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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By the time this article reaches you, we will have all had a Merry Christmas and, I hope, will prosper in 1959.

Having just completed another milestone, it is a real good time to sit back, relax, and enumerate the good things that happened in 1958; there were some sad things, too. It is an opportune time to give thanks to our Maker for letting us complete 1958 in good health and with the blessing of many good friends. While we are reminiscing, let's not forget to give credit to those who, in some small or large way, helped make it a year of progress and opportunity, on some of which we capitalized.

At the same time we cannot help but be saddened by misfortunes and loss of our loved ones and friends, some of whom were very dear to the game of Horseshoes. Those we will definitely miss are Lou Siebenaler of Nebraska and Glen Anderson of Illinois.

Let's think of the good tournaments we had during the past year, also the bad ones; the weak points, as well as the strong points of these tournaments. Did we do our part in helping to make them a success or failure?

How about membership? Did we do our part in trying to encourage new pitchers to enter our ranks? Did we do our best in trying to sell the game of Horseshoes to our local papers? Did we let our local papers know that we had a National Tournament in progress, in order that the press would know that they had local people interested in our game and the tournament as it progressed?

After we have finished our inventory, we should be ready to plan for 1959. From our success or failures, we should set up a list of objectives. We should make mental or physical notes of the things we would like to do or see done for 1959 — then do what we can to help bring them about.

Some of these items should be on all of our lists:

1. How and what can I do to increase our membership — both local and national?
2. How and what can I do to increase local publicity and interest?
3. Are our methods of play satisfactory? If not, what can I do to help improve them?
4. How can I improve my game? (This I'm interested in, and I know I have a lot of company).

It all boils down to this, fellows. It's our game and it has come a long way. It's our game and its progress depends on us horseshoe pitchers. We do the work and we'll receive the benefits. LET'S PITCH!

ARCHIE J. GREGSON, President

SPECIAL ATTENTION CONCERNING MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

It is urgently requested that all membership renewals should be made through the State secretaries as listed in the "News Digest" instead of sending them directly to the National secretary or the "Digest" office. The only ones who should order directly, are those who come from states where there is no state secretary listed. All state secretaries have the necessary membership cards in their possession. It adds to the work of the National secretary and the editor of the "Digest" for members to by-pass their state secretaries. In all cases when this is done the National secretary has to get in touch with the state secretary and also a lot of extra handling of the money is involved. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

THESE ARE YOUR 1958 CHAMPIONS

By Bob Pence

We have had many requests for a complete listing of 1958 State Champions. Here they are as reported to the News Digest and the office of the National Secretary along with the winners of some of the bigger open tournaments. We would have liked to list the winners in all the classes of the various meets but space does not permit. An asterisk, in front of a player's name indicates that he won the last state tournament and is regarded as the present champion although no tourney was held in 1958.

WORLD TOURNAMENT	FERNANDO ISIAS, LOS ANGELES, CALIF.
World Women's Tournament	Vicki Chapelle, Portland, Oreg.
World Junior Tournament	Billy Backer, Salt Lake City, Utah
Arizona	Stan DeLeary
Arkansas	*Floyd Toole
California	Don Titcomb
Colorado	Gerald L'Abbe
Connecticut	Willie Paradise
Canada	Elmer Hohl
Florida	Walt Horner
Idaho	E. J. Wiley
Illinois	Art Dugle
Indiana	Ed Sharp
Iowa	Dale Dixon
Kansas	*Roland Kraft
Kentucky	*Jim Johnson
Maine	Joseph Davis
Maryland	*Dale Carson
Massachusetts	Edgar Landry
Michigan	Kenneth Jensen
Minnesota	John Yernberg
Missouri	David Baker
Nebraska	Howard Robinson
New Hampshire	Howard White
New Jersey	Doug Fogal
New York	Carl Steinfeldt
North Dakota	Eugene Lykken
Ohio	Harold Reno
Oklahoma	Wallace Uhlig
Oregon	Bob West
Pennsylvania	James Ohler
Rhode Island	Al Bourgeois
South Dakota	Leigh Dunker
Tennessee	O. D. Lebrew
Texas	P. D. Riley
Utah	Clive Wahlin
Vermont	*Fred Brown
Washington	John Monasmith
Wisconsin	Carl Pfeffer
West Virginia	Ralph Maddox
Wyoming	Shell Patton
Eastern National	Harold Reno, Sabina, Ohio
Midwest "Ringer Round Up"	Curt Day, Frankfort, Indiana
New England States	Edgar Landry, Fall River, Massachusetts
Minnesota Centennial	Dale Dixon, Des Moines, Iowa
Northwest Open	Ron Cherrier, Hopkins, Minnesota
Tri State Rocky Mt.	Ted Allen, Boulder, Colorado
Pacific Northwest	John Monasmith, Yakima, Washington
Western Open	Jim Weeks, Norwalk, California
Corn Belt Open	Glenn Anderson, Moline, Illinois
Florida Winter Open	Ben Farmer, Union City, Indiana
Valley of the Sun Open	Art Kamman, Mesa, Arizona
Midland Empire Open	Earl Winston, Lamonte, Missouri
Seafair Open	Bob West, McMinnville, Oregon
Ozark Open	John Elkins, Neosho, Missouri
Norwood Ohio Fall Open	Bill Neilson, Dugger, Indiana
Northern Indiana	Clarence Bellman, Warsaw, Ind.
Roselet Memorial Open	Vito Feliccia, New York City
Midwest Open	Hugh Rogers, Cedar Falls, Iowa
Farmers Open Iowa State Fair	Earl Wiges, Exira, Iowa
Maryville, Missouri Open	Alvin Dahlene, Lawrence, Kansas
Lakeside Ohio Open	Harold Reno, Sabina, Ohio
Ft. George, N. Y. Open	Vito Feliccia, New York City
Jubilee Open Portsmouth, N. H.	Howard White, Portsmouth, N. H.
Rock River Valley Open	Glenn Anderson, Moline, Ill.
Alemdia Calif. Fair	Don Titcomb, Sunnyvale, California
Macon County Illinois Open	Clarence Bellman, Warsaw, Indiana
Great Plains Open	Ted Allen, Boulder, Colo.

