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NHPA T-SHIRTS POPULAR

The sale of NHPA T-shirts has been brisk and orders have been filled for every section of the country. In fact, the original stock of T-shirts has been depleted and more have been ordered.

The new order includes T-shirts with the insignia on the back so that now the players will have their choice of having the red, white and blue with the inscription of a horseshoe and the words "National Horseshoe Pitchers Association" on the back or on the front.

Some clubs have ordered T-shirts to give as prizes in coming tournaments and, in some instances, wives have ordered them as birthday gifts for their horseshoe pitching hubbies.

The auto ad plates and decals have also been sold in goodly numbers but the T-shirts are by far the most popular item. Profits go into the treasury of the NHPA. All items can be obtained by writing to Earle Wilmore, 1350 Dearborn Street, Gary, Ind. Prices are \$2.00 for T-shirts (\$1.75 each in quantities of six or more), \$1.25 for the auto ad plates, and 50 cents for the wind-shield decals.

WORLD TOURNAMENT QUALIFYING

NHPA President Reinhard Backer has made the following announcement about the method of qualifying to be used at the 1961 World Tournament to be held in Muncie, Indiana, July 18-26.

"The 200 shoe qualifying round used last year will be retained for 1961 with the addition of a time and court assignment plan to give all entrants equal and ample time for practice, warm up and qualifying.

Provisions in Article VI, Section 1 of the NHPA constitution make it mandatory to retain some form of the 200 shoe "solo" type of qualifying until such time as it is changed by action of the delegates at the annual conventions.

The Chairman of our Regional Directors, Lee Davis of New Jersey, has submitted a plan for a new type of qualifying which deserves our serious consideration. This plan has been circulated among all NHPA officials, Regional Directors and State Secretaries with a request for comments. The response has been both startling and gratifying. A flood of letters has indicated much support for the Davis plan and has also brought forth many other thoughtful and worthwhile suggestions. These are too numerous and lengthy to be mentioned or discussed here individually, but the response does indicate a healthy interest in the affairs of the NHPA.

It must be stressed that the NHPA convention to be held during the World Tournament can change the form of the qualifying round and other features of the tournament if the delegates so vote. The Davis plan has been placed on the agenda and all members and state associations should study it and make known their views at the convention.

One of the suggestions generated by the study of the Davis plan by various NHPA officials is the plan for assigning courts and qualifying times at the 1961 World Tournament. This plan has been adopted for use this year. It was suggested by Jim "Pop" Johnson of Kentucky.

1960 INDIANA SCHEDULE

The Indiana Division of the NHPA held a meeting at Muncie in March at which its 1961 officers were elected and a program of tournaments were scheduled.

The season will open May 19-20-21 with the entire membership eligible to make its choice between three Spring Special Tournaments to be held in Muncie, Frankfort and Kokomo. National Card or state card is required along with a \$1.00 entry fee. Qualifying will be until 4 p.m. Saturday, May 20 with the finals that evening and the next day.

U. S. Road 31 will be the dividing line for the Eastern Indiana and the Western Indiana tournaments to be held at Muncie and Frankfort in June. Players living on or near the dividing line will have their choice of tournaments. Qualifying will be June 17-18 with the finals to be held the following weekend.

The Central Indiana and Southern Indiana tournaments will hold qualifying rounds July 8-9 with the finals one week later at Connersville and Kokomo. U. S. Road 40 will be the dividing line. Connersville has recently installed eight new courts.

Following the World Tournament at Muncie, July 18-26, the Northern Indiana Tournament will be held at Wabash with qualifying August 5-6 and the finals on August 12-13.

Qualifying for the Indiana State Tournament will be held August 19-20 at four or five regional locations to be announced later. The championship finals will be held at Heekin Park in Muncie over the Labor Day weekend.

The State Women's tourney will be held at Connersville, August 26 and on August 27 the State Left Handers, Old Timers, Boys and Juniors, will meet at Dorner Park in Frankfort.

The annual Indiana-Ohio Open will be staged at Muncie Sept. 16-17.

Early season tournaments are also being planned for June 10-11 at both Connersville and Lafayette and possibly Goshen.

Many Indiana players indicated they planned to attend the Chipwood Memorial Open at Grand Rapids, Mich., May 27-30; the Greenville, Ohio Open on June 3-4; the Lakeside, Ohio Open, June 30; the Greenville, Ohio Fourth of July tourney; the Midwest "Ringer Round Up" at Peoria, Ill., July 1-4; and the Norwood, Ohio Open in September. These dates were all left open on the Indiana schedule.

ST. PAUL, MINN. MAJOR LEAGUE ADOPTS NEW SCORING RULE

By BEN TROLLEN

The St. Paul, Minnesota major league consists of six teams with four men on each team. These teams are set up so that each team has the same total ringer percentages at the beginning of the season. Totals are based on last season's averages. Because of this arrangement the lower percentage pitchers lose most of their games to the higher percentage players and win only those from players of their own caliber. Our new system will tend to keep the lower percentage players in the game by trying to get more points for the team effort. Following is the new arrangement.

