instances the film arrived several days later than expected at its destination for the next showing perhaps because of negligence in getting the film mailed in time. The 1957 film will be handled in the same manner as the 1958 except there will be no \$5.00 charge for the use of the film. The \$5.00 deposit will be required on all requests not now on the waiting list. So much for the new rulings.

Ship film by parcel post and insure for not less than \$50.00. Be sure to get insured receipt from the post office and mail to Lou Siebenaler, P. O. Box 42, Kimball, Nebraska, which will serve as evidence of the date film was mailed. The post office will furnish you with an extra receipt if you desire to keep one. Send narrative in a separate envelope and suggest that it be registered and return receipt requested so you will know if it arrives at its destination. All shipping and mailing charges to be paid by the sender. Film will come to you prepaid. You will receive instructions from me where to send film after you have used it.

When writing for the film be sure to state which you desire, '57 or '58 film. It may not be possible in all instances to furnish the film for specific dates, in that event would

appreciate alternate dates or I will advise you when film will be available. The \$5.00 deposit and the \$5.00 charge (1958 film) should be mailed to me not less than two weeks prior to date of showing. Make check or money order payable to Lou Siebenaler, chairman, Regional Directors, N.H.P.A.

All of the work in connection with the National Horseshoe Tournament movie film has been turned over to me to administer, therefore in the future all correspondence in connection with the film should be directed to me.

Would suggest that this article be kept in a convenient place for future reference, especially for those interested in securing the film.

As this job is new to me I may have overlooked some items of importance but I will try to keep the membership informed on any new developments through the medium of the Horseshoe News Digest.

I hope that I have given in this article all the necessary details for the handling of the film. It is my desire to give satisfactory service to our members and any suggestions for the improvement of the service will be welcome.

CALIFORNIA STATE TOURNAMENT, SEPTEMBER 12-14

The 13th annual California State tournament will be held September 12 thru 14 at the Santa Clara Fair on the fairgrounds courts at San Jose, California. Prizes start at \$100 and graduate down to \$30.00. Qualifying will start on September 12 in the afternoon with each entrant pitching 100 shoes for points. The 12 highest scorers will start the round robin finals on September 13 at 1:00 o'clock p. m. Six games will be played on September 13th and the remaining five games will be played on September 14th starting at 1:00 p. m. Games won and lost will decide the winner. Only 1st place ties will be played off. Other ties will divide the prize money. Tournament will be sanctioned by the National Association and the rules of the National Association will govern the tournament. Don Titcomb of Sunnyvale, California will be on hand to defend his title. Complimentary participant tickets to fairgrounds will be furnished by the fair to the contestants.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION

By JAMES WEEKS

LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA — JULY 13, 1958 60 YEARS AND OVER

	W	L	R	S.P.	%
Al Rogers, San Pedro	4	0	170	274	62.0
Henry Wendt, Rosemead	2	2	152	254	59.8
Nick Port, Santa Monica	2	2	137	250	54.0
Elmer Beller, Bellflower	1	3	180	286	62.9
Ray Arnold, Santa Barbara	1	3	164	276	59.4

HARVARD PARK, CALIFORNIA — AUGUST 3, 1958

ADDED CLASS "E"

	W	L	R	S.P.	%
Louie Shell, Los Angeles	8	1	213	526	40.5
Harry Nelson, Venice	7	2	212	446	47.5
Clark Bell, Covina	7	2	199	466	42.7
Rudy Jerale, Rivera	6	3	188	472	39.8
John Bellin, Los Angeles	6	3	148	452	32.7
Edwin Carl, Pasadena	5	4	166	430	38.6
Al Papke, Covina	3	6	151	514	29.4
Oscar Sandberg, Covina	2	7	121	442	27.4
Ernest Erickson, Downey	1	8	88	444	19.8
M. E. Osterich, La Puente	0	10	Forfeited all games		

