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The NHPA is proud to announce that the Miller Brewing Co. of Milwaukee will furnish and donate all the trophies in the various men's divisions of the World Tournament and the State Championship trophy in all State Tournaments during 1962.

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These will be beautiful specially-designed trophies, suitably engraved, and in complete good taste. The June issue of the "Digest" will contain a picture and complete description of the trophies.

State Championship trophies will be distributed to the various State Secretaries or Tournament Managers prior to tournament time.

HAMILTON COUNTY TOURNAMENT, NORWOOD, OHIO

Harold Godfrey pitched 59% in a playoff game with Joe Luken (40.9) to win the 1961 Hamilton County, Ohio, Tournament.

CLASS A				CLASS B			
	W	L	%		W	L	%
H. Godfrey	4	1	47.6	C. Mayne	5	0	39.6
J. Luken	4	1	46.4	H. Laye	4	1	34.0
R. Duff	3	2	47.7	E. Besl	2	3	23.7
A. Rich	3	2	43.3	W. Woods	2	3	23.6
J. Lane	1	4	36.6	R. Jansen	1	4	25.7
M. Murdock	0	5	25.5	G. Leigh	1	4	23.4

MILLER HIGH LIFE SPORTS FILMS

The Miller Brewing Co.-NHPA Championship Trophy sponsorship brings into focus the sports film library of Miller High Life which may be of more than passing interest to the NHPA.

This sports film library is made up of more than 150 titles of outstanding sports events. Covering a wide variety of sports, these films are 16mm in color with sound and are professional productions. Running time varies from 13 to 57 minutes. Additional films are added to the collection each year.

One of these films is entitled "Sports Thrills" which includes four to six-minute segments of outstanding thrills of various sports during the past year. The 1962 edition may possibly include scenes from the World Tournament at Greenville, O.

These films are available at no charge except return postage to any responsible sports, fraternal, religious or social organization. Many local and state NHPA associations would find them ideal entertainment for their meetings, dinners or social functions.

For an information booklet on these films, write to the Film Section, Public Relations Department, Miller Brewing Company, 4000 West State Street, Milwaukee 1, Wisconsin.

EASTERN NATIONAL TOURNAMENT

THE EASTERN NATIONAL Tournament will be held at Erie, Pa., on JUNE 22, 23, and 24, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Erie is located midway between Cleveland, Ohio, and Buffalo, N. Y., on Interstate 90 and U. S. 20, 100 miles north of Pittsburgh on Rt. 19. They have 16 new lighted courts and an active club membership of more than 120 men. The courts are situated at the City Zoo Park, with all playground facilities including tennis courts, golf course, and a new YMCA within a block or two. The visiting pitchers and their families are traditionally served a tureen dinner by the Erie "Horseshoe Widows."

QUALIFYING FEE (100 shoes) will be \$5.00. Top 16 men will comprise Class A and will pay an additional \$5.00 to pitch. The next 16 will form Class B, and the next 12 to 16 will be in Class C. Any pitcher who does not feel he has qualified properly may pay for and shoot one additional set of 100 shoes. (This option is not to get more money, but to take some pressure off the first qualifying round and allow anyone who really believes he can make a higher class the opportunity if he so desires.)

QUALIFYING TIME — Friday until midnight and Saturday morning until 11:00. Pitching to start promptly at 1:00 P. M. Saturday. Rules will be posted, as will all qualifying scores, and the prize distribution figures.

HAROLD RENO is the defending champion, and being World Champ, there is tremendous spectator interest already building toward the possibility of seeing him in action along with Casey Jones, Carl Steinfeldt, Paul Focht and others of National fame, as well as many top pitchers already familiar to the local fans like Ohler, Fulton, Zadroga, Pinch, Solomon and many others. There is good possibility of getting live TV coverage on some of the games. Erie cordially invites all NHPA members to participate in this traditionally fine old tournament. We urge, also, any group interested in obtaining the Eastern National in '63 & '64 to be present. Clearfield Fair Association has expressed some interest and many of you will remember that Clearfield originated the Eastern National.

PRIZE MONEY will be approximately \$750.00 based upon \$400.00 grant from the Erie Club and anticipated qualifying revenue of \$350.00.

FOR MOTEL OR TOURIST reservations, write, Pa. State Secretary Glen Sebring, 1431 W. 52nd St., Erie, Pa. There will also be available a few lake-side cottages which can sleep six or eight men each (cooking privileges—bring own bedding) at a very nominal rate.

Erie Club officers Paul Beer, Joe Peters, Jack Potter, John Leonardi and NHPA officials will be in charge of the tournament.

INDIANA SUMMER SCHEDULE

A meeting of the Indiana Association last winter laid the groundwork for the 1962 schedule of events and elected officers to guide the group.

Ed Toney of Frankfort was elected President, succeeding Harold Craig, now National President. Earle Wilmore of Gary was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer. Vice Presidents selected at the meeting were Cliff Tomlinson who doubles as head of the Muncie Horseshoe Club, Joe Schilling of Lafayette, Paul Van Sickle of Indianapolis and Art Moore of Wabash.

Arrangements have been made for a tournament at the Fairground courts in Goshen for Indiana players living north of U.S. 30 and southern Michigan players. This tournament will be held the last weekend in May and information can be obtained from the State Secretary.

The annual Newcomers Tournament will be held in two sections, the Eastern at Heekin Park Muncie and the Western at Dorner Park, Frankfort June 9-10. This tournament will be open only to new members and to players who averaged 40 per cent or under in last year's tournaments. A 100 shoe qualifying round on Saturday, June 9th, will place the entrants into classes, with the finals being held on Sunday, June 10.

The Lafayette club is planning an Invitational, family-type affair for June 16-17.

The Muncie Club will host and stage the annual Midwest "Ringer Round Up" on the Heekin Park courts July 6, 7 and 8.

A 100-shoe qualifying round will be held at all local clubs on July 14-15 to classify players for the Northern Indiana, the Southern Indiana, the Western Indiana and the Eastern Indiana. Players desiring to enter two of these tournaments can use the same qualifying score for both. A second qualifying attempt will be allowed if desired upon payment of an additional entry fee. Separate entry fees must be paid for each tournament an entrant enters.

The Northern Indiana finals will be held July 21-22 at City Park in Wabash. Date and location of the Southern Indiana will be announced in the May issue of the "Digest." State Road 28 will be the dividing line between the Northern and Southern tournaments. This is a slight change from past practice when State Road 26 was the dividing line for the Northern and U.S. 36 was the dividing line for the Southern.

July 28-29 will be the date for both the Western Indiana finals to be held at Dorner Park in Frankfort and the Eastern Indiana at Heekin Park in Muncie. U.S. Highway 31 will be the dividing line for these tournaments.

It is hoped to arrange for a Central Indiana tournament to be held at Kokomo's Highland Park sometime during the season. It is also hoped that some type of event can be held on the fine new courts of the Winchester club and at Lebanon.

Qualifying for the State Tournament will be held August 18-19 at various local centers with the finals being held Labor Day weekend, site to be selected later. Lefthanders, "Old Timers," Juniors and Women's tournaments will be held August 26.

The annual Ohio-Indiana Open will be held by the Muncie Club at Heekin Park Sept. 15-16.

COVER PICTURE . . . This month's cover feature is the Oklahoma state association's new scoring machine. Art Graham, left and Jim Copenhaver, right, creators of the new device are members of the Barlesville, Oklahoma club. They modified a template given to them by Al Smith of the Missouri association and constructed it during the past winter months. It, along with others, will be available at all Oklahoma tournaments this season.