After the first round of play the total points of four players on team #1 are compared with the total points of team #2. The team with the highest total points will get one point toward winning the match. This same procedure will follow for all four games and the score could end up with scores of 1-3, 2-2, 3-1, 4-0 for either team. Then when all 16 games have been played, the total number of wins determines which team gets the extra point. For instance, if team No. 1 won 9 and lost 7, then team No 1 would get one point toward winning the match. Then the score could be 1-4, 2-3, 3-2, 4-1, 5-0 for either team. In case of a tie in points or games won a ½ point would be given.

No provision is made for scratch or byes as all 16 games must be played according to our rules. Since this is the first time we are trying this system, comments or suggestions on improving it will be welcomed.

TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS LEADS OFF MISSOURI SEASON

By ALFRED SMITH

The third annual Tournament of Champions will lead off the Missouri state season at Springfield, Missouri on May 27 and 28 at the Phelps Grove Park courts. Players will be classified by ringer percentage, 60 per cent and better. Class A, 45 to 60 per cent; Class B below 45 per cent. Class A will start at 10 a.m. Sunday, May 28; Class B at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 27. Class C at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 27. Entry fee will be \$3.00 with two trophies for each class.

This is an open sanctioned tournament. Notify Alfred Smith, Route 6, Box 608, Springfield, Missouri as far ahead as possible so as to be sure of a place in your class. Floyd Toole defending champion.

The Eighth Ozark Open tournament will be held in Neosho, Mo., at Smith Park on June 10th and 11th. This meet is open to any holder of a NHPA card. Missouri cards will be available at the court. Entry fee will be \$2.00 for 100 shoes pitched to qualify with a second hundred if needed, using the highest qualifying. Trophies will be awarded first and second place in each class. Qualifying will end at 12 noon Saturday, June 10th. Class A will start at 1 p.m. Sunday, June 11th. Class B will start at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 10th. David Baker defending champion. John Elkins is in charge.

The Lamar tournament will be held on July 1st and 2nd at city park in Lamar. Entry fee \$2.50. Two classes will be played, with trophies for first and second place in each class. Ringer percentage of qualifying will be used to determine which class you play in. Send in your percentage of 100 shoe qualifying to W. J. Lilly, 924 E. 9th Street, Lamar, Missouri. This tournament is for Missouri players only. Class A will start at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, July 2nd. Class B will start at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, July 1st.

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GREENVILLE, OHIO OPEN — JULY 4, 1961

By W. J. WOODS

The Darke County Ohio Club is arranging for an OPEN Tournament at City Park, Greenville, Ohio on the Fourth of July. There will be 16 courts ready and all NHPA members, regardless of residence, are cordially invited.

The entry fee will be \$5.00, plus an extra \$3.00 to those in Class A. To save time, as many may not be off work on July 3rd, the usual qualifying rounds will be dispensed with and instead the players will be divided into classes based on their year 1960 ringer percent records in the News Digest. (Players whose records are not so available are, of course, welcome, but must qualify by pitching 100 shoes at the courts on July 1st, 2nd, or 3rd.) Those whose records are available from the News Digest, may, if desired, mail their entry fee of \$5.00 in advance to E. J. Coppock, 117 Meadow Lane, Greenville, Ohio.

The deadline for all entries, either in person at the courts or through a representative, or by mail, is 10:00 P. M., Monday, July 3rd. The Tournament Committee will then classify all entrants for the round-robin play which begins at 8:00 A. M. on July 4th. All players are expected to be present at that time. The number of courts should be ample to assure a reasonably early finish.

This will be an NHPA sanctioned meet (cards available at the courts) and a trophy will be awarded the winner of each class, plus cash prizes based on performance distributed in all classes. The central location of Greenville, the excellent courts, the warm local interest and the proven hospitality of the Club should add up to a very enjoyable Fourth of July.

HORSESHOE COURT REGISTRATIONS

The registration of horseshoe courts in the News Digest for 1961 is underway. Courts may be registered for \$1.00 each and the proceeds will be used to help finance the World Tournament. Each month the list of courts registered will be published in the "News Digest" and at the end of the year the complete list will be reprinted, thus giving a comprehensive listing of NHPA affiliated clubs and private courts.

Registrations to date:

FLORIDA

Bradenton — Trailer park, 10 L.

ILLINOIS

Aurora — Ellis Cobb, 1.

Batavia — B. R. Seifert, 1.

INDIANA

Connersville — Marvin Chrisman, 1.

Gary — Jackson Park, 4.

Gary — Bob Pence, 1.

Muncie — Heekin Park, 18 L.

NEW YORK

Southold, L. I. — Irving Pitman, 1.

MASSACHUSETTS

Orange — Amos Whitaker, 1.

Springfield — Ralph Forsstrom, 1.

NEW JERSEY

Clifton — Weasel Brook Park, 4 L.

Clifton — Paul Puglise, 1.

Englewood — Duxie Ave. Stadium,
6 L.

Keansburg — Jack Walz, 1.

Lyndhurst — Wm. Stelsennuller, 1.

Ridgefield — Lee Davis, 1 L.

Tenafly — Irving Pitman, 1.

PENNSYLVANIA

Carlisle — John Fulton, 1.

FROM HERE AND THERE

Hugh Tooley of Valley City, Illinois reports that his brother, who is stationed with the Navy in Hawaii, wrote and told him that he attended a horseshoe pitching clinic in which Jimmy Risk put on an exhibition on how to pitch. He also went on to say that he learned some pointers on the game himself.

