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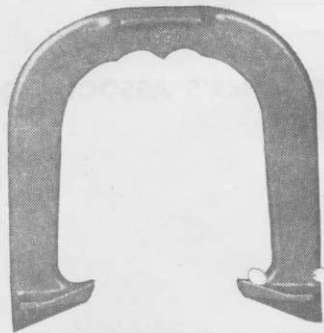
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NORTH CAROLINA JOINS THE N. H. P. A.

The N.H.P.A. is justly proud of its newest state chapter, the North Carolina Division, and indications are it will soon vie with Indiana, California and Ohio for the honor of the strongest and most active group in the national organization.

A meeting this winter in Winston-Salem viewed the films of the 1957 World Tournament and was attended by more than 100 players, some of whom traveled 110 miles. The official chapter was formed at this time, more than two dozen players joining on the spot and electing Randall Jones of the host club as Secretary-Treasurer.

Excellent co-operation from city park departments and industrial recreation groups resulted in many and varied activities last year, giving the new state chapter a solid base and fertile field in which to develop. Winston-Salem has a battery of 12 fine courts in Miller Park, and courts are in the process of being built at Thomasville and Asheboro. Both Burlington and High Point have excellent and well lighted courts at their respective Y.M.C.A.'s, while Cramerton has courts at the Recreation Center of the Burlington Mills.

The National A. A. U. Tournament was held at Winston-Salem last summer with Darrell Eller of Thomasville taking second place behind champion Glenn Riffle of Ohio. The Carolinas Amateur was also held in Winston-Salem with Walt King of Asheboro the winner while Conrad Murphy of Winston-Salem and Woody Thomas of High Point teamed up to annex the doubles title.

The North Carolina Industrial Tournament at Cramerton was won by Jim Garrison of that city while Walt King and Al Hoover of Asheboro took the doubles crown.

Darrell Eller of Thomasville won the Winston-Salem Open and Lowell Hunley of Trinity copped the Durham Invitational.

Official city tournaments in Asheboro, Burlington, Durham, High Point, and Winston-Salem were won by Walt King, J. E. Austin, Ed Stancik, G. B. Guynn and John Corns respectively.

Next season's plans call for an inter-city team league playing a round robin, home and home schedule with teams from Asheboro, Burlington, High Point, Thomasville and Winston-Salem. There are also N. H. P. A. members in Durham, Mebane, Graham, Trinity, Cramerton, Rural Hall, and Jamestown.

EASTERN NATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The annual Eastern National Tournament will be held at the Clearfield County Fair in Pennsylvania this year with a qualifying round on August 5 and 6 and the finals on the following two days according to Alex Zebrun, manager of the meet.

The Clearfield Fair Board has given \$500.00 for cash prizes and the total with entries fees should be around \$700.00. Glenn Sebring, Secretary of the Pennsylvania Association has already applied for official N.H.P.A. sanction. Details will be carried in a later issue. Harold Reno of Sabina, Ohio is the defending champion.

OFFICIAL N. H. P. A. SCORESHEETS AVAILABLE

Official N.H.P.A. scoresheets in pads of 100 may be obtained from National Secretary Bob Pence, 341 Polk Street, Gary, Indiana. The price is \$7.50 per 1000, postpaid.

GALLUP POLL APOLOGY

National Secretary Bob Pence has received a letter of apology from the American Institute of Public Opinion, better known as the Gallup Poll in reply to his letter of protest regarding the methods used in the institute's recent poll on recreation activities.

"Our staff completely overlooked horseshoe pitching in compiling the list of recreations included on the questionnaire. We thank you for calling it to our attention and wish to assure you it will be included in all future polls" signed, George Gallup, Director of the American Institute of Public Opinion.

1959 WORLD TOURNAMENT TO BE HELD JULY 22-29, MURRAY, UTAH

The 1959 World Tournament will again be held at the Salt Lake county fairgrounds courts in Murray, Utah beginning on July 22 through July 29. It will be a straight 36-man Class A round robin tourney. There will also be a 24-man Class B meet as in past years. The Ladies Tournament and the Juniors' Tournament will also be conducted. The prize list of as previously announced in the March issue has been increased to \$3,888.00. President Archie Gregson and other NHPA officials are busy arranging all the details which will be fully covered in the next issue of the "Digest".

OPEN TOURNAMENTS IN MISSOURI

Two officially sanctioned N.H.P.A. tournaments will be held in Missouri early in the season.

The Springfield Open will be held in Springfield, Mo. on May 23 and 24 with State Secretary, Alfred Smith as manager.

The annual Ozark Open will be staged in Neosho, Mo. on June 13 and 14 with John Elkins, well known Missouri player who is also Recreation Director of Neosho Parks, in charge.

INDIANA NEWCOMERS TOURNAMENT

The third annual Indiana Newcomers or Membership Tournament will be held in June with only new members or players who averaged under 50% ringers in the last State Tournament eligible to participate. Last year this event attracted 104 entries.

Entrants will have their choice of playing in any one of eight regionals on Sunday, June 7. There will be no qualifying round. Instead the entrants at each regional will be divided into groups of six or eight players each. The groups will play round robins with the top men playing off for the regional title.

