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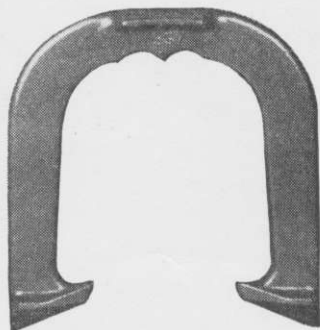


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N.H.P.A. EMBLEMS, DECALS AND TEE SHIRTS

N.H.P.A. emblems in the form of simulated auto license plate inscribed with the words NATIONAL HORSESHOE PITCHERS ASS'N. are now available.

The letters are in blue on a white background. The plate is 6" by 12" in size, made of heavy gauge steel and slotted like an auto license plate. They are particularly suitable for members in those states where only one license plate is required as the N.H.P.A. emblem can be used in the place of the second license plate, usually on the front of the car.

These are really handsome emblems and all NHPA members should be proud to have one on his car and thus advertise the game and the association. It might also be pointed out that they would be ideal for use at horseshoe courts where they could be displayed in a suitable location.

These emblems can be obtained for \$1.25 by sending to Earle Wilmore, 1350 Dearborn Street, Gary, Ind., Secretary of the Indiana State Association, who is handling the sale of the plates for the N.H.P.A. All profits from the sale of these plates will go into the treasury of the NHPA.

Since many states still use two license plates the N.H.P.A. is also making available a windshield decal in the shape of a shield, 5" by 6", with the words "National Horseshoe Pitchers Ass'n" and the figure of a horseshoe. This will be a three-color decal, red, white and blue, and can be placed on the inside of either the windshield or the rear window of a car.

These decals will be available in a short time and the price will be announced in the next issue of the "DIGEST."

Also pending are Tee shirts with the figure of a horseshoe and the words "National Horseshoe Pitchers Ass'n" on the front. Information on this item will be carried in the next issue.

Meanwhile, be sure to order your N.H.P.A. auto emblems at once, thereby boosting the game and your association.

LOOKS LIKE PEORIA, ILL. IN 1962

It looks like Bradley Park of Peoria, Ill., will be the site of the 1962 World and National Tournament.

Representatives of the Peoria club, the Peoria Chamber of Commerce, Peoria Park Board and the Peoria Journal Star, had a December meeting with Bob Pence, N.H.P.A. Secretary-Treasurer, at which time a definite bid was submitted for the 1962 tournament and preliminary plans drafted.

The Park Board agreed to add to the 16-court layout in Bradley Park and put the courts in tiptop shape while adding a first class lighting system during the coming year. The Chamber of Commerce promised to cooperate and give all possible aid in bringing the event to Peoria and making it a successful one, and the Peoria Horseshoe Club has accepted the financial responsibility on the basis of this cooperation by the Park Board and the Chamber of Commerce.

Attending the meeting were John Jonas, Secretary-Treasurer of the Peoria Club, and its other officers, Ed Pallidina, Cleon Chrisman and John Groome. Mrs. Betty Masterson, Manager of the Convention and Visitors' Bureau, represented the Chamber of Commerce and was most helpful in the drawing up of plans. Rhodell Owens, President of the Peoria Park Department, was host to the meeting. Others who attended were C. A. Miller, head of the Peoria Journal Star's Bureau of Public Relations, and Verne Nothdurft, Recreation Director of the LeTourneau-Westinghouse Corp. of Peoria.

The Peoria Club, in preparation for the 1962 World Tourney, will stage the annual Mid West "Ringer Round Up" at Bradley Park in 1961 over the Fourth of July weekend.

1960 IN REVIEW

By ROBERT PENCE

NHPA Secretary-Treasurer

The NPHA made a modest membership gain of slightly less than 200 during the year and staged the most successful World and National Tournament in history.

More tournaments, both sanctioned and unsanctioned, were held during 1960 than ever before and there was a huge increase in the number of inquiries concerning the game from various sources.

Recreation leaders in parks, industrial firms, unions, fraternal groups and schools along with the organizers of local type horseshoe clubs flooded me with requests for information which resulted in the assembling of a *Horseshoe Pitching Manual* for distribution. More than 1000 such requests were received and answered.

The World Tournament at Heekin Park in Muncie last August drew a record breaking number of entries, attracted more spectators than ever before and the caliber of pitching was the best in history. The Muncie courts left nothing to be desired and the Muncie club, largest local group in the country, should be congratulated for its work.

For the record here are the champions crowned at the World tournament:

Men's division — Don Titcomb, Los Gatos, Calif.