FOREIGN TOUR POSSIBLE

The NHPA has succeeded in interesting the People-to-People Sports Committee, Inc., in considering horseshoe players in the organization's future program of international sports exchanges.

People-to-People Sports Committee, Inc., was formed some six years ago to promote a better understanding and relationship between people of diverse nationalities, backgrounds and languages by a program of exchanging sports figures in various fields between this country and foreign countries. More than 400 athletes took part in these exchanges and foreign tours last year involving many different sports.

Now through the efforts of the NHPA horseshoe is being considered seriously by the group and Bob Pence, NHPA Secretary, has been asked to furnish a list of horseshoe players who speak foreign languages.

So far, inquiry has revealed 48 players who fall into this category scattered all over the U. S. There are too many to name individually, but between them they speak some 14 different languages including Russian, Polish, Slovak, Croatian, German, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Italian, Swedish and such unlikely tongues as Iranian and Tagalog.

Ed Stancik of Durham, N. C., can toss ringers in more languages than any other NHPA member, six in all. Of course, former World Champ Fernando Isias is one of the Spanish speaking players.

Being able to speak a foreign language is not a necessary requirement for being chosen by the People-to-People Inc., but, of course, it is a factor.

Meanwhile the People-to-People organization has requested that any horseshoe pitcher interested in taking a foreign tour, especially those who speak a foreign language, contact them direct to let them know how long a period of time they could spend on such a tour, what foreign languages they speak if any, and what portion of the expenses the individual could contribute towards his expenses on the tour if any. The address is Edward P. Eagen, Chairman, People-to-People Sports Committee Inc., 20 Exchange Place, New York 5, N. Y.

JOHNSON COURT ASSIGNMENT PLAN

The 200 shoe qualifying method used in the past will be used at the 1961 World Tournament in Muncie along with the court assignment plan developed by Jim "Pop" Johnson of Covington, Ky.

The Juniors and Women will hold their tournaments on Tuesday, July 18 with unused courts free for practice on a catch as catch can basis by the men.

The men will pitch their 200 shoe qualifying round on Wednesday, July 19 and Thursday, July 20. Until the middle of the afternoon on both of these days all courts will be open for practice, warmup and qualifying on a first-come first-served basis.

On both of these days courts will be cleared and put into shape in the middle of the afternoon. Six courts, those on the ends and near the gates, will be assigned as warm up courts and the remaining 12 as qualifying courts.

As the players sign in they will have their choice of warm up and qualifying courts and of the time they wish to qualify. By this means each player will be assigned a specific warm up court, qualifying court and time for both.

The six warm up courts will be occupied as assigned by 12 players for 45 minutes, two to each court. At the end of this time they will move to their individual qualifying court where they will have a maximum of 20 minutes to get accustomed to the court and start qualifying pitches.

While they are on their qualifying courts 12 or more players will move on to the warm up courts to start their turn. Thus at all times there will be a maximum of 12 players actually pitching qualifying shoes and 12 other players in warm up.

This plan gives each entrant a choice of available courts and times when he signs in and gives him approximately one hour for warm up and one hour for qualifying. They will have July 18 and the forenoons and early afternoon hours of July 19 and 20 for free practice.

The tournament committee will reserve a small percentage of the courts during the late hours of July 20 for late arrivals.

LEE DAVIS' WORLD TOURNAMENT QUALIFYING PROPOSAL

NHPA officials have under consideration a new plan for the qualifying round of the World Tournament which has been submitted by Lee Davis, Chairman of the Regional Directors.

The present 200 shoe "solo" type qualifying originated at the 1933 World Tournament at the Chicago Fair and has been in use ever since. That year the players pitched 100 shoes. In 1935 at Moline they pitched 200 shoes with the best 100 being official.

The Lee Davis plan under study would work as follows:

1. All entries to be divided into groups of six players each. Entrants who were in the 1960 World Tournament would be grouped on the basis of their record in the 1960 Tournament, the six ranking players in group one, the next six in group two, etc. Those who failed to qualify for a class in the 1960 tournament would be grouped on the basis of their qualifying score in the 1960 tournament.

2. Entrants who did not play in the 1960 tournament would be grouped in sixes on the basis of their known ability by the tournament committee.

3. Each group would play a round robin schedule of five regulation games. Games won and lost WOULD NOT COUNT. Players would advance to the 36 man championship division, Class B and Class C on the basis of their ringer percentage in this six man round robin. A PLAYER COULD LOSE ALL FIVE GAMES AND STILL QUALIFY FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION.

4. There would be an entry deadline — 12 o'clock noon on the first day of qualifying — for all entries by which time all entry fees would have to be paid. Entry and entry fee payment could be made in advance by mail, but in this case the player would be responsible for being on hand and ready to play when his group was scheduled.

5. The first day of the tournament, July 18th, would probably be devoted entirely to the Junior and Women's division, both qualifying and finals. July 19th would be the first day of the qualifying for the men's division with 12 noon of that day as the deadline for all entries.

6. When the deadline for entries came the tournament committee would place all entrants in their groups and post the schedules. The qualifying round robins would start at once with those players who did NOT play in the 1960 tournament being scheduled first and working up to the top ranking players of the 1960 tournament who would play their games on the evening of the second qualifying day.