WORLD TOURNAMENT HOUSING FACILITIES

Make all reservations through Mrs. Dwight Brown, World Tourney Housing Chairman, 121 East 4th Avenue, Greenville, Ohio.

The people of Greenville have gone all out to assure World Tourney visitors ample housing accommodations. An official housing chairman has been appointed to handle all reservations and acting as a clearing house will have complete information of available facilities at all times. Under this plan everybody who comes to the tournament will be taken care of in this regard, but reservations should be made early if possible.

In addition to motel accommodations almost 200 rooms in private homes have been registered and made available. A uniform price of \$4.00 for these rooms has been established. Motels will charge their regular schedule of rates.

Motels are co-operating 100 per cent and have registered every room they can spare with the housing chairman. Some motel reservations have already been made. The information on the remaining motel rooms follow:

Town House Motel (downtown Greenville) 10 rooms, all beds full size. Singles, \$7.00; singles for three people, \$9.00; twin beds, two people, \$11.00; twin beds, three people, \$12.00; twin beds, four people, \$13.00. Extra roll-a-way beds available. Shower, tub, TV and Telephone free.

Treaty Motel (downtown Greenville) 25 rooms available. Large size family rooms, full sized beds, 2 people \$9.00, 3 people \$10.00, four people \$11.00; single rooms, full sized beds, \$5.50 for one and \$7.00 for two people. All rooms air conditioned, extra roll-a-ways available. Showers and TV.

Green Haven Motel (½ mile north on U.S. 127). Double bed, 1 person, \$6.00, 2 people \$7.00; twin beds, \$7.00. Shower, TV, telephone free.

Parkway Motel (½ mile south on U.S. 127). Six rooms available, all with twin beds, full double size. \$8.00 per room. Shower, TV, telephone free.

Star Dust Motel. Air conditioned, TV, showers, wall carpet. Roll-a-ways available. Family rooms \$14.00. Single rooms with connecting rooms available; singles with full sized bed, 1 person \$7.00, 2 people \$9.00. Twin rooms, full sized beds, 2 people \$10.00; twin rooms, full sized beds, 4 people \$12.00.

Greenville is located on the junction of U.S. highways 127 and 36, about 40 miles N.W. of Dayton, O. and about 30 miles N.E. of Richmond, Ind. Muncie, Ind., where last year's World Tourney was held, is 45 miles due west of Greenville.

City Park, the tournament site, is located in the north end of the city, but not far from downtown. This park was site of the famous Greenville Indian Treaty of 1795 and the city is known as the "Treaty City," one of the historic landmarks of our country.

We can not stress too strongly the excellent facilities in this park, and especially the beautiful and spacious swimming pool next door to the horse-shoe courts.

FROM HERE AND THERE

Harry Page, veteran Waterloo, Ia. player who was inactive last season because of a serious operation, appears fully recovered and is back on the horseshoe courts again pitching as good a brand of shoe as ever.

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Ben Trolen, NHPA Vice President has recently been transferred from St. Paul to Ft. Atkinson, Wis. He does not yet know whether the transfer is permanent or only temporary.

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Ben Leighton, former President of the NHPA back in the 1920's, who helped combine several national groups into the present NHPA in the early years of the game, is retired and living in Baraboo, Wis., where he has a group of players participating in the game.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Board of Directors

SPECIAL MEETING

Monday, December 4, 1961

PRESENT: L. E. Fry, President; Frank Girbert, Tom Wallace, Ed Trostle, Ivan Spahr, Tom Cronin, J. C. Schafer, Dr. Gariety, E. C. Wogoman, Jim Meador, Jack Crouthers.

Purpose of the meeting, to discuss sponsorship of the 1962 National Horseshoe Meet. The meeting was called to order by the president and the secretary was directed to outline all foregoing business in regards to the Meet. Minutes of the Board of Directors November meeting as well as the November meeting and an especially called meeting of the Retail Division all containing information regarding the Horseshoe Meet were supplied each member present. It was pointed out that the City Park Commission was in favor of bringing the Horseshoe Meet to Greenville. Further, that the Park Commission intended sponsoring this event singly but preferred that the Chamber of Commerce co-sponsor the event to insure its financial success. After considerable discussion the following resolution was adopted . . .

RESOLUTION: That the Greenville Area Chamber of Commerce, the City Park Commission and the Greenville Horseshoe Club, co-sponsor the 1962 National Horseshoe Meet, providing arrangements can be made with the national authorities that the Meet be held in the City of Greenville. Further, that the Greenville City Park Commission would be responsible for the minimum of \$1,500 of the \$3,000 necessary to bring the Meet to the city. That the Chamber of Commerce would be responsible for a like amount, \$1,500, towards bringing this Meet to the city. That the Chamber of Commerce would solicit ads to be used in a program with all the profits from this program to be applied towards the \$1,500 responsibility of the Chamber of Commerce. That the Chamber Secretary would be responsible for soliciting the ads and for the printing of the program. That the local Horseshoe Club would be responsible for the actual staging of the event, securing housing for the participants and all other details pertinent to the event. That any monies collected in excess of the \$3,000 be held in a separate account for future National Horseshoe Pitching Meets to be held in this city.

A motion to adopt the above resolution was made by Frank Girbert seconded by Lee Trostle and Ivan Spahr and passed unanimously by the Board.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by

Jack D. Crouthers,
Executive Secretary.

NHPA AIDS NOW AVAILABLE

The N.H.P.A. has a number of items available to members for a small listed below contact Elmer O. Beller, 15316 Cabell Avenue, Bellflower, Calif. the meet was the most successful in A.A.U. history.

Scoresheets —

Official N.H.P.A. score sheets on pads of 100 at 75¢ each.

Percentage Charts —

Ringer percentage books, handy pocket size designed by M. A. Bruce of Illinois at 30¢ each.

Court Layout Blueprints —

Complete blue print of a six court horseshoe layout with a blowup of one individual court and of a stake and holder assembly. Originally supplied by Stan Manker of Ohio. Price 75¢ each.

Tournament Schedules —

Round robin master schedules (4 to 16 players), 10¢ each.

Horseshoe Pitching Manual —

A 20 page booklet entitled "Horseshoe Pitching Manual" containing articles on how to construct courts, how to score, how to conduct tournaments, league play, etc., handicap systems both "Cancellation" and "count all", and the official rules. Price 30¢. This is not to be confused with the full sized book currently being prepared by the N. H. P. A.

Science At The Stake —

Science at the Stake by Roy Smith is also available for 50¢ by writing to the author, 13222 Dalwood, Norwalk, Calif.

ROME, OHIO CLUB HOLDS INDOOR TOURNAMENT

Last fall, several horseshoe enthusiasts in the New Rome, Ohio, area including the Ison Brothers, Ed Sparks and Tom Pearce, checked an abandoned two-room school house and finding a good floor, roof, furnace and a high ceiling, renovated the structure into a regulation three-court horseshoe layout.

All winter long league play has been enjoyed by over 30 members. A stage at one end made an excellent vantage point for spectators and score keepers and also Ed Sparks always had his checker board handy ready to challenge any and all comers.

As the indoor pitching season drew to a close, an invitational tournament was held with 48 entries divided into 8 classes. Ties for first place in the A and C classes were played off with a single game and are included in the results. The top two in each class were awarded trophies which were purchased through the N.H.P.A. Bill Skidmore and Les Rose with 236 points, 72% and 69%, were tied for top qualifying honors.