Class "B" — Wilber Kabel, New Madison, Ohio

Ladies division — Esta McKee, Royal Center, Indiana

Old Timers division — W. O. Maxwell, Hicksville, Ohio

Junior division — Hal Brown, Mulberry, Indiana

Once again Indiana, Ohio Buckeye and Southern California chapters led the membership parade and all three showed healthy increases over their 1959 totals. Indiana soared over the 200 mark under the direction of Earle Wilmore aided by the big Muncie and Kokomo clubs headed by Harold Craig and Earl Van Natter. Jim Weeks and Elmer Beller made Southern California click, while Ohio, with Sam Goodlander sidelined for awhile by a heart attack, was a team effort headed by Leo McGrath and Mrs. Paul Focht.

Laurels for showing the biggest percentage of increase go to the Florida, Kansas, Michigan and New Hampshire chapters, all of whom more than doubled their 1959 figures.

The winter tournaments staged by Ray Woodrow at St. Petersburg and Charlie Stephens at Bradenton and new clubs at Ft. Lauderdale, headed by Ed Edwards, and Orlando by Frank Wise was responsible for Florida's showing.

Howard White in New Hampshire did his usual fine job of promoting the game and received real aid from Lionel Cayer and the big Manchester club and the group at Keene where the Flagg brothers and others have made history by the construction of 24 courts all in one line.

Roland Kraft, Perl Pepple, and Irwin Carlberg did excellent work in Kansas and Michigan.

Smaller increases in membership were in Minnesota, Montana, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

Particular mention should be made of the work in North Carolina by Randall Jones and in the Montana-Dakota chapter by Roger Barnaby and Wes Rimpl. These two groups were new chapters in 1959 and continued their fine work in 1960 despite the handicap of geographic isolation from other centers of membership. Players from Virginia, Florida, Ohio and Maryland appeared in North Carolina during the year and the Winston-Salem Open shows promise of developing into an outstanding event.

A new state chapter was formed in Virginia during the year with activity centered at Lynchburg under the direction of Marvin May and a good start was made.

Vermont was led back into the NHPA fold by Fred Butler of Bennington during 1960 and staged the New England States Tournament.

1960 REVIEW — (Continued)

Canada increased its NHPA membership considerably in 1960 and sent a large delegation to the World Tournament at Muncie where Elmer Hohl made history by annexing second place. The Canadian group staged the big North American Open indoors in Toronto's Horse Palace during the National Exposition in September with many American players taking part.

Small losses in membership were experienced in Northern California, Illinois, Maine, Nebraska, New Jersey, North Dakota, Tennessee and Washington.

Tennessee has already more than made up the lost ground with a newly organized chapter guided by Chambliss Pierce and B. D. Raskopf in Knoxville. Indications are it will become one of the most active and outstanding groups in the NHPA.

The most serious membership losses were suffered in Idaho, Texas, North Dakota and Pennsylvania.

The remaining states held their membership at the 1959 totals, but it should be mentioned that Massachusetts, Connecticut, Iowa, Missouri and Utah were among the most active chapters in the NHPA and the work of Ralph Forsstrom and Amos Whitaker (Mass.), Ervin Van Dine and Mickey Vecchitto (Conn.), Mrs. Hopkins (Iowa), Al Smith (Missouri), and Stan Hilton (Utah), was outstanding.

Here is a partial list of the state champions crowned during the past season:

Arizona — Art Kamman	New York — Carl Steinfeldt
California — Don Titcomb	North Carolina — Woody Thomas
Colorado — Gerald Labbe	North Dakota — Art Engebretzen
Connecticut — John Dudek	Ohio — Harold Reno
Florida — Charlie Stephens	Oregon — Bob West
Illinois — Frank Polka	Oklahoma — Charles Schrum
Indiana — Curt Day	Pennsylvania — John Fulton
Iowa — Francis Rogers	South Dakota — Leigh Dunker
Kansas — Roland Kraft	Tennessee — Charles Fortenberry
Massachusetts — Bill Babinski	Texas — Matt Bowers
Michigan — Alex Clark	Utah — Clive Wahlin
Minnesota — Howie Ganz	Vermont — Fred Butler
Missouri — John Elkins	Washington — John Monasmith
Montana — Carl Horn	West Virginia — Ralph Maddox
Nebraska — Don McCance	Wisconsin — Ed Shimek
New Hampshire — Eddie Paquin	Wyoming — Merle Palmer
New Jersey — Lee Davis	Canada — Dean McLaughlin