LOOKING FORWARD IN 1959 . . . WITH THE EDITOR

As each of us comes to the close of his daily tasks, we all pause for a moment of reflection on what has transpired and look forward to what lies ahead. So it is with the NHPA and the News Digest, as we come to the end of our second year of publishing an Association news medium and enter into a bright New Year.

During 1958 many new tournament reports were sent into the "Digest" which indicates that more pitchers are participating. Many new and interesting articles appeared in the columns of our publication, which indicates that pitchers all around the country are making an effort to make the "Digest" as interesting as possible. It is the hope of the editor that in forthcoming editions there will be articles written by outstanding pitchers as to their style and ways to become an expert in the sport. There will be articles written by various NHPA officers. These along with other interesting news stories will make YOUR magazine a lever in helping the NHPA go forward to greater heights in 1959.

It would be physically impossible for me to greet each of our readers, so I want to take this means of saying "thank you" to everyone for the many nice letters that I received during the past year, and for the many beautiful Holiday greetings that I received from all parts of the United States and Canada. To have so many friends, gives me a very warm feeling, for which I am very grateful.

May each of you have the most prosperous and happiest new year that you have ever had.

F. ELLIS COBB, Editor

NORTH DAKOTA NEWEST MEMBER OF N.H.P.A. FAMILY

North Dakota is the newest addition to the N.H.P.A.'s list of active state chapters.

In recent years the N.H.P.A. had only scattered members from the Flickertail state, but no active and formal state chapter.

Rudy Lykken and the horseshoe pitchers of Kindred, located on the line between Cass and Richland counties, corrected this situation by formally organizing a state chapter that has 16 charter members and is at the present time the N.H.P.A.'s fastest growing unit.

For the past few years the Kindred players have conducted a team league in Mill Site Park and last fall the club staged the North Dakota state tournament here.

The charter members of the new N.H.P.A. group are as follows: Ruddy and Gene Lykken, Bill Lybeck, Henry Plageman, Ed Overboe, Joe Owen, Bill Kenady, Earl Hamry, Gerhard Dahlen, Harold Dahler, John Taylor, John Swenson, Al Nyborg, Fred Backstrand, Oscar Ereckson, and Gill Engh.

Ruddy Lykken is the temporary state secretary. Since Kindred is a small town of less than 1,000 population it shows what aggressive leadership and co-operation can do to produce an effective organization, and the officers of the N.H.P.A. offer their sincere congratulations to the new group.

The 1958 state tournament at Mill Site Park saw Eugene Lykken of Kindred annex the championship. Nels Moe of Fargo took Class B honors, John Swenson of Kindred was the Class C victor and Ray Rheault of Fargo the winner in Class D.

TO ALL MISSOURI HORSESHOE MEMBERS

Now is the time to plan our tournaments and other activities for the new year. By doing this it would help to know the following: Where each player plays; whether you ever managed a tournament or if you would be willing to take that responsibility; the location of all courts where tournaments could be held. Please write and give me this information as soon as you can: Alfred O. Smith, Secretary, Rte. 6, Box 639-A, Springfield, Mo.

Your elected officers are anxious to make 1959 the best year we have had. We are asking that each member help us. Last year we had 45 members. If each of us would get one new member we would have 90 this year. Let's see if we can't beat that figure.