All entries must be members of the Indiana Association and be registered by noon on the day of the regional.

The top two men in each regional will meet in the championship finals at Dorner Park in Frankfort on Sunday, June 21.

The list of regional tournaments and the tournament managers follow. Dorner Park, Frankfort (Curt Day); Heekin Park, Muncie (Marvin Chrisman); Highland Park, Kokomo (Bob Pence); City Park, Geneva (Clyde Green); Fair Grounds Courts, Goshen (Art Moore); Bethel Courts near Greencastle, (Burl Taylor) Garfield Park, Indianapolis (George Johnson Sr.); Ridge Road Courts, Gary (Earle Wilmore).

GROUNDHOG DAY TOURNAMENT

Results of the second annual Groundhog Day Tournament held at the Frankfort, Indiana indoor courts.

CLASS A		CLASS C			
W	L	W	L		
Harold Scott	4	1	John Younkin	4	0
Carl Atwell	3	2	Ed Toney	3	1
Herbert Dick	3	2	Don Dicker	1	3
John Shuck	3	2	Ernest Potts	1	3
Morris Briney	2	3	Ike Atwell	1	3
Orval Ely	0	5			
CLASS B		CLASS D			
W	L	W	L		
Sam Barker	5	0	Dale Woods	3	1
Kenneth Achors	4	1	Frank Camp	3	2
Al Quebe	3	2	Bob Dillsworth	2	2
Earl Dick	2	3	Jimmy Atwell	0	3
Joe Cannon	1	4			
Evertt Unroe	0	5			

COMING EVENTS

- May 3 — Class B Open tournament, Ontario, California.
 May 17 — Class C Open tournament, South Gate, California.
 May 24 — Baldwin Park Added Class A, Baldwin Park, California.
 May 30-31 — Fort George Spring Tournament, Fort George Courts, Manhattan.
 May 30-31 — Bryant Memorial Open Tournament, Laurelhurst Park, Portland, Oregon.
 May 30 — Spring Warmup Open Tournament, Lawrence Park, Rock Falls, Illinois.
 June 7 — Class B Added Tournament, Long Beach, California.
 June 13-14 — Portland Rose Festival Centennial Open, Laurelhurst Park, Portland, Oregon.
 June 14 — Class C Added Tournament, Ontario, California.
 June 27-28 — St. Joseph Open Tournament, Noyes Field Courts, St. Joseph, Missouri.
 June 28 — Class D Added Tournament, South Gate, California.
 July 4-5 — Mid-West Ringer-Round-Up Open Tournament, Dorner Park, Frankfort, Indiana.
 July 5 — Semana Nautica Open, Santa Barbara, California
 July 12 — Special Class A, Ontario, California.
 July 4 — Quint County Tournament, Sterling, Illinois.
 July 22-29 — World's Tournament, Salt Lake County Fairgrounds, Murray, Utah.
 August 2 — Amateur Tournament, Baldwin Park, California.
 August 8 — Class E Added Tournament, Harvard, California.
 August 16 — South Gate Open, South Gate, California.
 August 18-19 — Illinois State Championship, State Fairgrounds, Springfield, Illinois.
 August 19 — Illinois State Boy's Championship, State Fair Grounds, Springfield, Ill.
 August 22 — 60 Years and Over Tournament, Long Beach, California.
 Sept. 7 — Rock River Valley Open, Lawrence Park, Rock Falls, Illinois.
 Sept. 13 — Whiteside County Tournament, Lawrence Park, Rock Falls, Illinois.
 Sept. 13 — Championship Class E, Harvard, California.
 Sept. 20 — Championship Class D, South Gate, California.
 Sept. 27 — Championship Class C, Long Beach, California.
 Oct. 3-4 — Victorville Open, Victorville, California.
 Oct. 11 — Championship Class B, Baldwin Park, California.
 Oct. 18 — Championship Class A, South Gate, California.

FROM HERE AND THERE

Basil Blackburn reports from Pasadena, California that plans have been made to get activities started in the Pasadena club and it is hoped that things will start to hum very soon.

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In a letter to the editor, Ted Allen, former world's champion, he states that he will have an important announcement to make pertaining to the manufacture of his shoe. Watch the columns of the "Digest".

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Remember Temple Jarrell of Hyattsville, Md. who was the Maryland State Champion for a number of years back in the 'thirties'? He is now living in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. and is on the Administrative Council of the American Recreation Society and is chairman of the Committee on Public Relations.

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Sam Goodlander, Ohio Buckeye Secretary, hopes to have an announcement in the May issue concerning the annual Lakeside Open at Lakeside, Ohio on the shores of Lake Erie. Usually this tourney is held the last Saturday in June and Sam hopes to continue the event this year.

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Ed Sharp, the Indiana State Champ who has been ill all winter, has the following comment to make: "There isn't much money in the game of horseshoe, but there sure is a swell bunch of fellows playing the game." The great number of "get well" cards Ed has received is what prompted his comment.

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William Gullickson, feature writer for the Chicago Tribune, is preparing a feature article on horseshoe pitching which will appear in the magazine section of the Sunday Tribune sometime this summer.