**JIM FALOR PROMOTES HORSESHOES AT GOODYEAR
AIRCRAFT CORP.**

Horseshoe pitching is on the upgrade around the Akron, Ohio, area, particularly at the Goodyear Aircraft Corporation. Through the untiring efforts of James Falor of Akron, Ohio, he has started and organized a horseshoe pitching league at Goodyear. Last fall they held their second annual Goodyear wide horseshoe tournament. The Goodyear Company has gone all out to encourage and support the game including financing. Mr. Russell Hansen, the sports activities manager at Goodyear, has done a marvelous job of helping to get the league rolling. It is through his department budget that Goodyear makes trophy awards and provides banquets for league winners, and annual picnic tournament champions. Falor is president and manager of the Goodyear Aircraft club. He is also related to the former world champion, Harold Falor, who held the title back around 1915. Ed Burt is vice-president while Ancil Copeland is treasurer. Jim is the current champion of the Goodyear club and is co-holder of the doubles title with Wally Culver. Ed Burt came out with the Class B title and is a member of the NHPA as is Falor. The Goodyear club is looking forward to a great season in 1961.

1961 MEMBERSHIP

1961 N.H.P.A. membership cards are now in the hands of the various state secretaries and in some states the drive for members during the coming year is already underway.

Indiana, Ohio and Southern California have already turned in 1961 members and the new chapter in Tennessee has made an excellent start. Scattered memberships have also been received from other states including a number from Canada. The N.H.P.A. picked up some 200 additional members last year and hopes to do even better this year.

Although your 1960 memberships have expired under the present setup, you will continue to receive the "News Digest" until June, but there is no reason to wait until the magazine expires to renew your membership. Do so at once and the renewal for the magazine will be dated from June.

It should also be stressed that memberships are to be obtained through your state secretary. Membership money sent to the National Secretary or to the office of the "News Digest" entails extra bookwork and handling.

1961 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULES

Club and state secretaries are urged to list their 1961 tournaments with the "News Digest" as quickly as possible. This will enable all members to make their plans for the coming season as early as possible.

Already listed are the Florida Suncoast Open at Bradenton Feb. 16, 17 and 18; the Florida Winter Open at St. Petersburg Feb. 22, 23 and 24 and the Valley of the Sun Open at Mesa, Arizona, with Class "B" scheduled for Feb. 18 and 19 and Class "A" one week later.

The Montana-Dakota Open has been announced by the Wibaux, Mont. club for the Memorial Day weekend and Irwin Carlberg plans a big open meet at Grand Rapids, Mich., on the same date.

Cricket Coppock has announced that the Darke Co. Ohio club will hold a big open tournament June 3-4 at Greenville, O., where last year's Mid West "Ringer Round Up" was held and the Mid West "Ringer Round Up" itself will be moved to Bradley Park in Peoria, Ill., on the Fourth of July weekend.

1961 WORLD TOURNAMENT

No additional information on the 1961 World Tournament is available at this time except that it will definitely be held at Heekin Park in Muncie, Ind., the last week in July.

Heekin Park was the site of last summer's tournament. Clifford Tomlinson has been elected the 1961 president of the Muncie Club succeeding Jack Rector, and he reports that the Muncie Club is again looking forward to the event and will do everything possible to make it a success in excess of last year's tourney.

1961 STATE AND LOCAL OFFICERS

Gerald Kahle of 107 Forest Park Blvd., Bartlesville, Okla., is the new Secretary-Treasurer of the Oklahoma State Association and Hiram Halvorson, 114 21st Street, Cedar Rapids, is the new Secretary-Treasurer of the Eastern Iowa Division of the N.H.P.A.

1961 officers of the Southern California Association elected recently include Wally Shipley of West Covina, President; Jim Weeks of Norwalk, Secretary-Treasurer and Vice Presidents Larry Geer, Ralph Navarro, Norman Smith and Fred Pease.

Al Smith, Secretary of the Missouri State group, has a new address, Route 3, Box 608, and David Loucks, Secretary of the Northern California Ass'n, has moved to 2958 Hilldale Street, Walnut Creek, Calif.

Claude Fewell is the Secretary-Treasurer of the big Kokomo, Ind., club, succeeding Earl Van Natter.

THANKS A MILLION . . .

To my many friends and fellow horseshoe pitchers throughout the United States and Canada for the nice letters and cards that I received through the past year and during the Holiday Season. It is very gratifying to me and it is my sincere wish that I may continue to be of service to the members of the National Horseshoe Pitchers' Association. It is my constant hope that as time goes on that I may have the opportunity to meet and greet more of the wonderful folks that make up the horseshoe pitching fraternity.