“From Out Of The Mail Bag”

December 8, 1958

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

Dear Mr. Cobb:

Enclosed please find check for my membership in the National Horseshoe Pitchers' Association and for the "News Digest."

Having won third place in the Northern California Class "D" division and having attended the National tournament at Murray, Utah for the past two years, I feel that I should go "all out" and join the National association.

At the age of 61, I am still trying to improve my pitching and I think I am. Anyway it is one of the most enjoyable sports that I have ever participated in. Also with only a small investment it is a very good way to keep the waist line looking trim.

With Best Wishes

*Kenneth C. Elmes
West Sacramento, Calif.*

The Horseshoe Digest
1307 Solfisburg Avenue
Aurora, Illinois

Dear Mr. Cobb:

As far as I can learn there is no provision in the N.H.P.A. for any recognition lower than the state organization, nor is there any authority given to the state to organize or recognize leagues or clubs. In my opinion there can never be as large a membership as there should be without such an organization.

I believe that under the present setup a N.H.P.A. member is not supposed to play in an unsanctioned tournament. This alone keeps members from holding such tournaments to get prospective members interested in our organization.

If there was some way that the state could give recognition and help to local leagues and clubs, such as issuing a limited membership card, charging 25 cents or 50 cents for such cards, then any limited member could pay the difference and become a full fledged member. We could furnish score sheets at our cost; give them information on the best way to hold tournaments or team play; how to fix their courts and equipment, as well as any other help that they might ask for or need.

If this was done there would have to be someone with the authority to appoint people as district managers, with the authority to organize and manage clubs and leagues in their area. After these clubs, leagues and teams were organized, it would probably be desirable to issue them charters of some form. I believe such a move would greatly increase our membership, as well as get some very good players in the N.H.P.A. that are now not playing regularly.

If you think such a move would be a good idea or desirable, I would like for you to put as much of this as you see fit in the Horseshoe Digest so that other members might express their views on the subject. I believe in this way we could get something worked out for a larger and more satisfactory membership.

Sincerely,

*ALFRED O. SMITH
Missouri Secy. & Treas.*

A TRIBUTE TO THE LATE GLENN ANDERSON

By *LESLIE LONG*

The Sterling-Rock Falls Horseshoe club wishes to express their deepest sympathy to the family and horseshoe friends of the late Glenn Anderson of Orion, Illinois.

It was always a great pleasure for me, to see Glenn step on the courts. I traveled to the Eastern National at Clearfield, Pa. and to the World's Tournament at Murray, Utah. I also accompanied him on his trip to Chicago to take part on the "Championship Horseshoes" television show. Also to various tournaments in Illinois, Iowa and Indiana. All those who knew Glenn always wanted to know him better. He was a cool, deliberate pitcher and showed great form and style. He was a man of few words and never outspoken. He was a man that only wanted what was coming to him and no more and desired equal cooperation from his opponents.

We played in match games in his old home town, Moline, Illinois for the last 12 years and there was always a large crowd on hand because Glenn Anderson was pitching. Everybody enjoyed watching him pitch. He will be greatly missed in all future tournaments.

OPEN NEW INSIDE COURTS AT GARFIELD PARK, CHICAGO

Three regulation size Indoor Horseshoe Pitching Courts in a heated building are now open to the public at Garfield Park located on Lake street near Hamlin Avenue. These courts were made available by the Chicago Park District, and on C.P.D. property.

At present the courts are available to the public on Wednesday and Friday from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. and on Saturday and Sunday from 1:00 to 9:00 p. m.

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MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL SECRETARY

This year of 1959 finds our game of horseshoe observing a "Golden Anniversary", for just 50 years ago in the little town of Bronson, Kansas, a tournament was staged which was advertised for the World Championship.

Not much is known of this event except that it was won by Frank Jackson, a farmer from Iowa, who dominated the game for the next 20 years and had three sons who were top notch players.

More important was the fact that the idea of a World's Tournament took root and grew. At a similar tourney in Kansas City in 1915 an informal national organization was formed. A few years later the famous Sunshine Pleasure Club of St. Petersburg, Fla., took up the idea and was host to the World Tournament.

The National Horseshoe Pitchers Association of America was formed officially at this time. The first constitution was patterned after that of the host club and since so many of its horseshoe pitching members were from Ohio the N.H.P.A. was incorporated in Ohio.

Thus from this event of 50 years ago the N.H.P.A. finally came into being and ever since has been the agent which has standardized the rules and competitive procedures and endeavored to promote and develop the game. It has not always been as effective and successful as it wished or might have been, for the game has never had the benefit of the ballyhoo, publicity and money available to most other sports.

