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## WORLD TOURNAMENT PLANS

Now that the 1960 World Tournament has been awarded to Muncie, Indiana, questions will be asked regarding how the affair will be conducted.

Specific plans and rules will be published in the April and subsequent issues of the "News Digest", but the general pattern of procedures will be much the same as they were at Murray last year.

The tournament dates, August 1st to 9th, includes three or four days for qualifying play. A larger entry list is anticipated and consequently more time may be needed for qualifying.

The dates are also somewhat later than they have been in past years in an attempt to avoid conflict with harvest time on mid west farms as much as possible.

One big difference at Muncie will be the holding of competition on Sunday, August 7th. There was no play on Sunday at Murray and there will be none on Sunday forenoon at Muncie, but there will be games scheduled for Sunday afternoon and evening.

There will be Class B, Junior and Ladies' tournaments at Muncie in addition to championship play.

One possible addition that is seriously being considered is an "Old Timers" division for players who have reached their 60th birthday. This division would be held during the daylight hours.

Final decision on a National championship for "Old Timers" will depend upon the response of the membership, especially the "Old Timers" themselves. Please indicate your desires and thoughts on such an addition by dropping a post card to N.H.P.A. Secretary Bob Pence at 341 Polk Street, Gary, Ind.

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## FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA CLUB FORMALLY ORGANIZED

By ED EDWARDS

On February 3, 1960, the Ft. Lauderdale Horseshoe Club was formally organized and the following officers were elected:

Ed. Edwards — President  
 Mike Joyce — Vice President  
 Bill Edward — Secretary  
 George Wilmot — Treasurer

The club has twenty members, and judging from the interest shown thus far the club has a potential membership of about forty players within the next year.

We have four very fine clay courts located in Holiday Park, a city-owned recreation center, and there is sufficient space for the addition of four more courts in the near future.

Plans are under way to form a Florida East Coast League, and although it appears that this will take some time, encouraging progress is being made.

# *The 1960 World Tournament*

**MUNCIE, INDIANA, AUGUST 1st-9th**

The Executive Council through its President, Reinhard Backer, has announced that the 1960 World Horseshoe Tournament will be held August 1st to 9th at Heekin Park in Muncie, Indiana.

Final choice of the site was left in the hands of N.H.P.A. Secretary-Treasurer Bob Pence who has worked hard and long trying to find the most suitable location for the tournament.

Complete rules and procedures governing the tournament will be published in the April and subsequent issues of the "News Digest". The prize list will amount to at least \$4,000 and a complete place by place breakdown will be printed in a later issue.

The method adopted for financing this and future World Tournaments is presented elsewhere in this issue.

This marks the first time since 1948 the tournament has been held in the middle west and the first time it has ever been held in Indiana. Under the new policy adopted by the N.H.P.A. the tournament will be rotated each year to a different section of the country thereby giving members and clubs everywhere an opportunity to view, host and participate in the tournament.

Since the tournament has been held in Utah every year since 1947 with the single exception of 1948, holding the affair at Muncie will give many middle west and eastern players who have been unable to make the long trip west a chance to take part. This factor is expected to aid materially in making the 1960 World Tournament a success.

Muncie is a diversified industrial city of 70,000 located in central Indiana near the Ohio line. Heekin Park, where the tournament will be staged, is about a mile from downtown Muncie and has numerous eating establishments and motels close by the courts. There are also two hotels in the downtown area.

The Muncie Park Department and City Recreation Director, Bob Abbuele are co-operating in every way possible to make the tournament a success. Last year the park had a battery of 12 fine courts and money has been set aside for the construction of six additional courts as soon as weather permits this spring. The courts having been built at different times will not have the eye appeal that the courts at Murray possessed, but the physical properties such as stakes, clay, pitching platforms and background will be every bit as good. The lighting system is excellent.

Most of the all-time records of the Indiana State tournament were set on these same courts in 1956 which is excellent proof of the quality of the courts.