7. Each group winner who failed to gain a place in the final round robins would receive a trophy or prize.

The advantages of this plan are these:

1. All entries would get to play at least five regulation games in the World Tournament instead of pitching 200 shoes "solo" and then sitting out the remainder of the tournament if unsuccessful.

2. Qualifying would be under the normal circumstances of playing a regular game instead of under the unnatural conditions of a "solo" 200 shoe qualifying round.

3. Qualifying would be on a definite time schedule basis with everyone having equal and ample warm-up time. More players could qualify in a shorter period of over-all time and there would not be the last minute "rat race" of qualifying. It would do away with the practice of some players warming up for two days and monopolizing the courts while others were waiting for a chance to get on.

4. It would take far less scorekeepers and would be far more interesting to the spectators.

Some of the disadvantages are these:

1. Some players would pitch their games at night under the lights and some in the afternoon.

2. Weather conditions might vary with the conditions on the second day being different from those of the first day.

DAVIS PROPOSAL — (Continued)

3. Some players who fail to qualify for the finals would feel that they would have made it if the old 200 shoe "solo" round was used or if they had been scheduled at a different time or in a different group.

4. The total number of entries wouldn't be divisible by six so a provision would have to be made for the group having the odd number of players to play a total of five rounds. Provisions would also have to be made in case of a drop out in any group so that all players would get five qualifying round games.

**"JIGGS" GASSAWAY WINNER IN PLAY-OFF FOR POMONA,
CALIF. CLASS "D" TOURNAMENT**

By M. E. OESTERICK

The Pomona, California club, which was recently re-organized, held their first tournament under the guidance of Wallie Shipley, Clark Bell and Oscar Sandburg. It was very successful and the thanks and appreciation for their work is extended to them by this new club.

GROUP ONE

	W	L	%
Gassaway	4	1	48.0
F. Brown	2	3	38.3
Hahn	3	2	42.2
Parker	3	2	41.9
L. Pearcy	3	2	40.8
F. Pearcy	0	5	33.4

GROUP TWO

	W	L	%
Popula	4	1	41.9
Simmons	4	1	39.6
Richards	3	2	35.2
Papke	2	3	29.0
Lingenfelter	1	4	36.5
Bailey	1	4	31.9

PLAY-OFF

	W	L	%		W	L	%
Gassaway	2	1	53.5	Popula	2	1	45.2
Hahn	1	2	47.6	Simmons	1	2	46.8

Gassaway defeated Popula 50-32 with 58.0 per cent for the championship, with Hahn in third place and Simmons fourth.

PREPARATIONS COMPLETED FOR BIG NEBRASKA TOURNEYS

By DON KOSO

Preparations have been completed for two big tournaments to be held in Falls City, Nebraska this season. The All-State Open will be held on August 27 on the Falls City courts. It will be a one-day affair with qualifying in the morning up until noon. Qualifying will also be allowed on the day before if players arrive early. The top 16 qualifiers will be divided into two groups with the top six men (3 out of each group) playing a round robin for the championship. Class B will play 8 men in round robin competition. There will be a traveling prize and trophies will be awarded as will cash prizes be offered. Also a prize to the pitcher coming the longest distance.

The annual 4-State tournament will get underway on July 30 with qualifying starting on July 29 continuing until noon of July 30. The top 24 men will compete being divided into two groups of 12 each. The two highest of each group will play a round robin for the championship. Class B and C will have six men each playing a round robin in each class. The same awards that prevail in the All-State Open will be awarded in this meet.

MARY CRAIG'S MOTHER DIES

Mrs. Edith Wise of Muncie, Ind., mother of Mary Craig, NHPA Vice President, died last month after a lengthy illness. The NHPA sends its sincere sympathy to Mary and members of her family.

CORNING, NEW YORK TO BE HOST CITY FOR 1961

NEW YORK STATE MEET

By WILBERT HYLAND

The city of Corning, New York will be the host city for the 1961 New York state tournament to be held over the Labor Day weekend, September 2-4 on the newly constructed courts in West Williams Street Park, in Corning, New York.

Qualifying will start on Friday, Sept. 2 and will continue until 10 p.m., when all contestants will meet at the local Moose club for a "get acquainted" party which will offer entertainment as well as dancing until 1 a.m. This is something new and designed to help get the contestants a little better acquainted prior to actual competition. Although most of the contestants are already very well acquainted, there are always a few new faces each year, and it is with this in mind that the convention offered this plan at the meeting in Jamestown last year. If successful, it will be continued as long as possible at future State meets.

Plans are also being formulated by the Corning Club to make the tournament as colorful as possible, and as attractive to the public as conditions will permit. Governor Rockefeller has been asked to participate in the opening ceremonies, but has tentatively declined on the grounds that it is too early to commit himself. Former president, Harry S. Truman, also regretfully declined an invitation, but the Corning Club will continue to seek a dignitary to participate in opening of the meet.

It is hoped that being centrally located in the southern-tier of the state, the meet will be attractive to more contestants and spectators since Corning is the home of the world-famous Corning Glass Center, the Ingersoll-Rand Co., world's largest manufacturer of air compressors, and guided tours of both plants will be arranged for visitors who do not wish to spend all of their time at the courts. Being only 20 miles away from Watkins Glen, many are expected to tour the beautiful Finger Lakes region where a fish pole or swimming suit will be the only requirements for an enjoyable day at the lake. Hammondsport, N. Y., the cradle of aviation, also doubles as the wine center of the state where again, visitors are always welcomed to the famous wine cellars, and, yes, they do offer samples!

