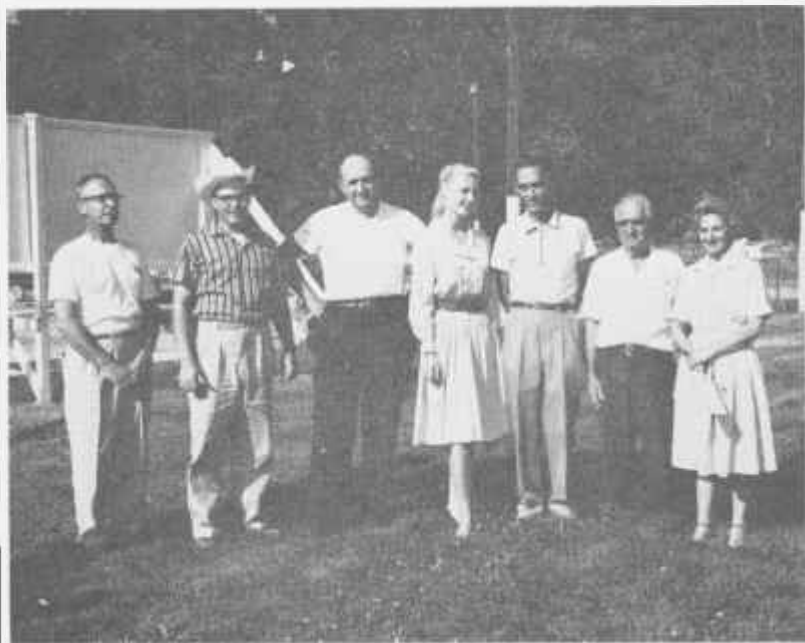


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WHERE YOUR MEMBERSHIP DOLLAR GOES

Have you ever asked or heard asked the question, "What are my N.H.P.A. membership dues used for?"

Of course everyone knows that a big portion of it goes towards publishing *The Horseshoe Pitcher's News Digest*, but many members mistakenly think of their \$3.50 as a magazine subscription fee.

The "News Digest" is only one of the benefits of N.H.P.A. membership, although it's an important one and the most costly item in the budget.

Other items include the issuing of "Certificates of Championship," answering a huge volume of mail, maintaining liason with the various state chapters and N.H.P.A. officers, purchase of office supplies including everything from paper clips to typewriter repairs and answering inquiries for information concerning the game and the N.H.P.A.

This last item is especially important for it is by this means the N.H.P.A. can promote the game of horseshoe and enable new clubs to get started and to increase our own membership. The volume of this type of mail has increased tremendously this past year and has made it necessary to have much information mimeographed in advance.

All of this makes the job of Secretary-Treasurer an important and time consuming one in addition to the routine work of keeping the books and handling the money. That is why the constitution of the N.H.P.A. provides for the Secretary-Treasurer to receive an allowance of \$600 per year plus 10¢ per member, for the time and effort expended could not possibly be hired for that amount to say nothing of money he is bound to spend out of his own pocket on trips and in the course of pursuing his duties.

Accordingly I have broken the total N.H.P.A. expenditures for one year down into terms of an individual membership. Here is where your \$3.50 national membership money goes.

Printing and mailing the "News Digest"	\$2.25
Secretary-Treasurer's allowance43
Mimeographing and misc. printing35
Postage and mailing expenses18
Other office supplies and expenses19
World tournament expenses10
Total	\$3.50

Increased membership is the road whereby we can cut down on the amount of each membership that goes into fixed items of expense such as the Secretary-Treasurer's allowance, office supplies, postage and the like, thereby making more money available to increase the size and content of the "News Digest" and to do a better job on the promotional end of the game and aid local clubs.

It would not take many more members to make the magazine far more attractive in the way of pictures and added articles.

Robert G. Pence
 N.H.P.A. Sec'y-Treas.

COVER PICTURE . . . The officers elected to govern the National Horseshoe Pitchers' Association for 1959-60 are shown gathered around Miss Carolyn Lasater, "Miss Ringer" at the World Tournament held at Murray, Utah. Reading from left to right are: E. C. Swarigen, Springfield, Illinois, 2nd Vice-President; Ottie Reno, Lucasville, Ohio, 3rd Vice-President; Reinhard Backer, Salt Lake City, Utah, President; "Miss Ringer"; Robert Pence, Gary, Indiana, Secretary-Treasurer; Elmer O. Beller, Bellflower, California, 1st Vice-President; and Mrs. Maurine Cook, Salt Lake City, Utah, 4th Vice-President.

"SCIENCE AT THE STAKE" AVAILABLE

The well known booklet entitled *Science at the Stake* published in 1946 by Roy Smith is available to N.H.P.A. members.

This 66 page book authored by a well known horseshoe pitching star of the 30s and early 1940s gives many valuable tips on the science of pitching horseshoes properly, how to practice, how to build courts, etc.