HARRY PAGE WINS SOUTHEAST IOWA TOURNAMENT

By LUCILLE HOPKINS

Harry Page of Waterloo won the Southeast Iowa tournament held on the Riverside park courts in Ottumwa on August 17th. This meet had been previously scheduled for the early part of June. Both he and Francis Pratt, winner of Class B, received a trophy while the second and third place winners of each division received medals. Results are as follows:

Class A

	Won	Lost
Harry Page, Waterloo	6	1
Francis Rogers, Waverly	5	2
John Paxton, Ottumwa	5	2
Marion Lange, Bondurant	4	3
Hugh Rogers, Cedar Falls	4	3
Clarence Spier, Waverly	3	4
Chuck Bellings, Cedar Rapids	1	6

Last player forfeited his games

Class B

	Won	Lost
Francis Pratt, Cedar Rapids	7	0
Marvel Bean, Des Moines	6	1
Ossie Trimble, Cedar Rapids	4	3
Harold Shaw, Fairfield	4	3
Archie Matheny, Toddville	4	3

Last 3 players forfeited their games

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DALE DIXON OF IOWA CAPTURES MINNESOTA CENTENNIAL

Dale Dixon of Des Moines, state champion in Iowa 19 times, added the Minnesota Centennial Open horseshoe tournament title to his list of laurels at Loring park Sunday, August 10th.

Rain delayed start of play five hours and finally forced rearrangement of the tourney from a round robin to a double elimination.

Walter Horner of Farmersburg, Ind., was second; Roland Kraft of LeCompton, Kan., third and Frank Stinson, leading Minnesota entry, tied Well Taylor of Grand River, Iowa, for fourth.

In Class B, Hugh Rogers of Cedar Falls, Iowa, placed first, followed by Ben Trolsen of St. Paul and Howie Ganz of Backus, Minn. Class C honors went to Art Holter of Minneapolis after a playoff with Gene Lykken of Fargo, N. D. Jim Rextraw of Minneapolis was third, but also had to playoff with Noel Lanes of St. Paul.

Art Engebretson of Fargo, N. D., was presented a North Star award by Cliff Sommers, state Centennial sports chairman, for his many contributions to the sport of horseshoes.

Following are the qualifying scores:

	Ringers	T.P.
Ron Cherrier, Minneapolis	78	256
Ed Sharp, Mulberry, Indiana	75	250
Dale Dixon, Des Moines, Iowa	75	247
Roland Kraft, Lecompton, Kansas	73	244
Bill Andrusko, Minneapolis	72	242
Carl West, St. Paul	67	234
John Lindmeier, Broadview, Illinois	71	233
Frank Stinson, Minneapolis	68	230
Well Taylor, Grand River, Iowa	65	229
Oris Harshman, Frankfort, Indiana	69	227
Marion Lange, Bondurant, Iowa	64	226
Walt Horner, Farmersburg, Indiana	70	226
Harry Page, Waterloo, Iowa	63	226
Chas. Bellings, Cedar Rapids, Iowa	65	221
John Yernberg, St. Paul	62	221
Art Engebretson, Fargo, North Dakota	61	219
Ralph Lundberg, Minneapolis	63	218
Carroll Hallum, Heron Lake, Minnesota	62	217
Archie Anderson, Westbrook, Minnesota	62	216
Dick Joyce, Casselton, North Dakota	60	216

MIDWEST "RINGER ROUND UP" NOTES

This year's 88 entries from eight states convinced the tourney management that a new procedure will have to be worked out in order that there can be more classes and all the entries get a crack at actual play in round robin competition. The new plan will be announced this winter.

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The tourney management wishes to thank and give proper credit to the fine work done by the scorekeepers and groundskeepers during the tourney. Kenny Achors, Clyde Green and their crews did a first class job at all times.

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The sports editor of the Frankfort newspaper attended the tourney and was quite impressed by the event and gave it lots of space in the paper. He counted the cars from other states parked around the horseshoe courts and found 15 states represented.

