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SPORT SHIRT SHIPMENT LOST

Many NHPA members who ordered the NHPA sport shirts from Mary Craig have been delayed in receiving their order through no fault of Mary or the NHPA.

A heavy influx of orders rapidly depleted the stock of sport shirts and an order for 13 dozen additional shirts from the manufacturer become lost at some transfer point while enroute to Muncie via truck freight. It took a "tracer" by the manufacturer and considerable time before the lost sport shirts were located.

Meanwhile orders piled up so rapidly which couldn't be filled until the shipment was located that the NHPA ordered an additional 13 dozen shirts. Now that both shipments have been received orders for shirts of all sizes are being filled promptly.

The lady who sews the identification on the back of NHPA T-shirts and sport shirts will be on hand at the World Tourney in Greenville to take care of orders on the spot.

Meanwhile the sale of NHPA trophies have been selling like hot cakes with many repeat orders coming in from all sections of the U. S.

CALIFORNIA HERE WE COME?

NHPA Vice-President, Elmer Beller, reports that the City Council of South Gate, Calif., has voted the necessary funds, estimated at \$2,650.00, to expand and renovate the horseshoe facilities of the South Gate City Park providing the 1963 World and National Tournament is held there.

The Southern California Association has worked hard to bring this action about in hopes of hosting the 1963 tournament and will present a bid for the tournament to the NHPA convention in Greenville.

There is every reason to believe that the NHPA convention will accept the Southern California bid for this is one of the strongest and best organized chapters in the NHPA and knows how to get things done. No group is better qualified to host a World Tournament.

The 1959 NHPA convention voiced approval of a plan to move the geographic location of the World Tournament from section to section in the future whenever possible. 1962 will mark the third consecutive year the event has been held in the Indiana-Ohio area, and for the good of the game, it should be moved to another section of the country.

The only World Tournament held in California was back in 1934, although this state has always produced more than its share of NHPA members and high ranking players.

COVER PICTURE . . . The cover picture displays the trophies for the ladies world tournament, and for the junior tournament. Also shown are the special award trophies. In the center with the world globe is the Stokes Memorial Trophy. These are not to be confused with the Miller Brewing Co. trophies which are not shown.

BROBECK SWEEPS FIELD AT NEW BRIGHTON, PENNSYLVANIA

CLASS A				CLASS B			
	W	L	%		W	L	%
B. Brobeck, New Brighton	8	0	66.3	G. Naseroski, Aliquippa ..	3	0	50.4
B. Wilson, New Brighton	6	2	63.1	E. Wright, New Brighton	2	1	42.9
J. Rainbow, Aliquippa	6	2	57.2	W. Richard, Monaca	1	2	37.8
H. Boyer, Beaver	4	4	53.5	A. Stahlbock, Aliquippa ..	0	3	30.8
P. Smith, Beaver Falls	4	4	52.1				
B. Byers, New Brighton ..	4	4	51.2	CLASS C			
B. Hultz, West Mayfield	2	6	42.5		W	L	%
L. Hineman, Aliquippa	1	7	41.5	F. Alwine, West Mayfield	3	1	28.9
C. Enders, Aliquippa	1	7	40.6	J. Sheck, Conway	3	1	39.0
				R. Shannon, Aliquippa	2	2	39.7
				H. Boyer, Monaca	2	2	36.2
				E. Strohbach, Conway	0	4	20.3

The two top men in each class received trophies.

QUINCY, ILLINOIS CLUB DOWNS GALESBURG IN MATCH 23-9

The Quincy, Illinois club were hosts to Galesburg in a team match at the Quincy courts on June 10. Floyd Hammitt and H. Scott were top scorers for the Quincy club while Clint Van Dusen carried the "mail" for Galesburg, each having 4 wins and no losses. The Quincy club would like to engage in games with other clubs.

Quincy			Galesburg		
	W	L		W	L
K. Irvin	3	1	A. Horn	1	3
C. Hess	2	2	R. Sornberger	3	1
R. Moore	2	2	C. Van Dusen	4	0
W. Royalty	1	3	H. Hardister	0	4
Group 2			Group 2		
	W	L		W	L
H. Scott	4	0	B. Bradburn	1	3
F. Hammitt	4	0	P. Matteson	0	4
J. Markey	2	0	H. Nelson	0	4
F. Fessler	2	0	H. Anderson	0	4
B. Brown	3	1			
	23	9		9	23

ALL ABOARD FOR GREENVILLE

Finishing touches are being put on all preparations for the 1962 World and National Tournament at City Park in Greenville, O., and by the time this issue of the News Digest reaches you players from all over the U.S. and Canada will be poised to take off for the Ohio city.

