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## WORLD TOURNAMENT NEWS AND INFORMATION

### HEEKIN PARK, MUNCIE, INDIANA

#### AUGUST 1st - 9th

Qualifying round will end at midnight, Thursday, August 4th.

All contestants must be neatly dressed and wear some type of identification on their shirts both during the qualifying rounds and the finals.

Players who qualify for the finals in any class must finish their playing schedule to be eligible for cash prizes unless prevented by illness, serious injury or by family emergency. Regular rules on forfeits will apply at all times.

The Brunswick Shops of Gary, Ind. have furnished a beautiful first place trophy. The Gordon Horseshoe Co. has donated a special trophy for the Junior tournament. Numerous other trophies and awards are being arranged for and a complete list will be given in a later issue.

The Diamond, Gordon and Ohio Horseshoe manufacturing companies have all contributed to the success of the tournament and the N.H.P.A. by means of the Associate membership plan which applies to the makers of officially recognized horseshoes.

The director of the Junior tournament will be Clarence Giles of Riverton, Utah, president of the Utah State Association, who also directed last year's Junior division. This will be strictly an amateur tournament with no entry fee and no cash prizes. Place winners will receive trophies and special awards.

Ralph Dykes, president of the Illinois Association and A. L. Austin of Hinsdale, Ill. are preparing 18 scoring devices for use at Muncie. They compare favorably with those used at Murray the past few years.

## 1960 NEW ENGLAND STATES TOURNAMENT

The annual New England States Tournament will be held at Memorial Park near Brattleboro, Vermont on Sept. 3-4-5, the Labor Day week end.

This will be an N.H.P.A. sanctioned tournament with all players required to hold 1960 membership cards and to live in the New England states. Ed Landry of Fall River, Mass. is the defending champion and qualifies automatically for Class A.

A 100 shoe qualifying round will place the 15 high qualifiers in Class A along with Landry. The next eight will be in Class B and the next eight in Class C. All other entries will be in Class D.

The qualifying time will be from 1:00 P.M. Saturday, Sept. 3 until 11:00 A.M. Sunday, Sept. 4th.

The Memorial Park courts are located on Route 9 about one mile from Brattleboro near the covered bridge. Signs will be placed to guide the players according to Fred Butler, Vermont State Champ, who is in charge of the event.

## HOUSING FACILITIES AVAILABLE AT WORLD TOURNAMENT MUNCIE, INDIANA, AUGUST 1st - 9th

There have been many requests concerning housing facilities for all the pitchers planning on attending the World Tournament to be held at Muncie, Indiana, August 1-9 inc. Max Whitaker, 3915 Burton Drive, Muncie, Indiana is chairman of the Hospitality Committee to whom anyone desiring information can write for information. Following is a listing of the hotels and motels available.

**HOTEL ROBERTS**, 120 West Howard, Muncie. Air-Conditioned, \$4.50 up.  
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**HURON HOTEL**, 225 E. Main St., Muncie. \$2.50 up.

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**C C CABINS**, State Rd 28 North, Muncie. Rooms \$2 to \$5.

**DELINDA MOTEL**, State Rd 67 South, Muncie. \$6 to \$9.

**DICES MOTEL**, State Rd. 35 Southeast, Muncie. Air-Conditioned. \$5 and up.  
**GINNYLEE MOTEL**, State Rd. 67 South, Muncie. AAA, \$5 up. Housekeeping  
units.

**GRAYS MOTEL**, State Rd. 3 & 67 South, Muncie. \$5 up. Air-Conditioned.

**GRAY'S MOTOR COURT**, U. S. 35 Southeast, Muncie. \$4 up.

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**JOHNSON MOTEL**, U. S. 35 Southeast, Muncie. \$5 up. Air-Conditioned.

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**SWARTZ MOTEL**, U. S. 36, South, Muncie. \$5 up. Air-Conditioned.

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### TOURIST HOMES

**Emma Johnson**, 1607 So. Madison St., Muncie. Share bath, \$2 up.

**Floyd Empey**, 1625 So. Madison, Muncie.

**Frank Dibble**, 2610 So. Madison St., Muncie. Private bath, \$2.50 up.

**Mrs. Bracken Reynolds**, 2613 So. Madison St., Muncie.

**Rev. Orié Conn**, 2912 So. Madison St., Muncie.

### TRAILER PARKS

**WHITES TRAILER PARK**, 3520 Kilgore, Muncie. Over Night Parking.

**YMCA**, 225 East Adams, Muncie.

**YWCA**, 310 East Charles, Muncie.

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## NATIONAL "OLD TIMERS" TOURNAMENT

A new division will be added to the World Tournament at Muncie, Indiana this year.