The book may be obtained for 50 cents per copy (clubs may obtain ten copies for \$3.00) by writing to Roy H. Smith, 13222 Dalwood, Norwalk, California.

NEW JERSEY GROUP STAGES BIG JUNIOR TOURNAMENT

The New Jersey State Association joined with the Paterson Evening News to stage a really worthwhile tournament last fall.

The event was a Tri-County Tournament sponsored by the newspaper with its Sports Editor, Joe Gooter, as Chairman assisted by Fred Loede of the Park Commission and Bill Fournier, Ed Pietranski, Henry Hoodiman and Paul Puglise of the New Jersey Horseshoe Pitchers Association. Bill Fournier is the State Secretary.

More than 200 entries participated in the tournament including both boys and girls from age seven years upwards. Preliminaries were held in different playgrounds and the finals in all divisions were held at Weasel Brock Park. The Paterson Evening News gave the event very good coverage and ran pictures of all the champions. As a result the meet attracted much attention and undoubtedly will be continued in the future.

Boys and girls seven to ten years of age played in Midget classes pitching a distance of 20 feet. Jim Lombardo of Clifton won the Boys' Midget division and averaged 57.1% ringers in his final game. He should be a real prospect in the future.

The Junior divisions ranged up to 13 years of age. The winner of the girls' tourney, Linda Pasek of Clifton, averaged 40% ringers.

The Intermediate divisions ranged up to 16 years of age and the winner of the boys' group, Tom Martello, averaged 44.4% at 40 feet, indicating that he too is an excellent prospect for future events. Edith Slavinsky won the girls' division.

Some real horseshoe was displayed in the Men's tournament which was won by Andy Courtcock, an N.H.P.A. member from Clifton with an average of 65.6% in five games. Regional N.H.P.A. Director Lee Davis of Ridgefield was second with 58.8%.

Although this was not a sanctioned tournament it is the type of event that contributes the maximum amount of good to both the game of horseshoe and the N.H.P.A. The New Jersey Association and the individuals who helped promote the affair are to be congratulated on their foresight and excellent work.

The event also shows what can be accomplished when the sports pages of a daily newspaper really get behind the sport, and perhaps that is the greatest lesson to be learned from the tournament. If local N.H.P.A. clubs can succeed in getting local newspapers to sponsor tournaments the game will grow by leaps and bounds.

MESSAGE FROM NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

By *ELMER O. BELLER*

As this is first part of 1960 and I have received appointment of membership Chairman I wish to send a word of encouragement to all parts of the nation to add a few more members for 1960 over their 1959 list. As this is Leap Year you will have an extra day to work. The greater the number organized, collectively, the more power they have and the more they are able to accomplish for all concerned. Of course this means if properly organized to accomplish desired objectives. Our most simple objective is to build and nurture our horseshoe sport for more pleasure, health and relaxation. We cannot expect to reach the height of baseball, golf, bowling, etc. But it makes us realize that these very popular sports are enjoying the fruits of being large organizations. We do not have the spectator appeal of baseball, football and some other sports to bring in financial help, but golf and bowling is supported, for the most part, by members and players just as in horseshoes. Their success is achieved mainly by two features. First by large membership; secondly by willingness to spend more individually. Our outlay of courts and playing equipment is less expensive than either golf or bowling.

We always feel it is an advantage to sign up early in the year for membership card. The new arrangement adopted, as explained in Oct. "Digest" by Sec. Bob Pence, allowing you a paid up subscription to "Digest" thru' June 1961 makes it doubly important to get card early. That way you will be getting 18 months subscription if you sign up 1st month in the year at no extra cost. You will be penalizing yourself an issue each month you delay between now and June. If you sign up after that time you will receive less than 12 issues but must pay same price for membership.

I have noted during past years there seems to be more articles of interest in early part of year's issues of "Digest" because less space is needed for tourney results.

Bob Pence's ability and hard work is paying off. Our membership has increased around 200 members for 1959. Much of this gain can be attributed to new Charters signed up in N. Carolina, Montana and N. Dakota. These are thru' the efforts of Mr. Pence. Other States showing an increase in 1959 are: Ariz., So. Calif., Colo., Conn., Idaho, Iowa-Hawkeye, Mass., Mich., Minn., Mo., Nebr., N. J., N. Y., Ohio, Ore., Penn., Wash., Wis., Canada. This is encouraging indeed. That shows an increase from about half the States that have Charters. Indiana of course, still leads all other States for 1959, with Ohio second, and So. California 3rd. Southern & Northern California combined would place them second as a State. Late returns coming in may change these listings somewhat.

Let's turn our attention and efforts now to 1960. We remind you again if your State has a Charter it also has a State secretary. The State secretary has a supply of 1960 membership cards and you should contact this State Sec. for your 1960 card. Do not send to Nat. Secretary Bob Pence or Editor Ellis Cobb unless you don't have State Sec. Your magazine will be included if you get your card thru' your State Sec.