The Greenville club has been busy all summer preparing the courts and other facilities. Two courts have been added making a total of 18. Bleacher seats to accommodate 4,000 fans will be installed and other necessary elements have been added to the facilities.

The Greenville area Chamber of Commerce is publishing the official program brochure and co-operating with the local club and the NHPA. The Greenville Park Board is also doing its full share to make the tournament a success and make things in general pleasant for the horseshoe players, their families and the many fans who will attend.

Advance indications are that there will be a record field of entries in all divisions. This is especially true in the Ladies division where the number of entries will break all records. Players from states never before represented at the National Tournament will be on hand.

See you in Greenville, July 30 through August 8.

THE NHPA CONVENTION

The NHPA convention, business meeting and election of officers will be held on Friday morning, August 3, during the World Tournament at Greenville, O.

It is hoped that all state chapters will be represented. Actual voting is confined to delegates representing the state chapters on the basis of membership totals. The president has the power to appoint delegates to represent state chapters which do not formally designate their official delegates, but representatives appointed in this manner must be NHPA members from the state they represent.

All members, whether they are official delegates or not, have the right and in fact the duty to attend and express their opinions on the various items which come up for action in the convention.

On the agenda will be a report by the committee studying the Lee Davis World Tournament qualifying plan and the convention will make a decision after hearing the report.

Another important item of business will be a committee report on a study of the possibility of a system of multiple membership fee system whereby the more active players and members would pay a larger membership fee than the less active and more casual type of members.

President Harold Craig's term of office does not expire until next year, but there will be an election of the four vice-presidents and the office of Secretary-Treasurer.

9TH ANNUAL CORN BELT OPEN TOURNAMENT

When: August 18-19, 1962.

Where: Crapo Park Courts, Burlington, Iowa.

Entry Fee: \$2:00 to pitch 100 shoes for placement. Double qualifying on Saturday only, \$1.00 additional for second 100. Deadline for entry — 10:30 a.m. Daylight Savings Time, Sunday, August 19. All players are requested to qualify under the floodlights Saturday evening until 11:00 Daylight Savings Time. All players who enter tournament will play a group round robin.

Defending champion Harold Reno, along with the 23 highest qualifiers, will make up Class A. Class A will be divided into four groups of six men each with a round robin in each group. The top two men of the four groups will play for 1st and 2nd place positions.

The next two highest will play for 3rd and 4th; the next two highest will play for 5th and 6th.

There will be 6 trophies in Class A. Merchandise prizes will be awarded from 7th through 24th position in Class A. Two dozen roses will be awarded to the wife of the highest qualifier present at tournament. A \$10.00 grocery basket will be awarded to the highest qualifier. Six steak dinners will go to first six high qualifiers.

A drawing for a \$10.00 grocery order will be at 5:00 D.S.T.

Merchandise estimated at \$350.00 will be distributed among Classes A, B, C, and D. There will be 6 trophies in A class, 3 in B class, 3 in C class and 2 in D, and one each in classes E through H.

It is requested that all players planning to attend the tournament send a post card, so as to estimate the amount of entries. Please send card to Harold Darnold, 1503 Mt. Pleasant St., Burlington, Iowa.

Classes B, C, D, etc., will be played similar to A class. An additional charge of \$3.00 for Class A will be charged, \$2.00 for Classes B and C, and \$1.00 for D class. No additional charge for classes below D.

In case of rain after qualifying, all prizes will be awarded according to qualifying positions.

FROM HERE AND THERE

Roland Kraft, state champion of Kansas, was admitted to Memorial Hospital at Lawrence, Kansas, for the removal of a kidney stone. During his convalescence, he would enjoy a card. Address, Roland Kraft, Lecompton, Kansas.

WORLD TOURNAMENT TROPHIES

NHPA Secretary Bob Pence reports that the trophies for this year's World Tournament are by far the best ever put up for grabs in the ringer tossing game. They are beautiful, they are classy and there are 30 of them.