The Muncie Horseshoe Club and the Indiana State Association will act as hosts for the tournament. The Muncie club had a phenomenal growth last year and now has 275 members. Mainly responsible was the club president, Charles Baker assisted by secretary Harold Craig. Others active in the affairs of the club were Vollie Floyd, Roy Bruner, Marvin Craig and Max Whitaker. Baker has been ill this winter, but Harold Craig and others along with Recreational Director, Bob Abbuele, have already lined up enough support locally to assure a successful tournament.

The officers of the Indiana State Association, Marvin Chrisman of Connersville and Earle Wilmore of Gary have promised to support the Muncie club in every way possible.

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## **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.

## EDITORIAL . . . .

Through the medium of the Horseshoe Pitcher's News Digest it is an aim of the National Horseshoe Pitchers' Association to create and hold the interest of horseshoe pitchers wherever located. Also to try and develop a stronger feeling of goodwill therein.

By publishing the news of all horseshoe pitching activities from any part of the country or Canada we will keep that interest and goodwill. However, from time to time there may be some who feel that this should not be the case.

The National Horseshoe Pitchers' Association endeavors to have as much of the nation's pitching activity come under its sanction as possible, but the fact that all these activities do not carry an NHPA sanction does not mean that these activities are barred from publication in The Horseshoe Pitcher's News Digest. Also the fact that any person's name might appear in its columns as a champion or otherwise, does not necessarily mean that the National Horseshoe Pitchers' Association recognizes that individual as the OFFICIAL champion of the particular area he is listed from, even though that area or state may not have an NHPA charter.

The National Horseshoe Pitchers' Association does not have any axe to grind but is making a sincere effort to build up a strong National organization and part of that effort is in giving everyone equal consideration in his accomplishments, however great or small.

### **RASMUSSEN SUGGESTS PERCENTAGE HANDICAP SYSTEM**

Several years ago when the National Association was searching and asking for ideas of handicapping in order to give Horseshoes the same status as golf or bowling, I suggested that a percentage system (playing cancellation rather than Count-all) of handicapping be adopted. I sent in one version of how the percentage system could be used and the "News Digest" printed it in the September 1957 issue. The principle behind this system is that there is a difference of 30 points in 100 shoes when a 50% player competes against a 60% player, or a difference of 100 points when a 60% player plays a 27% player at 100 shoes. At 50 shoes the difference is  $\frac{1}{2}$  or in the case of the 50% vs. 60% player, the 50% player should have a handicap of 15 points. 10 ringers x 3 points equal 30 points divided by  $\frac{1}{2}$  equals 15 points. This can be verified by examination of any number of score sheets at 50 shoes or 100 shoes. Try it. Of course the 50% player would have to equal or better his average to tie or win and the same is true of the 60% player, but the 50% player has as much chance of winning as does the 60% player.

In the January 1960 issue of the "News Digest" I was pleased to see that another group has again proved that the Percentage system works. They say they have been using it for two years. I refer to the article written by Lee Davis titled "New Jersey Handicap System."

Cancellation is fine where players are equal in percentage ability, but all other sports (bowling) etc., have proved that a handicap system is necessary in order to build up a sport.

## COMING EVENTS

- May 28-30 — Hibbing, Minnesota Open, Hibbing, Minnesota—(Tentative Date)  
 June 18 — North Carolina State Tournament, Winston-Salem. N. C.  
 June 25-26 — St. Joe Open Tournament, Noyes Field, St. Joseph, Missouri.  
 August 1-9 — World Tournament, Heekin Park, Muncie, Indiana.  
 August 14 — Knox County Open, Lincoln Park, Galesburg, Illinois.  
 August 16-17 — Illinois State Men's Tournament, Fairgrounds, Springfield, Illinois.  
 August 17 — Illinois State Boys' Tournament, Fairgrounds, Springfield, Illinois.  
 August 27 — Winston-Salem Open Tournament, Winston-Salem, N. C.  
 Sept. 3-5 — Indiana State Tournament, Highland Park, Kokomo, Indiana.  
 Sept. 4-5 — Kansas State Tournament, Manhattan, Kansas.  
 Sept. 17 — North Carolina Invitational Tournament of Champions, Durham, North Carolina.

### KEENE, NEW HAMPSHIRE CLUB

The Keene, N.H. Horseshoe club recently held their annual meeting at which films of the World Tournament in Murray, Utah were shown, and officers for the coming year were elected.