All officials, as well as each individual member, should realize we need more publicity to help build our organization. It is hard to prod the newspapers into carrying reports on horseshoe activities. The members and pitchers are too passive in this respect also. Many people living right near where horseshoe is most active know nothing about it. Make an effort to talk it up. Membership in many instances could be built up if they were more exposed to our activities. I have been to clubs where N.H.P.A. members belong and these N.H.P.A. members have pitched with other non-N.H.P.A. members for a long time, yet these club members are surprised when informed there is a National Ass'n and they know nothing of their activities. Let's everyone use every opportunity to advertise our Association. Loan or show copies of our "News Digest" to prospective members. Let it be known we have a nation-wide organization that is operating in a business-like way to promote HORSESHOES for health and enjoyment. Send in news items to "Digest" or articles of interest. A good magazine is one of our best assets to bring in new members. Some join for magazine only. The larger the membership the greater the accomplishment for good of all.

Get behind Bob Pence's plan to raise purse for National Tournament. A good National Tourney in the mid west will surely build up a real increase in membership in that district. The cream of the crop of good horseshoe pitchers live in that area. The Atlantic States and Canada are relatively near.

Make a drive for early membership. If you must depend on good horseshoe weather

MEMBERSHIP — (Continued)

before you can recruit members then make a real planned program in advance to interest potential membership. Be prepared for a drive when spring does open.

Let's find your State listed among those reporting an increase in membership at close of 1960. The united efforts of all State officials and all members is needed. One positive move to start with, should be to get your own membership card. Then try to recruit one or more others on your own. You will find it much easier to increase your State's membership 10 percent than it is to increase your ringer percentage 10%.

We solicit information from anyone who has discovered methods of recruiting membership in their area. Make them known thru' medium of our magazine or present them at assembly in Convention.

NEWS AND NOTES FROM HORSESHOE FOLKS

It is with sadness that we learn of the passing of the mother of Ellis Griggs, Illinois state champion. She passed away on Thursday, January 14 at the home of her daughter. We extend our deepest sympathy to the bereaved family.

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William Johnston of Stockport, Iowa has been seriously ill following an appendectomy. He is now coming along nicely being able to sit up each day for an hour. We hope that he will soon be up and around again.

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Floyd Toole, top ranking Arkansas pitcher, reports that his wife has undergone major surgery twice since last summer and that his daughter recently had an appendectomy. Nevertheless Floyd has organized a junior horseshoe league for 15 and 16 year olds in Pine Bluff and hopes to have an adult club formed this spring.

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' 'HORSESHOE LOVE''

By JOHN CROTHERS

In the spring a young man's fancy,
Lightly turns to thoughts of love,
And each season has its yearnings,
But not always as above.

Now I know a group of sportsmen
Who forsake most everything,
To indulge their one great weakness,
Be it fall or in the spring.

To these men there is no season
That is better than right now,
So they pitch and talk of horseshoe
As their spare time will allow.

These men come from o'er the nation,
Their sport has no reigning place,
And the man from North Dakota
Can compete in Havre de Grace.

There is *one place* that is dear to them,
In Florida, on the coast of the sun,
In a town that is old, yet always gay,
A place called Bradenton.

And there they gather in the winter months,
To spend their time outdoors,
Pitching horseshoes, swapping yarns,
And dodging wifey's little chores.

I know these guys do love their wives,
And the wives do love their men,
But when it comes to horseshoes,
They just can't learn when to say when.

I know their gals overlook a lot
When Pop don't come home for meals,
But they know that Pop is all wrapped up
In some horseshoe pitcher's deals.

And so, they sit and yak-yak-yak,
A giving father heck,
And Pop just sneaks around in back,
Expecting it in the neck.

But all in all, I know Moms glad,
That he don't sit around and gripe,
With nothing to do the whole day long,
But suck on his old clay pipe.

So he wends his way to the horseshoe courts,
Every morn at half-past nine,
And Mom smiles, and chuckles a bit,
For she knows that everythings fine.

Her horseshoe hubby will be home after while,
And tell her all the dope,
And he'll be happy as a bug in a rug,
I hope! I hope! I hope!

TED ALLEN CONDUCTS SEMINAR OF HORSESHOE PITCHING AT GIRLS' ACADEMY

By *TED ALLEN*

For 26 years I've been appearing in exhibitions in new and exciting places, sometimes difficult, but the one this winter was entirely different. It was at Mt. St. Gertrude Academy, an all-girl school now used for mostly high school grades. It has a world-wide reputation as a good school for girls.