It will be called the "Old Timers" division and players who have or will reach their 60th birthday during 1960 will be eligible. They will pitch in the regular 200 shoe qualifying round and the 12 top qualifiers who fail to make either the championship class or Class B will play a round robin for the National "Old Timers" title. The round robin will be played along with that of Class B on August 6, 7 and 8. The two top players in the round robin will play off for the title on Tuesday afternoon, August 9.

There will be cash prizes for all 12 finalists and the top two players will receive trophies. The Indiana State Association will give the first place trophy.

Entry fee will be the regular \$10.00 fee only.

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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.

# “The Ohio Gang”

American history does not deal kindly with the “Ohio Gang” which dominated the Washington political scene in the 1920's, but the direct opposite is true of today's “Ohio Gang” which directs the activities of the Ohio Buckeye Division of the N.H.P.A.

The Ohio chapter is the second largest in the N.H.P.A. and annually conducts two big open tournaments in addition to the state meet and numerous local and regional events. The Lakeside Open early in the season and the Norwood Open in the fall are two of the best open tournaments anywhere in the country and always attract a field of top ranking out of state players. Ellis Cobb, editor of The Horseshoe Pitchers' News Digest, saw the “Ohio Gang” in operation at the Norwood Open and came away full of praise for the efficient way in which it functioned.

Led by Leo McGrath, the group's genial and humorous president, and Sam Goodlander, its quiet and efficient secretary, the Ohio group expects another banner year in 1960. Assisting these two are D. J. Wood, who handles publicity and Paul Focht, a real workhorse who also furnishes the scoring devices used in tournament play.

Others who contribute more than their share are N.H.P.A. ivce-president, Oattie Reno and Regional Director, Stan Manker. Leo Brumbaugh and E. J. “Cricket” Coppock of the Greenville club where the State tournament is held, also do a lot of groundwork and annually conduct one of the best local club programs in the country, one which attracts players from neighboring Indiana.

Working behind the scenes handling secretarial chores and in charge of tournament charts, schedules and recording are the wives of three players; Mrs. Paul Focht, better known as Emma; Mrs. James Johnson, wife of “Pop” Johnson, the Kentucky State champ; and Mrs. W. J. Brozostowski. Anyone who has ever managed a big tournament knows the value of having three such efficient assistants.

## BALDWIN PARK-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA OPEN — CLASS “D”

By JAMES WEEKS

### GROUP ONE

	W	L	R	SP	%
George Easterling, Los Angeles .....	5	0	166	290	57.2
Bill Bauer, So. San Gabriel .....	3	2	132	320	41.3
Billy Crick, Los Angeles .....	2	3	126	308	40.9
Adolfo Chavez, Pico Rivera .....	2	3	129	316	40.8
Albert Cauchon, Pasadena .....	2	3	84	228	36.8
Roy Pentecost, Orange .....	1	4	106	302	35.1

### GROUP TWO

	W	L	R	SP	%
Russ Fawley, Duarte .....	5	0	157	292	53.8
Larry Hahn, Azusa .....	4	1	145	316	45.9
Rolla Baker, Bell .....	2	3	146	294	47.6
Ernest Durr, La Puente .....	2	3	127	292	43.5
Erwin Klessig, Lynwood .....	1	4	119	286	41.6
Clem Birkenbach, Baldwin Park .....	1	4	122	296	41.2

### CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYOFF

	W	L	R	SP	%
George Easterling, Los Angeles .....	3	0	106	176	60.2
Russ Fawley, Duarte .....	2	1	83	166	50.0
Bill Bauer, So. San Gabriel .....	1	2	90	204	44.1
Larry Hahn, Azusa .....	0	3	60	162	37.0

**ONTARIO-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA OPEN — CLASS "B"**

By JAMES WEEKS

**GROUP ONE**

	W	L	R	SP	%
Fred Burkhardt, So. San Gabriel .....	4	1	198	312	63.4
Harry Morse, South Gate .....	4	1	193	362	53.3
Ned Shaver, Whittier .....	3	2	210	350	60.0
Gunnar Hansen, Baldwin Park .....	3	2	160	296	54.0
Elmer Beller, Bellflower .....	1	4	132	300	44.0
Ross Faulkner, South Gate .....	0	5	98	268	36.6