Entry fees, prizes, and rules will closely parallel those of last year when the host club was the Falconer Rod and Gun Club of Jamestown, who on June 15, 16, 17, and 18, will hold the National Eastern Open.

KANSAS ACTIVITIES INCREASE

Horseshoe activity in Kansas is on the increase again as a result of the hard work of Marvin Phillips, Perl Pepple and others in Topeka.

Kansas was the birthplace of organized horseshoe and tournament events back many years ago and the celebration of the state's Centennial in 1961 has stirred the Kansas ringer tossers to bring the game back to its former level.

The Gage Park courts in Topeka will be the scene of a number of tournaments this coming season. Perl Pepple, working with American Legion officials, and Marvin Phillips, with state and city officials, are formulating the plans. H. G. Collett, City Commissioner, is an NHPA member.

The Kansas Association's secretary, Roland Kraft, has sent an SOS to National Secretary Bob Pence, for additional membership cards which is a good indication of the progress being made.

COVER PICTURE . . . Shown breaking ground for the eight new courts in Gage Park, Topeka, Kansas, are, left to right: Marvin Phillips, Centennial horseshoe pitching chairman Perl Pepple, publicity chairman; and Levi Garner, Topeka city champion.

HORNER WINS OVER DIXON IN PLAY-OFF FOR ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA WINTER OPEN TITLE

By R. B. WOODROW

Walter Horner of Farmersburg, Indiana was crowned champion of the St. Petersburg, Florida Open tournament after defeating Dale Dixon of Des Moines, Iowa in a play-off for the title. Meet was held on the same courts where the big tournaments of yesteryear were held. This year's meet was conducted during the week of Washington's birthday. There were 30 entries with Dale Dixon shooting 84 ringers out of 100 shoes for a high score of 265. He received a nice trophy. Class B was won by John Davis who repeated from last season being the defending champion. Harold Darnold of Burlington, Iowa came out with Class C honors. There were many representatives from the northern states and one from California.

The name of the tournament was changed to "The St. Petersburg Winter Open" so as not to conflict with the name of the "Florida State Tournament" as this is a regular scheduled meet of the Florida State Association, and also to keep it apart from the "West Coast Open" held at Bradenton each winter. The new name will be more specific as to location and type of tournament.

CLASS A

	W	L	%
Walter Horner	10	1	60.7
Dale Dixon	10	1	62.3
J. Wilkinson	9	2	57.3
Harold Wolfe	8	3	52.2
B. C. Farmer	7	4	52.7
Joe Foster	7	4	50.9
W. C. Maxwell	6	5	50.4
Carl Lundgren	6	5	44.3
Les Peary	3	8	42.2
C. Green	Forfeit		
E. Danielson	Forfeit		
H. Page	Forfeit		

CLASS B

	W	L	%
J. Davis	9	0	56.5
C. Van Sant	7	2	58.3
C. Stephens	6	3	55.4
J. Kelly	5	4	53.8
H. Kemp	5	4	50.9
A. J. Ball	4	5	50.2
G. Reno	3	6	45.8
O. Reno	2	7	41.7
H. Godfrey	1	8	41.4
L. Neal	1	8	39.6

CLASS C

	W	L	%		W	L	%
H. Darnold	6	1		W. Costello	4	3	
R. Gravink	5	2		O. Wardlow	2	5	
W. Hubbard	5	2		C. Couchon	1	6	
C. Sumpter	4	3		H. Lauffer	1	6	

CAYER REPORTS FOR QUEEN CITY, NEW HAMPSHIRE CLUB

Horseshoe activities will soon be in full swing as the weather brightens in this New England community. We are expecting to have 12 teams pitching in our Queen City League this season. 140 players will take part. We expect to sign quite a number for NHPA. The officers elected for the ensuing year are as follows: Paul Dubois, president; Lionel Marcotte, vice-president; Ernest Morin, secretary-treasurer; Publicity, Ernest April and Robert St. Once.

In the first City tournament held in over 20 years the results are as follows: first, Richard Evans; second, Florent Brodeur; third, Roland Auger. In the Junior tournament Ronald Lemay was first; Edward Gingras, second; and Roland Bergeron was third.

Honors in Class A in the annual New Hampshire state tournament went to Eddie Paquin, first; Howard White, second; and Ralph Dow came in third. Class B: Emile Remillard, first; Darrel Flagg, second; Bernard Baker, third. Class C: Lionel Cayer, first; Adrian LaFond, second; F. Bowers, third. Class D: Edward Spaulding, first; Henry Hebert, second; Lionel Marcotte, third. Class E: Roger Auger, first; Norman Durand, second; Armand Proulx, third.