AN OLD TIMER SPEAKS

By CLAUDE A. BENEDICT

Having pitched horseshoe since the age of 10 and having promoted and organized the game in Ohio most of my adult life including 5 years spent in the manufacture of horseshoes and a member of the National association since the start here in Ohio, I have seen many come and go during the past 40 years of my experience which would prove valuable to any and all seeking advancement of the game.

Year after year we have seen many prominent men and promoters who have been sold on the popularity of the game but soon discover the lack of something and gradually pull away. However, they do not tell the reason, after spending much time and a lot of their own money which is not appreciated by very many. Therein lies the story. Not that anyone in particular is to blame but it is the RUT that we have been in for many years, possibly for the following reasons:

PROBLEMS AND APPROACH: Not knowing the problems or approach, there seems to be several possible solutions to every problem. It seems that we have used them all and settled on none.

CREATIVENESS: Creative people are overwhelmingly curious. They ask themselves and others: Why do it this way? Why do we follow this procedure? How can we improve the way we do these things?

ORIGINALITY: Being original can mean many things. Ideas can range all the way from a completely new theory back to the old one.

RESISTANCE TO CHANGE: Many people get into a RUT, as in the horseshoe game for instance. They like the old routine because it becomes automatic. To get out of a RUT requires a certain amount of mental effort. Being of this attitude, these people never become creative.

FEAR OF RIDICULE: This is ingrained in many people because of past experiences. It should be remembered that most of the world's great ideas were laughed at when first proposed. The best idea in the world will not do any good unless you do something about it. There are ways to make people hear about our horseshoe game and our association. What would you do about it, horseshoe pitchers?

(To be continued in the next issue)

OHIO BUCKEYE ASSOCIATION SETS LAKESIDE OPEN DATE

By W. J. WOODS

The Ohio Buckeye state association has announced June 26 and 27 as the dates for the 1959 annual Lakeside, Ohio open. Details will appear in a later issue of the "Digest". Since this annual event has been such a drawing card (last year's entries from seven states) the Ohio association wants all the players to know that the Lakeside management has cordially invited us to return for the sixth straight year to their shady courts on the shores of beautiful Lake Erie. Make your plans NOW to attend this great tournament.

FORT GEORGE (NEW YORK) CLUB SPRING TOURNAMENT TO BE HELD ON MEMORIAL DAY WEEK-END

By GEORGE HART, Sr.

The annual Spring tournament of the Fort George Club will be held on the Fort George club courts on Sunday, May 31 starting at 10 o'clock in the morning. In case of rain the meet will be held the following Sunday, June 7. There will be trophies awarded in Classes A, B and C. Tom O'Gara will direct the tournament. It is hoped that all pitchers throughout the eastern section of the country will be on hand to lend their support to this annual affair.

CHICAGO INDOOR TOURNAMENT

John Lindmeier and Bill Heneghan won the doubles tournament staged by the Garfield Park Indoor Horseshoe Club in Chicago by defeating Art Dugle and Tony Whittle 50 to 44 in the finals. There was a four way tie for third place. Players were paired up for the tourney by lot.

TO HOLD MISSOURI TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS, MAY 23*By Alfred O. Smith*

The Missouri Tournament of Champions will be held in Springfield, Missouri at Phelps Grove Park on May 23rd and 24th. All State Champions will be seeded. All tournament winners will play in the order of the percentage they won. Others will throw 100 shoes to qualify the morning of the 23rd.

The entry fee will be \$3.00. The manner of play will be determined on the number of entries. Class "B" will be played starting Saturday the 23rd at 1 P.M. Class "A" will be played starting Sunday the 24th at 1 p.m.

This is an open tournament and all who can come are invited. There will be trophies and cash prizes for the winner of each class.

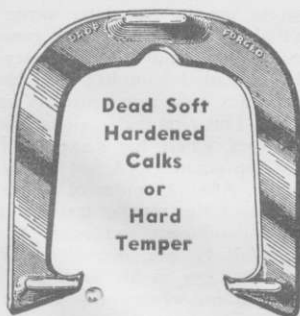
BUCK LAKE RANCH TOURNAMENT

It appears likely there will be a big tournament at Buck Lake Ranch this summer sponsored by the Angola, Indiana, Kiwanis Club.

Buck Lake Ranch is a well known entertainment spot located on the outskirts of Angola at the junction of U.S. roads 27 and 20 in the extreme northeast corner of Indiana. The place is owned by Harry Smythe, former radio M.C. who brings in many types of headline entertainment every week end.

The Angola Kiwanis Club plans to sponsor horseshoe pitching as a community recreation service this summer. A suitable date and details of the prize list are in the process of being worked out.

National Secretary, Bob Pence, was the guest speaker of the Angola Kiwanis Club at their March meeting and gave a 20 minute talk on the game and showed films of the World Tournament. C

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BEFORE IT'S SPRINGTIME IN THE ROCKIES

By TED ALLEN

Spring days give us the fever to fling those shoes again. By now, several other bowlers and I have the urge to leave the alleys and get out of doors for other reasons. I like to bowl, averaging over 180 for both leagues, yet my gripe against it is caused by the bowling season overlapping the horseshoe and fishing season. It starts in early Sept., too early in the fall when we would like to stay out of doors in the latter two sports. Likewise it runs too late in the spring, dragging out into nicer weather. The boys get restless to get away.