**GROUP TWO**

	W	L	R	SP	%
Clark Bell, Covina .....	4	1	154	280	55.0
John Balzer, Santa Ana .....	4	1	171	302	56.6
Henry Durr, Baldwin Park .....	3	2	171	302	56.6
Waldo Hagy, Long Beach .....	2	3	158	282	56.0
Ken Outhouse, La Puente .....	2	3	140	298	46.9
Bill Bauer, So. San Gabriel .....	0	5	108	276	39.1

**CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYOFF**

	W	L	R	SP	%
Clark Bell, Covina .....	3	0	103	186	55.3
Fred Burkhardt, So. San Gabriel .....	2	1	105	186	56.4
Harry Morse, South Gate .....	1	2	127	226	56.1
John Balzer, Santa Ana .....	0	3	85	190	44.7

**UTAH DIVISION ELECTS NEW OFFICERS**

The Utah State Association has elected a new group of officers and is preparing for a busy season during the coming summer.

Clarence Giles of Riverton is the new President, succeeding Reinhard Becker who is now National President of the N.H.P.A. Clarence is a well known Utah player who has been in the championship division of the World Tourney for the past few years and last year conducted the National Junior Tournament.

Stan Hilton of Murray is the new Secretary-Treasurer and takes the place of Wilford Andelin who held the post for many years before moving to California this past winter. The Hilton clan has been active in the World Tournament for many years in the Junior, Women's and Men's divisions.

Leighton Edmondson of Salt Lake City is Vice-President, and he too has been an active Utah player for many years.

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**SEVENTH ANNUAL OZARK OPEN TOURNEY — JUNE 11-12**

By A. O. SMITH

The seventh annual Ozark Open tournament will take place in Neosho, Missouri, Saturday and Sunday, June 11th and 12th. The courts are located at the corner of High and Baxter streets in Neosho.

Qualifying round will start at 8 a.m. on Saturday, June 11th and continue until 12 noon. Each entrant will pay a fee of \$2.00 for his 100 shoe qualifying count. If a second 100 shoe pitch is desired, an additional fee of \$1.00 will be charged. The number of entries will determine the number of players in each class. Class B will start at 2 p.m. Saturday, with Class A starting at 1 p.m. on Sunday.

This tournament is open to any pitcher holding an N.H.P.A. card. Missouri cards will be available at the courts. Trophies will be awarded to first and second place winners in each class. Rules of the Missouri State association together with the NHPA rules will govern the tournament. Further information can be obtained by writing John Elkins, 503 Park, Neosho, Missouri.

**HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT AT FORT GEORGE**

The Fort George Horseshoe Club in cooperation with the Park Department of New York City will stage their annual spring horseshoe pitching tournament at Fort George Park, Manhattan, on Sunday, May 29th starting at one o'clock. Rain dates: Monday, May 30th. Tom O'Gara, director.

This event will attract entries from the metropolitan area and neighboring states including many top-flight shoe-tossers along the Atlantic seaboard. Contestants will vie for prizes in Classes A, B and C.

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## HORSESHOE COURT REGISTRATION

A total of 270 courts were registered during the month of April to add to the 178 previously listed in the last issue of the "News Digest" under the N.H.P.A.'s plan to register courts at \$1.00 each in order to help finance the World Tournament and at the same time compile a comprehensive list of the leading horseshoe courts in the country.

The Utah State Association under the direction of Clarence Giles listed 89 courts during the past month and Regional Director Lee Davis has been doing yeoman service in his area. The Keene, N.H. club which recently joined the N.H.P.A. has registered 18 brand new courts.

Registrations of privately owned courts are coming in greater numbers than anticipated, but the number of club courts, especially those in city parks has lagged. This picture should change now that the outdoor season has finally arrived.

Here is the list to date (April 30).

### ARIZONA

Previously listed — 2.

### ARKANSAS

Previously listed — 3.

### CALIFORNIA

Baldwin Park — Morgan Park, 6 L.

### CONNECTICUT

Middletown — Mickey Vecchitto, 1.

Middletown — Veterans Memorial Park, 8.

### FLORIDA

Previously listed — 18.

Ft. Lauderdale — Holiday Park, 4.

### ILLINOIS

Previously listed — 1.

Chicago — Garfield Park 7 L, 3 I.

Hinsdale — A. L. Austin, 1.

Melrose Park — Jack R. Stout, 1.

Valley City — Hugh Tooley, 1.