CLASS A

	W	L	R	SP	%
Lester Rose, Columbus	5	1	253	426	59.4
Tom Pearce, W. Jefferson	4	2	247	420	58.8
Bob Redding, Mt. Sterling	3	2	186	358	51.9
Bill Skidmore, Franklin	2	3	186	334	55.7
Mel Montgomery, Columbus	1	4	159	318	50.0
Edgar Sparks, Alton	1	4	145	308	47.1

OHIO INDOOR MEET — (Continued)**CLASS B**

	W	L	R	SP	%
Stanley Manker, Martinsville	4	1	159	272	58.5
Howard Roshon, Baltimore	3	2	153	286	53.5
Kenny Dawes, Good Hope	3	2	165	310	53.2
Bob Wilkinson, Circleville	3	2	176	340	51.8
Herman Oney, Westerville	2	3	172	314	54.8
Ottie Reno, Waverly	0	5	140	318	44.0

CLASS C

	W	L	R	SP	%
Gene Reno, Lucasville	5	1	202	346	58.4
Howard Anderson, Rome	4	2	184	362	50.8
Harold Wipert, Chillicothe	4	1	147	294	50.0
Lawrence Shafer, Bellfontaine	2	3	145	306	47.4
Fred Bennett, Greenfield	1	4	117	298	39.3
Herbert Witter, Columbus	0	5	115	274	42.2

CLASS D

	W	L	R	SP	%
J. D. Rhymer, Stoutsville	5	0	148	300	49.3
John Nicholl, Grove City	3	2	122	290	42.0
John DeWeese, Washington C. H.	3	2	122	296	41.2
Larry Matthews, Columbus	2	3	142	324	43.8
Homer Messer, Columbus	2	3	98	286	34.3
O. K. Blosser, Urbana	0	5	103	296	34.8

CLASS E

	W	L	R	SP	%
Quinton Ison, Columbus	5	0	97	224	43.3
Columbus Brickles, Columbus	4	1	90	224	40.2
Verlyn Pyles, Rome	3	2	74	226	32.7
Rudy Von Dach, Columbus	2	3	79	256	30.8
Francis Park, Columbus	1	4	76	246	30.9
Waldo Ison, Rome	0	5	Forfeit		

CLASS F

	W	L	R	SP	%
Mike Gardner, Urbana	5	0	135	256	52.7
Charles Redding, Columbus	3	2	118	290	40.7
Bill Jones, Circleville	3	2	114	308	37.0
Roe Moore, Rome	2	3	102	282	36.2
Walter Rose, Circleville	1	4	88	308	28.6
Ralph Garrson, Clarksburg	1	4	100	304	32.9

CLASS G

	W	L	R	SP	%
R. E. Corn, Urbana	5	0	138	280	49.3
John Yohn, Urbana	4	1	115	320	35.9
L. Blosser, Urbana	2	3	105	314	33.4
Glenn Woods, New Holland	2	3	111	338	32.8
Bud Dougherty, Columbus	2	3	111	342	32.5
James Moss, Columbus	0	5	65	294	22.1

CLASS H

	W	L	R	SP	%
James Christman, Waverly	5	0	106	230	46.1
Jerry Kerns, Oakland	4	1	106	286	37.0
Ken Thacker, New Holland	2	3	68	278	24.4
Ralph Self, Mt. Sterling	2	3	70	306	22.5
Sherman Thacker, New Holland	2	3	63	306	20.6
Nolan Eckle, New Holland	0	5	41	308	13.3



In Memoriam

C. L. Headley

February 23, 1962

. . . through an open window in the sky we shall see his name engraven on that golden roll of honor that the angels keep. But until the mists have cleared away on that day when we shall meet with loved ones gone before, we shall cherish the priceless treasure of his memory . . .

We are saddened by the sudden passing of C. L. (Doc) Headley of Sterling, Colorado on February 23, 1962. He was 74 years of age.

Through his tireless efforts in promoting the sport of horseshoe pitching in and around Sterling, Colorado, he was successful in having the city of Sterling construct horseshoe courts in that city. He was a familiar figure on the courts in Denver and also at Cheyenne, Wyoming, and at Curtis, Nebraska. Two years ago, the Northeast Colorado association presented him with a life membership. He devoted almost all of his time to the welfare of the game and was a great credit to it. To his wife and family is extended the sympathy of Sterling Horseshoe club and that of the entire NHPA membership. We will miss his pleasant smile and friendly greeting.

WASHINGTON STATE NEWS

The various State Tournaments were pretty well monopolized by John Monasmith of Yakima and Ed Fishel of Nielton. John found the Seattle courts to his liking, winning both the Seafair Invitational and Washington State titles. Ed, pitching the best horseshoes of his career, won the Northwest Tournament in Yakima, placed 2nd in the Bryant Memorial in Portland, Oregon, 2nd in the Washington State and 3rd in the Seafair Invitational. Henry Knauft of Spokane was a constant threat in all the tournaments. Others to make things interesting for the topnotchers were Lloyd Monasmith of Kennewick, Gene Patrick of Toppenish, Herb Criss of Bremerton and Sig Pederson and Vic Bertoldi of Seattle.

Don't miss the Century 21 World's Fair in Seattle between April 21 and October 21, 1962. Due to the multitude of activities it was decided not to try to hold a horseshoe tournament but the Seattle Club invites each pitcher coming to the Fair to get in a few games at the Woodland Park Courts. If you will call Phil Luoto at MELrose 2-6874 or Ralph Taylor at MELrose 2-8447 and let us know when you would like to pitch, we will do our best to arrange a friendly round robin tournament or at least some first class competition. The courts are lighted so evenings and weekends will provide the best pitching.

NEWS AND NOTES FROM HORSESHOE FOLKS

Leland Mortenson of Des Moines, Iowa, has entered the hospital for surgery.

NINTH ANNUAL LAKESIDE, OHIO OPEN, JUNE 30, 1962

By W. J. WOODS

The Ohio Buckeye State Association will again manage the Open for NHPA pitchers on Saturday, June 30th, on the fine old courts at The Methodist Church Conference Grounds just outside Port Clinton, Ohio, on Lake Erie.

This is a ONE DAY meet and all who enter are asked to register at the courts in person by 8:30 Saturday morning so that play can get underway by 9:00 A.M. There will be NO QUALIFYING. The entrants will be classified by their most recent past years sanctioned tournament ringer percentages. Players from other than Ohio are asked to bring a 3 by 5 inch card showing at least three sanctioned tournaments, listing Shoes Pitched, Ringers, and Ringer Percent. By reason of the limited time and courts, the total numbers of entries will be limited to about 50. The courts will be open for practice on Friday so all who can are urged to come then. No Sunday pitching.

The entry fee is \$5.50. Both cash prizes and trophies will be awarded. Harold Reno won top honors last year in Class A followed by Paul Focht. Irwin Carlberg of Grand Rapids took Class B. All in all there were entries from eight states.

Inexpensive rooms are usually available on the grounds and the eating facilities are excellent. The Lakeside Management and The Ohio Buckeye again cordially invite all NHPA members and families. For additional information write Sam B. Goodlander, No. 5 Roth Place, Reading, Cincinnati 15, O.