Altho we have, in Colorado, a great many warm sunny days in the winter suitable for daytime horseshoe practice in shirt sleeves, it is still a season sport here, with practically no winter activity except for planning. We can pick plenty of practice days in every month, but cannot schedule anything. Robins are seen all winter long along the eastern slope valley. Birds start tuning up early in February. It may come in the middle of a snow storm around the first of February. Today the snow is coming down in big flakes while the meadowlarks keep right on with the melody, a sure sign of a mild climate.

I'm in fair condition now, but wish I was as toughened as after the fall Elk hunt. Now *there* is a conditioner. Along with it we had a little of horseshoe pitching. A man in my position seems to never leave it behind. Couldn't escape it if I wanted to. But who wants to. It is a pleasurable part of my life.

This is an incident of the past year, but will be repeated again as it has also in the past. Big game hunting, like horseshoes or anything else, gets in your blood. When the season rolls around the talk begins regardless of a year-long thought "Well, maybe I will lay off one year, too busy." To make it short, so the editor will not cut off the end of the story, I'll dispense with the rambling which could take pages, and get on with the outline of the story.

We five men, six horses, two trucks and a trailer leaving at 2 A. M. trucked over 200 miles to the end of a road up the White River. This lower camp looked more like the prospector days, being used as a base camp and a starting point for pack trains, and teeming with activity. For the next two weeks coming and going, unloading and loading, fresh men and horses setting out for the wilds, bearded and trail worn men and horses returning with disappointment or trophies. Our tent would serve as a dry place if we were to arrive back in a snow storm, and a first night stop.

Packed and starting out at 10 A.M. next morning, 3 pack-horses, 3 men riding and two walking. Leading afoot, with a light pack on my own back I set a steady, fairly fast pace, suitable to a horse. Ken Flemming, who brought up the rear later swore that I was running. Reason: On the steeper slopes I didn't slow, I just put more power into my strides to keep the pace, for making time. Besides, my buddy, Bud Keeter riding behind me wasn't apt to keep his horse off my heels. Instead, I wouldn't have been surprised if he had used a bull whip on me. After seven miles, riders and walkers began to change off. (You never saw such a beautiful country. The first half, along the river, walled in by "Chinese cliffs", shelved places on the slopes, where big game can be well hid. Second half following a tributary up to high flat top country). A hot and dry fall, but we hoped to get a dry camp set up before any snow. After 15 miles of tough uphill, going we arrived at high camp site, (hidden from view of the regular trail by a secret trail), at 2 P. M. We brought out last year's cached equipment and made temporary camp. Here is where fast friendship's made lasting. Walt Fischer, marvel mechanic, of wiry Indian blood, who did not bother to get his horse to carry in his deer. He just put it on his back and contoured around the steepest mountain, where only a man's own weight seems to make more gravity. Glenn Grey, equine-wise owner of a riding academy. Ken Flemming, middle aged, husky bull dozer operator, and Elk-legged Bud Keeter, line foreman, breeder of fine horses, who knows more about habits of elk than the elk know about. It isn't easy to outwit an elk.

Next morning, the day before season, Walt and Glenn took the horses down to lower camp to bring up the rest of the equipment while we three prepared a good camp. Bud scouted the faint trail above, used sparingly the year before, familiarizing landmarks. We used it the next morning long before the dawn, after breakfasting and saddling. It's uncanny how Bud and his horse could follow the trail in pitch blackness, after being on it only once. Jumping over fallen timber, over creeks, around dangerous bogs, up sidehills and through deep timber. It was so cold that all we could wear wasn't too much. When

I brought that string of horses back down in afternoon daylight over that same trail, the horses corrected me twice to keep on it. Flashlights were used only when trouble developed, it makes you blinder. This is in the "beetle kill" country. Where once was vast virgin timber, now it is dead as far as the eyes can see from a high point, done in by beetles during the war. Huge timber, much of it takes three people to reach around the trees. Weather and rotting puts a lot of it down every year. So much down timber that in daylight a horseback rider can get himself boxed in, unless he carefully chooses and plans every foot ahead of him, he can have trouble finding his way out. I've seen where it is possible to walk a mile on logs without ever touching the ground. At the top of the ridge we tied up and walked from here on, peeling off clothes when the sun got warm. But such was the dry crackling weather that it took us a week of hard hunting, riding and climbing afoot before we filled out with elk and deer.

There's nothing like stragglng (or struggling) into camp completely fagged, with chores yet to do, but a good pot of stew helps. After a week we felt as hardy as the elk, and still found time to have fun in the evenings, reciting the day's events, stories. Once we used the horses' slippers for a try at pitching at high altitude. Imagine going back 50 years for the equipment. One midday Bud came into camp to find me serenely taking a bath (my custom) in the icy stream. I didn't take too kindly to this Injun fashion of slipping up behind and shooting a man in the back with 25 ft. of movie film. And with a man's own camera, and slow motion, at that. They never heard of a bath in this clime before. My revenge with reels came later when I found him trying the same thing.