### INDIANA

Previously listed — 118.

Connersville — Ray Pitcher, 1.

Flora — Carl Atwell, 1 L.

Frankfort — Ike Atwell, 1 L.

Geneva — City Park, 10 L.

Greencastle — Bethel Courts, 6 (2 L).

Greencastle — Burl Taylor, 1 L, 1 I.

Lafayette — Al Lafon, 1 L.

Lafayette — Clay Anderson, 1 L.

Lafayette — Joe Schilling, 1 L.

Marion — Ed Jamison, 1 L.

Noblesville — Gene Mendenhall, 1.

Swayzee — Neil Farr, 1.

Sweetser — Charles Cummings, 1 L.

Sullivan — Henry LaFollette, 1.

Valparaiso — 809 Brown St., 1 L.

Warsaw — Clarence Bellman, 1.

### KANSAS

Previously listed — 1.

Hutchinson — 1016 West 1st St., 1.

Lawrence — Alvin Dahlene, 1.

### KENTUCKY

Previously listed — 5.

### LOUISIANA

Previously listed — 1.

### MASSACHUSETTS

Previously listed — 6.

### MICHIGAN

Previously listed — 1.

### MISSOURI

Springfield — Alfred O. Smith, 2 L.

### MONTANA

Culbertson — Herman Jensen, 1 L.

### NEBRASKA

Previously listed — 2.

Curtis — Chamber of Commerce, 6 L.

Falls City — City Park, 12 L.

### NEW HAMPSHIRE

Keene — City Park, 18 L.

### NEW JERSEY

Previously listed — 9.

Clifton — Paul Puglisle, 1.

Elizabeth — Sol Berman, 1 L.

Elizabeth — Warinanco Park, 10.

Hasbrouck Heights — Wm. Fournier, 1.

Lyndhurst — Wm. Lawson, 1.

Lyndhurst — Wm. Stelzenmuller, 1 L.

Newark — Branch Brook Park, 10.

Newark — Dreamland Bowling Arena, 2 I.

Ramsey — Doug Fogal, 1 L.

Riverdale — Geo. Roberge, 1 L.

Towaco — Don French, 1 L.

### NEW YORK

Previously listed — 9.

Rochester — Carl Steinfeldt, 1.



**COURT REGISTRATION — (Continued)****OHIO**

East Dayton — 901 Xenia Ave., 2 L.  
 Greenville — City Park, 12 L.  
 Norwalk — Orval Cross, 1 L, 1 I.

**PENNSYLVANIA**

Carlisle — John Fulton, 1.

**OKLAHOMA**

Bartlesville — James Copenhagen,  
 1 L.

**SOUTH DAKOTA**

Aberdeen — City Park, 12 L.

**UTAH**

American Fork — City Park, 6 L.  
 Logan — City Park, 4 L.  
 Murray — County Fairgrounds, 18 L.  
 Ogden — Leslie Park, 8 L.  
 Payson — City Park, 8 L.  
 Riverton — Clarence Giles, 1.

**UTAH**

Riverton — City Park, 10.  
 Salt Lake City — Liberty Park, 18 L.  
 Salt Lake City — Reinhard Backer, 1.  
 Salt Lake City — Clive Wahlin, 1.  
 Vernal — City Park, 4 L.  
 West Jordan — West Jordan Park,  
 10 L.

**VIRGINIA**

Lynchburg — Wm. McLoed, 1 L.

**WASHINGTON**

Seattle — Woodlawn Park, 14 L.  
 Spokane — Wally Rehard, 1 L.

**WEST VIRGINIA**

Morgantown — Arner Lindquist, 1.

**CANADA**

Broughton, Ont. — Locust Hill, 1 L.

When registering courts if they are located in a park the name of the park should be given. In the case of privately owned courts it should be designated whether they are to be listed under the individual's name or his address.

A complete list will be carried in the World Tournament report and in a winter issue of the "News Digest."

**GET YOUR COURTS REGISTERED NOW.**

**FROM HERE AND THERE**

Hugh Rogers of Cedar Falls, Iowa who was on the sick list last season is planning on doing a little pitching again this year. So that he can be present at the various tournaments he will travel in a new 1960 Oldsmobile. We have missed this jovial Iowa pitcher and are happy to know that he will be among us again.