It was agreed with the Sister Superior, Mary Norma, that it might be another sport for them to take part in during gym time, and I to be the instructor. We never seemed to get around to it during the warmer weather last fall. Then one day the gym teacher, Mrs. Schreiber, spoke of having me on one of her weekly gym days, inside. The date was set for the following week, all gym classes for the day to be used for horseshoes. Not having much time to practice, the net result was 4 days of warm weather to practice outdoors, and one under the ceiling.

Believe me, rusty as I was, I was worried about the response I might get from such critical young ladies. Would they be indifferent and snubbish to the game? To many, it would be the first knowledge of it. I actually lost sleep over it. Normally, I am sure and confident before any kind of show, but this was different. My appearance, speech and the way I presented it could make a difference in their eyes. Vibrant busy young people are interested in anything new. They are mannerly and taught respect and consideration. This was new and sort of an entertainment, and the World's champ was showing them.

But I hate to think of how close I came to disgracing Mrs. Schreiber and myself in my error of the time. Only luck saved me. Thinking the first class was to be at 9:35 A.M. (correctly, 8:35) I sauntered to the gym to prepare my clay and props. Looking into the door the sight that met my eyes was a gym full of attractive Seniors in brief gym suits. What was wrong? Had I been forgotten? A change of time? Or cancelled? I ducked back and decided to walk around in the school corridors and kitchen hoping some one would give me a message. Instantly Sister David found me. "Did you know that you are due in the gym? Mrs. Schreiber is looking for you." Gracious, only 25 minutes of class remained, and here I had to change clothes and set up my props, etc. I was supposed to be in there ahead of them. I didn't even have my mind made up as to how I would start the lessons. With girls, I felt there must not be a mistake in presentation. I sent word by the Sister that I would be right in. I made a record change of clothes and dashed to the gym. I walked in as gracefully as possible, under the circumstances, and moved as fast as I dared without seeming to be in frantic haste. Wasting not a move in setting up props while the girls were being talked to by Mrs. Schreiber to kill time. After the introduction and with the shoes in hand, the old confidence returned.

Fifteen minutes was given over to instructions on the fundamentals, reasons, and answering questions. The girls sat on the floor along each side and the amazing thing was that they never lost interest while I was going through the motions without pitching a shoe. Following that I tossed a few to show them what the shoe looked like in flight and talked about the game in general, and at the same time, answering questions. The last of class was used with a few trick shots. Eyes were popping, and a good round of applause. Some were stunned into silence. Afterwards one girl remarked "I never knew one had to go through so many things just to pitch a horseshoe. Other sports, yes, but not horseshoes." Other remarks and questions, "But how do you get so good?" "Doesn't your arm get tired during the tournament?" I answered the latter two by explaining that for a big tourney, one must train and build up physically and mentally for it just as they would in any other sport. They were quite interested in the women's side of the game, and who knows, we may some day find a strong competitor here for Vicki Chapelle. I was careful, in order to save future discouragement among them, not to mention that I was expecting to make a World's champ out of any of them. Explaining that the purpose in coming there was to give them fun out of another fine sport, and to teach them how, so that they could at least talk to their pitching friends and relatives about the proper way, and even to entering into some tournament for women some day. I found that quite a few of them had already seen some pitching. At the end of class I thanked them for their attention. Delightfully, they all in one chorus replied, "Good afternoon, Ted".

TED ALLEN CONDUCTS — (Continued)

This was the program we followed for every class of the day of the other grades. They are now anxious to get outside next spring to actually toss the shoes. As Mrs. Schreiber says, our problem now is to hold their interest until then. One girl asked one of the sisters, "Why can't we have this every week?"

A lapse of memory on my part has caused me embarrassment twice before. On both occasions there was a full house attendance. The first time, at Madison Square Garden, my first year there with the big annual Rodeo, the richest purse in rodeo. With 18,000 people looking on, at my introduction I sprinted to the center of the arena, waving my hat, a good dash for an untrained man. The props were there ahead of me as usual, except, horrors! No shoes. I'd forgotten to pick up the newly painted and dried shoes (for good viewing) and place them on the clay before show time. It's a horrible feeling, just for an instant that helplessness of an impossible situation. People expecting me to do something, including the Arena bosses and Garden officials, who reserved a special spot between rodeo events.

Well, I did it. Without hesitating I whirled and sprinted back out. I'm no speed man but that was my fastest time to cut down the wait of the audience. But I knew enough not to let it upset me. As I ran I could hear a murmur going through the crowd, wondering what, maybe. When I came dashing out again, a ripple of chuckles greeted me. I found those New York City people to be understanding of situations in show business. I always believe my experience in such situations to react has helped.

In spite of my 3-way sprint I pitched my usual average, which in that place had to be near perfect. In those days I could do any change of pace and pitch the same. Condition, condition. Did some one say youth? Maybe. But this game keeps one young. This is another example in training for a change of pace or a change over from one thing to another.