Horseshoe players are for the most part creatures of the moment, those spent on the courts, and pay little attention to the history of the game and all the work that goes into organizing and promoting the game.

Nevertheless on this 50th anniversary we should pay homage to that unknown person who staged that first World Tournament and his successors in the N.H.P.A. — such men as Fred Brust, R. B. Howard, Roy Smith, Harry Woodfield, Harvey Clear, Byron Jaskulek, Arch Stokes and many others, and along with them the many, many who have done the spadework and missionary work on the local level.

BOB PENCE, National Secretary

FROM HERE AND THERE

Our heartiest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Howard J. White of Portsmouth, New Hampshire on the arrival of a bouncing baby boy on December 7, 1958. Vital statistics, 9 lbs. and 4 ounces. He was named Howard Theodore White. His father is the state champion of New Hampshire and is third vice-president of the NHPA.

Virgil Ioerger, that jovial pitcher from Minonk, Illinois, has recovered from surgery on his back, and is feeling fit as a fiddle again and promises to be really tough this coming season. He has been absent from the horseshoe pitching wars for about a year. His many friends will be very happy to see him out there swinging those shoes again.

The Indianapolis Horseshoe Pitchers Association have elected the following officers for 1959; George Johnson, Jr., President; Ray Alliff, Vice-President; and Peyton Printz, Secretary-Treasurer. A busy season on the Garfield Park courts is anticipated. George Johnson, Sr. has been appointed to the Planning Committee of the Indiana State Division of the N.H.P.A.

Meetings in Oak Ridge, Tennessee and Wibaux, Montana, designed to organize State N.H.P.A. Chapters and for the showing of the 1958 World Tournament films, both ran into inclement weather which cut down the attendance. Nevertheless progress was made at both meetings.

The Tennessee group led by V. A. Stanley and Recreational Director, Carl Yearwood, set up a committee to draft a constitution and by laws. This committee is headed by Bill Hackett.

Roger Barnaby of the Montana group reports that he has signed up eight N.H.P.A. members of 1959 and will shortly have an official chapter formed.

EDITORIAL

"IF I JOIN THE N. H. P. A."

"If I join the NHPA, what do I get out of it?" That question is often heard from pitchers throughout the country and is quite a natural one. However, in reply to that question, "What does the pitcher want in return for his membership fee?" Does he want something tangible that he can put his hands on, as if he were buying merchandise? Or is he willing to be one of many who are striving to maintain an organization whose function is to keep our sport in orderly condition by using his fee to accomplish that purpose?

In the 1958 March issue of the "Digest" the reasons for belonging to the NHPA were explained quite well in an article by Elmer Beller, former National secretary.

In bowling circles, a sanction fee is paid by each team, either by the team sponsor or the individual, which sanction fee gives that team or individual the privilege of competing in any tournament throughout the land that is sanctioned by the ABC. What the individual receives depends entirely upon his own efforts. If the individual or team proves to be champion or champions they are given an award by the ABC.

Were it not for the monetary support that each bowler contributes to the American Bowling Congress, bowling as we know it now, would not function as smoothly as it does. There would not be any definite pattern to go by in playing rules and weights and measurements.

So it is with the NHPA in the upholding of certain rules and regulations and standard measurements and weights for pitching shoes. In various NHPA sanctioned tournaments there are entry fees, same as in bowling. To the winners go NHPA awards and certificates, same as in bowling.

Another feature of the NHPA membership is that, each membership fee includes a year's subscription to "The Horseshoe Pitchers' News Digest," which in bowling circles does not include a bowling magazine in the ABC card fee.

The operation and administration of the affairs of the NHPA is accomplished with the dollar that is left over from the \$3.50 fee, after the cost of publishing the Digest is taken care of.

Out of that remaining dollar each member receives a complete report of the National tournament and Convention which in itself costs 4½¢ in mailing charges alone. Also from that remaining dollar comes the salary for the National secretary, together with taxes and many other items of expense that go into the operation of any organization.

It is an established fact, that before you get anything out of any endeavor, you must put something into it.



"NOW, THAT'S WHAT I CALL, 'COCKY'!"

For many years he had a Chinese cook. One evening, after a more than usually good dinner, he decided it was time he raised the man's wages

At the end of the month the Chinaman received his extra money.

"Why you pay me more?" he asked.

"Because you have been such a good cook," replied his employer, with a smile.

"Oh!" replied the cook thoughtfully. "Then you have been swindling me for years, eh?"

DR. BERMAN'S IMPRESSION OF THE EASTERN NATIONAL

I attended and competed in the 1958 Eastern National tournament held at Mt. Pleasant, Penn., August 3-9. I thought that my impressions and remarks might be of interest to some horseshoe pitchers and perhaps to those planning the 1959 tournament.