LONG BEACH — SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**LONG BEACH OPEN**

By JAMES WEEKS

GROUP ONE

	W	L	R	SP	%
Frank Esperanza, Oxnard	4	1	205	308	66.6
Gerald Schneider, Montebello	3	2	211	336	63.5
Louie Dean, Pomona	3	2	230	384	59.9
Homer Moeffield, Long Beach	2	3	196	322	60.9
Norman Smith, Culver City	2	3	156	278	56.1
Clarence Cummins, Orcutt	1	4	157	270	58.1

GROUP TWO

	W	L	R	SP	%
Jim Weeks, Norwalk	5	0	242	314	75.8
Ira Allen, O'Neils	4	1	220	302	72.8
Ralph Navarro, South Gate	3	2	190	324	58.6
Wally Shipley, W. Covina	2	3	178	294	60.5
Waldo Hagy, Long Beach	1	4	178	318	56.0
M. A. Preo, Fresno	0	5	155	308	50.3

CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYOFF

	W	L	R	SP	%
Ira Allen, O'Neils	3	0	177	238	74.4
Jim Weeks, Norwalk	2	1	141	202	69.3
Frank Esperanza, Oxnard	1	2	151	218	69.2
Gerald Schneider, Montebello	0	3	159	238	66.8

SOUTH GATE — SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**OPEN CLASS "C"**

By JAMES WEEKS

GROUP ONE

	W	L	R	SP	%
Don Peterson, Downey	5	0	164	286	57.3
Ron Long, Santa Paula	4	1	176	322	54.7
Robinson, Utah	2	3	149	314	47.5
Rolla Baker, Huntington Park	2	3	137	288	47.2
Elmer Beller, Bellflower	1	4	157	328	47.9
Merrett Brown, Hollydale	1	4	142	306	46.4

GROUP TWO

	W	L	R	SP	%
Jess Gregory, Redondo Beach	5	0	169	336	50.3
Jiggs Gassaway, Baldwin Park	3	2	144	292	49.0
Buster Parker, Norwalk	3	2	127	314	40.4
Harry Platt, Maywood	2	3	166	366	45.4
Clark Bell, W. Covina	2	3	123	318	38.7
Fred Brown, Huntington Park	0	5	127	342	37.1

CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYOFF

	W	L	R	SP	%
Don Peterson, Downey	3	0	113	198	57.1
Jess Gregory, Redondo Beach	1	2	107	204	52.5
Jiggs Gassaway, Baldwin Park	1	2	108	214	50.4
Ron Long, Santa Paula	1	2	112	232	48.3

MONTANA-DAKOTA TOURNAMENT SET FOR MEMORIAL DAY WEEK-END

By WES RIMEL

The Montana-Dakota tournament will be held in Wibaux, Montana on May 28th and 29th, Memorial weekend. Closing date for entrants is midnight, April 28th. Entrants will be required to pitch 100 shoes (all-count method) to qualify in order that players can be divided into classes for competition. Qualifying will take place on Saturday, the 27th, and early Sunday, before tournament play begins. Players will be divided into about four or five classes. Awards will be given for first and second place in each class. There will also be a large, impressive, ringer trophy; and a sportsmanship trophy awarded.

NHPA membership cards must be presented by all entrants at the opening of the tourney. Cards are available at Wibaux for those who do not obtain them elsewhere. The entry fee will be \$5.00, plus \$1.00 additional for all players who qualify in Class A. It is expected that there will be 16 Class A competitors.

Wibaux has lighted courts, and play will continue into the evening. The sponsors, the Wibaux County Horseshoe Association, will make hotel or motel reservations for you. Write to Roger Barnaby, Box 111, Wibaux, Montana for reservations or information. Roger is the president of the Wibaux club, and secretary of the Montana-Dakota Chapter of the NHPA.

QUEBEC ADDS FRENCH FLAVOR TO HORSESHOE

With the addition of Quebec players to the membership rolls of the NHPA a definite French flavor has been added to the game.

Jean Luc Gosselin of Noranda, who is Principal of the Catholic schools in that city, has asked for permission to translate the contents of the NHPA's Horseshoe Pitching Manual and Roy Smith's booklet "Science at the Stake" into French in order to assist Quebec players, many of whom speak only French.

Quebec players are divided into five regional setups and the Provincial championships held at Drummondville last fall saw Lucien Lambert of Drummondville dethrone Alain Gaudreault of Montreal as champion.

Heading the five regional groups are Paul Barrette of Rouyn-Noranda, Carl Watt of New Liskeard, Lionel Gilbert of Taschereau Rang 7, Paul Dubois of Ville-Marie, Leo Turgeon of Malartic and J. H. Boucher of Montreal.

Paul Barrette is an NHPA member who played in the Florida winter tournaments recently. Maurice Gingras, president of the Noranda club, is also an NHPA member and other officials of this club are Henry Legault, treasurer, and Ernest Laliberte, secretary.

FROM HERE AND THERE

Mrs. Lucille Hopkins, Iowa Hawkeye scribe, has returned home after surgery recently. She is getting along nicely although further medical care will be necessary. Her husband is not up to par either. We all hope they will soon be completely recovered so that they may enjoy the fellowship of their many horseshoe friends during the coming season.

Clark Kaiser of Guthrie Center, Iowa, has joined the "300" club after rolling a perfect game in their city tournament recently. He credits his success to having the same arm swing used in his 15 years of horseshoe pitching. Congratulations, Clark.

BEG YOUR PARDON

In the March issue the dates of the Annual Lakeside Open tournament were given as June and July 1. These are INCORRECT. The CORRECT DATES are JUNE 23 and 24. Please make the change on your tournament calendar.