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Among the visitors to the "Ringer Round Up" were Ellis Cobb, editor of the "News Digest;" Ralph Dykes, President of the Illinois Division; Mac McGrath, President of the Ohio Buckeye Division; Lee Davis of New Jersey, Eastern States N.H.P.A. representative; Earl Graves of Colorado; R. B. Woodrow, Secretary of the Florida Division and the heads of numerous Ohio horseshoe clubs.

BELLMAN WINS NORTHERN INDIANA TOURNEY

Clarence Bellman downed Harrison Maitlen 50 to 49 in the final game to complete a clean sweep and win the title in the Northern Indiana Tournament at Wabash on July 27.

It marked the first game Maitlen had lost in the five year history of the tourney. Nevertheless he had four games over 80 percent including a high of 84.

Earl Van Natter won Class B after playoff battles with Rich Konieczny and Carl Atwell.

Earle Wilmore did a nice job of directing the tourney in the absence of Bob Pence who was in Murray attending the National. The event had 68 entries.

Class A

	W	L	R	S.P.	%
Clarence Bellman, Warsaw	7	0	400	552	72.5
Harrison Maitlen, Berne	6	1	300	382	78.5
John Coble, Peru	4	3	303	460	65.9
Elbert Boone, Wabash	4	3	297	486	61.1
Dale Solsbery, Sharpsville	3	4	304	512	59.4
Jim Shively, Gas City	2	5	267	478	55.9
Charles Cummings, Sweetser	1	6	330	550	60.0
Neil Farr, Fairmount	1	6	233	440	53.0

Class B (includes playoff games)

	W	L	R	S.P.	%
Earl Van Natter, Kokomo	7	2	401	592	67.7
Richard Konieczny, LaPorte	5	3	351	538	65.2
Carl Atwell, Flora	5	3	318	490	64.9
Harley Campbell, Bryant	4	3	285	426	66.9
Noah Adams, Claypool	3	4	333	530	62.8
Earl Billingsley, Lafayette	3	4	263	440	59.8
Bill Hobbs, Kokomo	3	4	235	408	57.6
Clyde Green, Portland	0	7	Forfeit		

Class C

	W	L	R	S.P.	%
Ed Jamison, Marion	6	1	186	368	50.5
Art Sharp, Rossville	5	2	221	388	57.0
Charles Hanson, Russiaville	5	2	236	420	56.2
Lester West, Gas City	4	3	183	352	52.0
Bill Dunn, Kokomo	3	4	222	406	54.7
Virgil Huffman, Poneto	3	4	182	394	46.2
Kenneth Eltzroth, Wabash	2	5	199	396	50.3
Don Owens, Summitville	0	7	Forfeit		

Class D

	W	L	R	S.P.	%
Gerald Cummings, Sheridan	7	0	268	440	60.9
George Hinshaw, Modoc	6	1	232	424	54.7
Jim Johnson, Decatur	4	3	244	462	52.8
Dean Chiddister, Goshen	3	4	256	466	54.9
Claybert Anderson, Lafayette	3	4	250	458	54.6
John Shuck, Forest	2	5	220	446	49.3
George Popejoy, Burrows	2	5	217	446	48.7
Frank Croddy, Kokomo	1	6	203	418	48.6

Class E

	W	L	R	S.P.	%
Steve Raymond, Lafayette	6	1	259	464	55.8
Alton Corson, Decatur	5	2	245	442	55.4
Virgil Holloway, Fairmount	4	3	268	480	55.8
Bob Neaderhouser, Berne	4	3	252	456	55.3
W. R. Rennaker, Somerset	3	4	231	470	49.1
Alvin Skinner, Fairmount	3	4	223	456	48.9
Marion Davis, Kokomo	2	5	227	464	48.9
Cleve Reed, Rich Valley	1	6	205	468	43.8