The sponsor, The Rainbow Gardens, did a fine job of keeping the courts dug up and soft. They did most of the work themselves. Alex Zebrun did not compete, but gave up about 3 days and did a lot of work. He was not on the tournament committee. Several players also helped dig up the courts. Glenn Anderson (now deceased) spent four days and three nights on a bus and then helped qualify several players and also did his share of digging.

There were twenty-six entries, a 27th man qualified and left. I believe that this was due to the fact that qualifying was scheduled for August 3-4-5 and the tournament scheduled for August 6-7-8 and 9th. The tournament did not get underway until August 7th. That means four days qualifying. A great waste of time.

The tournament could have been scheduled for August 7-8-9. No qualifying was necessary because the 24-25 entries could have been seeded on the night of August 6th and divided into 4 groups and games scheduled for 10 a.m. the next morning. If extra men were present some groups could have 7 men. Each group playing a round robin. The top 4 men in each group, plus the highest 2 men in fifth place (by ringer Percentage) could form Class A. The rest would be in Class B. Three groups of six could have played on Friday the 8th of August, with the top 2 in each group forming the round robin group for the championship on Saturday, August 9th. The next 6 men playing for 7th to 12th place. The 3rd 6 men playing for 13th thru 18th place.

Had the tournament been scheduled for only 3 days, I believe that at least 50 men would have been present.

NEWS AND NOTES OF HORSESHOE FOLKS

Ralph Forrstrom, State Secretary of Massachusetts, is the first to apply for N.H.P.A. sanctioned tournaments in 1959.

Sanctions have been granted for the Massachusetts State Tournament to be held August 23 at Moxies Grove in Holyoke, Mass., and for the New England States Tournament to be held September 5, 6 and 7 by the Westfield Horseshoe Club at the Municipal Playground in Westfield, Mass.

TO HOLD FLORIDA STATE OPEN TOURNAMENT, FEBRUARY 26-28

By R. B. WOODROW

While the wintry blasts are ravaging through the northern half of our horseshoe pitching vineyards, why not enjoy a winter vacation under that warm Florida sun? Keep that pitching arm in shape by attending the annual Florida State Open tournament at St. Petersburg, to be held February 26 thru the 28th. Qualifying will start earlier in the week closing on February 26th. There will be two classes, A and B. Class B will start playing on February 27th with Class A pitchers following on Saturday, February 28th.

This is the second tournament, having been revived last year after being in a dormant stage for several seasons. Anyone residing or visiting in Florida at that time is cordially invited to take part. With last years' tournament being a success, most all of the participating players expressed a desire for its continuance in 1959. For any further information of those interested, contact R. B. Woodrow, 919-48th Avenue, North, — St. Petersburg, Florida.

SEND IN THOSE BITS OF NEWS

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

. . . "TOP THIS ONE" . . .

By *MERLE DENNING*

When Merle Denning, Elm Creek, Nebraska, was a boy, were the days when only mule or horse shoes were available to pitch with. In this case, mule footgear, a very small slipper. There developed quite a rivalry between his father and grandfather as to the best skill. Every time the elder man came visiting they had to renew the contest. But among the shoes was a great large draft horse shoe. The father used it as one of his two, and it would knock many of grandfather's lighter shoes entirely out of count. Who complained a lot about it. He took to hiding the heavy shoe before leaving. But next time he came around father would get the children to find and bring it to him.

But one time it could never be found search as they did. Which made the contest more even. Many years later, when Merle was a grown man and grandfather had long since passed away, he decided to clean up a little around there. Nearby was a pioneer child's grave over which a tree had been planted, grown old and died. Then a lilac bush replaced it and grew old and died. With the farm tractor Merle janked it out and there, among the roots was that old very rusted long lost shoe. He took it in where his father now lay on his sick bed, tossed it to him, asking if he recognized it. With tears in his eyes and holding it up said, "I've always wondered where that danged shoe had been hid."

VALLEY OF THE SUN, CLASS A OPEN TOURNEY MESA, ARIZONA — FEBRUARY 21-22

By *WALTER B. STEARNS*

A special invitation is extended to all summertime horseshoe pitchers to come to sunny Arizona and pitch in the winter. The occasion for this invitation is the annual Valley of the Sun, Class A open tournament to be held in Mesa, Arizona, February 21 and 22. Entries are expected from California, Utah, Colorado, Missouri and from the Midwest and Eastern areas.

The entry fee of \$5.00 together with your 100 shoe qualifying score should be sent to Mr. C. L. Carson, 2738 West Main, Mesa, Arizona by February 15. Plans call for cash prizes for this big event. Those planning on attending should advise Mr. Carson as soon as possible so as to be able to make housing arrangements, as the Chicago Cubs will be training in Mesa at the same time.