After that year, I made arrangements to use a horse to come out on. And when that situation came up at another show, it was easier to remount and let the horse do the work to go after the shoes. I must have looked like the bandit making the escape, and a reformer coming back.

NORTH MEETS SOUTH—IN CALIFORNIA

The Roeding Park Horseshoe Club of Fresno and its guiding spirit, Major Dalton, were hosts to the second annual team match between All Star groups of horseshoe pitchers from the northern and southern California Associations.

The match took place at Fresno in October and like all team matches where the teams must travel a long distance the squad which was able to have the greatest number of its top players on hand was the victor. This year Southern California won easily, 41 to 23 with such players as Jim Weeks, Frank Esperanza, Harry Morse, Rafael Navarro, Waldo Hagy, Henry Durr, Ron Long, Charlie Merrill, Eddie Lopez, Larry Greer, and Wally Shipley.

Ira Allen, brother of World Champion Ted, led the North team assisted by Czar Marceovich, Bruce Lyon, Bill Fraser, Carl Moskalik, Earl Davis, Rusty Cima and Ray Lambeth. Top players such as Don Titcomb, Guy Zimmerman, Paul Mori and others were missing from the North roster.

Conditions were reversed the preceding year when the North had its full strength and the Southern Association lacked full strength, consequently the North won in 1957 by a lopsided score of 48 to 16. (*Full details in next issue*)

Archie and Katie Gregson and Elmer Beller along with officials of the Roeding Park club assisted Major Dalton and the Fresno city Recreation department in putting on the match.

FROM HERE AND THERE

The Corvallis, Oregon club is justly proud of their new and beautiful courts that were installed in Avary Park in Corvallis last year. They are clay courts with cement pitching stands and completely fenced in. Last season saw teams from Eugene, Lebanon, Salem and Portland, Oregon in action there. The Corvallis club is looking forward to a great season in the coming year.

ARE YOU HELPING WITH THE SOLUTION OR CONTRIBUTING TO THE PROBLEM?

This brings to mind a big question mark to the writer — Why does he continue to try to help with the solution when he can sit back on the side lines, so to speak, and enjoy the game as he should? One cannot enjoy the game as he should when he knows there is so much to be done that will make it more enjoyable for him and the thousands of pitchers everywhere, if we would but see it, when certain methods of promotion and organization are employed to bring about the great changes so necessary for greater success that so many over our great land see and want. We all know it should be done, but do little toward that goal and are satisfied to let George do it, when in fact it would take so little of each other's time when we all do our share and not be too satisfied with things as they are, and perhaps hoping that some great change will take place without any effort on our part. This brings me to the following, in the words of Frederick G. Donna, Chairman of the Board of General Motors, "Risk, change and grow". The essential quality of a dynamic economy is change — constructive change — and change also is the very essence of enterprise. The most dramatic instances of change in our economic history are associated with great innovations.

But why is change characteristic of America? In my opinion it is a direct result of the way we have organized ourselves to carry on the business of living as our free enterprise encourages and rewards enterprising people, people who are not content to remain static but who initiate innovations and worthwhile change. Whether the first step in a series of changes is big or little, competition results in the rapid spread of change to other points opening up additional areas of creating opportunity, thus the endless chain of activity.

Dynamic growth is not possible without the process of risk taken by someone or groups requiring much time and money to be successful. Our future growth can be realized only if we continue to look ahead and take risks. These are some of the contributions we must make to insure proper growth. It is a challenge to our present members of our great N.H.P. Ass'n and those just starting their careers in the horseshoe game and who are the potential world champions of tomorrow.

CLAUDE A. BENEDICT, *Johnstown, Ohio*

WORLD TOURNAMENT PLANS AND FINANCING

Reinhard Backer, President of the N.H.P.A. and the Executive Council are working on plans for the 1960 World and National Tournament and a definite announcement as to time, place and method of financing will be carried in the March issue of *The Horseshoe Pitcher's News Digest*.

The 1960 tournament presents many complex problems which must be met since the bonanza the N.H.P.A. has enjoyed at Murray has come to a temporary halt. Mr. Backer and Secretary Bob Pence are working hard to solve these problems.

THERE DEFINITELY WILL BE A 1960 WORLD TOURNAMENT. It will be held somewhere in the Midwest with the choice being between Muncie and Kokomo, Indiana unless some other bid materializes between now and March 1. The dates including the qualifying round will either be from July 27 to August 3 or from August 1 to August 10. Cash prizes and trophies will equal or exceed last year's list.

Obtaining financial support is the big problem facing the Executive Council. It should be emphasized here that for the past 12 years financial support has been forthcoming automatically because of the original spadework by our beloved Arch Stokes and the generosity of the Salt Lake County Recreation Dept. It should also be emphasized that the tournament has been financed entirely by entry fees and the money raised locally. Last year when the amount of the local money was lowered, marked the first time the N.H.P.A. had to use money from the treasury for even small incidental expenses outside the prize list.