One night after dark a stout-hearted hunter, so old he was a toddler, stumbled into camp after he had missed his camp in the dark, ending up by falling in the creek near us. He had some dandy stories of his experiences but he was stone deaf and so we could not compete. As good as he was at orating we finally dropped off to sleep to his poetry.

The dead timber gave us a scare and experience we will never forget and will profit by later. With all the years in the woods it had just never happened to any of us before. In the dead of night came a huge crash close by that rudely shook us all awake. So noisy that as it started to fall I at first thought of a crashing jet. Was close enough that it fairly shook the ground. The toppling and crashing of a dead tree is much noisier than a live one. Strong gusts of wind were whipping around. Crash after crash came. Now that we look back, why did we lay there wondering if those trees towering over our tent would be next to come down, on us. No one with enough desire to get out of the warm sacks into freezing air. But then Bud did get up to go put an ear to the base of the biggest, which was situated to fall across all of us. He reported no creaking was heard. Yeah, but what about the others? Another crash near the tent side. That did it. No longer any indecision. When we could hear the next gust coming across the draw or through the trees we were going to jump up, grab our sacks and run, barefoot and all, to the middle of the meadow to sleep out the night. But it wasn't necessary, for the snow came on the heels of the blow. But a rambunctious horse lead three others off to parts unknown. The next day we scattered to search the mountains. Glenn found them, miles over the ridges, tracing them through campers who had seen them moving. We were luckier than others of previous years. Happens every year. Some are found in the spring or next fall at a ranch, and the feed bill comes to more than the price of a good horse. But Bud had been determined to search all winter, if necessary, for his favorite horses. Because some horses had never been found.

Next day, two packed the meat and some equipment down to lower camp, while we struck most of it here. And the next day, going out with gear. We were glad to walk to keep warm. Body steam and breath of horses were like smoke. The lower we got the more clothes we peeled. No snow below, yet, but colder than before. Now it was dry dust that arose in clouds kicked up by hoofs from the well trodden trail. Nearly all the way to camp I was kept busy running here and there, ahead and to the rear to take pictures. They never slowed for me, only looking behind to see if I was coming, or offering a ride, and I refused. Running to catch up, then the same thing over again. The horses were stepping up the pace, homeward bound. A mile from camp I begged for a change to the saddle. Gladly and laughingly given. The same guy, Ken, said "after miles of that he finally wore out on this hunt." There was much joshing as to who owned the ugliest or most handsome beard.

At the Rifle checking station some one had put up a horseshoe court. And regulation shoes, too, altho out of date. Had the appearance of much use by some one. Naturally we tossed a few. Then Bud, "let's get to gitten' for home."

LONG BEACH, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA OPEN CLASS "A"

GROUP ONE

	W	L	R	S.P.	%
Jim Weeks, Norwalk	5	0	201	272	73.9
Louie Dean, Pomona	4	1	230	344	69.8
Frank Derby, Inglewood	3	2	188	272	69.1
Waldo Hagy, Long Beach	2	3	173	310	55.8
Norman Smith, Culver City	1	4	184	324	56.8
Archie Gregson, Crestline	0	5	102	242	42.1

GROUP TWO

Ned Shaver, Whittier	5	0	189	310	61.0
Wally Shipley, Covina	4	1	207	320	64.7
Ralph Metcalfe, Ontario	2	3	214	354	60.5
Henry Durr, Baldwin Park	2	3	179	328	54.6
Homer Moefield, Long Beach	1	4	207	354	58.5
Harry Morse, South Gate	1	4	164	314	52.2

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

Jim Weeks	3	0	127	162	78.4
Wally Shipley	2	1	74	132	56.1
Ned Shaver	1	2	116	208	55.8
Louie Dean	0	3	76	126	60.3

Louie Dean forfeited the last game to Wally Shipley, thus taking 12th place and awarding fourth place to Frank Derby.

FROM HERE AND THERE

The Canadian Horseshoe Pitchers' Association has just released a new and revised booklet containing the rules and regulations governing that organization. It is complete with pictures showing the correct grip of the shoe along with a sketch of a court lay-out. Harold Blackman, Publicity, of Toronto, Canada is responsible for its publication.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST NOTES

Attention Washington pitchers, your 1959 State-National dues can be mailed to your new secretary now. (\$4.50)

Players are looking forward to the annual big tournaments in this area: Bryant Memorial at Portland -- Washington state picnic at Tacoma -- Seafair at Seattle -- Washington state at Seattle -- Pacific Northwest at Yakima.

Rudy Allones secretary of the Bremerton Horseshoe club keeps a well rounded program of activity humming in the navy city each summer.

Grays Harbor, Bremerton and Yakima continue to have good coverage of horseshoe events. The sports editors of these cities cover the events personally often.

Many horseshoe pitchers are exceptionally good bowlers. Among these are two state secretaries -- Bob West of Oregon and Chuck Damm of Washington.

AND THAT'S THAT FOR NOW. except: John Monasmith of Yakima was selected as "the athlete" after registering 7 each state and northwest championships.