NORTHERN INDIANA (Continued)*Class F*

	W	L	R	S.P.	%
Manford Swanson, Mulberry	7	0	288	454	63.4
Art Moore, Wabash	5	2	260	480	54.2
Harold Bellman, Bourbon	5	2	230	426	54.0
Kenneth Haffner, Portland	3	4	256	472	54.2
Charles Landes, Lafayette	3	4	242	462	52.4
Harold Keyes, Winchester	3	4	237	462	51.3
George Kingma, Lafayette	1	6	221	466	47.4
Al Lafon, Lafayette	1	6	198	426	46.5

Class G

	W	L	R	S.P.	%
Claude Barrett, Portland	7	0	202	350	57.7
John Kolaiser, Hammond	6	1	182	320	56.9
Bill Shepherd, Geneva	5	2	160	350	45.7
Elbridge Hollis, Lafayette	4	3	152	382	39.8
Joe Schilling, Lafayette	3	4	140	384	36.5
Walt Solsbery, Kokomo	2	5	106	348	30.5
Harold Renbarger, Wabash	1	6	104	362	28.7
Bill Grant, Kokomo	0	7	Forfeit		

Consolation Class

	W	L	R	S.P.	%
Cliff Richards, Wabash	7	1	180	396	45.5
Charles Abbott, Portland	6	2	171	394	43.4
Dale Reeves, Lafayette	5	2	153	338	45.3
Cecil Laughman, Wabash	5	2	153	354	43.2
Glen Zook, Wabash	2	5	108	356	30.4
Fred Cunningham, Marion	2	5	102	348	29.3
Bill Kelley, Gas City	2	5	79	316	25.0
Clyde Richards, Fowlerton	0	7	Forfeit		

MISSOURI OPEN AT SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI

Good weather saw some high qualifying at Phelps Grove Park, August 15-16. The No. 8 man came into Class A having 240 points. High qualifier was Elkins with 257. A new man in Missouri meets swept the tournament throwing a $\frac{3}{4}$ shoe. Earl Winston had two 78% games and Elkins posted a 77% for the day's high game.

Class A

	W	L	%
Adams, Oldfield	7	0	67.3
Elkins, Neosho	5	2	70.4
Greenlee, Springfield	4	3	69.7
E. Winston, La Monte	4	3	68.4
Henson, Richland	3	4	62.7
Snelson, Springfield	3	4	61.0
Banes, Irwin	2	5	61.3
F. Baker, Wentworth	0	7	56.4

Class B

	W	L	%
Lilly, Lamar	6	1	59.8
Brous, Lamar	6	1	55.8
Nixon, Elkland	6	7	59.3
Carver, Wentworth	4	3	46.8
Walker, Carterville	3	4	51.1
Bayless, Springfield	2	5	42.6
Yeoman, Springfield	1	6	33.3
Smith, Springfield	0	7	25.1



Photo and engraving courtesy of E. C. Swarigen

Pictured above are the new officers of the NHPA. Left to right: Mrs. Maurine Cook, Salt Lake City, Utah, 4th Vice-President; Robert Pence, Gary, Indiana, National secretary; Paul Rose, Murray, Utah, 2nd Vice-President; Archie Gregson, Crestline, California, NHPA President; and Elmer Beller, Bellflower, California, 1st Vice-President. Howard White of Portsmouth, N. H., 3rd Vice-President, was not present when picture was taken.

FALL FESTIVAL OPEN, CANTON, ILLINOIS, SEPTEMBER 13-14

The annual Canton Fall Festival — Ledger Open Tournament will be held on the Athletic park courts, Canton, Illinois, Saturday and Sunday, September 13th and 14th. There will be over \$200 in cash prizes being proportioned among 10 players in the Class A division and the six players in the Class B section. Qualifying will start at 9 A.M. on Saturday, Sept. 13th and closing at 3 P.M. C.D.S.T. Each entrant will pitch 100 shoes for placement in the semi-finals which will start Saturday evening. Class B finals will be played Saturday evening with the Class A finalists starting play on Sunday morning at 9 A.M. finishing about 3 P.M. so that all players coming from a distance will have an early start for their homes. All pitchers from throughout the middlewest and other localities are expected to be on hand for this annual "ringerama."