THE 1961 NATIONAL AMATEUR TOURNAMENT

Although it was not an N.H.P.A. event, the National Amateur Athletic Union (A.A.U.) tournament deserves special mention for out of the 53 entries all but six were members of the N.H.P.A. and the event was managed and directed by our Regional Director, Randall Jones of North Carolina.

Held on the courts of our North Carolina Division in Winston-Salem, the meet was the most successful in A.A.U.

Roger Ehlers of St. Charles dethroned Glen Riffle of Dayton, Ohio, as champion in the singles, and teamed with Jack Stout of Illinois to win the doubles title. James Terry of North Carolina won the Class "B" crown. Buck Lanning of North Carolina won the Consolation section of Class "A."

Class "A" was comprised of the top 32 qualifiers divided into four groups, the top two in each group going to the championship finals and the next two in each group playing in the consolation finals.

The group winners were Glen Riffle of Dayton, Ohio, with 66.7% ringers, Walt King of North Carolina with 69.7%, Glynden Moore of North Carolina with 69.1% and Paul Helton of Dayton, Ohio, with 61.3%. Also winning their way to the championship finals were Jack Stout and Roger Ehlers of Illinois and Darrell Eller and Jim Scotten of North Carolina.

Ehlers had a 6-1 record in the finals with 69.5% ringers to win the title. Walt King finished second with 5 and 2 with 69.5% ringers, while defending champ Glen Riffle finished third.

Buck Lanning pitched 59.6% ringers in the consolation division to edge Ed Stancik. Dr. Berman of New Jersey finished third although he had a high ringer percentage of 64.1. Others in the consolation finals were Bob Toney of Virginia and Woody Thomas, Howard Hester, John Corns and Harvey Hooker of North Carolina. Ray Hooker of North Carolina took second in Class "B" behind Jim Terry.

The A.A.U. holds state tournament in seven or eight states and in some of these there are a few groups who are reluctant to join the N.H.P.A. because they fear N.H.P.A. membership might disqualify them from amateur tournaments. The National A.A.U. tournament, managed by N.H.P.A. members with almost all the entries and all of the top players being N.H.P.A. members should effectively allay this fear.

QUALIFYING PERCENTAGE

VERSUS

TOURNAMENT PERCENTAGE

By CLARK BELL and E. J. McFARLAND

Some very wonderful letters have been received from pitchers all over the country on the question of why a man may qualify with a high percentage but when competing in the tournament his percentage falls off.

It seems there are so many factors to consider that it is difficult to enumerate what causes one to fall off and what causes another not to fall off. Listed below are some of the ideas presented which encompass the whole art of horseshoe pitching.

First of all one must have "native ability." Some of us must gain our skill solely through hard work while others are natural born pitchers capable of doing the right thing at the right time.

The second important factor in developing into a good horseshoe pitcher is experience. This can only be gained by pitching with others rather than merely practicing alone.

The third requisite of a good pitcher is confidence. This must be gained by faithfully practicing in the right way — striving to pitch a ringer with each and every shoe.

The fourth and a very important point is to live properly. Do not do anything in excess which would impair your health.

The above points come from no less an authority than Alvin Dahlene of Lawrence, Kansas, one of the great pitchers in the history of horseshoe pitching in Kansas. Many thanks to him for these points on better horseshoe pitching.

Here is a list of suggestions and ideas from other letters in response to the November article in the "Horseshoe Pitchers Digest."

When qualifying a person is pitching by himself — no other shoes are on the stake; he has the "mud" so to speak; no one is "getting his goat" by being too slow or too fast or using psychology against him by delaying the game such as taking time out to file his shoes just when you are going good or talking between pitches so you can't concentrate on the job at hand.

Charles Church of Burlington, Vermont states that there are a lot of distractions in the tournament which would tend to hold percentage down. For example, you do not play each game on the same court. You get cold between games, you take time out to eat.

Mr. H. O. Hansen of Seaside, California suggests it might be a good idea for pitchers qualifying to throw four shoes. This would be a boon to the horseshoe manufacturers since more shoes would be sold. The National Organization would thereby collect more revenue in stamps and so forth. Another advantage — the qualifying would be quicker. We feel this is a very good suggestion and should be given every consideration.

Mr. B. D. Raskopf, president of the Tennessee State Horseshoe Pitchers Association has made a very detailed study of world tournament records and advises that:

1. "A close relationship exists between the decline in ringer percentage from qualification score of the individual player and the player's general average ringer percentage; that is, the decline is relatively much less for the better pitchers.
2. There has not been much of a decline in the game ringer percentage, compared with qualification score, for players who have ranked among the top 10 each year.

QUALIFYING — (Continued)

3. Ringer percentages for individual players for games played in the world's tournaments vary widely, and these variations are common regardless of the quality of the player.

4. A relationship exists between the qualification scores and game ringer percentages to such factors as number of shoes pitched, condition of the courts, weather conditions, sickness and mental attitude of players, number of ringers on the peg, type of shoe, and throw used by the player, and some other factors in which there is little statistical data such as physical condition of the player and luck."

Mr. Raskopf suggests in qualifying that players who are not satisfied with their first score be allowed another opportunity paying the additional qualifying fee for the second try.

The following are factors to consider when comparing the average percentage during qualifying and the average during games pitched.

1. **Condition of Courts** — A player will insist on good condition of the court when qualifying. This is not always possible during the playing of the tournament.

2. **Weather Conditions** — A player will usually pick the ideal time to qualify while he has no control over the weather during the tournament.

3. **Sickness** — A player will qualify when he feels good but during a tournament he cannot delay his opponent just because he does not feel just so.

4. **Mental Attitude** — When qualifying a player knows about what he can do and that he can measure up to his usual playing but in a competitive game there is an unknown factor — his opponent. The proper attitude is to try to win every game or play to the best of your ability and make the best showing possible.

The following is taken from Mr. Raskopf's letter word for word since there is so much good advice contained therein.

"My observation of the greatest players, such as Allen, Zimmerman, Jackson, Isais, and others, was they tried to throw each shoe 6 to 8 inches high on the peg and a shoe that was about spent when it hit the peg. The question naturally arises as to how you go about getting this type of toss? I have several suggestions to attain this goal.

First — In practice, pitch over a barrier set up at the peg. This barrier may be a block of wood, 6" x 6" x 24", placed a few inches in front of the peg. Better yet, place five or six ringers on each peg and practice until two ringers can often be thrown on top of those already on the peg. A player that follows this practice will become accustomed to seeing all this steel on the peg and he will develop more confidence in pitching over the doubles he must face in competition.

Second — Always try to play a pitcher who is better than you are. If such competition is not available, then play against two other players, permitting them to combine their score.

Third — Use a colored crayon and place a ring around each peg, seven inches from the top on 14-inch pegs, and become accustomed to aiming at this point.

Fourth — Watch the form used by the better players who throw a high, well-spent shoe."

On the matter of qualifying Mr. Lee Davis of Ridgefield, New Jersey, has come up with a novel idea that he has sent to the National Organization. We should learn more in the future but basically this plan is for contestants for the world tournament to pitch in a six-man round-robin and their ringer percentage would determine whether or not they qualify.

We hope that the above will be interesting as well as give you some ideas that may possibly improve your game.

MINNESOTA STATE ASSOCIATION HOLDS MEETING

The Minnesota state association held its annual meeting and election of 1962 officers recently with the following elected to serve for the ensuing year. Charles Strafaccia, president; Henry Filzen, vice-president; Steven Stensgaard, secretary.