To duplicate the \$4000 or \$5000 donated annually at Murray is proving to be an almost insurmountable job. The Executive Council is working on an orderly plan which will automatically raise enough money each year to assure a tournament without raising individual membership dues.

WILL HORSESHOES GROW?

By LEE DAVIS

Many of us have wondered if horseshoes will grow. The answer I believe was answered in the final report (approx. 20 pages) of Paul Puglise, tournament director for New Jersey Association. The results were very gratifying and a tribute to the hard work Paul Puglise did.

He gave a very complete report on all tournaments held in New Jersey during the year. This included the name and type of tournament, complete standings and the prizes awarded in each tournament.

But here lies the answer to the above question. The Paterson Evening News sponsored a Tri-County horseshoe pitching tournament, with its sports writer, Joe Gooter as chairman of the tournament committee. On the committee were Frederick W. Loede of the Park commission, Ed Pietranski, Henry Hoodiman, William Fournier, the State Secretary, and the old work horse Paul Puglise.

The tournament drew over two hundred entries in all. The total number in each class wasn't available but the results and description of each class is as follows:

Midget group consisted of boys seven to ten years of age. They played eleven point games at a distance of twenty feet peg to peg. Final results:

	W	L		W	L
James Lombardo, Clifton	5	0	George Loubshire, Paterson	2	2
Mike Toloso, Paterson	4	1	Gary Ebersback	Forfeit	
Art Destefano, Paterson	3	2	Nick Elia	Forfeit	

Forfeits were due to rain on the original date. In the final game Lombardo pitched 57.1%.

Junior group consisted of girls nine to thirteen and boys eleven to thirteen. The girls pitched fifteen point games at a distance of twenty feet peg to peg.

Final results:

	W	L		W	L
Linda Pasek, Clifton	5	0	Iona Primus, Paterson	2	3
Rosemary Walters, Paterson	4	1	Phyliss Nero	Forfeit	
Rita Toloso, Paterson	3	2	Loretta Hannah	Forfeit	

Forfeits were due to rain on the original date. Linda defeated two of her opponents 15 to 0 and had an average of 40%.

The boys pitched twenty five point games at a distance of thirty feet peg to peg.

Final results:

	W	L		W	L
Dan Toloso, Paterson	3	1	Dave Primus, Paterson	2	2
Bill Mahan, Clifton	2	2	Douglas Knapp	0	4
Tony Buraty, Paterson	2	2			

The intermediate class consisted of boys fourteen to sixteen. They played twenty five point games at the 40 feet distance.

Final results:

	W	L		W	L
Tom Martello, Clifton	3	0	Michael Mathis, Paterson	1	2
Bruce Baird, Clifton	2	1	Lenord Jacobs, Paterson	0	3

The champ averaged 44.4% but the interesting part of these finals was Mathis close games with both boys ahead of him. He lost to the champ 25-23 and to Baird 25-22.

The senior class consisted of girls and ladies over 14 and boys and men over 17 years of age.

The senior girls played 25 point games and at 30 feet peg to peg.

Final results:

	W	L		W	L
Edith Slavinsky, Wallington	6	0	Elma Borbella, Hawthorne	1	5
Betty Tookmanian, Clifton	5	1	Helen Brusminski, Clifton	0	6
Pat Pasek, Clifton	4	2	Phylis Nero, Paterson	Forfeit	
Betty Odd, Fairlawn	4	2			

The senior men played 50 shoe games. Final results:

WILL HORSESHOES GROW? — (Continued)

	W	L	%
Andy Courtock, Clifton	5	0	65.6
Lee Davis, Ridgefield	4	1	58.8
Al Ward, Paterson	3	2	55.2
Ed Larger, Mahwah	2	3	53.2
H. Opthof, Paterson	1	4	33.2
Wm. Fournier, Hasbrook Heights	0	5	31.2

The preliminaries for each class were held at the different playgrounds by the playground director, and then the winner in each class played in the finals at Weasel Brook park. The largest percentage of entries were in the Midget and Junior classes. At our state meeting it was discussed how we could keep in contact with these young enthusiasts. The Paterson Evening News did an excellent job on printing the rules and posting times. They carried the results along with pictures of the winners receiving their trophies. We thought that the results printed in the Horseshoe Magazine might give a little added stimulus.

WEDDING BELLS TO RING FOR WORLD'S HORSESHOE PITCHING QUEEN

Mr. and Mrs. Cletus Chapelle of Portland, Oregon announce the engagement of their daughter, Vicki Lee to Mr. Earl Winston, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Wayne Winston of LaMonte, Missouri. Plans are being made for an early June wedding. As is known, Vicki is the present holder of the World's Ladies' championship while her future husband Earl is the Regional Director for the West Central States of the NHPA. Congratulations to this happy couple.