OPEN MEET AT FORT GEORGE (NEW YORK) COURTS

The Fort George Club will stage an Open Tournament at Fort George Park, north of 193rd st. on Fort George Ave., Sunday, Sept. 14 starting at 1 P.M. Rain date Sept. 21. This annual classic will bring together "the cream of the crop" from the Metropolitan area and the Atlantic seaboard. Trophies will be awarded in Classes A, B, and C. A reception will follow the tournament in the clubrooms, with Pat Murray in charge.



“From Out Of The Mail Bag”

August 11, 1958

The Horseshoe Pitchers' News Digest
1307 Solfisburg Avenue
Aurora, Illinois

Dear Mr. Cobb:

Other than the delaying rain, we had a wonderful meet. Forty-four players participated in match play-offs.

Ed Sharp, Indiana; John Lindmeier, Illinois; Oris Harshman, Indiana; and Harry Page of Iowa did not wait for the rain to stop and did not play in the matches. In the last half of the matches, most of the players pitched 80% to win.

We are grateful to you Mr. Cobb and to the National Horseshoe Pitchers' Association for your publicity of our tournament. Words cannot express our full measure of thanks.

Sincerely,

*Eugene A. Alexander, Secretary
Ron Hurst, Minneapolis Park Board
Minnesota Centennial Open*

MACON COUNTY OPEN (ILLINOIS) WON BY HOOSIERITE

By FRANK COTTON

Clarence Bellman from Warsaw, Indiana swept through the Macon County Open tournament without a loss to take home top honors. This was a very successful meet and was staged at the Macon County fairgrounds at Decatur, Illinois. James Hart of Winchester, Illinois had a clean slate in the Class B section, to win that division. Results are as follows:

Class A

	W	L	%
Clarence Bellman, Warsaw, Indiana	7	0	68.5
Harvey Kohlenberger, Millstadt, Illinois	6	1	67.9
Leroy Clewell, Canton, Illinois	4	3	69.3
Bill Grimes, Mattoon, Illinois	4	3	64.2
Ed. Sharp, Mulberry, Indiana	3	4	61.3
Earl Bomke, Springfield, Illinois	3	4	60.4
Hugh Tooley, Valley City, Illinois	1	6	49.6
Merle Tirey, Shelbyville, Illinois	0	7	43.9

Class B

	W	L	%
James Hart, Winchester, Illinois	7	0	54.2
Vernal Drager, Graymont, Illinois	5	2	57.4
Woodrow Martin, Pekin, Illinois	5	2	49.4
Fred Hart, Jacksonville, Illinois	4	3	56.5
Gene Lawver, Canton, Illinois	3	4	58.3
Frank Polka, Chicago, Illinois	3	4	49.5
Frank Cotton, Decatur, Illinois	1	6	46.8
Jim Johnson, Decatur, Indiana	0	7	45.5

C. MELOY SWEEPS THROUGH NEWARK, OHIO TOURNEY

By EDWARD PATNIE

Charles Meloy, recent winner of the Licking County, Ohio Class A tournament, continued his winning ways in subduing his 10 opponents to cop first place in the Central District Class "A" tournament played at Newark, Ohio on the YMCA courts, August 9th and 10th. In a play-off for third place in the top division, Ray Miller defeated Loren Crooks. Class "B" honors went to 15 year old Paul Louderback.

The Newark club wishes to thank Mr. Sam Goodlander, secretary of the Buckeye State Association for his kind assistance in conducting the tournament. Also all those who participated in it to make it the success that it was.