Alton Weagle is president of the club, Darrell Flagg, secretary, and George Buskey, treasurer. As a result of the meeting the N.H.P.A. picked up a number of new members.

The Keene club is planning a busy season and has already raised money to add to their battery of lighted courts, and hopes to host the annual New Hampshire state tournament next fall.

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## **ATTENTION — ALL N.H.P.A. MEMBERS IN THE SOUTHEAST**

By RANDALL JONES

Plans are underway for an All Southeast Tournament to be held in Winston-Salem, North Carolina sometime in late August. In order to make this tournament a success we will have to have participation from several other states. We believe that this tournament will help strengthen the work of the N.H.P.A. in the southeast. I know that there could be many long-lasting friendships made as a result of the fellowship which we will have. This fellowship would help knit the southeast together into a stronger group and would help us in our efforts to promote the game of horseshoes in each of our areas.

We are especially anxious to attract players from Virginia, Tennessee and South Carolina since they are relatively close and would not have far to travel. Of course this does not mean that players from other states are not welcome. If you live in any of the southeastern states you are eligible to play in this tournament.

We need to know the names and addresses of everyone who would like to enter this event. So if you will put your name and address on a postcard and send it to Randall Jones you will receive a formal invitation as soon as they are ready. Please do not delay as we need this information as soon as possible. We would like to have it by May 1st if possible. Remember that address: Randall Jones, 2430 Queen Street, Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

### **NORTH CAROLINA TOURNAMENT DATES**

Randall Jones, Secretary of the North Carolina State Association has announced the dates of three sanctioned tournaments to be held in the Tarheel state this coming summer.

North Carolina State Tournament at Winston-Salem, June 18.

Winston-Salem Open at Winston-Salem, August 27.

North Carolina Invitational Tournament of Champions at Durham, Sept. 17.

North Carolina has already signed up a large number of N.H.P.A. members for 1960 and hopes to better its total of last year.

### **DAVE LOUCK, NORTHERN CALIFORNIA SECRETARY**

David Louck, who won the National Junior championship twice, has been elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Northern California Association, succeeding Carl Moskalik.

Dave started in the game young and won the first two National Junior tournaments held at Murray, Utah in 1951 and 1952. He lives at 704 Castro Street in San Francisco.

Other Northern California officers for the year are Ray Willingham of San Leandro, President and Abe Davis of San Francisco, Vice President. The new officers were elected at the association's January meeting.

# IMPORTANT!

## WORLD TOURNAMENT FINANCING POLICY

### Horseshoe Court Registration Plan

Ever since the World Tournament last summer the N.H.P.A. has been up against the tough problem of finding the means to finance the 1960 and all future World Tournaments.

For 12 years the N.H.P.A. has been coasting along with no real problems in this connection. Thanks to the spadework of our beloved Arch Stokes and the generosity of the Salt Lake County Recreation Department we were given between \$4,000 and \$5,000 annually to stage the tournament in Utah. This bonanza has come to a temporary halt. Murray wants the tournament back again, but not as an every year basis.

Obtaining financial support for even a local type horseshoe meet is a tough job, and to obtain it for a big National tournament is a gigantic one. First of all the amount must be large enough to attract players from the entire country if it is to be truly a National tourney.

It takes lots of time, energy and ability on the part of an individual or a club to sell the idea of a National Tournament to any Chamber of Commerce or group of business men. Even when we have all three of these elements present that is no guarantee of success, and even if successful one year the chances are we would meet with failure in other years.

Therefore the N.H.P.A. needs an orderly, workable plan that will automatically raise the needed money each year in a way that will make the organization self supporting without working a hardship on any one individual or group in either time or money.

Accordingly, the Executive Council of the N.H.P.A. has adopted a three-fold plan to finance the 1960 World Tournament and hopes the annual convention will adopt this policy on a permanent basis.

### THREEFOLD FINANCING PLAN

1. Money will be raised at the tournament site by the host club through the sale of ads in a souvenir program, donations and any other means available.

2. Entry fee money of the contestants with the successful qualifiers contributing more than the others.

3. Registering of horseshoe courts all over the country in an official directory on a voluntary basis at a fee of one dollar per court.