The Miller Brewing Company has gone out of its way to provide wonderful awards for the top places in the various classes of the Men's division, five in the Championship Class, four in Class "B", three in Class "C" and three in the "Old Timers" Division. We had hoped to have a picture in this issue, but Mr. Forte, Sports Director of the Miller Brewing Co., made his final selection too late for a picture to be available. This was because the company was having a special design made for the trophies.

The Gordon Horseshoe Company has donated three beautiful awards for the first three places in the Junior Tournament, which are even nicer than the ones they donated last year.

The Ohio Horseshoe Company is again donating the Sportsmanship award, the recipient of which will be chosen by a vote of the players.

The Diamond Horseshoe Company is again donating the gold plated horseshoes suitably engraved as they have in past years.

The Horseshoe Pitcher's News Digest will again award a trophy to the Neatest Dressed player.

The Arch Stokes Memorial Award to the person who has contributed the most to the game of horseshoe during the past year will again be given by the family of our beloved ex-president. Late word is that Mrs. Stokes and his daughter Maurine will be unable to attend the tournament for the first time in many, many years, but some member of the family will be on hand for the presentation.

Mention should also be made that the total cash prize list announced in the May issue is larger than in previous years.

BALDWIN PARK — SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CLASS "A" ADDED

One of Southern California's old timers, Henry Harper, who is 74 years of age, almost won two tournaments in two days. Henry won the 60 years and over meet on Saturday and then came back even stronger on Sunday to tie Louie Dean for first place in the Class "A" Added. He made Louie pitch his best in the playoff before going down in defeat. Harper told the spectators that he wanted the tournament to end in a tie as he needed the extra exercise.

GROUP ONE

	W	L	R	SP	%
Louie Dean, Pomona	4	1	230	312	73.4
Homer Moefield, Long Beach	4	1	252	344	73.3
Jim Weeks, Norwalk	4	1	275	388	70.9
Clarence Percy, La Habra	1	4	229	354	64.7
Henry Durr, Los Angeles	1	4	224	352	63.6
Fred Burkhart, So. San Gabriel	1	4	176	318	55.3

GROUP TWO

	W	L	R	SP	%
Gerald Schneider, Bell	5	0	257	324	79.3
Henry Harper, Monterey Park	4	1	242	350	69.1
Charlie Merrell, W. Covina	3	2	243	342	71.0
Ed McFarland, Covina	2	3	215	356	60.3
Larry Hahn, Glendora	1	4	164	308	53.2
Ronnie Simmons, Norwalk	0	5	212	364	58.2

CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYOFF

	W	L	R	SP	%
Louie Dean, Pomona	2	1	160	214	74.8
Henry Harper, Monterey Park	2	1	157	228	68.7
Gerald Schneider, Bell	1	2	202	270	74.8
Homer Moefield, Long Beach	1	2	164	228	72.0

ILLINOIS STATE TOURNAMENT — AUGUST 14-15

The annual Illinois state tournament will be held at the Illinois state fairgrounds at Springfield, Illinois, on August 14 and 15. Ellis Griggs of Plainville, Illinois, will be the defending champion. The annual Boys' tournament will get underway on Wednesday, August 15, starting at 8 a.m.

This being an NHPA sanctioned tournament all contestants must have a state and national card for 1962. Cards will be available at the courts for all those who do not have them. Entry fee will be \$1.00 plus the NHPA card which is \$5.00. Card also includes News Digest for one year. All players MUST pick a court for their qualifying round immediately upon registering for the tournament. This plan will speed up qualifying so that there will be no delay in getting the finals started. After court has been selected, qualifying time will be given pitcher.

Results of a questionnaire sent out earlier to all Illinois players and now tabulated show that the new proposal was in the majority. Therefore that will be the 1962 style of play. The 24 high qualifiers will play as in the past; that is, being divided into three groups of 8 men each, and playing a 7-game round robin on the first day and the top four out of each group playing on the second day in an 11-game round robin for the state title. The second 24 high qualifiers would be divided into groups of 6 and play a 5-game round robin immediately following completion of the first day's semi-finals. All 4 groups of the second 24 men will complete their games under lights on the evening of the first day.

All pitchers in the men's division will pitch 200 shoes taking their best 100 for placement. All entrants will be required to pay an EXHIBITORS FEE as in the past. This is a rule of the Illinois State Fair Board. It entitles holder to admission to the fair each day of the fair. Cash premiums will be awarded as in the past together with trophies for winners in each class including the boys.