The Class B tournament will be held February 14 and 15 for pitchers with 50% and under averages. The entry fee for this class will be \$3.00 and the deadline for qualifying will be February 10.

FLORIDA SUNCOAST OPEN TOURNAMENT, MARCH 2-3

By *RAY MIDDLETON*

A brand new tournament will get under way on Monday and Tuesday, March 2 and 3, on the Bradenton Trailer Park courts in Bradenton, Florida. This new event will be under the supervision of Ray Middleton, and will be known as the Florida Suncoast Open Tournament.

Qualifying will begin on Sunday, March 1 and close promptly at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, March 2. Each entrant will have the privilege of pitching 2 sets of 50 shoes, taking his best 50 for his qualifying score. Entry fee will be \$1.00. The tournament will be sanctioned by the N.H.P.A. Appropriate trophies will be awarded the 3 top men of each class. An incentive award of \$5.00 will be given to the pitcher making the highest qualifying score.

Three classes of 8 players each will make up the round robin. Class B and C will begin play promptly at 1:00 p.m., March 2, while Class A pitchers will start play on Tuesday, March 3 at 1:00 p.m.

All pitchers from Florida and from out of state, are cordially invited to participate in this event. It is hoped that it will become an annual affair. If you are planning a winter vacation in Florida, include a few days to pitch in the Florida Suncoast Open tournament at Bradenton.

WILLIE PARADISE, 1958 CONNECTICUT CHAMPION

Willie Paradise of Bristol won the annual State horseshoe pitching championship tournament recently at Beardsley park. Paradise lost only to Dwight Smith of Southington in nine games of the Class AA round-robin competition.

John Dudek of Hartford was runner-up in Class A with a 6-3 record and Walter Bagley of Bridgeport nosed out Clarence Lavers of Stratford for third place by percentage points. Bagley had the highest ringer percentage in a single game with 75 per cent.

Ken Chase of Middletown defeated Joe Blomquist of Stamford in a playoff game to capture the Class B title, after they tied with 6-2 records for the regular round-robin. August Turbie of Hartford placed third.

Joe Gobla of Middletown won the Class C title by defeating Joe Sergeant of Southington in a playoff game. Charles Sokolowski of Middletown placed third. The Class D winner was James Welsh of New Britain, who defeated Ed Freve of Terryville in a playoff game. Charles Griffin of Bridgeport placed third.

Trophies were awarded to winners of the top three places in each class by the Connecticut Pitchers association.

The summary follows:

CLASS A

	W	L	R	S.P.	%
W. Paradise	8	1	305	566	54.8
J. Dudek	6	3	333	662	50.3
W. Bagley	5	4	316	576	54.8
C. Lavers	5	4	334	616	54.2
D. Smith	5	4	315	586	53.7
J. Kurlick	4	5	357	682	52.3
G. Giorgetti	4	5	309	600	51.5
B. Kenderski	4	5	295	606	48.6
D. Dunleavy	2	7	274	622	44.0
R. Hillburn	2	7	225	534	42.1

CLASS B

	W	L	R	S.P.	%
K. Chase	6	2	209	458	45.6
J. Blomquist	6	2	228	476	47.8
A. Turbie	5	3	228	508	44.8
R. Hoyt	5	3	233	566	41.1
D. Harrison	5	3	191	472	40.4
F. Smith	3	5	223	566	39.4
W. Kamszik	3	5	197	528	37.5
D. Majewski	2	6	170	492	34.5
F. Wagner	1	7	130	466	27.8

CLASS C

	W	L	R	S.P.	%
J. Golba	4	1	139	374	37.1
J. Sergeant	4	1	131	324	40.0
C. Sokolowski	3	2	139	338	41.1
H. Wrisley	2	3	115	364	31.6
E. VanDine	1	4	94	310	30.3
W. Earley	1	4	105	346	30.3

CLASS D

	W	L	R	S.P.	%
J. Welsh	4	1	105	352	29.8
E. Frove	4	1	102	364	28.0
C. Griffin	3	2	90	302	29.8
J. Sergolit	3	2	107	344	31.1
M. Ruggero	1	4	94	380	24.7
U. Andelin	0	5	69	354	19.4