Where there are more than 15 courts in one location they may be registered for \$15. The list of courts to be published in *The Horseshoe Pitcher's News Digest* as they are received, giving the location of the courts, the number of courts and indicating whether they are equipped with lights and if they are indoor courts or not. The complete list to be published in full in several of the winter issues of this magazine.

Each phase of this plan is expected to raise approximately one third of the total necessary.

If the amount of money raised at the tournament site in any one year be enough to create a surplus over the amount needed the extra money will be put aside for future use or channeled to other needs of the N.H.P.A.

Entry fees in the 1960 tournament will be kept at \$10, but the successful championship qualifiers will pay an extra \$10 and the Class B qualifiers \$5 extra. The contestants in the Women's tournament will pay a flat \$5 entry fee. There will be no entry fee for the Juniors.

### THE HORSESHOE COURT REGISTRATION PLAN

If every horseshoe court in the U. S. and Canada is registered at one dollar each under this plan enough money would be raised to not only finance



## FINANCING POLICY — (Continued)

the world tournament but enough extra would be obtained to make it possible to materially lower the individual membership fees of the N.H.P.A.

The plan is voluntary and its success depends on all individual members making sure all the horseshoe courts in his area are registered.

If you belong to an organized club make sure the club or its members register the courts they use. If you play on a set of courts where there is no formally organized club take it upon yourself to collect a small donation from each player that frequents the courts until enough is collected to register them.

Individually owned courts may also be registered. It is not necessary for the courts to be used by an organized club, or for the players to be individual members of the N.H.P.A.

Wherever there are horseshoe courts there are bound to be players who use them and are interested in the game, and it naturally follows that the more courts there are, the more players that use them.

Therefore a donation of a couple of dimes or a quarter per player will be enough to register the courts. The plan does not work a hardship on anyone financially or otherwise. Almost every horseshoe player will be willing to donate 20 or 25 cents to assist the World Tournament and to have his home courts registered.

The courts that register under this plan will be published in *The Horseshoe Pitcher's News Digest* as they come in and at the end of the year a complete list will be printed which should be a comprehensive directory of the leading horseshoe courts in the country.

Courts will be listed by states showing their location, the number of courts and whether they have lights and are indoor courts or not. Using the Indiana courts which have already registered under this plan as an example, here is how they will be listed.

CONNORSVILLE — Roberts Park, 6 L.	INDIANAPOLIS — Garfield Park, 10 L.
CRAWFORDSVILLE — Milligan Park, 5 L.	KOKOMO — Highland Park, 18 L.
DECATUR — 110 S. 10th St., 1.	LAFAYETTE — Geo. Kingma Courts, 8 L.
FRANKFORT — Dorner Park, 16 L, 3 I.	MUNCIE — Heekin Park, 18 L.
GARY — Bob Pence Courts, 1.	NOBLESVILLE — Forest Park, 6 L.
GARY — Jackson Park, 4.	PERU — John Coble Courts, 2 I.
GOSHEN — Fairgrounds, 5 L.	PORTLAND — Clyde Green Courts, 1 I.
HAMMOND — 7021 Marshall St., 1.	WABASH — City Park, 8 L.

Individual or privately owned courts may be registered either by name or address. The letter L following the number of courts indicates a lighting system for night pitching. The letter I indicates indoor courts.

The printed list in the "News Digest" of the courts registered will give everyone a record of the money collected under this plan at all times by simply counting the number of courts listed remembering that 15 or more courts in one location may be registered for a flat \$15.

Byron Jaskulek's magazine, *The Horseshoe Pitcher*, a few years ago carried a column "Where to Play When You Are Away," which was an incomplete list of courts. Earl Davis of the North. Calif. Association suggested a similar plan in the 1956 N.H.P.A. convention but no one took it up. Max Whitaker of the Muncie club made such a suggestion last fall pointing out that the National Shuffleboard Association financed its tourney in this way and that bowling has a similar setup.

The Executive Council of the N.H.P.A. believes this plan is the way to put World Tournament financing on an orderly and self-sufficient basis.