The new president requests that all Minnesota clubs send him information as to their respective tournament dates for the season. The association will send out a mimeograph sheet with all this information on it to all members. All tournament dates will also be carried in the "Coming Events" column of the "News Digest." A great season is anticipated in Minnesota this year.

FROM HERE AND THERE

Mr. R. E. Shreve of North Barnaby, British Columbia, has organized a doubles league operating in his Bowl-A-Shoe establishment in North Barnaby. It started in October with two men to a team. The league plays morning, afternoon and evening. Each team plays three 50-point games once each week with each player paying \$1.50, and 60 cents going into a prize fund. The league runs for 16 weeks. Trophy for the first meet is being donated by Bob's Sporting Goods. A Junior Program is also in progress. Bowl-A-Shoe memberships are \$3.00 per year and entitles card holder to use the courts any time they are available, except for league play. Congratulations to Mr. Shreve on his novel idea.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wiges of Exira, Iowa, celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary on March 7. There was an open house with a program followed by dancing for the guests. Refreshments were served.

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MESSAGE FROM YOUR NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL DIRECTOR

by HOWARD J. WHITE

The New England Horseshoe Pitching Championship returns to New Hampshire this year after last being held in the Granite State in 1958 at Portsmouth. Having made the rounds of its neighbors, Massachusetts, Vermont and Massachusetts in 1959, 1960 and 1961 consecutively, this year's New England promises to be one of the best.

The Keene Horseshoe Club has worked hard for two years and can boast of a first class 24-clay court layout. Incidentally, that is an impressive group of horseshoe pitchers on the cover of the March issue of the News Digest.

Keene will also host the State tourney on Sunday, August 12th. A large crowd is anticipated to be on hand to watch George Buskey, this City's first State Champion, defend his title.

Thanks are in order at this time to the Miller Brewing Company of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, who will furnish and donate a beautiful Championship trophy in both the State and New England Meets. These trophies will be specially designed, suitably engraved, rich and beautiful in appearance.

Received a letter recently from Percy Howe from Orange, Massachusetts, stating that the Franklin County Horseshoe League had a very successful year in 1961. The club consisted of 64 men in league play with Richardson, Sr., heading the list with a commendable ringer percentage.

Howe, Whittaker and the remaining Orange Club players will conduct most of the tournaments this year in Massachusetts, the same formerly done by Ralph Forrestrom and the Forrest Park Club in the Springfield-Holyoke area.

Speaking of receiving letters, I must mention the one I received from Mike Vecchitto of Middletown, Conn., who is regional director chairman. Mike has been doing a wonderful job toward making the sport move ahead. He recently wrote to the "Sports Illustrated" magazine asking them to feature an article which would surely give the sport a plug and boost the game tremendously in their national magazine. Having received acknowledgment from the "Sports Illustrated" staff to his letter, Mike sincerely hopes that the noted interest shown by their editors will be forthcoming in the near future.

Two weeks ago we were honored by a visit from the Maine State Champion and his wife, Porter and Betty Clark, of Auburn, Maine. Porter and his Mrs. (the latter being his good luck charm for winning, so says Mr. P.) will be hitting the horseshoe circuit with great anticipation this year, but then they most generally do.

As an N.H.P.A. Regional Director, I am on a committee appointed to study our membership provisions, their relationship to the monthly magazine subscription, and the possibility of a graduated or multiple dues system as suggested by National Secretary, Bob Pence. This Committee, along with 2nd Vice-President, James Johnson who is to serve as Committee Chairman, will make a report to the 1962 convention for the delegates to take action on. I welcome thoughts and suggestions from pitchers in the New England area on this matter immediately so that I may correlate all material and make my final report to Chairman Johnson.

On behalf of the New Hampshire State Horseshoe Pitching Association. I wish to thank the Queen City Horseshoe League of Manchester, N. H., for the invitation extended to me and other pitchers around the state to attend their last year's most successful fifth Annual Banquet, held on October 15th at the Laval Club with over 250 in attendance. It was, by far, one of the biggest and most entertaining banquets I have ever had the pleasure to attend.

I wish to thank Lionel Cayer, President of the NHPA, from Manchester, N. H., and Leon "Speedy" West of Portsmouth, for running the New Hampshire State Meet last October 7th and 8th. By the way, Speedy West just retired from the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, having completed over 34 years of government service. A postcard from Speedy, verifying his vacation at St. Petersburg, Florida, stated that everything was "A-OK" with plenty

NEW ENGLAND MESSAGE — (Continued)

of horseshoe pitching going on down there too. Joe Comeau and the gang says to hurry back, "Speedy."

Last, but most certainly, not least, on Monday evening, April 30th, at 7:00 p.m. at the Portsmouth Community Center, 35 Daniel St., Portsmouth, N.H., players from all over New England will meet to show movies of the World, New England, State and various open championships.

All pitchers are cordially invited to attend and if any players having slides or movies would desire to show them, please feel free to do so. Anyone planning to attend please contact Howard J. White, Portsmouth, N. H., or call same at GE6-5442.

HORSESHOE GROUP MEETS IN KANSAS GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

By PERL PEPPLÉ

On October 4th, 1961, at 2:00 P.M., the following persons met in the office of Governor John Anderson, Jr.

Marvin Phillips, Perl Pepple, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Kraft of Lecompton, Mayor Ed. Camp, Roger Kirkwood, Executive Director of the Kansas Centennial Commission, Charles Messick, photographer, and two uniformed Topeka Policemen.

As we entered the Governor's office, Marvin Phillips, the son of Frank Phillips (deceased), proudly carried his magnificent horseshoe trophy, on which he had labored long and diligently with mind and hand to bring into reality. It is my impression that the Governor immediately sensed the idea that this occasion was more than just an ordinary assembly of people in his office. He was very congenial, but the group before him seemed, to me, quite dedicated to just one purpose in their visit; to pay their respects to the Governor and to gain his further recognition, support, and sanction, as chief executive of Kansas, of our great sport of pitching horseshoes. The Governor was deeply interested in the trophy, and well he should be, because it is not only commemorative of the life of a great American, Frank U. Phillips, but has many features incorporated into it, not the least being of historical and patriotic value. The Governor was given a full typewritten sheet outlining and defining all the features built into the trophy. These features cause the trophy to be of much more value than just the assembling of some wood and metal.

After Mr. Phillips introduced those who had not previously met the Governor, pictures were taken by Marvin's son-in-law, Charles Messick, with the Governor, naturally, being the central figure.

After I left the Governor's office I meditated on the occasion and felt that I had just witnessed the paying of a "silent" tribute to a great man — Frank U. Phillips, former Kansas State Champion horseshoe pitcher, a great Kansan, and an equally great American. I realize now that our group did a far greater service, unconsciously, than to gain the further support of the Governor to our fine sport of pitching horseshoes. I also felt that Frank Phillips' son Marvin, in whose mind was created, and whose hands had built, the unusual trophy was deserving of appreciation for his kindly spirit. The greatest book of all books, the Bible, teaches that all people should develop their "talent," for good. This Marvin Phillips and his father have done, and many times at a sacrifice. Marvin Phillips honored his father "that his days may be long upon the land." I am of the firm opinion that any person with that kind of a soul will never be forgotten by his Creator, and certainly not by his multitude of friends. I "take off my hat" to Marvin Phillips, a consecrated person in his many honorable activities, and to his father for being in his lifetime the exemplification of our American way of life. I doubt if the world record made by Frank Phillips when he pitched 100 consecutive ringers at Buffalo, Missouri in August 1939, will ever be equaled. The horseshoe pitchers of Kansas, especially, owe a debt of gratitude to Marvin and Frank Phillips.