F. Ellis Cobb
Editor

MINNESOTA CLUB ENJOYS FREE TURKEY DINNER

The final meeting of the newly formed Cloquet, Minnesota club was a gala affair with the members enjoying a turkey dinner served to them with the compliments of the Veterans of Foreign Wars club at their club rooms in Cloquet, Minnesota.

The Cloquet club was formed last season and lists over 70 members who played four nights a week on the club's 8 new courts. They are to be equipped with lights this coming season and now have cement walks and filled with blue clay. The local park board, with the help of the players, did all the work.

The officers for the 1961 season are William Griffin, president; Lee Maden, vice-president; Harold McIntyre, secretary and Arnold Huso, treasurer.

A cordial welcome is extended to all players who might be passing thru Cloquet, to stop and enjoy the hospitality of this new Minnesota club this coming season.

DON TITCOMB, WORLD'S CHAMPION IN HORSESHOES, JOINS "300" RANKS IN BOWLING

Don Titcomb, World's champion of all "ringer artists" recently bowled a 300 game thereby elevating himself to the ranks of the "perfect game bowlers." His average in league play is 200 plus. He is the promotional manager at the Bowlarium Bowl in Los Gatos, California and was the organizer of a league which is called the "East Side Orangatang Bowling and Billiard Society." It is composed of youngsters that have a lot of trouble in keeping out of small gang mischief. They have formed a club and elected their own officers and conduct their meetings in a business like manner. They are shown bowling movies and are given free lessons in bowling. They have their own league and have their own tournaments.

HUGH ROGERS, IOWA HAWKEYE MEMBER RACKS UP 769 BOWLING SERIES

Hugh Rogers of Cedar Falls, Iowa and one of the top pitchers in Iowa rolled a neat 769 series while qualifying for a television show recently. He had games of 255—246 and 268. Due to a heart attack suffered last year he had to sit out the 1959-60 season and as a result his average this season is about 10 pins lower than normally.

PLANS NOW BEING FORMULATED FOR ANNUAL MONTANA-DAKOTA MEET

The Wibaux County (Montana) Association will sponsor the third annual Montana-Dakota tournament with the tentative date being set for Memorial Day weekend, May 29-30.

For the first time the tournament is being thrown open to all members of the NHPA who reside in Montana, North Dakota or South Dakota. It is no longer restricted to the Montana-Dakota division of the NHPA. It is the desire of the club to have a strong representation from all parts of the three states.

It is the desire of the committee to know whether the tournament be run off in one day or whether to run more than that. If there are enough entrants the meet could be spread over three days. Courts are equipped with lights for night pitching.

Adequate motel and hotel accommodations are available.

If you can attend this annual event please contact the Montana-Dakota secretary, Roger Barnaby, Box 111, Wibaux, Montana.

B. R. SEIFERT INTRODUCES COUNT-ALL "300" HORSESHOES

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Game Rules

1. This is a game in which any score can be achieved up to 300 (perfect game).
2. The game consists of 10 innings.
3. An inning consists of two (2) shoes pitched.
4. One or two "BONUS" innings are required to complete the game if ringers are thrown in the ninth or tenth innings. (See rules 5, 6, and 7).
5. One ringer in the tenth inning entitles player to one "BONUS" inning. (10-A)
6. Double ringer in the ninth inning, with no ringers in the tenth inning entitles the player to one "BONUS" inning. (10-A)
7. Double ringer in the tenth inning entitles player to two "BONUS" innings. (10-A and 10-B)
8. The game can be played by pitching to one or two stakes.

The One Stake Arrangement

9. Any number of players (usually not to exceed five) can participate in one game using Rules 10, 11, and 12.
10. The shoes are returned by conveyor or some other device or method designed for convenience of the players.
11. The shoes are removed from the court after each person has pitched two shoes. (See note No. 1).

Note No. 1: The removal of the shoes after each person has thrown two shoes, affords no disadvantage to the person pitching next.

12. The sequence of pitching is decided before the start of the game.

The Two Stake Arrangement

13. One, two or three players can participate in one game using Rules 14, 15 and 16.
14. One, two or three players can play a game by walking back and forth from stake to stake.
15. The shoes are removed at the end of each inning. The person pitching last has a disadvantage, therefore, the players will alternate first pitch after each inning and the beginning of each game.
16. To start the game when two or more players are participating, toss a coin, or any other suitable method can be used for choice of first pitch.