KINDRED, NORTH DAKOTA CLUB HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

By RUDY LYKKEN

The Kindred, N. D. Horseshoe Club held its annual meeting on March 10 in Kindred. Eugene Lykken, state champion, was elected president while John Swenson was selected as the club's vice-president. Rudy Lykken was named secretary-treasurer.

The club's league consists of eight teams and sponsored by local businessmen. The league uses the fifty-shoe scoring system. As there are a number of beginners in the club the 80 percent handicap system is also used to equalize all games.

As a climax to each season, play-offs are conducted to determine champions of three classes picked according to their season's averages. Trophies are awarded to the winning team and also to each class champion. Many interesting contests are seen during these play-offs.

LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA — FEBRUARY 28, MARCH 1, 1959

LONG BEACH OPEN

By JAMES WEEKS

	W	L	R	S.P.	%
Jim Weeks, Norwalk	15	0	641	838	76.5
Wally Shipley, W. Covina	11	4	621	992	62.6
Homer Moeffeld, Long Beach	10	5	593	966	61.4
Frank Derby, Inglewood	10	5	575	940	61.2
Al Rogers, San Pedro	10	5	508	936	54.3
Waldo Hagy, Long Beach	9	6	579	912	63.5
Frank Esperanza, Oxnard	9	6	602	978	61.6
Bill Shoemaker, Monrovia	9	6	568	992	57.3
Gunnar Hansen, Baldwin Park	8	7	558	976	57.2
Norman Smith, Culver City	7	8	538	970	55.5
Elmer Beller, Bellflower	7	8	524	962	54.5
Clark Bell, Covina	6	9	475	928	51.2
Ron Long, Santa Paula	5	10	447	858	52.1
Larry Geer, S. San Gabriel	2	13	473	945	50.1
Ned Shaver, Whittier	2	13	418	892	46.9
Lyman Bailey, N. Hollywood	0	15	368	842	43.7

WALTER HONEYWELL, 75, CAPTURES "OLD MAN'S TOURNAMENT"

By CHARLES CARSON

Walter Honeywell of Billings, Montana proved that a man is never too old to win a tournament championship, when he captured the "Old Man's Tournament" held Saturday, March 14 at Mesa, Arizona. Mr. Honeywell was the oldest, being "75 years young". Fred Brown of Chester, Montana was the "youngster" of the tournament being only 62. Each player had a bye in the meet. All players are members of the National association. Congratulations to all of these fine gentlemen as they continue to enjoy the years on the "sunny side of life". Following are the results together with the age of each man.

	Age	W	L	%
Walter Honeywell, Billings, Montana	75	6	1	49.7
George Leaver, Mesa, Arizona	69	6	1	49.1
Si Warrington, Chester, Montana	70	5	2	46.1
Fred Brown, Chester, Montana	62	4	3	40.1
Charles Palm, Albin, Wyoming	68	3	4	42.7
Frank Dykes, Phoenix, Arizona	74	2	5	33.0
Guy Smith, Glendale, Arizona	72	1	6	36.7

ST. JOE OPEN TOURNAMENT TO BE STAGED JUNE 28

By RAY CAVIN

The St. Joseph, Missouri Horseshoe Club will hold their second annual "St. Joe Open Tournament", Sunday, June 28 at the Noyes Field courts in St. Joseph, Missouri, located at 28th and Edmond Streets. Paul Stockwell of St. Joseph is defending champion.

Qualifying will start at 1 o'clock, Saturday, June 27th and continue until 11 A.M., Sunday, June 28th. Each entrant will pitch 50 shoes for qualifying with a choice of a second 50 if he so desires. Entry fee will be \$3.00.

Class A will be made up of 12 pitchers divided into 2 six-man groups. The two top winners of each group will play a 4-man round robin for the championship. Points will decide the standings. Class B and C will be six-man groups with the first and second place winners in each group receiving trophies. Class D and on down will receive cash awards. Tournament is "OPEN" to any and all horseshoe pitchers, and a cordial invitation is extended.

CONNECTICUT ASSOCIATION FORMS NEW STATE LEAGUE

By MICKEY VECCHITTO

At a special meeting held at the home of Mickey Vecchitto of Middletown, the Connecticut Horseshoe Pitcher's Ass'n. has formed a new state Horseshoe League for the coming year. Teams from Bristol, Deep River, Hartford and Middletown are represented in the loop.

All matches are scheduled on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. and the opening date is May 13 with Hartford playing at Bristol and Middletown at Deep River. Most of the top pitchers will be seen in action and the public is always welcome.

Location of courts are as follows: Bristol, (Willie Paradis's courts); Deep River, (Vic Sokolowski's courts); Hartford, (Pope Park courts) and Middletown, (Municipal Courts).

INDIANA CHICKEN BARBEQUE — YUM, YUM!

A big chicken barbecue dinner will be given for the general public and all horseshoe pitchers wishing to attend by the Clinton County Horseshoe Pitchers Association at the Lincoln School in Frankfort, Indiana from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., Saturday, May 9th.

The affair is a fund raising event to raise money for the Mid West "Ringer Round Up" and other club activities during the 1959 season. Prices are \$1.50 for adults and 75c for children. Everyone is invited.