Boys' tournament will play on Wednesday, August 15, beginning at 8 a.m. Entry fee will be \$1.00. NHPA card is not required for play. Each will pitch 50 shoes for qualifying score. Top 8 will play in the finals.

PAXTON TURNS ON HEAT IN NORTHEASTERN IOWA TOURNAMENT

John Paxton, Iowa Hawkeye "sharpie", turned on the "heat" to win the Northeastern Iowa tournament held at Cedar Falls, Iowa, Sunday, May 27. His 79.5 percent in ringers "eased" the pain in winning all seven games. "Ole Ern" Danielson of Burlington took second with 66.7%. Marion Lange another Iowa Hawkeye "sharpshooter" captured third with a nice 65.9%. Of course, to win second money, it was necessary for "Ole Ern" to take the measure of his colleague, Lange, by a count of 52-44. Trophies were awarded to the top two in Class A and the winner of Class B, Harold Hughes of Cedar Rapids.

CLASS A

CLASS B

	W	L		W	L
John Paxton, Trophy	7	0	Harold Hughes, Trophy	7	0
Ernie Danielson, Sr., Trophy 6	2	2	Francis Rogers, Trophy	6	1
Marion Lange, Bondurant	5	3	Art Brown, Patterson	5	2
Harold Darnold, Burlington ..	4	3	Harry R. Page, Waterloo	4	3
Clarence Spier, Waverly	3	4	Echo Mennen, Jr., Aplington 3	4	4
Paul McElroy, Ottumwa	2	5	Howard Huntley, Cedar Rapids 1	6	6
Charley Hopkins, Ottumwa ..	2	5	Howard Rogers, Cedar Falls ..	1	6
Mel Diehl, Waterloo	0	7	H. Halverson, Cedar Rapids 1	6	6

TOPEKA CITY CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 12

The Topeka, Kansas City championship will be held at Gage park courts in Topeka on Sunday, August 12. There will be 16 trophies plus the Alf Landon Revolving trophy. For further information, contact H. G. Collett, 324 Jewell St., Topeka. Any resident of Shawnee county is eligible to enter.

In Memoriam

Word has been received that two members of the Oregon state association have passed away since their last season. The sympathy of the NHPA and the Oregon association is extended to the families of Ted Huff of Oregon City, Oregon and George Perrett of Portland, Oregon. Both of these deceased members were active and staunch supporters of the sport in Oregon.

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A delayed report has informed the NHPA and the News Digest of the death of both Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Wahlin of Salt Lake City last spring.

All players who attended any of the World Tournaments in Murray, Utah, will be especially saddened by this news, for Mr. Wahlin's passing is a great loss to the NHPA. Mr. Wahlin was a real booster of the game and one of the really effective workers in the Utah State Association. He served as the referee in many of the World Tournaments in Murray, designed and built scoring devices which the Utah group used in its tournaments and was a fine gentleman, loved and respected by all who knew him. He attended the 1960 tournament in Muncie, Ind.

His son, Clive Wahlin, is one of the game's truly great pitchers, having won the Utah title many times and is one of the very few players who has averaged better than 80 percent ringers in World Tournament play. He is still active in the game.

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Another delayed report brought the sad news that Grover Merrillat of Bowling Green, O., was killed in an automobile accident a year ago. He was an NHPA member who was active for many years in Ohio and Florida. Bowling Green players report that Mr. Merrillat's death has been a definite handicap to the development of the game in that area.

PLENTY OF HOUSING FACILITIES AT GREENVILLE

Greenville is a small city, but it has gone out of its way to make sure there will be plenty of housing facilities available for the horseshoe players and their families and the fans during the World Tournament, July 30 through August 8th.

If you haven't already made reservations on the basis of the information in the April issue you can do so by contacting Mrs. Dwight Brown, World Tournament Housing Chairman, 121 East 4th Avenue, Greenville, O. The committee will be on hand at the park to take care of the players and their families as they arrive and give all the needed assistance. Facilities for camping and trailers are available also.

ANNUAL HIBBING, MINNESOTA OPEN, AUGUST 11-12

The annual Hibbing, Minnesota Open tournament will be held at Hibbing on August 11-12. There will be five divisions and 15 trophies. Three trophies given in each class. For reservations, write Charles Strafaccia, 2620 - Sixth Avenue, Hibbing, Minnesota.