Its success is up to you. Get your courts registered — now. Send the necessary information and money to N.H.P.A. Secretary-Treasurer Robert Pence, 341 Polk Street, Gary, Indiana.

## JIMMY WEEKS RETAINS VALLEY OF THE SUN TITLE

By WALTER STEARNS

The Valley of the Sun Class A tournament was held in Rendezvous Park, Mesa, Arizona, on Feb. 20 and 21. California was well represented with 9 qualifiers, Kansas had 3, Iowa 1, and Arizona 3. After 15 games were completed, Jimmy Weeks, California's new State Champion, was on top. He finished with 13 wins and two losses. His two losses came from Arizona's Lefty Russ Shaffer and Art Kamman. Weeks received a beautiful trophy and \$50 for his win.

There was a three way tie for second place between Marines Tamboer of Kansas, Homer Moeffeld from California and Art Kamman of Mesa. They each threw 100 shoes and Kamman was the winner with 232 points which gave him the runner up trophy and \$25. Tamboer won third place and \$15, and Moeffeld fourth and \$10.

We appreciated having the N.H.P.A. first vice president, Elmer Beller with us at both tournaments. He was a great help. The weather was fine and the players and large crowd enjoyed the fine display of pitching and good sportsmanship.

	W	L	R	SP	%
J. Weeks, California .....	13	2	657	934	70.3
A. Kamman, Arizona .....	12	3	673	1034	65.1
M. Tamboer, Kansas .....	12	3	622	910	68.4
H. Moeffeld, California .....	12	3	650	941	69.1
M. Rehies, Kansas .....	11	4	603	958	62.9
H. Fisher, California .....	11	4	554	886	62.5
G. Thompson, Arizona .....	8	7	499	902	55.3
R. Shaffer, Arizona .....	8	7	511	944	54.1
B. Zumwalt, California .....	7	8	533	934	57.1
J. Hagerman, California .....	7	8	471	888	53.0
R. Metcalfe, California .....	7	8	459	868	52.9
W. Hagy, California .....	5	10	429	862	49.8
M. Clark, Iowa .....	4	11	432	892	48.4
Graves, Kansas .....	2	13	321	812	39.5
H. Morse, California .....	1	14	422	912	46.3

R. Navarro, California. Had to quit touney because of illness.  
He had 55.8% at end of first day.

## CAVIN ANNOUNCES ST. JOE OPEN FOR JUNE 26

By RAY CAVIN

The third annual St. Joe Open tournament will be held Saturday and Sunday, June 25 and 26 at Noyes Field courts, 28th and Edmond Streets, in St. Joseph, Missouri. Qualifying round will start at 1 p.m. on June 25 and continue until 11 a.m. June 26. Round robin play will start at 1 p.m. on June 26. Entry fee will be \$3.00 per man. There will be 50 shoe qualifying with a choice of a second 50 if desired. Class A will consist of 12 pitchers divided into 2 groups of 6 men each. The 2 top winners of each group will pitch a 4 man round robin for the championship. Points will decide the standings. Trophies will be awarded the 4 finalists. Classes B and C will be 6 man groups with the 1st and 2nd place winners receiving trophies. Class D and on down will receive cash prizes for 1st and 2nd places.

The tournament is open to any and all pitchers who may wish to enter.

Earl Winston of LaMonte, Missouri will be on hand to defend his title. Paul Stockwell, a well known tosser from St. Joseph, Missouri will be sitting in a scorekeeper's chair this season as a result of suffering a heart attack last summer. Many other top notch pitchers are expected to be on hand for this annual affair.

## Ted Allen, Defending Champion, Plans Exhibitions

If the World Tournament is held in the Midwest this year, which seems likely, I will plan an itinerary of exhibitions to and from, and other places, plus one to three tournaments. Territory under tentative consideration ranges via Missouri or Iowa or South Dakota and Minnesota and points east. Would like to hear from those interested.

## 1960 INDIANA STATE TOURNAMENT AT KOKOMO

The 1960 Indiana State tournament will be staged on the 18 court setup at Highland Park in Kokomo next Labor Day week end.