CLYDE GREEN, HOOSIERITE, WINS FLORIDA SUNCOAST OPEN

By CHARLES STEPHENS

Windy weather prevailed throughout the First Florida Suncoast Open Tournament held on the Bradenton Trailer Park course March 4-5 in Bradenton, Florida. An excellent spectator attendance, estimated at over 300, watched (The Tossers of the Irons) from all over the country perform. High winds made accurate pitching difficult, however, numerous high percentage games were recorded in the two days of play.

In the championship Class A, consisting of 12 pitchers, Clyde Green of Portland, Indiana, and Charles Stephens of Bradenton, Fla. were tied up for the number 1 slot with 10 wins and 1 loss each. This necessitated a best 2 of 3 game playoff, Green winning the odd game, emerged the winner of the class and the tournament, with Stephens his 2nd place runnerup.

A third place tie of Ben Farmer, Union City, Ind., Harold Wolfe Cedarville, Ohio, and Joe Kelly, Detroit, Mich., was broken by a playoff, Wolfe finishing 3rd, Kelly 4th, and Farmer 5th. The three highest percentage games were posted by Stephens, 78.3, Green, 77.5 and H. O. Maxwell 75.0.

Hallie Ehmke who hails from Fredonia, N.Y., came through the Class B roundrobin without losing a game. He posted the 3 top percentage games of the class, 63.2, 62.0 and 56.0. A playoff was required of Al Nowatske, Muckwonago, Wisc. and Roy Gravink, N.Y. State to establish the number 3 and 4 slot in Class B.

Roy McClure from Ohio and Merritt Bruce, Walnut Hill, Ill. were tied up for 1st place in Class C with 6-1, 6-1, and it took a best 2 of 3 game playoff to establish McClure as the winner of the class.

New scoring machines for each of the 8 courts were used during the tournament. From the spectators standpoint as well as the players, they were a big help in following all the games. They held the crowd from the start, until the last shoe was thrown, and awards were presented. The results are as follows:

CLASS A (NHPA Sanctioned)

	No.	W	L	R %
Clyde Green, Indiana	0721	10	1	63.3
Charles Stephens, Florida	0378	10	1	67.2
Harold Wolfe, Ohio	1342	7	4	52.6
Joe Kelly, Michigan	0980	7	4	51.6
Ben Farmer, Indiana	0399	7	4	56.6
Denver Ford, Florida	0379	6	5	50.7
Ottie Reno, Ohio	1328	5	6	41.6

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Roy Bisnett, Michigan	0397	4	7	56.7
Lester Peary, Michigan	0979	4	7	42.4
Wilson Hubbard, Montana	0400	3	8	42.0
H. O. Maxwell, Ohio	-----	All games forfeited		
John Coble, Indiana	0807	All games forfeited		

CLASS B (Unsanctioned)

	W	L	R %
Hallie Ehmke, N. Y. State	7	0	51.3
Horace Kemp, Florida	5	2	45.8
Al Nowatske, Wisconsin	4	3	42.3
Roy Gravink, New York State	4	3	40.2
Glen Renner, Florida	3	4	43.3
Harvey Gampher, Ohio	3	4	40.5
Bill Costello, Michigan	2	5	35.9
Rod Phillabaum, Ohio	0	7	29.0

CLASS C (Unsanctioned)

	W	L	R %
Roy McClure, Ohio	6	1	34.0
Merritt Bruce, Illinois	6	1	37.0
Herman Kelder, Illinois	5	2	33.7
Henry Speiss, Florida	4	3	33.1
H. A. Berdan, Michigan	3	4	29.7
Lee Shanor, Michigan	2	5	33.1
Milt Havens, Ohio	2	5	32.5
Jud Pope, Illinois	All games forfeited		

GERALD L'ABBE WINNER OF 1958 COLORADO STATE TOURNAMENT

(A Delayed Report)

CLASS A

	W	L	R	S.P.	%
Gerald L'Abbe, Denver	11	0	394	558	70.6
Harvey Ochsner, Denver	9	2	449	694	64.6
Eino Tiilikainen, Denver	8	3	399	650	61.3
Nate Crocombe, Pueblo	8	3	394	680	57.9
Walter Demarest, Greeley	8	3	354	664	53.3
Sal Palese, Denver	6	5	413	774	53.3
Fred Engel, Greeley	5	6	367	670	54.7
Wade Dilley, Merino	3	8	300	626	47.9
Ward E. Berg, Denver	3	8	285	600	47.5
Dave Fuller, Greeley	3	8	322	678	47.3
Russell Dilley, Milliken	3	8	261	588	44.3
Bob Lavalleur, Denver	0	11	142	322	42.7

CLASS B

	W	L	R	S.P.	%
Wesley Freeman, Denver	4	1	131	350	37.4
Chet Minger, Denver	3	2	123	316	38.9
Orville Stout, Denver	3	2	115	332	34.6
Cecile Marconi, Denver	2	3	109	338	31.9
Ev. McCarthy, Denver	2	3	93	294	31.6
Bob Stevens, Denver	1	4	122	342	35.6

DEADLINE FOR 'NEWS DIGEST'—FIRST OF MONTH

M. TAMBOER, WINS FLORIDA STATE OPEN WITH 11 STRAIGHT*By R.B. WOODROW*

Marines Tamboer of Wichita, Kans. drove 1,800 miles to compete in, and win the Florida State Open. Tamboer won the event with 11 wins without a loss. However, he had a very steady competition from all the others in Class "A". Clyde Green of Portland, Ind. finished second with a record of 10 wins with two losses. Harold Wolfe was third with 9 and 3. Meet was held in St. Petersburg, Feb. 26 thru March 3.