CONNECTICUT STATE ASSOCIATION HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

The Connecticut chapter of the NHPA held its annual meeting at Middletown, Connecticut, on Sunday, March 25. The following officers were elected: Frank Wagner, Darien, Conn., president; Don Harrison, Manchester, Conn., vice-president; Michael Vecchitto, Middletown, Conn., treasurer; Ervin Van Dine, 131 Michael Avenue, East Hartford, Conn., secretary; Dominic Majewski, assistant secretary, East Hartford, Conn.; and Don Harrison as Tournament Director.

The season schedule was drawn up with the following dates: May 20, Connecticut (Closed) tournament, Middletown, Conn.; June 3, Connecticut (Open) tournament, Middletown, Conn.; July 15, Willie Paradis tournament, Middletown, Conn.; July 29, Family Day, Picnic and Tournament for Boys under 17, Middletown, Conn.; August 12, Annual Connecticut State tournament (Class A only), Classes B, C, D on August 19 — both tournaments to be at Middletown, Conn.; September 16, August Turbie Memorial Invitation tournament, Hartford, Conn.

FRED HART TOPS ILLINOIS STATE CHAMP ELLIS GRIGGS

Fred Hart of Jacksonville, Illinois, was in rare form when he topped Ellis Griggs of Plainfield, Illinois, and current Illinois state champ, to take high honors in the Baylis Homecoming tournament held at Baylis, Illinois last fall.

CLASS A — Fred Hart, first; Ellis Griggs, second; Clarence Hess, third; Floyd Hammitt, fourth; James Hart, fifth; Eldred Biddle, sixth. CLASS B — Roger Vogel, first; Irving Eilers, second; Lee Atwood, third; Neil Stinebaker, fourth. CLASS C — Hugh Tooley, first; Lynn Lyman, second; Fred Torbeck, third; Ronald Vogel, fourth.

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LET'S ALL WATCH THAT FOUL LINE

Our application of the foul rule in tournament play is, in a sense, like conversing on the weather. Everyone talks about it, but no one ever seems to do anything about it. Horseshoe pitching does not enjoy the prestige that other player sports enjoy, such as bowling, golf and others, and for that reason, field judges and tournament committees are hesitant to apply the foul penalty, for fear of alienating the players involved from further or future participation in their tournaments.

Let's face this problem, gentlemen. If horseshoe pitching is ever to acquire stature, we must observe and enforce our own rules. They are clearly stated in N.H.P.A. manuals, and re-stated in all tournament rules set up on the local level. Apparently, a goodly number of pitchers feel that these rules were made to apply to others rather than to themselves, or do not take the time and trouble to read them at all. This writer overheard a remark not too long ago, from a better than average pitcher, that may prove my point. He was being reminded by his opponent of continuous fouling. "What the H - - - ! This is just a game of horseshoes, isn't it?" That was just one man's attitude toward this problem, and, I hope, is not generally accepted by many. If it is, our game is forever doomed to be an "alley game," nostalgic to rural areas.

The rules laid down by our National Association for tournament play were not made to be applied only at the World Tournament. They are for all competitive events. Those men who are fortunate enough to play in World Tourney competition would do well in setting an example for all lesser players, when competing in comparatively minor events. In most instances they do; however some glaring examples to the contrary have been noted in recent tournaments. The rule covering the behavior of a player when not pitching is very clear. (He must remain on the opposite side of the stake to the player who is pitching, and on the rear one-fourth of the pitching platform, back of the stake.) It is not hard to see why a pitcher who has delivered his shoes, and steps off to the left of the pitching pad, and ahead of the stake, or even, in instances in front of the left pitching platform, would bother a pitcher delivering his shoes from the left pad. That breach of court etiquette has been constantly noted of several players who, year after year, place highly in the World Tournament, and have received more than the average public acclaim for their ability in our national publication.

It is my opinion that, in most cases, stepping past the foul line is a detriment to a players own game, rather than a penalty against his opponent. It is surely a bad habit and should, by all means, be corrected. Position of a player while his opponent is pitching, if our rule is not adhered to explicitly, is definitely distracting to his opponent. Infraction of this rule should be called by the field judges immediately. If this does not get the desired results, then further infractions should be called, and the foul rule applied. No player is going to lose the count of his shoes more than once or twice without making a correction in his procedure.

It has been heard among spectator audiences, "Why don't they call so-and-so for fouling?" Well, gentlemen, when our spectators note these infractions of the rules, it is high time that we, the players, notice them ourselves, if our game is ever to be elevated to the status it deserves.

I don't believe for a minute that any player in tournament play deliberately fouls to annoy or penalize his opponent. These traits are merely a bad habit, and when once formed, are exceedingly hard to break. It behooves all of us to take just a minute to think, and then, that being done, our battle of the foul will have been won. Then the game of horseshoe pitching will be far more fun to play as well as being more fun to watch.

Charles Stephens
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Bradenton, Florida

THE PROBLEM OF MULTIPLE TIES IN TOURNAMENT PLAY "THE NORTH CAROLINA SOLUTION"

By Bob Pence, National Secretary

The article on multiple ties for first place in tournament play by Elmer Beller in the Jan. issue was a timely one. The NHPA cannot dictate to local clubs and state associations how to settle these ties, but it can and should formulate a recommended procedure which will serve as a guide and write it into the By-Laws. It should be a fair and orderly procedure covering all possibilities including the elimination of marathon type playoffs.

Ties for positions other than first place should be broken either by total points or by ringer percentage by ruling of the tournament committee. Two way ties for first place present no problem as they can be decided by either a one game sudden death or best two out of three game playoff.

Three way ties are the biggest bugaboo. Round robin play is no solution, for it can be time consuming and still end in a tie. One A.A.U. tournament recently saw the three deadlocked contenders end in a tie four consecutive times with identical one lost and one won records.

By far the best formula I have received is the one presented by Randall Jones, NHPA Regional Director in the S. E. states and used by the North Carolina Division of which he is Secretary.

The ringer percentages of the layers involved are compiled the two low men play a regulation game. The loser automatically takes third place and the winner plays the high percentage man for first and second places.

This decides all three places in two games which is important in a long weekend tournament when everyone is tired and anxious to get home without a long drawn out playoff. It is orderly and fair for it gives all three players a shot at the title in at least one regulation playoff game. Even the loser of the first game had his chance in a playoff game.

Four way ties could be settled by either one of two methods. A round robin could be played which would mean three rounds of games with the possibility of ending in a two way tie necessitating still another playoff. The other method would be to pair the high percentage with the low percentage player in one game and the two middle percentage players in another game with the losers playing for third and fourth place and the winners playing for first and second. This latter method is simply an extension of the North Carolina plan and would wrap up the playoff in two rounds.

Five way ties are very rare but do occur sometimes. They almost defy solution in a limited span of time. If time permits or if the players can return another day they should play a round robin schedule using a six man schedule, the players numbered by ringer percentage and number six being the bye. In cases of limited time I believe all five players should pitch 50 shoes on a "count-all" basis with the top two pitching off for first and second, the next two for third and fourth and the low man automatically taking fifth.

Tournament committees should specify and announce tie breaking methods before the tournament starts.