Kokomo had some hopes of getting the 1960 World Tournament, but now that Muncie has officially been awarded that event, the Kokomo courts will host the annual Hoosier state championship.

Under the guidance of City Recreation Director, Chet Thompson, six additional courts with lights have been added to the Highland Park courts and this spring new blue clay will be brought in for all 18 courts.

Horseshoe activity reached a new high in Kokomo last summer with three fine industrial handicap leagues operating on the courts. The leagues were sponsored by Delco Remy, Continental Steel, and Stellite Corp.

The Delco Remy league was conducted by N.H.P.A. member Claude Fewell and had a huge number of players that overflowed the courts each week. Another N.H.P.A. member, Charlie Hanson, was active in promoting the Continental Steel Co. league which also overflowed the courts weekly. John Shuck, one of Indiana's best left handed players organized the Stellite Corp. league two years ago.

Dick Speroff is President of the Kokomo club and Earl Van Natter is the Secretary-Treasurer.

## ARIZONA PRESIDENT WINS VALLEY OF THE SUN

### CLASS "B" TITLE

Willard Phillips of Tempe, Arizona, won the Valley of the Sun Class B 16 man Round Robin on Feb. 14. It was necessary for the newly elected Arizona President to engage in a play-off with Archie Martin of Iowa. They were tied with 12 win and 3 losses. Phillips defeated Martin 52 to 38.

Mr. Phillips won the title and the thanks of the players and the many spectators for being instrumental in making 8 new scoring machines.

	W	L	R	SP	%
W. Phillips, Arizona .....	12	3	471	992	47.5
A. Martin, Iowa .....	12	3	483	952	50.7
A. Teigland, Minnesota .....	10	5	466	980	47.6
G. Leaver, Arizona .....	10	5	421	954	44.1
E. Robison, Utah .....	9	6	382	822	46.1
C. Morken, Arizona .....	9	6	457	1050	43.1
C. Palm, Wyoming .....	8	7	439	1008	43.5
S. Foor, Arizona .....	8	7	409	974	42.0
B. Adair, Arizona .....	7	8	404	922	43.8
S. Callahan, South Dakota .....	7	8	408	990	41.2
E. Snyder, Arizona .....	7	8	341	842	40.5
O. Dunivan, Arizona .....	7	8	351	920	38.1
F. Brown, Montana .....	6	9	398	950	41.9
K. Elmes, California .....	4	11	345	932	37.0
R. Faulkner, California .....	4	11	335	928	36.1
B. Crick, California .....	0	15	293	858	30.6

## OPEN NEW INDOOR COURTS AT RIDGFIELD, NEW JERSEY

By LEE DAVIS

New Jersey opened its first indoor courts in 15 years Saturday, February 13 with a match game between teams from New York and New Jersey. The match was conducted in a completely different manner to horseshoe pitching. Each side had 4 players and kept score and played in the same way as a game of bowling is played. One man from each team got up on separate courts and pitched down and back, then the next man on each team and so on. Then the leaders or lead-off men switched courts and continued the process for 10 innings. The score was kept on the basis of 10 points for a ringer and 3 points for a shoe within 6 inches of the peg. It made it very interesting and everyone enjoyed the novelty of it.

Once that everybody got used to the idea, they would pitch better, even though some said that they cooled off between pitches. One thing that it does is that it makes things more equal because on a head to head basis the New York team would have won but as it turned out the New Jersey team had a slight edge in ringer percentage. However, had Joe Zichella of New York been up to par his score would have been much better. Joe was suffering from a virus and was not feeling too well.

Following are the results tabulated in bowling form:

New York							
	Points			%			Ave.
	1st	2nd	3rd	1st	2nd	3rd	
J. Zichella .....	229	284	225	47.5	65.0	45.0	52.5
J. Hardwick .....	265	211	233	55.0	40.0	42.5	45.8
G. Hart .....	170	182	176	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0
M. Loughery .....	223	256	248	47.5	55.0	50.0	50.8

  

New Jersey							
	Points			%			Ave.
	1st	2nd	3rd	1st	2nd	3rd	
W. Kolb .....	282	274	282	57.5	55.0	60.0	57.5
S. Berman .....	253	282	242	55.0	60.0	50.0	55.0
L. Davis .....	164	237	256	20.0	47.0	55.0	40.0
A. Courtock .....	181	173	236	35.0	27.5	50.0	37.5