**COMING EVENTS OF PORTLAND, OREGON HORSESHOE CLUB**

May 28-29 — Bryant Memorial "Open" Tournament, Laurelhurst Park,  
 Portland, Oregon  
 June 11-12 — Portland Rose Festival "Open" Tournament, Laurelhurst Park,  
 Portland, Oregon  
 June 19 — Annual Oregon State Father's Day "Open" Tournament, Bush's  
 Pasture Park, Salem, Oregon.

**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.

## COMING EVENTS

- May 22 — Class "A" added, Baldwin Park, Calif.  
 May 28-29 — Wabash Classic Invitational, Wabash, Indiana.  
 June 4-5 — Indiana Newcomers Regionals, Kokomo, Frankfort and Muncie.  
 June 5 — Class "D" added, Harvard, Calif.  
 June 12 — Connecticut Open, Beardsley Park, Bridgeport, Conn.  
 June 12 — Indiana Newcomer finals, Frankfort, Indiana.  
 June 18-19 — Kindred Open, Mill Site Park, Kindred, North Dakota.  
 June 19 — Class "F" added, Baldwin Park, Calif.  
 June 19 — Indiana Class "A" Team Tourney, Muncie and Frankfort.  
 June 25 — Lakeside Open (Tentative), Lakeside, Ohio.  
 June 26 — Montana-Dakota Tournament, Wibaux, Montana.  
 June 25-26 — South Gate Class "B" Open, South Gate, Calif.  
 June 26—Massachusetts Open, Moxie's Grove, Hampton Ponds, Holyoke, Mass.  
 July 1-3 — Red River Annual Tournament, Oak Grove Park, Fargo, No. Dak.  
 July 2-3-4 — Midwest "Ringer Round Up," Greenville, Ohio.  
 July 3-4 — Semana Nautica "A", "B" Open, Santa Barbara, Calif.  
 July 9 — Special Open, Ontario, Calif.  
 July 10 — Indiana Class "B" Team Tourney, Muncie and Frankfort.  
 July 16-17 — South Gate Class "C" Open, South Gate, Calif.  
 July 17-23-24 — Central Indiana, Muncie, Indiana.  
 July 17-23-24 — Northern Indiana, Wabash, Indiana.  
 August 1-9 — World Tournament, Muncie, Indiana.  
 August 7 — Class "E" added, Harvard, Calif.  
 August 13-14 — South. Calif. Amateur, Long Beach, Calif.  
 August 11-14 — Eastern National, Falconer, N. Y. (Tentative)  
 August 14 — Annual 4-State Tournament (Mo., Ia., Nebr., Kans.) Falls City, Nebraska.  
 August 14 — Connecticut State Tournament, Veterans Memorial Park, Middletown, Conn.  
 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 21 — 7th Annual Corn Belt Open, Crapo Park, Burlington, Iowa.  
 August 21 — Massachusetts State Tournament, Holyoke, Mass.  
 August 20-21 — Indiana State Qualifying, Muncie, Kokomo and Frankfort.  
 August 20 — 60 years and over, Baldwin Park, Calif.  
 August 27 — Winston-Salem Open, Winston-Salem, N.C.  
 August 28 — Indiana "Old Timers," Muncie, Indiana.  
 August 28 — Indiana Juniors & Boys, Muncie, Indiana.  
 Sept. 2 — Farmers Tournament, Iowa State Fairgrounds, Des Moines, Iowa.  
 Sept. 2-4 — North Dakota State Tournament, Oak Grove Park, Fargo, N. Dak.  
 Sept. 3-4 — Iowa State Tournament, Iowa State Fairgrounds, Des Moines, Ia.  
 Sept. 3-4-5 — Indiana State Tournament.  
 Sept. 3-4 — California State Tourney (Tentative), South Gate, Calif.  
 Sept. 3-4-5 — New England States Tournament, Brattleboro, Vermont.  
 Sept. 4-5 — Montana State Tournament, Wibaux, Montana.  
 Sept. 3-4-5 — Pennsylvania State Tournament, Erie, Pa.  
 Sept. 11 — Class "F" Championship, South Gate, Calif.  
 Sept. 17 — North Carolina Invitational Tournament of Champions, Durham, North Carolina.  
 Sept. 18 — Class "A" Championship, Long Beach, Calif.  
 Sept. 25 — Class "D" Championship, Ontario, Calif.  
 Oct. 1 — Class "C" Championship, Ontario, Calif.  
 Oct. 8-9 — Victorville Open, Victorville, Calif.  
 Oct. 16 — Class "B" Championship, Baldwin Park, Calif.  
 Oct. 23 — Class "A" Championship, Long Beach, Calif.  
 Oct. 30 — Baldwin Park Open (Class "D"), Baldwin Park, Calif.  
 Nov. 6 — South Gate Open (Class "E", "F") South Gate, Calif.