Qualifying will begin on August 1 and continue until 1:00 p.m. on August 11. Tournament is open to all. Each entrant must pitch 100 shoes to qualify and will be allowed 3 rounds taking his highest total count. The cost will be \$1.00 for each round. He must walk back and forth when qualifying.

All player finalists must pay an additional \$3.00 to compete in the tournament. Classes B, C, and D will play 7 games beginning at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, August 11. Class A and E will start play at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday evening, August 11, playing 3 or 4 games as time permits. On Sunday morning attendance at the church of your choice is urged by the tournament committee. Tournament play will be resumed at 11 a.m. with Class A and E continuing until all their games are completed.

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Randall Jones, 2430 Queen St., Winston-Salem, N. C.

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Scoresheets. 100 to a pad. 75 cents per pad.

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Order the above items from Elmer Beller, 15316 Cabell Avenue, Bellflower, Calif.

COMING EVENTS

- July 21-22 — Northern Indiana, City Park, Wabash, Ind. (Qualify the previous weekend.)
- July 22 — Pomona-Riverside "F", Pomona or Riverside
- July 22 — Des Moines Open tournament, for all, Birdland park, Des Moines, Ia.
- July 22 — Corvallis, Oregon Open, Avery Park, Corvallis, Oregon.
- July 27-Aug. 4 — Qualifying round for Duluth, Minnesota Portorama Open tournament, Wheeler Field, Duluth, Minn.
- July 29 — Pennsylvania State Tournament, New Brighton, Pa. (Qualifying round)
- July 28-29 — Doubles (48 Men), South Gate
- July 28-29 — Annual Northwest Open tournament, Ramsey County Fairgrounds, St. Paul, Minn.
- 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.
- Aug. 4 — First Annual Duluth Portorama Open tournament, Wheeler Field, Duluth, Minnesota.
- 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 — 2nd Annual Baker Open Tournament, Baker, Mont.
- August 11-12 — 4th Annual Hibbing Open tournament, Bennett park, Hibbing, Minn.
- 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 18-19 — Corn Belt Open Tournament, Crapo Park, Burlington, Iowa.
- August 19 — New Jersey State Tournament, Singles, Branch Brook Park, Newark, N. J.
- Aug. 19 — Massachusetts State Tournament, Moxies Grove, Hampton Pond, Holyoke, Mass.
- 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.
- Aug. 25-26 — Oregon State tournament, Bush Pasture park, Salem, Oregon.
- August 25-26 — Winston-Salem Southeastern Open, Miller Park, Winston-Salem, N. C.
- Sept. 1 — Northwestern Illinois Tournament, Lawrence Park, Rock Falls, Ill.
- Sept. 1-2 — 4th Annual Montana State Tournament, Double Ring courts, Wibaux, Mont.
- Sept. 1-2 — West Virginia State Tournament, City Park, Parkersburg, W. Va.
- 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 — South Dakota State Tournament, Aberdeen, S. Dak.
- 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.
- Nov. 23-24 — Florida State Tournament, Sunshine Park, Orlando, Florida.

KANSAS STATE MEET, SEPTEMBER 1-3

The Kansas State Tournament will be held in Abilene, Kan., on Sept. 1, 2 and 3. It is requested that qualifying score be sent to H. G. Collett, 324 Jewell St., Topeka, Kansas, by August 24, with \$3.00 entry fee.

Pitchers may also qualify on Abilene courts Friday night, August 31, from 7 to 10 P. M., on Saturday, from 8 to 10 A. M. No other time to qualify will be permitted. The tournament starts at 10:30 A. M., Sat., Sept. 1.

Cash and trophies will be awarded. Write Mr. Collett for information. There will be 32 in the finals, if possible. Every pitcher who comes will be permitted to play in the tournament.

CHIDDISTER WINS GOSHEN, INDIANA INVITATIONAL

The NHPA picked up many new members in an early season tourney on the fine courts of the Goshen, Ind. Fairgrounds in a section of the Hoosier state with very scanty representation previously.

Dean Chiddister of Goshen won the title with a 65.2 ringer average, his only loss being to National Secretray, Bob Pence, who tied for second with Collen Alwine of Goshen, although Noah Adams of Claypool and Irwin Detweiler of Goshen had high ringer averages.

Roy Bellman of Bremen won a class "B" playoff from Lora Overhosler of Goshen. They were closely followed by Bob Wolfinger and Ishmael Rookstool, both of Syracuse and new NHPA members.