## HIGH POINT, N. C. PITCHERS ORGANIZE NEW CLUB

By RANDALL JONES

In spite of bad weather conditions, the "stout-hearted" horseshoe pitchers of High Point, North Carolina met at the local Y.M.C.A. on January 29 for the purpose of organizing a local club, and to make plans for the coming season. Conrad Murphy and I of the Winston-Salem club attended the meeting to assist them in setting up their organization. A full slate of officers was elected including Melvin Howard, President; and Darrell Eller, Secretary-Treasurer who are both NHPA members.

The first project of the club is to construct a battery of courts in cooperation with the city recreation department of High Point. The recreation department has already agreed to provide the land for the courts and the club members have agreed to do all of the work in constructing the courts. At this meeting the club set a date to meet with the recreation Department officials to iron out the final details of this project.

High Point and the surrounding area have a very strong group of pitchers and we are sure that their club will be very successful. We extend our heartiest congratulations to this fine new club.

## PEPPLE RECEIVES U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AWARD

An item of news that will interest the many friends of Perl "Pep" Pepple of Topeka, Kansas, and former regional director of the N.H.P.A. in the southwestern area, appeared recently in a bi-weekly issue of "WINDSTORM" published by the Kansas Department of Labor. We congratulate "Pep" on his good fortune.

Perl P. Pepple, secretary for the Veterans Employment Service, has received a \$100 Superior Work Performance Award from the U. S. Department of Labor. He has served in his present position for the past 13 years and was recommended for the award by Geo. Medlock, state VER; Robert C. Goodwin, director of the Bureau of Employment Security; Edward L. Omohundro, chief of the VES; and James L. Dodson, acting chairman of the Department of Labor Incentive Awards committee.

Prior to his work with the VES, Pepple was military correspondent for the Topeka Air Force Depot. He also worked in federal civil service as a court reporter for the Works Progress Administration.

Pepple is a veteran of World War I and is a charter member of American Legion Capitol Post No. 1, Topeka. He is a past president of the Kansas State Horseshoe Pitchers association and a past regional director of the National Horseshoe Pitchers' association.

Pepple is also widely known as an ornamental penman. He is a graduate of the Zanarian College of Penmanship, Columbus, Ohio, and is a member of the International Association of Master Penmen and Teachers of Handwriting. In 1953, Pepple penned the Kansas invitations to President Dwight D. Eisenhower's first inaugural ball.

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## FLORIDA EXCEEDS 1959 MEMBERSHIP TOTAL

Florida became the first state chapter to exceed its 1959 membership record in this new year of 1960.

Stimulated by the tournaments being held at Bradenton and St. Petersburg during the month of February and by the fine work of R. B. Woodrow and Charlie Stephens Florida has already increased its membership substantially.

New members have been signed in Orlando, Ft. Lauderdale, Ormond Beach, Clearwater and St. Augustine. Indications are the clubs at Orlando and Ft. Lauderdale will be strong additions to the Florida State Chapter.

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## OTHER MEMBERSHIP NEWS

N.H.P.A. membership as of March the first is far ahead of this time last year. The addition of the new Virginia State Chapter led by Marvin May of Lynchburg has been a contributing factor.

The affiliation of the up and coming club at Keene, New Hampshire, has been another boost. Prospects are also good for new members in Maryland where Dale Carson is active on behalf of the N.H.P.A.

As usual Southern California, Indiana and Ohio are leading the membership parade. Southern California has already resigned 65 members for 1960.

Although the snow is still on the ground and spring is quite a ways off a total of 39 states are represented on the membership list.

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## HIBBING, MINNESOTA CLUB PLANS FOR OPEN TOURNAMENT

By WALTER CHARLES

At a recent meeting of the Hibbing, Minnesota Horseshoe club, plans were discussed for holding an Open Tournament sometime this summer. Tentative date discussed was the Memorial Day weekend. Many of the top pitchers are expected to be on hand when this very active club gets this meet underway. More detailed information will appear in a later issue of the Digest.