COMING EVENTS

It is important that all tournaments be listed for the benefit of the membership. Please send listings to Ellis Cobb, Editor of the Horseshoe Pitcher's News Digest, 1307 Solfisburg Avenue, Aurora, Ill.,

- April 16 — Class "B" Open, Ontario, Calif.
 April 23 — Baldwin Park Doubles Tournament, Baldwin Park, Calif.
 April 30 — Class "A" Open, Ontario, Calif.
 May 7 — Class "E" Open, Pomona, Calif.
 May 20-21 — Spring Opener at Highland Park, Kokomo, Ind.
 May 20-21 — Spring Special at Heekin Park, Muncie, Ind.
 May 21 — Passaic County Invitational, Weasel Brook Park, Clifton, N. J.
 May 20-21 — Spring Tournament at Dorner Park, Frankfort, Ind.
 May 21 — Class "F" Open, South Gate, Calif.
 May 27-28 — Bryant Memorial Open, Laurelhurst Park, Portland, Oregon.
 May 27-28 — Third Annual Tournament of Champions, Phelps Grove Park, Springfield, Mo.
 May 27-30 — Chipwood Memorial, Grand Rapids, Mich.
 May 28 — South Gate Open, Class "B", South Gate, Calif.
 May 28-30 — Montana-Dakota Open, City Park, Wibaux, Mont.
 May 30 — Spring "Warm-Up" Open, Lawrence Park, Rock Falls, Ill.
 June 3 — 60 Years and over, Baldwin Park, Calif.
 June 3-4 — Greenville Open, City Park, Greenville, Ohio
 June 4 — Class "A" added, Baldwin Park, Calif.
 June 10 — South Gate Open Class "E", South Gate, Calif.
 June 10-11 — Lafayette Special at Lafayette, Ind.
 June 10-11 — Eighth Annual Ozark Open, Smith Park, Neosho, Missouri.
 June 11 — Class "B" added, Long Beach, Calif.
 June 11 — County Tournament, City Park, Falls City, Nebraska.
 June 11 — Union County Open, Warinanco Park, Elizabeth, N. J.
 June 11-12 — Portland Festival Open, Laurelhurst Park, Portland, Oregon.
 June 15-18 — Eastern National, Falconer (N.Y.) Rod and Gun Club.
 June 23-24 — Annual Lakeside Open Tournament, Lakeside, Ohio.
 June 24-25 — St. Joe Open, Noyes Field, St. Joseph, Mo.
 June 24-25 — Western Indiana at Dorner Park, Frankfort, Ind. Qualify June 17-18.
 June 24-25 — Eastern Indiana at Heekin Park, Muncie, Ind. Qualify June 17-18.
 June 25 — Massachusetts Open Tournament, Moxie's Grove, Hampden Ponds, Holyoke, Massachusetts.
 June 25 — Class "D" added, Pomona, Calif.
 June 25 — Rossolett Memorial, Warinanco Park, Elizabeth, N. J.
 July 1-2 — Lamar Tournament, City Park, Lamar, Missouri.
 July 1-2 — Semana Nautica Open, Santa Barbara, Calif.
 July 1-4 — Midwest "Ringer Round Up", Bradley Park, Peoria, Ill.
 July 3-4 — Grand Rapids Open, Chipwood Inn, Grand Rapids, Mich.
 July 4 — Greenville Open Tournament, City Park Courts, Greenville, Ohio.
 July 9 — Class "F" added, Baldwin Park, Calif.
 July 9 — Essex County Open Handicap, Branch Brook Park, Newark, N. J.
 July 15 — South Gate Open Special Class "A", South Gate, Calif.
 July 15-16 — Southern Indiana at Roberts Park, Connersville, Ind. Qualify July 8-9.
 July 15-16 — Central Indiana at Highland Park, Kokomo, Ind. Qualify July 8-9.
 July 16 — South Gate Open Class "C", South Gate, Calif.
 July 16 — New Jersey Open, Branch Brook Park, Newark, N. J.
 July 18-26 — WORLD TOURNAMENT, HEEKIN PARK, MUNCIE, INDIANA.
 July 23 — South Gate Open Class "F", South Gate, Calif.
 July 29-30 — Northwest Open Tournament, Ramsey County Fairgrounds, St. Paul, Minnesota.
 July 30 — Class "E" added, Pomona, Calif.
 July 30 — Annual 4-State Tournament, City Park, Falls City, Nebraska.
 August 6 — Class "C" added, Long Beach, Calif.
 August 6 — Iowa Hawkeye Members Trophy Tournament, place to be announced.
 August 12-13 — Galesburg Annual Open, Lincoln Park, Galesburg, Ill.
 August 12-13 — Northern Indiana at City Park, Wabash, Ind. Qualify August 5-6.
 August 12-13 — Championship Class "A", Long Beach, Calif.
 August 12-13 — Northern Indiana, City Park, Wabash, Ind.
 August 15-16 — Illinois Men's State, Fairgrounds, Springfield, Ill.
 August 16 — Illinois Boys' State, Fairgrounds, Springfield, Ill.
 August 19-20 — California North-South Team Match, Fresno, Calif.
 August 20 — Massachusetts State, Moxie's Grove, Holyoke, Mass.
 August 20 — New Jersey State Tournament, Branch Brook Park, N. J.
 August 20 — Corn Belt Open, Crapo Park, Burlington, Iowa.
 August 26 — Indiana Women's Tournament, Roberts Park, Connersville, Ind.
 August 27 — Indiana Lefthanders, Old Timers, Boys and Juniors, at Dorner Park, Frankfort, Indiana.
 August 27 — All-State Open Tournament, City Park, Falls City, Nebraska.
 August 27 — All State Open Tournament, City Park, Falls City, Nebraska.
 August 27 — New Jersey State Doubles Tournament (to be determined).
 Sept. 1 — Farmers' Division, Iowa State Fair, Des Moines, Iowa.
 Sept. 2 — Iowa State Tournament, Iowa State Fair, Des Moines, Iowa.
 Sept. 2 — Junior Boys Tournament, Iowa State Fair, Des Moines, Iowa.
 Sept. 2-3 — Western Open, South Gate, Calif.
 Sept. 2-3-4 — Indiana State Tournament at Heekin Park, Muncie, Ind. Qualify August 19-20 at four centers.
 Sept. 2-4 — Michigan State, Grand Rapids, Mich.
 Sept. 2-4 — New York State, Corning, N. Y.