N.H.P.A. MEMBERS DOMINATE NATIONAL A.A.U.

N.H.P.A. members dominated the National A.A.U. tournament held at Elgin, Ill. last fall by the Amateur Athletic Union.

Glenn Riffle of Dayton, O. repeated at National Amateur champ and the runner up was Darrell Eller of Thomasville, N.C., both of whom are N.H.P.A. members.

The doubles tournament resulted in a three way tie for first between Riffle and his partner Charles Sipple, Eller and Melvin Howard of North Carolina and Roger Ehlers and Frank Breen of Illinois. All except Breen are N.H.P.A. members and Breen is a News Digest subscriber.

BILL KEEGAN WINS FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA CITY OPEN

By ED EDWARDS

A very nice crowd saw Bill Keegan win the first annual Ft. Lauderdale, Florida Open tournament held on the new Holiday Park courts in Ft. Lauderdale on Sunday, January 10. He was the recipient of a beautiful trophy. In his final game he tossed a neat 70 percent game. John Waasko copped Class B honors while Al Perilard won Class C. Each received a trophy.

Through the efforts of Temple Jarrell, city recreation director, a battery of four very nice courts has been installed in Holiday Park, Ft. Lauderdale's major recreation center.

Mr. Jarrell, a former state champion of both Maryland and Tennessee, has done much to create interest and encourage active participation in the sport here. His able assistant, Ronnie Welch, has also worked very hard as supervisor of league and tournament play and also in a drive for new members. Welch is a big league baseball player and a member of the Detroit Tigers system.

HORSESHOE PITCHING ACTIVITY RETURNS TO ERIE COUNTY, PA.

By *GLEN SEBRING*

After a lapse of fifteen years the game of horseshoes has taken on new life in Erie County, Pennsylvania. Approximately 60 men pitched throughout the 1959 season. Because of the enthusiasm shown by the pitchers the Erie city council stepped in and built twelve new courts in Glenwood Park, Erie. We are looking forward to having over 150 men in action during the 1960 season in Erie county. The winners of the many tournaments held during the last season are listed below together with some of the highlights.

PENNSYLVANIA NORTHWEST OPEN . . . Joe Peters of Erie and Burrell Brobeck of New Brighton, co-champions in Class "A" . . . Milton Richeal of Beaver Falls emerging as Class "B" champion. 40 men participated representing 14 cities and of those 40 men 15 were former city champions. ERIE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP . . . Jack Potter of Erie, Class "A" champion, Frank Bieniasz of Erie, Class "B" champion and Frank Bohun, former Penn state president, also of Erie, Class "C" champion. ERIE COUNTY DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP . . . John Simko and Jack Potter. ERIE CITY JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP . . . Ten year old Danny Kuchcinski was the winner. Jack Potter, Glen Sebring, Joe Peters, Frank Bieniasz, Wesley Kuchcinski, Francis White, Joe Kuchcinski and Dick White carried Erie's colors in the Penn state tournament. Highlights of the last season for Erie pitchers were Joe Peters defeating Carl Steinfeldt, 1958 New York state champion, 50-43. Joe threw 46 ringers out of his first 50 shoes in a matchgame played on the Falconer Rod and Gun Club courts at Falconer, New York . . . Jack Potter pitching a 90% game in the Erie County tournament . . . Glen Sebring finishing 5th in the Penn state tournament and Joe Peters "throwing a scare" into Jim Ohler the defending champion. Joe had Jim 41 to 18 before succumbing to Jim 50-48 . . . Al Sebring, 68 years young, and father of Glen Sebring, threw 22 ringers out of 24 shoes in a vain attempt to help his partner, Frank Bohun win the play-off in the Erie County Doubles tournament . . . Francis White, "Mr. Horseshoes of Erie," Joe Peters and Glen Sebring pitching on TV and giving a good account of themselves and boosting the game.

BEAVER COUNTY, PA. MAKES PLANS FOR 1960 SEASON

By *HERMAN BOYER*

It looks like Beaver County, Pennsylvania will be bristling with activity again during the coming season. We held our first league meeting with the following men elected to guide the club during the season. Lawrence Hineman, President; Richard Weigle, Vice-President; Fred Shue, Secretary-Treasurer.

We hope to have 10 teams in our Beaver County league this year. In 1958 we had only 2 National members while in 1959 we advanced to 10 NHPA members. This year we hope to bring the total to 60 NHPA members.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars are to be congratulated for their part in going all out in helping the league here in the county. This year they are going to put in 10 courts complete with lights and are boosting the game in every way that they can.

The Alliquippa, Pa. Elks are to be congratulated also for their part. They donated \$200 and helped install 4 courts complete with lights.