## WHITAKER SCOREBOARD PROVES POPULAR AT MASSACHUSETTS TOURNAMENT

By HOWARD J. WHITE

Spectators at tournaments in and around Orange, Mass. should not have any trouble following the games this season, thanks to a new scoreboard invented by the Mass. State Association president, Amos Whitaker of Orange, Mass. He instituted its use at last season's Eastern States Exposition tournament where it was widely acclaimed.

The names of the players are printed on cards attached to the top of the board. Directly under each name is a window in which each player's score is posted after each pitch of four shoes. A quick look at the scoreboard by spectators, or by other players in the tournament, shows how every player is doing. The center window of the board shows the words RINGER, DOUBLE RINGER or FOUR DEAD. Red, white and blue cards are used to indicate up to 12 consecutive ringers.

Mr. Whitaker's new scoreboard will do much to make horseshoe pitching a spectator sport as well as a participating sport. Mr. Whitaker is to be congratulated on his wonderful contribution to the game. He spent many long hours in preparing the scoreboards used in the big tournament last season.

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*COVER PICTURE . . . Amos Whitaker of Orange, Massachusetts and president of the Massachusetts State Association is shown with a scoreboard that he invented and put into use at the Eastern States Exposition tournament held last season. Spectators were able to follow the competition quite easily. Mr. Whitaker took third place in the meet.*

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## FOREST PARK (PIONEER VALLEY, MASS.) CLUB REORGANIZES

By RALPH FORSSTROM

The Forest Park horseshoe club of Pioneer Valley, Mass., was reorganized at a meeting held on April 24. This club has been inactive for over 10 years. There were 43 members signed up and all are anticipating taking part in a handicap league to be played at Moxie's Grove courts. The elected officers of the new club are as follows: Stanley Luke, President; Joseph Fairbanks, Vice-President and Gilbert Brinkman, Secretary-Treasurer. Roger Senecal will handle the publicity while Ralph Forsstrom and John Renfro will be co-directors of club tournaments.

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## RAY MIDDLETON SERIOUSLY ILL

The N.H.P.A. learns with great regret of the serious illness of a long time member, booster and promoter of the game — Ray Middleton, formerly of Michigan, but who for the past few years has been the guiding hand behind the scenes at the Bradenton Trailer Park courts in Florida.

Ray recently had his right lung removed at a Detroit hospital. He has been under oxygen for sometime and his left lung is also reported to be infected.

Ray planned, built and maintained the 10 courts at Bradenton and had Michigan blue clay shipped in to complete the courts several years ago. Previously he had been one of the real boosters of the game in his native Michigan.

## FALCONER ROD AND GUN CLUB HOSTS FOR EASTERN NATIONAL

By LARRY PROUDMAN

As we go to press Larry Proudman of the Falconer Rod and Gun Club, announces that the Eastern National Tournament will be held at the club court on July 1, 2, 3 and 4 with qualifying on the 1st and 2nd, with round robin play starting on the 3rd and 4th.

The Falconer Rod and Gun Club is a beautiful setup for such a tournament and the boys in that club know how to get the job done. Details of the tournament will follow in a later issue.

Last year the Eastern National was held at Clearfield, Pa. and resulted in a tie between Carl Steinfeldt of N.Y. and Harold Reno of Ohio when play was rained out on the final day.

## NORTHWEST NORTH CAROLINA INTER-CITY LEAGUE SCHEDULE

By RANDALL JONES

The Northwest North Carolina Inter-City League will begin its second year of operation on Friday night, May 13, 1960. The League will operate with the same four teams as participated last year. The defending champions, High Point, will be out to repeat this year. Cellar dwelling Asheboro has added strength this year and should be a real threat. Both Burlington and Winston-Salem have about the same personnel as last year, but last year's experience should make both teams stronger. All in all we expect a very close race throughout the entire season.

League schedule is as follows:

May 13 - Winston Salem at Asheboro High Point at Burlington	June 17 - Asheboro at Winston-Salem Burlington at High Point
May 20 - Asheboro at High Point Burlington at Winston-Salem	June 26 - League playoffs at Winston-Salem
May 27 - Burlington at Asheboro Winston-Salem at High Point	1:30 p.m. No. 1 team plays No. 4 team No. 2 team plays No. 3 team
June 3 - Asheboro at Burlington High Point at Winston-Salem	4:30 p.m. Winners of the first round play for the championship.
June 10 - High Point at Asheboro Winston-Salem at Burlington	

Individual trophies will be awarded to the members of the team which wins the league playoff.