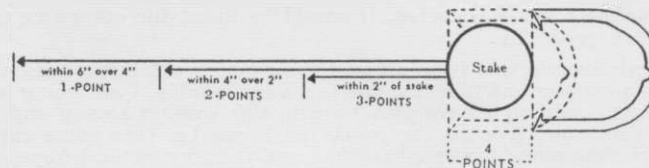
COUNT ALL "300" — (Continued)**Even Number of Players**

17. Any even number of players (usually not to exceed ten) can participate in one game, with half of the players pitching from each stake using Rules 11, 12, and 16.

Scoring

18. One ringer is five (5) points. (See rule 25)
 19. Double ringer is ten (10) points. (See rule 26)
 20. A shoe coming to rest with open end around the stake, from any direction, up to short of being a ringer is four (4) points. (See Note No. 2)

Note No. 2: To determine if a shoe is in the four (4) point area, the shoe can be measured with a thin rubber band or a No. 8 thread, stretched taut across both calks. If the stake causes the rubber band or thread to bow slightly, the shoe is considered around the stake in the four (4) point area. (See diagram)



21. A shoe coming to rest within a 2-inch radius of the stake is three (3) points.
 22. A shoe coming to rest over 2 inches but within a 4-inch radius of the stake is two (2) points.
 23. A shoe coming to rest over 4 inches but within a 6-inch radius of the stake is one (1) point.
 24. A shoe coming to rest outside a 6-inch radius of the stake has no value.
 25. An inning having one ringer equals five (5) points, plus points of close shoe, plus total points of next consecutive inning.
 26. An inning having a double ringer equals ten (10) points, plus total points in next two consecutive innings.

STEVE FENICCHIA BOWLS 300 GAME

Steve Fennicchia of Rochester, N. Y., one of the state's top horseshoe pitchers, recently realized the dream of all bowlers when he connected for a perfect 300 game in a regularly sanctioned league match. He opened the series with a 196, then hit his 300 game and the excitement dropped him to 189 in the last game for a 685 series, one pin below his personal best.

Steve is a former state secretary of the N.Y. division of the N.H.P.A. and finished eighth in the 1960 state tourney and won first in Class B at the North American Open in Toronto, Canada. He has been one of the top horseshoe pitchers in the east for a number of years.

COVER PICTURE . . . Shown this month is Don Titcomb, winner of the 1960 World tournament held at Muncie, Indiana. It was in this tournament that he set a new single game record of 97.7 per cent. He averaged 84.9 for the entire week-long tournament. He lives with his wife and new baby daughter in Los Gatos, California.

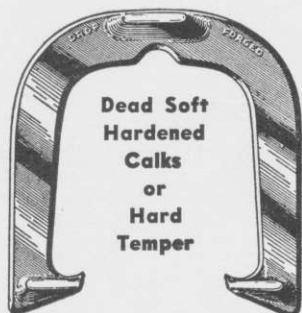
AN OPEN LETTER FROM DON TITCOMB . . . WORLD CHAMPION

The year of 1960 will always remain in my memory as one of the most eventful that any man could ever wish for. It was my good fortune after enjoying the fine hospitality of those wonderful people in Indiana and others to realize an ambition that I have been trying to achieve for many years, that of winning the World championship. Having the title has given me a finer understanding of the game and the players that participate in it. It has also given me more self confidence in myself as a person. I am thankful that I am able, in my own way, to be able to do something that others can enjoy, learn or participate in. I have been giving demonstrations at various schools and then watch them as they form and conduct tournaments. I have had many requests for return engagements. I have also helped the City of Los Gatos in the construction of 8 fine courts. Next season they will be among the other clubs of the city. I have also helped the I.B.M. company here in Los Gatos construct 16 courts at their plant. They are regulation having asphalt walkways. On their completion, I was asked to give a demonstration. Over 250 persons use them each day.

The makers of L & M cigarettes have asked me if I would be interested in a commercial for a television program to which I answered yes. They are waiting now for plans to develop. It would be great for our game to receive national coverage on TV.

I have received letters from all over the country extending congratulations and making inquiries and it makes me feel very humble. I am going to try and be in the best condition I have ever been in this coming season and try to be as good a representative on the courts as I can be. Our game can well be proud of the champions that we have had and it is my earnest hope that I can uphold that wonderful tradition.

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TOURNAMENT REPORTS FROM IDAHO STATE ASSOCIATION

Following are several tournaments conducted by the Idaho state association and just received for publication.