Class A

	W	L	R	%
Charles Meloy	10	0	388	63.1
J. D. Jennings	7	3	392	59.6
Ray Miller	6	4	372	58.3
Loren Crooks	6	4	392	60.8
Clyde Fulton	5	5	373	59.5
Jess Fulton	5	5	406	56.7
Fred Raisbeck	5	5	344	56.2
Paul Swartz	4	6	377	55.9
Ed Patnie	3	7	311	46.9
Leroy Hill	3	7	288	45.4
Henry Feldner	1	9	304	49.3

Class B

	W	L	R	%
Paul Louderback	7	0	183	47.6
Ottie Reno	6	1	216	50.0
Merl Banister	4	3	209	46.4
Marvin Rawlins	4	3	184	46.2
Orval Cross	4	3	183	40.1
Donnie Roberts	2	5	158	39.1
James Christman	1	6	44	12.3
Bob Hatfield	0	7	161	33.5

SEATTLE SEAFAIR INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT

By TED BOSTWICK

The second annual Seafair Invitational Horseshoe Tournament was again held August 3rd on four specially constructed courts at the waters edge of beautiful Lake Washington. This tournament is sponsored by and held in connection with the "Pow-Wow" celebration of Seattle's Rainier District each year at Seward Park. This celebration comes each year during the Seafair and on the weekend before the "Gold Cup" hydroplane races. There are a great many events, contests and exhibitions for families and friends to enjoy as well as the horseshoe pitching.

Eight outstanding pitchers are invited to compete for the Seafair trophy (which can be retired after three wins) and three Seafair plaques.

This year we had a new winner. An outstanding young comer and nice guy from our neighboring "webfoot" state knocked off the northwest's most outstanding ringer artist to place his name under 1958 on the rotating trophy.

The results were as follows:

	W	L	%
Bob West, McMinnville, Oregon	7	0	73.2
John Monasmith, Yakima, Washington	6	1	69.8
Ed Fishel, Neilton, Washington	4	3	67.3
Roy Getchell, Portland, Oregon	4	3	62.0
P. Kaufman, Seattle, Washington	3	4	57.8
Gene Patrick, Toppenish, Washington	2	5	51.7
Herb Criss, Bremerton, Washington	1	6	57.8
Stan Dahl, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.....	1	6	53.7

SOUTHWEST NEBRASKA OPEN TOURNAMENT, SEPTEMBER 20-21

By RICHARD HERRICK

After returning from a vacation spent with Ted Allen, I made a tour of the town with the secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, collecting prizes for the Southwest Nebraska Open tournament to be held in Curtis, Nebraska on September 20 and 21.

We are assured of all Western players but would like to have as many Eastern pitchers come and enjoy the hospitality of this small Western community. This is my effort to get more money into the game that I have followed for 30 years.

There will be 16 men in each Class A and B. Qualifying round will be 100 shoes and the entry fee will be \$1.00 per man. These scores may be sent to me, Richard Herrick, Curtis, Nebraska. There will be prizes for all contestants. The first prize will be \$50.00 and merchandise. Second prize will be \$35.00 and merchandise donated by Leonard Arnold of Sutherland, Nebraska. Many other valuable merchandise prizes will be awarded. REMEMBER THE DATE — SEPTEMBER 20 AND 21 AT CURTIS, NEBRASKA.

ILLINOIS PITCHER WINS CORN BELT OPEN TITLE

Glen Anderson of Moline, Illinois and runnerup for the 1958 Illinois state title, captured the 5th annual Corn Belt Open tournament held on the Crapo park courts, Sunday, August 24th at Burlington, Iowa. He defeated Ellis Cobb of Aurora, Illinois, in the last game throwing 51 ringers out of 64 shoes for a percentage mark of 82%. He was the high qualifier for the day with 85 ringers out of 100 shoes. Marion Lange of Bondurant, Iowa was third, followed by Gene Lawver of Canton, Illinois in fourth position.