Class "B" was won by Ed. Calvin of Clearwater, Fla. Calvin finished regular play in a tie with Hallie Ehmke of Bradenton, Fla. Both having a record of 8 wins with only one loss. Calvin won the best 2 out of 3 pitch-off.

In the qualifying competition, Clyde Green won the trophy for high score with 244 in a 100 shoes. Tamboer had 243, Ben Farmer, 241, and Harold Wolfe, 240. All, very good scores.

The Sunshine Horshshoe club of St. Petersburg, which handled the tournament, was well pleased with the entry of several visiting pitchers, and the very large crowd of spectators that witnessed the competition. They are looking forward to even greater things another year.

CLASS A

	W	L	%
Tamboer, Kans.	11	0	67.5
Green, Ind.	9	2	62.8
H. Wolfe, Ohio	8	3	56.3
C. Stephens, Fla.	7	4	59.0
W. Maxwell, Ohio	7	4	52.4
B. C. Farmer, Ind.	6	5	52.5
H. Kemp, Fla.	6	5	47.2
G. Renner, Fla.	4	7	47.5
J. Coble, Ind.	3	8	48.6
D. Ford, Fla.	3	8	48.2
W. Hubbard, Fla.	3	8	37.5
H. Page, Iowa			Forfeit. Called home.

CLASS B

E. Calvin, Fla.	8	1	45.0
H. Ehmke, Fla.	8	1	49.0
L. Peary, Mich.	6	3	43.4
J. Kelly, Mich.	4	5	45.9
R. Bisnett, Mich.	4	5	40.1
R. Cravink, Fla.	4	5	38.7
O. Reno, Ohio	4	5	35.6
Al. Nowarske, Wisc.	3	6	39.8
M. Bruce, Ill.	3	6	38.2
A. Berdan, Fla.	1	8	24.0

FORSSTROM ANNOUNCES MASSACHUSETTS**TOURNAMENT DATES***By RALPH FORSSTROM*

The Massachusetts state tournament will be held at Moxies Grove, Holyoke, Mass., on Sunday, August 23, 1959. It will be in charge of the Springfield tournament committee with Ralph Forsstrom as chairman, assisted by Gilbert Brinkman, Thomas Laurino and Joseph Fairbanks.

Another big date on the calendar will be over the Labor Day week-end when all New England pitchers will be on hand at the Westfield Municipal courts in Westfield, Mass. for the annual New England championship. It will be under the sponsorship of the Westfield Horseshoe club. Ralph Forsstrom, Mass. state secretary, will be the chairman for the event being assisted by a five-man committee from the Westfield club consisting of Ralph Dorman, co-chairman, Arthur Shoinrock, William Babinski, Larry Engel and Edward Levere. There will be a guaranteed prize list of \$400.



“From Out Of The Mail Bag”

Mr. Ellis Cobb, Editor
1307 Solfisburg Ave.
Aurora, Illinois

Morgantown, W. Va.

Dear Mr. Cobb:

We were sorry to read about Mrs. Pence and Katie Gregson's mishaps caused by the ice. Now you can add another to that list. Arner Lindquist broke his arm skating. It wasn't done during the figure skating, but when he was standing still preparing to put the protectors over his skates so that he could walk to his car that such an unfortunate thing happened.

Incidentally he won second place in the men's figure skating held by the Morgantown Winter Sport Club this year. His son Arne was crowned "King of the Ice" and his daughter Elna was "Queen of the Ice" last year.

So when there isn't any horseshoe pitching Arner Lindquist is skating on the ice.

Sincerely,

Mrs. ANNA LINDQUIST,
Sec'y. and Treas. of W. Va. H.P.A.

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

March 11, 1959

Dear Mr. Cobb:

I would like to ask a question: What ever happened to "Junior State Championships"? Are they still being held in some states or are they a thing of the past? I never see anything about these tournaments in the "Digest". (Editor's Note: There have been several states who have conducted Junior tournaments and the results published in the "Digest"). It might be a good idea to revive these popular tourneys again in the states that do not hold them now. They produced some of our best pitchers. Here in New England the "old timers" had a lot of fun keeping score and rooting for his favorite boy.

Maybe it would be a good idea if every state held a "Junior State Tournament" THIS YEAR. What could we lose? We might gain a lot of new pitchers, so why not give it a try this year and see.

Yours truly

WALTER BAGLEY
Former Conn. Champion

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

April 2, 1959

Dear Mr. Cobb:

To the officers and members of the National Horseshoe Pitchers' Association and friends, I want to extend my thanks and gratitude for the many cards and remembrances sent to me during my recent illness and convalescence.

Sincerely,

EDWARD A. SHARP
Mulberry, Indiana



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