The Sib Kleffner Open Tournament had 18 entries playing in three classes with E. J. Wiley of Nampa, Idaho sweeping the field to take top honors.

CLASS A

	W	L
E. J. Wiley, Nampa	5	0
D. F. Wolfenbarger, Boise	4	1
Ivan McKenzie, Riggins	3	2
Jim Kosterman, Boise	2	3
A. E. Boynton, Emmett	1	4
Harold Holste, Emmett	0	5

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BOISE, IDAHO CITY CHAMPIONSHIP

After regular round robin play, Snyder, Reighard and Kosterman were tied for first place. Further play-offs resulted in more ties. The final results after all play-offs left Jim Kosterman on top followed by Reighard and Snyder.

Play-off for Title

	W	L	%
Jim Kosterman	4	2	50.2
Les Reighard	3	3	51.6
Bill Snyder	2	4	48.4

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WILEY TOPS FIELD TO WIN IDAHO STATE RINGER CROWN

CLASS A

	W	L	%
E. J. Wiley, Nampa	7	0	66.2
Les Reighard, Boise	6	2	53.1
Tom Boston, Nampa	5	3	50.5
Bill Snyder, Boise	4	3	41.5
D. F. Wolfenbarger, Boise	2	5	49.3
Jim Kosterman, Boise	2	5	49.2
Ivan McKenzie, Riggins	2	5	45.5
A. E. Boynton, Emmett	1	6	39.7

CLASS B

	W	L	%
Lynn Dennis, Nampa	7	1	36.0
Allen Rainey, Emmett	6	2	30.8
Wally Cahoun, Boise	5	2	33.9
Bill White, Nampa	4	3	29.1
Norm Dahm, Boise	3	4	26.6
Elmer Merle, Meridian	2	5	30.0
Fred Anderson, Boise	2	5	29.1
Paul Marsh, Emmett	0	7	21.0

CLASS C

	W	L	%
Rod Holloway, Boise	7	0	33.2
Everett Eager, Meridian	6	1	32.5
Howard Paul, Boise	4	3	16.6
Milton Coleman, Boise	3	4	25.1
Frank Smart, Boise	3	4	24.4
Len Jones, Nampa	2	5	22.0
Les Richter, Boise	2	5	26.2
John Ault, Boise	1	6	14.9

TO HOLD THIRD ANNUAL FLORIDA SUNCOAST OPEN, FEB. 16-18

The third annual Florida Suncoast open tournament will get underway on Thursday, February 16, at Bradenton Trailer Park courts. From all indications a larger group of shoe tossers than ever, will be on hand for this popular event.

With the idea that all who wish to enter will be able to play in their class, we will hold a 12 man Class A, a 12 man Class B, and if entries permit, a 16 man Class C. 100 shoe qualification rounds will be held all week prior to February 16, the forenoon of that day will be held open for out of city and out of state qualifying rounds.

Appropriate trophies will be awarded the 3 top pitchers in each of the 3 classes. In addition a cash bonus will be paid for each game won in regular round robin play. This is a new feature for us and we believe it will be popular with all the players who participate. Special awards will be given AAU entries in lieu of the bonus if preferred. This event is sanctioned by the N.H.P.A.

Enjoy your vacation this winter in Florida. We urge you to attend the Florida Suncoast Open at Bradenton, and also the Florida Open which gets underway the following Wednesday, February 22, at St. Petersburg.

A card indicating your intention to attend will help us plan a better tournament, and will be appreciated by the tournament committee. Charles Stephens, 118 - 52nd Avenue Drive West, Bradenton, Florida.

BEAVER COUNTY (PENNA.) TITLE GOES TO BROBECK IN PLAY-OFF

After regular round robin play Buck Wilson and Burrell Brobeck were tied and in the play-off that followed, Brobeck defeated Wilson 50-20. Sam Berresford grabbed Class B honors, with Ray Shannon picking up Class C decision. Brobeck and Wilson combined their forces and defeated Gruzinski and Preda for the doubles championship.