All matches will be played as five-man team round-robin matches, with substitution allowed between games as set forth in the league rules and by-laws. Each team receives one point in the league standings for each game it wins during a match. The point standings determine the position of the teams in the league playoff at the end of the season.

## FROM HERE AND THERE

Peyton Printz of Indianapolis, Indiana was in the news recently when he rolled a 678 series in the ABC bowling tournament at Toledo, Ohio. Printz fired games of 248 and 243 before slipping to 187, in the team event. His team rolled 2842 but lacked a few pins of being in the top 10 in the open division.

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## 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.

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## INDIANA NEWCOMERS TOURNAMENT

The Indiana State Association will hold its annual Newcomers Tournament again this year with only new members and those who averaged less than 50% ringers in last year's State Tournament eligible to compete.

Regionals in this affair will be held at three locations, Muncie's Heekin Park, Highland Park in Kokomo and Dorner Park in Frankfort. A 50 shoe qualifying round on Saturday afternoon, June 4th and Sunday forenoon, June 5th will place the entrants into classes with round robin finals in the afternoon on Sunday. The top two men in each class at each regional will advance to the finals to be played at Frankfort on Sunday afternoon, June 12th.

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## 1960 MIDWEST "RINGER ROUND UP" AT GREENVILLE, OHIO

The 1960 Midwest "Ringer Round Up" will be held on the 12 court City Park layout in Greenville, Ohio over the Fourth of July weekend.

For the past three years this outstanding tournament has been held at Frankfort, Indiana, where the event was originated by the Clinton Co. Horseshoe Pitcher's Association.

This year the tourney will be put on by the Darke Co. Horseshoe Pitchers with prize money put up by the Greenville Park Commission. E. J. "Cricket" Coppock, tournament manager, will announce details in a later issue.

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## MUNCIE, INDIANA CLUB ORGANIZES

The Muncie club, preparing for their regular season activities and the role of hosts to the 1960 World Tournament recently held an organizational meeting. The club already has 150 dues paying members for the season and will probably break last year's record of 175.

Charlie Baker, who organized the club last year and put it on its feet, was again elected President. Max Whitaker is the new Secretary and heads the Hospitality Committee for the World Tournament. Harold Craig is the Treasurer. The Vice-Presidents are Marvin Craig and Jack Rector.

Bob Abbuehl, City Recreation Director already has the Part Dept. at work constructing six additional courts and getting the grounds in shape for the World Tournament.

## ARIZONA TRIES NEW JERSEY CANCELLATION HANDICAP SYSTEM

By WALTER STEARNS

The National Sports Jamboree included horseshoes in its 10 day sports festival held in Mesa, Arizona, April 1 to 10. The Committee set up the 14 man round robin using the cancellation handicap scoring system. Four beautiful trophies were provided for the top four finishers. Walter Stearns of Mesa, won first place with L. A. Anderson of Phoenix the runner-up. The third place trophy went to Willard Phillips of Tempe, and Nelson Parry of Phoenix took home the trophy for fourth place. At the close of the tournament most of the pitchers expressed their enjoyment of the new scoring system. Art Kamman of Mesa posted the high average of the tournament with a 66.5%.

	W	L		W	L
Walter Stearns, Mesa .....	11	2	Art Kamman, Mesa .....	7	6
L. A. Anderson, Phoenix .....	10	3	Sam Foor, Mesa .....	7	6
Willard Phillips, Tempe .....	9	4	Otis Dunivan, Scottsdale .....	5	8
Nelson Parry, Phoenix .....	9	4	Wayne Webb, Mesa .....	4	9
Tom Darrough, Scottsdale .....	8	5	Carl Morken, Mesa .....	4	9
Max McKissack, Phoenix .....	8	5	Al Tiegland, Mesa .....	Forfeit	
George Patschke, Tempe .....	8	5	Whitey Leaver, Mesa .....	Forfeit	

## LAKESIDE, OHIO OPEN SET FOR JUNE 24th - 25th

By W. J. WOODS

The Ohio Buckeye State Association is glad to announce that the Seventh Annual Open at Lakeside, Ohio will be on Friday, June 24 and Saturday, June 25.