Fred Shue, our secretary-treasurer and a member of the NHPA is installing 6 more courts which will make a total of 10 also with lights. He and his wife Mabel are staunch workers for the game here. Over in Zelionople, Pa., Felix Sweikowski is going to add 2 more lighted courts which will bring his total to 4.

We sincerely appreciate the wonderful promotional efforts of all the above mentioned groups and members together with the combined efforts of the entire membership. We also hope to hold our first Open Tournament sometime during the coming season.

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.

"Sparks Off The Peg"

BY MICKEY VECCHITTO

It grieves me a little that some sportswriters have another name for horseshoe pitching. They refer to it as "barnyard golf." By doing so they are not doing justice to the game and you would be surprised in that the general public has the same impression.

Did you know that the favorite sport of our two living ex-presidents is pitching horseshoes?

I would like to see a poll taken of all NHPA members to decide which scoring system is the best, that of cancellation or the count-all style. Various states use one or both scoring methods. In my opinion it should be only one of the two.

In Connecticut, duckpin bowling is very popular and many of the bowling establishments conduct "one ball" tournaments. This type of meet attracts many players and one of the reasons is that the class "C" type player has an equal chance of winning as the class "A" player. Only one ball is rolled per box of 30 balls for a regular 3-game series. The one having the highest score is the winner.

I think we could get more of this type of player interested in a similar contest in horseshoes. By pitching 100 shoes with the one having the most points being declared the winner. Unlike bowling, I realize that a class "C" pitcher could not compete with a class "A" pitcher, but all players could be separated into their respective classes according to their pitching ability.

From my own experience, we hold regular tournaments year after year and it is usually the same players that take part in these events. I have nothing against it, but we do very little to encourage newcomers in the sport. I know many fine players that think that they are not good enough to have a chance in any of the tourneys, so they do not bother to enter them. One of the faults lies within ourselves. Most of the regular pitchers do nothing towards promoting the game, except to pitch horseshoes and remember what their ringer percentage is. It is always the same few that keep the light flickering. With the start of a new decade let us ALL swing together for the new year.

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT HORSESHOE FOLKS

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Hopkins of Ottumwa, Iowa celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on Christmas day. Congratulations.

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Myrtle Patterson, city park recreation director of Lynchburg, Virginia did yeoman service in promoting horseshoe pitching in Virginia last year which was instrumental in the forming of a Virginia State Chapter of the N.H.P.A.

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Major Dalton of the Roeding Park club of Fresno, California is endeavoring to have the annual Northern California and Southern California contest played in Fresno during the Fresno Diamond Jubilee to be celebrated in October culminating on October 27th, the date the city was incorporated. Fresno has grown from 3000 inhabitants to 120,000 during the past 75 years. He is trying to get one of the civic group to sponsor the event. There will be more specific details in later issues of the News Digest.

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The Orlando, Florida Club has made connections with the N.H.P.A. and the boys at the Bradenton Trailer Park courts and the St. Petersburg club are trying to arrange a series of team matches.

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Alton Weagle, president of the Keene, N.H. Horseshoe Club reports that the city built them six courts this year and have approved plans to double the number next year and install lights and bleachers. The club has 90 active members and hopes to land the New Hampshire state tournament next year.

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The North Carolina State Chapter will have an eight team inter-city league in operation during 1960 according to Randall Jones, Secretary of the Tarheel Association.

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FROM HERE AND THERE

Parker Burns, N.H.P.A. representative in New Mexico reports that his Albuquerque club has 58 dues paying members but lacks courts to play on and they have so far been unsuccessful in getting the city park board's co-operation in constructing courts in a city park.

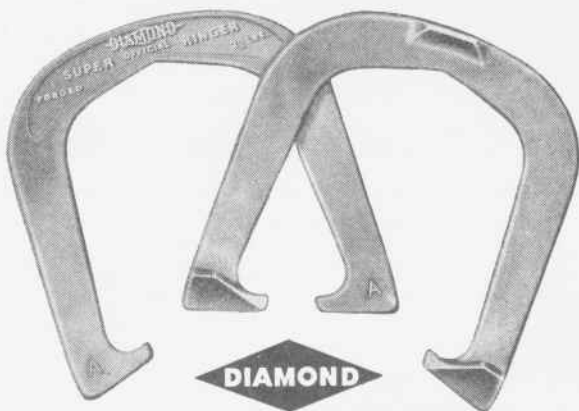
P. D. Riley, 1958 Texas state champ, now living in New Mexico, is a member of the Albuquerque Club.

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Marvin Reheiss and Marines Tamboer have an indoor court at Douglas, Kansas. Reheiss plans to attend the Valley of the Sun Open at Mesa, Arizona this month.

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John Shuck, Indiana left hander, and his wife Hazel who handles tournament charts and recording for the Indiana tournaments, report the birth of a new horseshoe pitcher—Keith Allen Shuck, weight one pound more than three horseshoes!



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