FINAL REPORT OF THE ROCK RIVER VALLEY OPEN TOURNAMENT

By *LESLIE LONG*

Glenn Anderson (now deceased) of Orion, Illinois won the 3rd annual Rock River Valley Open tournament held at Lawrence Park, Sterling, Illinois this past fall. Ellis Griggs of Plainville, Illinois, defending champion and Anderson met in the final game, neither one having lost a game. Anderson defeated Griggs by a close margin, tossing 82.2 percent ringers. This kept the crowd of over 200 fans until the final game was finished. This tournament drew an entry of 44 pitchers from Illinois and Iowa. Top qualifying honors also went to Anderson who had 261 points with 81 ringers out of 100 shoes pitched. Vernell Drager of Graymont, Illinois went thru Class B unscathed. In Class C, Ernie Danielson, Jr. of Burlington, Iowa and Joe Bennett of Pekin, Illinois tied for honors in that division. Bennett was declared the winner by virtue of having the most points. Fred Richards of Plano, Illinois and Ernie Danielson, Sr. of Burlington, Iowa were tied in Class D. Richards having the most points was awarded first place in that section. Scoring devices kept the fans informed of how games were proceeding and was instrumental in making the spectators stay throughout the afternoon. Many were heard to remark that it was the best tournament that they had ever witnessed. The Sterling-Rock Falls club expresses its thanks to all participants for making it the success that it was.

CLASS A

	W	L	%
Glenn Anderson, Orion, Ill.	7	0	74.8
Ellis Griggs, Plainville, Ill.	6	1	76.2
Frank Palka, Chicago, Ill.	3	4	63.2
Ellis Cobb, Aurora, Ill.	3	4	62.4
Fred Hart, Jacksonville, Ill.	3	4	60.8
Nelson Vogel, Manito, Ill.	3	4	60.5
Leslie Long, Sterling, Ill.	2	5	59.4
Chester Hefner, E. Peoria, Ill.	1	6	65.0

CLASS B

	W	L	%
Vernell Drager, Graymont, Ill.	7	0	64.7
Clinton Van Dusen, Galesburg, Ill.	6	1	64.4
Ray Phillips, Magnolia, Ill.	5	2	59.7
Herbert Plautz, Rock Falls, Ill.	4	3	54.3
Allen Holmquist, Sterling, Ill.	2	5	50.2
John Taylor, Dover, Ill.	2	5	50.1
Leon Chrisman, Peoria, Ill.	2	5	44.0
Woodrow Martin, Pekin, Ill.	0	7	45.9

CLASS C

	W	L
Joe, Bennett, Pekin, Ill.	6	1
Ernie Danielson, Jr., Burlington, Iowa	6	1
Irving Eilers, Chandlerville, Ill.	5	2
Andrew Horn, Galesburg, Ill.	5	2
Roy Efflandt, Moline, Ill.	3	4
Winfred Willard, Manito, Ill.	1	6
Arthur White, Peoria, Ill.	1	6
Darrell Wade, Pekin, Ill.	1	6

CLASS D

	W	L
Fred Richards, Plano, Ill.	6	1
Ernie Danielson, Sr., Burlington, Iowa	6	1
Raymond Doogan, Willow Springs, Ill.	5	2
Harold Anderson, Prophetstown, Ill.	4	3
Ralph Dykes, Chicago, Ill.	3	4
Paul Bush, Morrison, Ill.	2	5
Francis McBride, Rock Falls, Ill.	2	5
Burton Zeitler, Milledgeville, Ill.	0	7

MEMBERSHIP MAP

Last year Paul Tattman of Portland, Ind., prepared a map of Indiana on which were marked the locations of the 16 clubs in the Indiana State Team League and they formed the outline of a horseshoe. The map was never used in the News Digest because of a lack of space, but it has given your National Secretary, Bob Pence, an idea which he has put to good use.

I have a large 36 by 54 inch wall map of the United States on which I have inserted colored pins in each city with N.H.P.A. members, different colored pins representing the number of members in each city. From this I am able to keep abreast the membership distribution or lack of it in each state.

Indiana and Iowa have by far the best statewide distribution. Most states tend to have their membership concentrated in one or two areas. Dayton, Ohio and Frankfort, Indiana are the cities with the largest membership, but tiny Kindred, North Dakota, deserves a bouquet for being right up among the leaders.

Southernmost member is Louis Mettlach of San Juan, Texas, who practically lives on the banks of the Rio Grande. Walter Joy of Ellsworth, Maine, is the farthest east.

Curiously enough the honor of being the northernmost member is split three ways between S. O. Warrington, Fred Brown and Weldon Frank, all of whom live near the Canadian border in Chester, Montana, but are members of the Arizona Chapter.

Westernmost members are Ivan Gordon, Ralph Warthen and Frank Olsen of Hoquiam, Washington.

TOOLEY WINS PITTSFIELD FESTIVAL TOURNAMENT

The annual Fall Festival tournament held in Pittsfield, Illinois during the late fall with Hugh Tooley of Valley City, Illinois emerging the champion after a 2 out of 3 play-off match with Fred Hart of Jacksonville. Hart was winner of Group 1 with 5 wins and no losses while Tooley duplicated the same feat in Group 2. However, he proved to be the stronger and was awarded the championship trophy. Hart was high qualifier with 125 points out of 50 shoes pitched.