John Kolaiser southpawed his way to the Class "C" crown over Al Lafon of Lafayette and third place Jim Garrard of Plymouth.

Jerry Hayes of Elkhart won Class "D", Roy McClure of Van Wert, O., Al Miller of Bristol and Mel Detweiler of Goshen finishing in a three way tie for second. All except McClure were new men to NHPA play.

Sam Johnson of Bristol won Class "E", Curly Seibold of Huntington placing second and Clyde Moats of Mishawaka third.

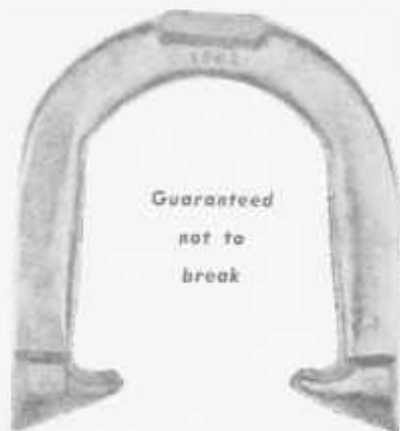
NHPA trophies, sport shirts and carrying cases were awarded the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in each class.

An area horseshoe association was formed with a name to be chosen later. Collen Alwine was elected president, Irwin Detweiler vice-president, and Rodney Strang of Elkhart secretary-treasurer.

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Ted Allen Comments On Game . . .

In one of the horseshoe publications in the early infancy of our organization it tells of a newspaper man coining the phrase "Barnyard Golf". In the day of the horse and buggy it was quite an invention, especially since the larger membership came from the rural communities in those times. The man probably did as much and loved the game as much as any of us, for he was a great booster for it, but little did he realize that 20 to 40 years hence the majority of our players would come from sports minded people who think of it as highly competitive sport.

Have you noticed that more and more of the newer members of our organization may not know which is the toe and heel of the shoe we pitch? The newer generation and those to come may not stop to realize how the names of the position on the shoe got started. Sometimes I do not know whether to use the older terms, because the modern sportsmen may not know what I am talking about. It has become customary for some people to speak of the heel as the "opening end," or the "front," and the toe as "circle" or "back end", because we sportsmen want the opening to go forward to the stake. Now-a-days many of us will walk up to the peg and speak of back end as the one facing the pitcher, or the front as the end trying to or encircle the peg, which helps the game to get known as a sport. If you try to explain to a spectator, using the terms heel and toe, they become confused, unless they are equestrians, then the game reverts to the barnyard game again, which we do not wish it to be known as.

Many have never seen the shoes on the horses, with the exception of areas where riding horses is a great outdoor sport. Even in Boulder and other towns most of our pitchers do not even own a horse, being business men or other workers. I participate in both sports, but it hurts me when a newspaper writer insists on calling it "barnyard golf." This happened to me on an A. P. article, by the one who interviewed me. The article was good except for the name he called it. It appeared he hadn't kept up with the game and that he was remembering the old days and no one was going to change it for him. It shows how some writers only write for the story, and never really keep up on the sport as a sport, but only just for a story.



Pictured at left, is Clark Bell, veteran player and NHPA member of Corina, California, displaying one of the new horse shoe carrying cases available through the NHPA. Clark is the one responsible for this new item. He thought of the idea of converting shell cases from World War II into carrying cases for two pairs of shoes, and other necessities such as files, straight-edges, etc. Elsewhere in the Digest are the addresses where they can be secured.

WELCOME MAT BEING READIED FOR GALESBURG, ILLINOIS OPEN, AUGUST 12

At Lincoln park in Galesburg, Illinois, on August 12, the annual Galesburg Open tournament will get underway at 11 o'clock a.m., daylight savings time. Qualifications will be from Saturday noon, August 11, until 10:30 a.m., August 12. 64 players will pitch in the tournament. The 32 lowest qualifiers will play 4 games before Class A and B start their games, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Entry Tee will be \$3.00. Cash awards will be from \$40.00 to \$5.00 for all first place winners and trophies for the next three place winners. In case weather prohibits qualifying on Sunday, August 12, each player should bring an average qualification to submit to a committee chairmanned by Ellis Cobb, Illinois state secretary. Bring the family and enjoy the spacious grounds of this beautiful park located on Route No. 150 north of Galesburg. There are amusements for the children and plenty of shade for a most enjoyable day.