As was tried last year, in order to permit all who come to pitch in the round robin, the usual form of qualifying will not be used and instead the most recent past year sanctioned tournament ringer percent experience will be used to classify the entrants.

All who expect to enter must be registered by 8:30 A.M. on Saturday but the courts will be open on Friday. All who can are urged to register on Friday afternoon or evening to avoid any delay on Saturday morning. The round robin play must start and finish on Saturday as no pitching is permitted on the church grounds on Sunday.

Over-night accommodations there are inexpensive and the Lakeside Management again cordially invites us to the beautiful grounds. The entry fee will be nominal and Sam Goodlander would appreciate a post card from you addressed to him at No. 5 Roth Avenue, Reading, Cincinnati 15, Ohio. We will be looking for you.

As a further announcement, we have learned that "The Mid-West Ringer Round-Up Tournament" will be at Greenville, Ohio on July 2-3-4, instead of at Frankford, Indiana where it was held last year.

## NEWS AND NOTES FROM HORSESHOE FOLKS

Ernie Danielson, veteran Iowa-Hawkeye pitcher met with an accident at his work recently. He was trimming a 4 x 6 timber in a saw mill where he is employed, when the saw blade pinched the timber throwing his left hand against the blade severing the tendons on the back of his hand. He can move his fingers but further surgery will be necessary after which the doctor says his hand will heal so that he will be able to use it again. It will be some time though. Ernie also reports that his daughter was married recently. Our best wishes to the newlyweds.

## HIBBING, MINN. OPEN TOURNAMENT, MAY 28th - 30th

By WALTER CHARLES

All pitchers who can, are cordially invited to attend the Hibbing, Minn. Open tournament which will get underway on Saturday, May 28th in Hibbing, Minnesota.

Qualifying will start Saturday morning, May 28th and continue until Sunday noon, May 29th. All players will throw 100 shoes with the privilege of throwing 3 times if desired. \$1.00 will be the fee for each 100 shoes. Those qualifying for match play will pay an additional \$3.00. Tournament play will begin about 12:30 p.m. on Sunday and continuing thru Monday p.m. It is hoped to finish early in the afternoon so that pitchers may get an early start for their journey home. There will be 3 trophies for each of the 5 classes. National Association rules will govern the tournament.

General chairman is President Charles Strafaccia. Leo LaBrosse will handle the publicity while Walter Charles and James Feegan head the tabulation committee.

## KINDRED, NO. DAK. OPEN TOURNAMENT

The Kindred Club of North Dakota will hold a big open tournament at beautiful Mill Site Park on June 18th and 19th it has been announced by Rudy Lykken, head of the club and the N.H.P.A. Secretary for the state. This is the site where the North Dakota state tournament has been held the past two years.

The Kindred club has 10 lighted courts and operates a weekly league with eight teams already entered containing 37 active players.

The Fargo, North Dakota club held their annual meeting April 11th. There will again be league play with six teams organized for participation.

## INDIANA STATE PROGRAM

The Indiana State Association held an election of officers and outlined its program of activities for the coming season at a meeting in April at the indoor courts in Frankfort.

Harold Craig of Muncie was elected President to succeed Marvin Chrisman, who resigned because of his civic duties as a newly elected city councilman in Connerville.

Earle Wilmore of Gary was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer. The Association's new Vice-Presidents are Jim Johnson of Decatur, John Coble of Peru, Eugene Mendenhall of Noblesville and Walter Horner of Farmersburg.

## NIAGARA ASSOCIATION OF CANADA

The Niagara Horseshoe Pitcher's Association of Ontario, Canada has a top notch organization with lots of activity.

Organized seven years ago with six teams the group has now grown to 20 teams with 12 players to a team. Each team is required to furnish three courts, which makes a total of 60 courts in this small area located across the border from Buffalo, N.Y.

The league plays "doubles" or partners to accommodate the large number of players. Each team places two players on each court who play as partners against a similar combination of opponents. A frame consists of the best two out of three 21 point games. Each frame counts one point and a match consists of five rounds, making a total of 15 points in a match. The team winning the most of the 15 receives two points in the league standings.

Henry Brandt of Fontheill is the President and Russell Sauer of Ridgeway is Secretary-Treasurer. At the April meeting of the group the films of the N.H.P.A.'s World Tournament will be shown and a drive for N.H.P.A. members will be made. A number of the Niagara players are planning to attend both the World Tournament at Muncie and the Eastern National at Falconer, N.Y. this coming summer.



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