Other high finishers in the men's division are as follows, with their qualifying scores: John Paxton, Ottumwa, Iowa, 246; Harold Hughes, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 237; Dale Dixon, Des Moines, Iowa, 252; Charles Bellings, Cedar Rapids, 196; Walter Horner, Farmersburg, Indiana, 226; William Kempfe, St. Louis, Mo., 214; Earl Winston, LaMonte, Mo., 217; Arthur Dugle, Chicago, Illinois, 259; Andrew Horn, Galesburg, Illinois, 231; Ivan Beerbower, Davenport, Iowa, 192; Ernie Danielson, Burlington, Iowa, 212; Arthur Schroeder, St. Louis, Mo., 212.

One of the highlights of the tournament was a 90 percent game by Dale Dixon. He also tossed 47 ringers out of 50 shoes in his qualifying round.

Vi Danielson defeated Lois Ludeman, two straight games in the women's division, 21-3 and 21-11 to take home the ladies' title.

There were 45 entries representing four states. Trophies were presented to the top four finalists. Over \$200 in cash and merchandise was distributed to the 32 high men according to the way they finished in the meet. Promoter Harold Darnold of Burlington, Iowa, expresses his appreciation and thanks to all who made this annual affair a success.

NEW JERSEY STATE OPEN HANDICAP CHAMPIONSHIPS*Class A*

	Won	Lost	Ringer Average
P. Hanas, Midland Park, New Jersey	4	1	56%
G. Hart, New York, New York	4	1	55%
J. McCrink, West Orange, New Jersey	3	2	50.8%
Ov. Farmer, New York, New York	3	2	51.5%
Ant. Brennan, Brooklyn, New York	1	4	47.7%
R. O'Connell, New York, New York	0	5	38.3%

Two out of three games play-off between G. Hart and P. Hanas won by P. Hanas for first place. Class "A".

New Jersey State Open Class "B" also Handicap

	Won	Lost	Ringer Average
H. Hoodiman, Garfield, New Jersey	4	1	28.1%
B. Knapp, Midland Park, New Jersey	3	2	41.3%
G. Spittler, Brooklyn, New York	3	2	40.4%
G. Titus, Cifton, New Jersey	3	2	26.4%
R. Schewel, Jersey City, New Jersey	2	3	42%
T. Earley, New York, New York	0	5	29.8%

CHICAGOAN WINS ILLINOIS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Art Dugle, Chicago city champion, went through the finals of the Illinois state tournament unscathed in 11 games to capture his first state title. In doing so he set a new state record with ringer percentage of 81.6. He averaged 75.0 in the 7 game round robin semi-final. This annual tournament is held at Springfield, Illinois in conjunction with the Illinois State Fair. In the boys' tournament held at the same time, Gary Farnsworth of Potomac, Illinois retained his Junior championship. This young pitcher pitched in the semi-finals of the men's division the day previous but being short on ringer percentage points as a result of a tie, was eliminated. In his qualifying score he threw 82 ringers out of 100 shoes for 261 points.

	W	L	R	S.P.	%
Arthur Dugle, Chicago	11	0	647	792	81.6
Glen Anderson, Moline	8	3	644	858	75.0
Truman Standard, Canton	8	3	546	754	72.4
Earl Bomke, Springfield	7	4	570	760	75.0
H. Kohlenberger, Millstadt	7	4	606	850	71.2
R. Bennington, Lacon	6	5	562	798	70.4
Frank Palka, Chicago	4	7	615	868	70.8
Ellis Cobb, Aurora	4	7	511	756	66.6
Gene Lawver, Canton	4	7	483	762	63.3
James Hart, Winchester	4	7	509	814	62.5
Merle Tirey, Shelbyville	2	9	301	562	53.5
Roy Slater, Smithfield	1	10	271	541	50.1