## WASHINGTON PARK, MILWAUKEE, ACTIVITIES

The Washington Park club of Milwaukee is one of the oldest, most active and best organized clubs in the country and operated under the direction of the veteran Art Neimann.

The club's annual tournament last fall resulted in a three way tie for first place between state champ Tommy Bartlen, the veteran Joe Madden and the eventual winner, Ed Schimek. Each posted a six and one record in round robin play. Doc Parrott took Class B honors and Elmer Gerlack won Class C.

The club conducted a handicap league on a weekly basis during the season and Frank Filliput edged former state champion Chuck Pfeffer for first place in this competition.

Each year the club holds an annual picnic for the players and their families and this is always a big affair. The club's facilities include eight lighted courts and a nice clubhouse.

Several years ago Art Neimann was successful in getting the local T.V. station to stage a series of 30 minute horseshoe pitching contests on Sunday afternoons which resulted in a big increase in interest.

## National Horseshoe Pitchers' Association

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## CHANGE AND GROW

Speaking of change as mentioned in the Feb. article, which is the fundamental principle of our economic life and the essence of business growth, why then is not a change fitting and proper to the growth of our horseshoe game? It being outlined in the 10 point 10 year plan submitted by the writer at the World meet at Murray in 1959, most of which are employed by BIG business and Government today for real progress. It can be used in the promotion of the horseshoe game if and when given a chance to improve over methods used almost since the start of organized horseshoe. Here are a few of the suggested 10 points: Rewrite or completely revise the Constitution and by-laws to meet present day needs and methods. Form 15 Regions plus one for Canada, instead of the present 9. There is a reason explained later. Inaugurate a universal plan of 5 man team leagues for youth and adults of 4 teams or more per league operating on the same basis the country over. Change our dues system to a graduated scale from the lower levels on up to top according to participation. All these and more are actual facts and in operation today covering big business and sports and is NOT just a DREAM or IDEA but methods and practices employed by four selected biggest groups in our land that form most of our business and economic life. Certainly some of that same pattern can be used toward the promotion of our great horseshoe game.

The 15 Regions are set up for one reason — It is the exact setup of our Postal Service, perhaps the best and largest organized group today with over FIVE Hundred Thousand employees in all corners of the earth. What a potential there is for activity and membership alone in that group as well as other groups to coincide along with ours. The writer contacted proper official in Washington last fall about this plan and things can be worked out. The writer also is a member of a group of this Service — Postmasters. It is a National Ass'n of 40,000 members and our dues are charged according to our level making seven different rates of dues. Things are done with an incentive for all to belong and we in the N.H.P. Ass'n can do likewise once we think and feel so. There are many other groups of postal employees in these Regions that without question would operate on a team basis once we set it up for them which could be worked right along with ours, thus opening the way for point 10 which relates to traveling championships of states with states, of Regions with Regions and finally a traveling World Championship thru some or all the Regions which in the writers view would be a great aid in the financing of the World Tourney. It would induce sponsorship thru a wider scope of activity and would simplify matters over our present problem as it has been. THAT IS WHY CHANGE SHOULD, AND WILL, MAKE US GROW.

CLAUDE A. BENEDICT, *Johnstown, Ohio*

## ANY INDIAN HORSESHOE PITCHERS?

The N.H.P.A. has been asked to supply information regarding horseshoe pitchers who are of American Indian descent.

A book is being published entitled *Famous Red Men in Sports*. It will contain pictures, information and records of all Indians past and present who have made a name for themselves in any sport.

As far as the N.H.P.A. knows, the only Indian horseshoe pitcher either past or present is Stan DeLeary of Phoenix, Arizona who has held the Arizona state championship 11 of the past 12 years and who has pitched in six World Tournaments. Stan finished fourth in the 1951 tournament and along with Ted Allen holds the existing World Tournament record of 12 consecutive "four deads".

Anyone who knows of or has any information about a horseshoe pitcher of Indian descent is asked to write to the author of the book, *Traveling Wind*, 255 O'Farrell Street, San Francisco, Calif. The player does not need to be active in the game today and he need not be a full blooded Indian.



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