Table with 3 columns: CLASS A, CLASS B, and DOUBLES. Each column lists players and their win/loss records. CLASS A: Burrell Brobeck (15W, 1L), Buck Wilson (14W, 2L), Chet Gruzinski (13W, 2L), Larry Heinman (11W, 4L), Jack Rainbow (9W, 6L), Frank Peluso (9W, 6L), Pete Sovich (9W, 6L), Herman Boyer (7W, 8L), Paul Smith (6W, 9L), Rich Weigal (6W, 9L), Harvey Grimm (5W, 10L), Al Domitrovich (5W, 10L), Bud Richeal (3W, 12L), Joe Rinaldi (3W, 12L), Ralph Groves (3W, 12L), Eugene Tunneo (3W, 12L). CLASS B: Sam Berresford (9W, 0L), John Maydor (7W, 2L), Howard Senn (7W, 2L), Deak Kolades (5W, 4L), John Socher (5W, 4L), Leroy Swink (4W, 5L), Ed. Wright (3W, 6L), Bill Hultz (2W, 7L), Gene Nasierowski (1W, 8L), Carl Young (1W, 8L). DOUBLES: Brobeck-Wilson (9W, 1L), Gruzinski-Preda (8W, 2L), Heinman-Smith (7W, 2L), B. Groves-R. Groves (6W, 3L), Peluso-Herm Boyer (6W, 3L), Rainbow-Pucevich (3W, 6L), McClain-Nasierowski (3W, 6L), Senn-Berresford (1W, 8L), H. Boyer-F. Boyer (0W, 9L).

ARIZONA VALLEY OF THE SUN OPEN

Mesa will again be host to the Valley of the Sun open horseshoe tournament. It will be held at Rendezvous Park in February.

The Class "B" 16-man round robin, for pitchers with averages under 50%, will be held on Feb. 18 & 19. The tournament will be sanctioned and 1961 NHPA cards will be required. The entry fee will be \$3. The prizes will be for first place, \$15.00; 2nd, \$10.00; 3rd, \$5.00; plus trophies for winner and runnerup.

Class "A" will be played on Feb. 25 & 26, and will include those with averages over 50%. The entry fee will be \$5.00. The winner will receive \$50.00; 2nd, \$25.00; 3rd, \$15.00; 4th, \$10.00. The winner and runnerup will also receive trophies.

Anyone wishing to participate in either class should send his average to the Arizona State Secretary by January 20, 1961. Send no money at this time. The secretary will then notify you of your qualifying position by Feb. 1; then send your entry fee to secure your entry to reach the secretary by Feb. 10. This will let each one know where he stands and no one will be disappointed.

We had entries from Kansas, Iowa, Montana, Wyoming and California last year. Why don't you plan your vacation for February and come along and represent your state? Why not send a card to Walter Stearns, 332 West 9th Street, Mesa, Arizona, indicating your intention?

NATIONAL SECRETARY ILL

National Secretary-Treasurer Bob Pence of Gary, Ind., was on the shelf because of illness during the month of December, but is now back in circulation ready to resume his duties.

TED ALLEN'S MOTHER PASSES AWAY

It is with great sorrow that we learn of the passing of Ted Allen's mother on Saturday, November 26, 1960. Both of Ted's parents were ardent followers of the game and attended world tournaments many times. Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Allen family in the loss of their loved one.

NEWS GLEANINGS FROM BEAVER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

The Beaver County Pennsylvania league championship was won by the Zelienople team who had won the second round and then went on to defeat the Aliquippa Elks, winners of the first round.

In a match between the Beaver County All-Stars and the Butler County All-Stars, the Beaver County team came out on top 25-4.

The 1961 Beaver County singles and doubles tournament will be held in Zelienople, Pennsylvania. Officers for 1961 are L. Heinman, pres.; R. Weigel, vice-pres.; Herman Boyer, secretary-treasurer.

FROM HERE AND THERE

Aloys Spang of Shawano, Wisconsin reports that horseshoe pitching in the Shawano area was greatly improved during the past season. They conducted 4 tournaments which took in doubles and singles events. He says there are several good pitchers who average about 60%. One of those men is a Menominee Indian, whom Spang described as having one of the most graceful deliveries of any one he had ever seen. He went on to relate that with the Indian whose name is Pete Wouchechon, together they won the doubles title in the Class A section of one of the tournaments. Spang also was the winner of the singles meet in the Class A division.



“From Out Of The Mail Bag”

Corning, New York

Horseshoe Pitchers' News Digest
Editor
Aurora, Illinois

Dear Sir:

I have read your “News Digest” for two years with much interest and it is rewarding to see first hand how the game has come back and moved forward.

In 1959 here in Corning, New York we formed a horseshoe club and brought the game back to stay. With the help of our city and a combined effort by our club we now have 8 new courts with concrete walkways and backstops and equipped with electric lights.

We believe our courts to be the finest in the state and our many visitors share our belief. Our city has a population of 17,000 and our club has grown to over 100 paid members.

In relating our story we thought it would give other persons who are interested in the game an idea as to what can be done in a short time with a little work and effort. We are proud to say that the New York state tournament will be held here in Corning in 1961.