Players listed below did not survive the semi-finals

	W	L	R	S.P.	%
John Lindmeier, Chicago	4	3	433	598	72.4
Gary Farnsworth, Potomac	4	3	330	512	64.5
William Grimes, Mattoon	3	4	327	506	64.6
Chester Hefner, Peoria	3	4	289	452	63.7
Leslie Long, Sterling	3	4	260	410	63.4
Roger Vogel, Manito	2	5	356	542	65.6
Russell Drew, Saunemin	2	5	289	470	61.4
N. Vogel, Manito	2	5	264	450	58.6
Leroy Clewell, Canton	2	5	195	358	54.3
Hugh Tooley, Valley City	1	6	236	436	54.3
William Dannhauer, Chicago	0	7	162	360	45.0
Ellis Griggs, Plainville					Forfeited all games

Men's Consolation

Group One	W	L	Group Two	W	L
Andy Horn	4	0	J. Legowski	4	0
Albert Mayfield	3	1	L. Lyman	2	2
Darrell Wade	2	2	Omar Potter	2	2
H. Plautz	1	3	Vernell Drager	1	3
Irving Eilers	0	4	G. Peterson	1	3

Boys' Tournament

	W	L	R	S.P.	%
Gary Farnsworth, Potomac	7	0	120	190	63.2
Tom Tincher, Pekin	6	1	127	258	49.9
Gerald Tossart, Pekin	5	2	96	238	39.1
William Dannhauer, Jr., Chicago	4	3	93	262	39.1
Jim Von Bockman, Pekin	2	5	80	214	37.4
Bill Peterson, Lacon	2	5	95	266	35.7
Gary Cox, Pleasant Hill	1	6	87	264	32.9
Dave Williams, Pekin	1	6	79	252	31.3

— KANSAS SHOE NEWS —

Here it is Labor Day weekend — a time when all Kansas pitchers head for the Kansas State Meet — but there was no meet this year. Why asked some? Simple to answer — no SPONSOR. As I have stated in the past, expert shoe pitching is one thing and PROMOTION of the sport is another. Just too many pitchers in Kansas are horseshoe pitchers and not promoters. Now is the time to start thinking about a 1959 state tourney and the money it takes to promote one. There are just two ways to get the money, either you go out and ask for it, or dig down into your own pockets and HELP. We have no magic wand whereby prize money comes flying into our possession — we have to work for it. Ask Mr. Pepple of Topeka or Ed Noyes of Manhattan who have tramped the streets looking for the necessary cash and trophies. Yes, ask me too because I have performed this difficult task on several occasions.

We can have a tournament in 1959, but it will take the backing of all the pitchers in Kansas to do the trick. Do not expect two or three fellows to go out and meet the public for funds. As of the present time I am seriously thinking of having a meet in Lawrence next year. How well I succeed depends on how much you KANSANS want to help. This is not a one man fight. Forget about your ringer percentages for awhile and think about the "GREEN STUFF," the life blood of the sport. Get yourself a piggy bank and start saving your funds — that is what I am doing already. Be faithful in your efforts and come next year we can have a meet. Be a slothful fellow and come 1959 — NO MEET. Remember it's your baby — help take care of it.

Alvin Dablene

P.S.—The writer of this article has spent his 36th year at the game. He has built courts — done news work — held offices in the State Association and done a pretty good job of pitching besides. At this time I want to give a hearty thank you to the following Topekans for their efforts in trying to land the courts in the fairgrounds: Perl Pepple, Alvin Gandy, Rudy Eldein and Paul Hausermann.

KANSAS PITCHER PENS "ODE" TO HORSESHOES

The following verses were composed by Mr. Henry Morris of Topeka, Kansas. He is a man of about 50 years old who all at once woke up and found out that he had the makings a fine horseshoe pitcher. He placed high in the 1957 Kansas state tournament. He is very enthused and works hard for the local club and for the sport in general. His endeavor in the field of poetry gives his inner feelings of the game.

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 The shoes are light and fleet as a deer.

I'm learning the game just for the fun
 Got too old for baseball and that fast run.
 I like all sports because they are active and clean
 They make you feel younger and your eyes have a gleam

Well, I am not a writer nor am I a champ
 Not riff-raff, nor a tramp
 I like horseshoes and our sport
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