OKLAHOMA STATE ASSOCIATION GETS SCORING MACHINES

The Oklahoma state horseshoe pitchers association, in a bid for expanded future activities and better spectator interest, allocated money at their 1961 Autumn business meeting for six portable scoring machines. Jim Copenhagen and Art Graham, Bartlesville members, modified a template given to them by Al Smith, Missouri Association secretary, and constructed the machines during the winter months. A novel innovation of these men was the use of blackboard paint for a surface on which contestants' names can be written. A wet cloth and a piece of chalk is all that's needed at tournament time. The machines will be available for all Oklahoma Horseshoe pitching activities; NHPA sanctioned tournaments are granted priority for any given date.

— *In Memoriam* —

Bob Clingerman, 36, of the Goshen Club and the Indiana State Left Handers Champion, died suddenly of a heart attack at his home March 23.

Afflicted for years with a diabetic ailment, Bob was not as active in Indiana Tournament play as he wished to be. Nevertheless, Bob won the State Left Handers Tournament last fall with a ringer percentage of 63.5 and Class "C" in the Northern Indiana with 60.7 during the 1961 season. For the past seven years he had been active in local play, and had always placed high in the County tournament, winning it on several occasions.

Bob will be greatly missed by members of the Goshen Club and all his friends in the Indiana Association. The NHPA sends its sincere regrets to wife Phyllis who accompanied him to all tournaments, and to his two children, Janet, 9, and Stephen, 5.

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George W. Sanderson, 62, charter member of the Virginia Division of the NHPA, suffered a fatal heart attack in his Lynchburg, Va., office on March 16.

A well known Lynchburg businessman, Mr. Sanderson was president of the Firestone Auto Supply Co. and very active in church and civic affairs. He was an ardent booster of the game of horseshoe pitching and the local club, and while he did not participate regularly in its activities, he was always in attendance at tournaments and events in Lynchburg. He will long be remembered by the Lynchburg club for his enthusiastic support and co-operation and by the Lynchburg Recreation Department for his aid to horseshoe and other recreational pastimes.

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The Oklahoma association and the Bartlesville Horseshoe club mourns the passing of A. A. Hollandsworth. "Holly," as he was affectionately known, was active in horseshoe pitching in northeast Oklahoma and was a top contender in A-flight competition. He is survived by his wife, one son, two daughters and five grandchildren. The sympathy of the Oklahoma state association and the Bartlesville club together with the NHPA is extended to his family.

"CAR 54, WHERE ARE YOU?"

To use the familiar phrase as used on TV is our way to sound out information as to the whereabouts of some NHPA members who have moved without taking the time to send in a change of address or those whose address was never correct in the first place. The following are all members in good standing and it is the desire of the NHPA that they should receive their "News Digest", however this cannot be done until their correct addresses are received. If anyone knows the addresses of the missing members will they please advise the News Digest, 1307 Solfisburg Avenue, Aurora, Illinois.

Ben Farmer, Indiana

Walter Crim, Illinois

William Bauer, California

Everett McCarthy, Colorado

James Harrison, California

William Wolfe, Cheny, Kansas

Horace Gilmore, Missouri

James Malvern, Washington

George Thornburg, Oregon

Earl Goreck, Penna.

FROM HERE AND THERE

The Clinton County Association in Frankfort, Ind., has a fine indoor program in progress under the direction of Ed Toney, club president. In addition each Sunday teams from other Indiana clubs, Indianapolis, Lafayette, Lebanon, Wabash, Anderson and Frankfort engage in a team league.

The fine indoor courts in Chicago's Garfield Park are again the scene of much activity this winter.

MAXWELL COPS ANNUAL SUNSHINE PLEASURE CLUB TOURNAMENT

By R. B. WOODROW

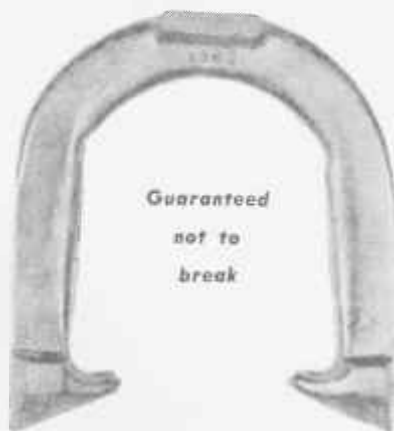
On March 17, the Sunshine Pleasure Club of St. Petersburg, Florida, held its annual club tournament on the club courts. The tourney was divided into two groups. Three trophies were awarded in each group and the winner of the Class A section won another leg on the "Raymond B. Woodrow Trophy" as well as a class trophy. The writer put up this trophy a few years ago to stimulate interest in the Sunshine tournament.

The "old phenom" W. O. Maxwell of Hicksville, Ohio, came out ahead in the Class A division, thereby winning his third leg on the trophy and permanent possession. In his march to the title, he pitched one game with a ringer percentage of 76. The other winners were Joe Wilkinson, second, and Joe Foster, third. Class B winners were Willson Hubbard, president of the Montana state association, first; Carl Sanchez of St. Petersburg, second; Lloyd Neal of Indiana, third. It will be remembered that the Sunshine Pleasure club is the original home of winter horseshoe pitching tournaments, dating back to the early 1920's. This is the 10th running of the Sunshine tournament.

FROM HERE AND THERE

Lee Davis of the New Jersey association was the director of a big County-wide bowling tournament held recently for the benefit of the Bergen County Cerebral Palsy Center in Ridgewood, New Jersey. Congratulations are in order for Lee as the tournament realized \$6,600 for the benefit.

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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.