Good Pitching,

Ondree S. Rockwell
President, Corning, N. Y. Club

MARVIN MAY, VIRGINIA NHPA SCRIBE, RUNNER-UP IN VIRGINIA STATE A.A.U. TOURNAMENT

In the annual Virginia state A. A. U. tournament held at Lynchburg, Virginia, W. M. Owen and Marvin May, NHPA state secretary, were tied at the end of regular round robin play. However, in the play-off Owen won 51-23. High qualifier for the event was Fred Childress with 99 points in 50 shoes with 54% ringers.

	W	L	%
W. M. Owen	10	1	49.1
Marvin May	10	1	52.4
Jr. Merricks	8	3	48.3
Thomas Ballowe	7	4	43.4
Royall Williams	7	4	38.2
J. B. Barnes	5	6	41.5
Fred Childress	5	6	40.
W. R. Flaherty	5	6	36.2
Ellis Greer	4	7	31.4
H. R. Harrison	3	8	34.5
James Wilkerson	1	10	29.4
Charles O. Jones	1	10	17.

FROM HERE AND THERE

At a meeting of the Eastern Iowa association the following were elected as officers for the coming year: Leland Palmer, Cedar Rapids, president and Hiram Halverson, Cedar Rapids, secretary-treasurer.

ENGBRETSON WINNER OF NORTH DAKOTA STATE TOURNAMENT

CLASS A

	W	L
Art Engebretson, Fargo	9	0
Gene Lykken, Kindred	8	1
Bill Lybeck, Kindred	6	3
Dick Joyce, Casselton	5	4
Harvey Peterson, Havana	5	4
Alvin Nelson, Arthur	4	5
Carl Weber, Havana	4	5
Quenton Olson, Enderlia	2	7
Bert Viestenz, Arthur	1	8
Otto Loseth, Havana	1	8

CLASS B

	W	L
Hans Loseth, Fargo	5	2
Harold Oien, Grandin	5	2
Larry Veitch, Fargo	5	2
Edwin Overboe, Kindred	4	3
Henry Wisness, Fargo	3	4
John Swenson, Kindred	3	4
Orville Vinard, Maddock	2	5
Nels Moe, Fargo	1	6

CLASS C

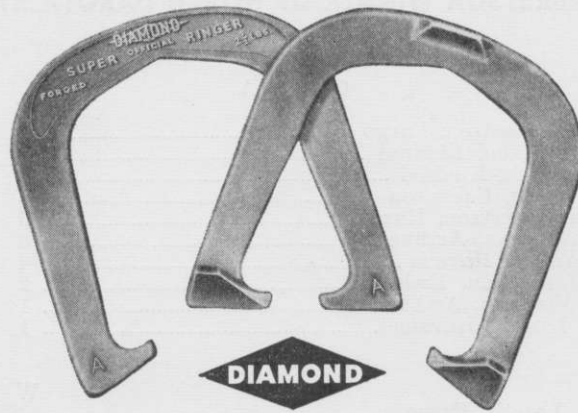
	W	L
Marvin Pederson, Arthur	6	1
John Myhre, Casselton	5	2
Henry Wisness, Sr., Maddock	4	3
Art Seastrand, Fargo	4	3
Cy Trottier, Fargo	3	4
Einor Letness, Fargo	3	4
Ken Wisness, Maddock	2	5

CLASS D

	W	L
Ike Eidsvig, Fargo	6	0
W. L. Nicholson, Kindred	5	1
Helmer Jallen, Fargo	4	2
Ray Rheault, Horace	3	3
Elmer Morlock, Fargo	2	4
Gus Kummer, Fargo	1	5
Jon Rollie, Kindred	0	6

CRAIG DEFEATS HINSHAW TO WIN RANDOLPH COUNTY INDIANA TITLE

The Randolph County Indiana championship was won by M. Craig over George Hinshaw 50-7. Craig hit 77 percent. There were 92 entries. Mayor West of Winchester promised his full support of the newly formed club. Six new courts are on the program for this spring. Clyde Sandquist is president, Rondle Bowmer, vice-president, and Mrs. Clyde Sandquist, secretary-treasurer. Twenty-seven nice trophies were awarded together with \$150 in merchandise prizes. Sportsmanship award went to Mr. Morrison. Other class winners are as follows: B—Tucker; C—Hollowell; D—C. Carter; E—Rook; F—Sibley; G—Moore; H—G. Carter; I—Robertson; J—Pittman; K—Gard; L—Ditmer.



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