GROUP ONE

	W	L
Fred Hart, Jacksonville, Illinois	5	0
Lyn Lyman, Pittsfield, Illinois	4	1
Joe Hightower, Colchester, Illinois	2	3
Jim Hart, Winchester, Illinois	2	3
Clarence Hess, Liberty, Illinois	2	3
Eldred Biddle, Time, Illinois	0	5

GROUP TWO

Hugh Tooley, Valley City, Illinois	5	0
George Johnson, Milton, Illinois	3	2
Vernell Drager, Graymont, Illinois	3	2
Albert Mayfield, Liberty, Illinois	2	3
Lee Atwood, Pittsfield, Illinois	2	3
Burle Brown, Liberty, Illinois	0	5

One Act Tragedy

Time: Morning.

Scene: Street Scene.

Characters: Horse, iceman, man on second floor.

Iceman (to horse): "Whoa!"

(Driver looks up at apartment house. Man's head appears on second floor.)

Iceman (to horse): "Giddap!"

PLEASE NOTE

WE NEED A CONTINUOUS FLOW OF MATERIAL TO MAKE OUR NEW MAGAZINE INTERESTING, SO KEEP IT COMING.

SPECIAL ATTENTION! ALL NEW YORK ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

By *GEORGE HART, SR.*

In order to avoid any confusion as to where you should send for your 1959 New York state membership cards, I want you to know that I am the new state secretary and that all memberships and other correspondence should be sent to me at the following address, George Hart, Sr., 559 West 191st St., New York 40, New York. The New York state membership fee is \$5.00 of which \$3.50 goes to the NHPA and the other \$1.50 is retained by the New York state association. Send in for your 1959 card NOW. I will be very glad to take care of you as quickly as possible. For any other information, do not hesitate to write and I will be very happy to help you in any way that I can.

HONOR MEMORY OF LOU SIEBENALER

Members of the Panhandle Horseshoe Club of Kimball, Nebraska, paid homage to the memory of Lou Siebenaler, the club's first president, who died last September, by officially naming the courts "The Lou Siebenaler Memorial Horseshoe Courts."

Mr. Siebenaler had organized and promoted the club and was instrumental in the building of the courts. At the time of his death the club had more than 100 members.

At the same meeting the club elected officers for 1959 and discussed plans for the 1959 Nebraska State Horseshoe Tournament which will be held in Kimball next fall. The following officers were elected: President, Robert McKinnon; Vice-President, Wes Jorgenson; Secretary-Treasurer, Keith Larsen; news reporter, Wayne Enyeart. John Isaacs was elected to the board of directors for a three year term.

**MR. HERRICK OF NEBRASKA GOES ON VACATION
WITH MR. ALLEN OF COLORADO**

By *R. L. HERRICK*

This past summer, I took a weeks vacation and spent it with a great guy named Ted Allen, but don't let me fool you. Trying to keep up with Ted for a week is not exactly a vacation.

The first afternoon we went up the mountain after a load of black soil. The bumps in the road (rocks, that is) stuck up from 3 inches to 3 feet but we jolted merrily along, until at about 7,000 feet the truck stopped. After a short examination for the cause of the stop, Ted discovered that the battery was too low. A man passing by in a pick-up truck allowed him to hook up his battery lines with that of the truck and we got started again. We then went on up to where the black dirt was.

Watching Ted run a tractor and shovel was just like watching him swing those Allen shoes. That is, he does not believe in any lost motion. We finally got back to town with the load of dirt. As Ted made a left turn, there was a whistle from the patrolman. Ted said, "What have I done now?" He had forgotten to give a left turn signal. After looking at the license, the policeman asked him if he was the Ted Allen who pitched horseshoes, all the time he kept writing and talking about horseshoes and bowling. Finally he gave him a "courtesy" ticket and "good luck" greeting and bade us on our way.

When we got home I was "bushed" so I hit the hay, but Ted stayed up late answering his mail.

That Saturday night we went to the dog races. To be brief, Ted is one of the best horseshoe pitchers that ever lived, but he is sure a "dub" at picking winners in a dog race. I drove back home on the turnpike while Ted caught up on his sleep. Sunday we went up the mountain thru Boulder canyon and although it was raining, we still continued. He showed me where the trout were. We drove on a little further, stopping at a tree that he wanted me to see. He wanted to show me this rabbit, which was a discoloration on the tree trunk in the shape of a rabbit. He will always have his rabbit as it has been there for years.

On the way home we stopped along the creek so that I could pick up a smooth rock. Getting back to the car, there was "Teddy" fast asleep. I drove back in silence. Truly a wonderful time spent with a wonderful guy.

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