- May 20 — Connecticut Closed Tournament, Middletown, Conn.
- May 20 — Special Membership Drive tournament, Birdland Park, Des Moines, Ia.
- May 26-27 — Goshen Invitational, Fairgrounds, Goshen, Ind.
- May 26-27 — Bryant Memorial Open Tournament, Laurelhurst Park, Portland, Oregon.
- May 30 — New Jersey Junior Amateur, Englewood, N. J.
- May 30 — Annual Spring Warm-Up Tournament, Lawrence Park, Rock Falls, Ill.
- June 2-3 — Greenville, Ohio Open.
- June 3 — Connecticut Open Tournament, Middletown, Conn.
- June 3 — Union County Open, Waninoco Park, Elizabeth, N. J.
- June 9-10 — Rose Festival Open Tournament, Laurelhurst Park, Portland, Ore.
- June 10 — New Hampshire Open, Wheelock Park, Keene, N. H.
- June 9-10 — West Indiana Newcomers, Dorner Park, Frankfort, Ind.
- East Indiana Newcomers, Heekin Park, Muncie, Ind.
- June 15 — Annual 4-State Tournament, City Park, Falls City, Nebraska
- June 17 — Rosslet Memorial Open, Warninoco Park, Elizabeth, N. J.
- June 17 — Annual County Tournament, City Park, Falls City, Nebraska
- June 22-23-24 — Eastern National, City Zoo Park, Erie, Pa.
- June 24 — Massachusetts Open, Moxies Grove, Hampton Ponds, Holyoke, Mass.
- June 29-30 — Lakeside Open, Lakeside, O.
- July 4 — Greenville 4th of July Open (Qualify July 1)
- July 7 — Essex County Open, Branch Brook Park, Newark, N. J.
- July 7-8 — Midwest "Ringer Round Up," Heekin Park, Muncie, Ind.
- July 15 — New Jersey Open, Branch Brook Park, Newark, N. J.
- July 15 — Willie Paradis Tournament, Middletown, Conn.
- July 21-22 — Northern Indiana, City Park, Wabash, Ind. (Qualify the previous weekend.)
- July 22 — Pomona-Riverside "F", Pomona or Riverside
- July 28-29 — Doubles (48 Men), South Gate
- July 28-29 — Western Indiana, Dorner Park, Frankfort, Ind.
- July 28-29 — Eastern Indiana, Heekin Park, Muncie, Ind.
- July 29 — Family Day—Picnic and Tournament for boys under 17, Middletown, Conn.
- July 30-August 8th — WORLD TOURNAMENT, CITY PARK, GREENVILLE, O.
- August 12 — Galesburg Open, Lincoln Pk., Galesburg, Ill.
- August 12 — Trade Territory Tournament, City Park, Falls City, Nebraska
- August 12 — New Jersey Amateur, Riverside Park, Lyndhurst, N. J.
- August 12 — Connecticut State Tournament, Middletown, Conn. (All classes.)
- August 11-12 — New Hampshire State, Wheelock Park, Keene, N. H.
- August 14-15 — Illinois State Tournament, State Fairgrounds, Springfield, Ill.
- August 15 — Illinois State Boys' Tournament, State Fairgrounds, Springfield, Ill.
- August 18-19 — Indiana State Qualifying Round at local centers.
- August 19 — New Jersey State Tournament, Singles, Branch Brook Park, Newark, N. J.
- August 18-19 — Corn Belt Open Tournament, Crapo Park, Burlington, Iowa.
- August 24 — Annual Farmers Tournament, State Fairgrounds, Des Moines, Iowa.
- August 24-25-26 — Missouri State Tournament, State Fairgrounds, Sedalia, Mo.
- August 25 — Junior Boys' Tournament, State Fairgrounds, Des Moines, Iowa.
- August 25-26 — Iowa State Tournament, State Fairgrounds, Des Moines, Ia.
- August 25-26 — Annual Iowa State Tournament, State Fairgrounds, Des Moines, Iowa.
- August 25-26 — Winston-Salem Southeastern Open, Miller Park, Winston-Salem, N. C.
- August 26 — Massachusetts State Tournament, Moxies Grove, Hampton Pond, Holyoke, Mass.
- Sept. 1 — Northwestern Illinois Tournament, Lawrence Park, Rock Falls, Ill.
- Sept. 1-2-3 — Annual Ohio State Tournament, City Park, Greenville, Ohio.
- Sept. 1-2-3 — New England States Tournament, Keene, N. H.
- Sept. 1-2-3 — Indiana State Tournament.
- Sept. 1-2-3 — New York State Tournament, Corning, N. Y.
- Sept. 1, 2, 3 — Pennsylvania State Tournament, New Brighton, Pa.
- Sept. 2 — Annual Nebraska State Tournament, City Park, Falls City, Nebraska
- Sept. 2-3 — New England States Tournament, Wheelock Park, Keene, N. H.
- Sept. 3 — Annual Rock River Valley Open, Lawrence Park, Rock Falls, Ill.
- Sept. 3 — Oklahoma State Tournament, Johnstone Park, Bartlesville, Okla.
- Sept. 9 — New Jersey State Doubles, Englewood, N. J.
- Sept. 9 — Whiteside County Tournament, Lawrence Park, Rock Falls, Ill.
- Sept. 16 — August Turbie Memorial Invitation Tournament, Hartford, Conn.
- Sept. 15-16 — Indiana-Ohio Open, Heekin Park, Muncie, Ind.
- Sept. 16 — Twin City Tournament, Lawrence Park, Rock Falls, Ill.
- October 7 — Monadnock Open, Wheelock Park, Keene, N. H.
- November 23-24 — Florida State Tournament, New Brighton, Pa.
- Nov. 23-24 — Florida State Tournament, Sunshine Park, Orlando, Florida.

FROM HERE AND THERE

It is reported that Putt Mossman is pitching exhibitions in night clubs in Las Vegas, Nevada.

1962 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE OF SO. CALIF. ASSOCIATION

- April 29 — Class "A" Open, Ontario
- May 6 — Class "E" Open, Long Beach
- May 13 — Pomona-Riverside "F", Pomona or Riverside
- May 20 — Class "F" Open, South Gate
- May 27 — South Gate "B" Open, South Gate
- June 2 — 60 years and over, Baldwin Pk.
- June 3 — Class "A" Added, Baldwin Park
- June 9 — Pomona "C" Open, Pomona
- June 10 — Pomona-Riverside "E", Pomona or Riverside
- June 16 — Class "E" Added, South Gate
- June 23 — Class "D" Added, Baldwin Park
- July 1 — Class "F" Added, Baldwin Park
- July 7 — Semana Nautica "B" Open, Santa Barbara
- July 8 — Semana Nautica "A" Open, Santa Barbara
- July 14 — Open Special "A", South Gate
- July 15 — Class "C" Added, South Gate
- July 21 — Class "B" Added, Ontario
- August 5 — Championship "D", Long Beach
- August 12 — Championship "F", Pomona
- August 18-19 — Western Open (16 Men), South Gate
- August 25-26 — CALIF. STATE CHAMPIONSHIP, South Gate
- Sept. 2 — Championship "E", Ontario
- Sept. 9 — Doubles (32 Men), Long Beach
- Sept. 16 — Championship "C", Baldwin Pk.
- Sept. 23 — Championship "B", Pomona
- Sept. 30 — Championship "A", Long Beach
- Oct. 7 — North-South, Fresno
- Oct. 14 — Baldwin Park "D" Open, Baldwin Park
- Oct. 21 — South Gate "E" Open, South Gate
- Oct. 28 — Pomona "F" Open, Pomona
- Nov. 4 — Doubles (28 Men), Pomona

SOUTHERN CALIF. (POMONA) OPEN CLASS "F"

OPEN CLASS "F"

GROUP 1

GROUP 2

	W	L		W	L
O. L. Hall	1	4	J. Sims	4	1
E. Carrier	4	1	L. Wade	1	4
D. Greeney	2	3	L. Percy	5	0
F. Percy	5	0	J. McNamara	3	2
O. Hansen	3	2	J. Royster	1	4
C. Carrier	0	5	E. Carl	1	4

PLAY OFF

	W	L
L. Percy	3	0
J. Simms	2	1
F. Percy	1	2
E. Carrier	0	3

NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION SETS DATE FOR ANNUAL

4-STATE MEET

By Don Koso

The Nebraska state association has set the date of July 15 as the day for the annual 4-State tournament to be held on the Falls City, Nebraska courts. There will be 12 men in Class A being divided into two groups playing a round robin. The two top men of each group will play a four-man round robin for the title. There will be six men in each class that follows. From all reports, there will be 48 or more pitchers taking part. In case of ties in Class A, B, and C, each man will pitch 50 shoes. All other classes will use percentages to determine the winners. All pitchers are urged to come on Saturday, July 14, to qualify. Each man will pitch 100 shoes. Courts will be open until 12 midnight. Qualifying closes at 11 a.m. on Sunday. Round robin play starts promptly at 12 noon. There will be trophies and cash prizes, also a door prize. The player coming the longest distance and competing will receive an award. A special award will go to the pitcher with the highest single game percentage. The Falls City club will serve iced tea and coffee with the compliments of the club. This tournament will have the NHPA sanction.

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