COMING EVENTS — (Continued)

- Sept. 2-4 — Indiana State, Heekin, Park, Muncie, Ind.
 Sept. 2-4 — Florida State, Bradenton, Fla.
 Sept. 3-4 — New England States, Moxie's Grove, Holyoke, Mass.
 Sept. 3-4 — Third Annual State Tournament, Double Ringer Courts, Wibaux, Montana.
 Sept. 3-4 — Minnesota State Tournament, Loring Park, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
 Sept. 10 — Championship Class "F", Baldwin Park, Calif.
 Sept. 9-10 — Midland Empire Open, Noyes Field, St. Joseph, Mo.
 Sept. 16-17 — California State, Fairgrounds, San Jose, Calif.
- Sept. 16-17 — Indiana-Ohio Open at Heekin Park, Muncie, Ind.
 Sept. 17 — Champion Class "D", Ontario, Calif.
 Sept. 24 — Championship Class "C", Long Beach, Calif.
 Sept. 30-Oct. 1 — South Gate Doubles, South Gate, Calif.
 Oct. 7-8 — Victorville Open, Victorville, Calif.
 Oct. 15 — Championship Class "B", Baldwin Park, Calif.
 Oct. 22 — Baldwin Park Open Class "D", Baldwin Park, Calif.
 Oct. 29 — Championship Class "E", South Gate, Calif.

MAY 7 OPENS KANSAS CENTENNIAL HORSESHOE SEASON

By PERL PEPPLER

The Kansas Centennial Horseshoe Pitching Committee is moving rapidly in all phases of action necessary to bring to Kansas at Gage Park horseshoe courts in Topeka the largest, as well as the most unique, horseshoe Tournament ever held in the State — The Kansas Centennial Championship—Kansas Professional Championship — combined into one. The winner will be a double champion. The champion will receive a prize. In order to accommodate the larger number of entries the City Commission of Topeka are now building eight more new courts adjoining our present eight courts, which will make as large a number of courts for use in one place, perhaps, as are to be found in the United States. All will be electrically-lighted, black-topped for use in any kind of weather, bleachers and cement seats for pitchers will be constructed, etc.

May 7th is the day set for the official opening day to start horseshoe pitching in this territory. A big day is planned. Picnic dinners for horseshoe pitchers and families; band music; and speeches by the Governor and members of the City Commission, at which time the new courts will be dedicated.

The great Centennial-Pro combined championship will be held on Sept. 2-3-4 (over Labor Day), and previous to that will be held our first annual Junior High and High School Tournament for the boys. The American Legion is sponsoring the contest and will spend \$25.00 for medals, etc. for the contestants. The Kansas Centennial Commission has a County Chairman in every county in the state. All persons interested in pitching in one of the several Regional Tournaments should consult their County Centennial Chairman for information. If the person does not know who the chairman is, he should write to the Kansas Centennial Commission, 801 Harrison Street, Topeka, Kansas, for information which will be gladly supplied. All horseshoe pitchers of Kansas are urgently requested to become active and do your part in seeing that as many pitchers as possible come to this fine Centennial tournament in Topeka on Sept. 2-3-4.

PLANNING COMMITTEES OF PEORIA, ILL. CLUB, HARD AT WORK

By ARTHUR WHITE

At the March meeting of the Peoria, Illinois club, plans were discussed for forming a Classic League among players of the Mid-Illinois area. Many fine players of above-average calibre live in the cities and towns adjacent to Peoria such as Galesburg, Canton, Pekin, Peru, Lacon, etc.

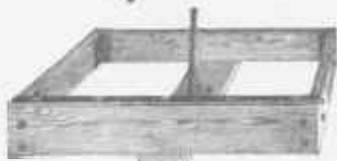
In the event that not enough players reside in one community to form a team, it may be possible to combine two neighboring communities into one unit.

Our April meeting will be held at the home of Ed Palladini. Mr. Robert Pence, secretary of the National association, will be the speaker. Plans will be discussed for the World Tournament to be held in the city of Peoria in 1962.

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