ONTARIO — SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CLASS "A" OPEN

GROUP ONE

	W	L	R	SP	%
Jim Weeks, Norwalk	20	10	2100	0200	02100
Jim Brown, Bellflower	21	15	2000	0100	12000
Henry Harper, Monterey Park	20	20	2300	0200	10000
Clarence Percy, LaHabra	25	20	22100	0100	01000
Ralph Metcalfe, Montclair	15	21	2200	0100	01000
Norman Smith, Culver City	10	20	1000	0200	01000

GROUP TWO

	W	L	R	SP	%
Ira Allen, O'Neils	20	10	2200	0200	10000
Louie Dean, Pomona	21	11	2200	0200	01000
Homer Moeffeld, Long Beach	20	20	2000	0200	01000
Frank Esperanza, Oxnard	20	20	2200	0100	01000
John Balzer, Santa Ana	15	21	1000	0200	01000
Ed McFarland, Covina	10	20	1100	0100	02000

CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYOFF

	W	L	R	SP	%
Jim Weeks, Norwalk	20	10	1100	2200	10000
Ira Allen, O'Neils	20	11	1200	1000	10000
Jim Brown, Bellflower	15	20	1200	1000	01000
Louie Dean, Pomona	10	20	000	1000	02000

EARLY SEASON INDIANA ACTIVITY

Muncie's Heekin Park and Dorney Park in Frankfort were the center of early season tournaments in the Hoosier State for new members and players who averaged under 40 percent ringers last year.

Jim Atwell, former Indiana Junior champ, won the tourney at Frankfort without the loss of a game and a fine 65 percent ringer average. Don Taylor of Crawfordsville and Demaree of Franklin tied for second place.

Kenny Achors of Frankfort took Class "B" honors with Charlie Hanson of Russiaville annexing second place.

Ray Wilson of Wilkinson won the Muncie Tournament with 52.3 percent ringers with his fellow Anderson club member, Jasper Pine, placing second.

Ray Howell of Muncie took Class "B" with Bert Perkins of Muncie and Paul Cunningham of Marion deadlocked for second.

Rod Gardner of Mooreland captured Class "C" with Elmer Walker of Yorktown winning second.

THE CANADIAN HORSESHOE PITCHERS ASSOCIATION

This year, the C.H.P.A. will promote some new ideas, among them being a school of "Instruction." This is not to instruct you players at all, but to teach you how to instruct others who have never attempted the game and who have a desire to try it. Any of you, who can, and will take the time to work with a group of new potential Horseshoe pitchers, until they too become enthusiastic about the game, are requested to volunteer to serve on the "School of Instruction" Committee. It is being formed right now, so send your name to the Secretary and stand by for a call to a meeting as soon as enough volunteers are obtained. We already have been informed that at least two recreation areas are willing to send "students" to our classes as soon as we commence.

For those of you who may not have already heard the news, the winners of the kick-off tournament for 1962, the Richmond Hill Fair were: Class A, W. E. Crawford; Class B, G. Miles; Class C, C. Jackson.

Crawford won in three straight from Elmer Hohl, Clayton Neeb and Walt Pascoe. Incidentally, Clayton Neeb also won over Elmer and this does not indicate that Elmer is slipping, it means just that Crawford and Neeb are getting so much better that they are now a constant threat to any pitcher. Only five points separated George Miles and Norm Black as they each lost one. And only eight points showed between Jackson and Larry Markle as they each lost one in the "C" Group.

The Ontario "Open" Championship will be held this year at the Barrie Super Market. The Barrie Club has seven courts which will be augmented to twelve for the tournament. The date set is July 21st, and the time set for qualifying rounds to begin is 11 a.m. There will be trophies and cash prizes.

Classes will be defined as "Open", "Senior" and "Intermediate," instead of A, B, and C, with "Junior" reserved for youths up to and including 17 years of age at the date of the tournament.

The executive committee is going to try a new type of team play in the hope of increasing the number of competitors who will turn out at tournaments. The method of play is as follows. Four players comprise a team and they are designated as "A" and "B" doubles. Thus when any team plays another team, the Match is divided into two parts. In the first part, the "A" doubles of each team play each other and the "B" doubles play each other also; in the second part the "A" doubles of one team plays the "B" doubles of the other team. As the games are being played, ONE PAIR will change ends whenever the score has reached 25 (Halfway) so that each man of both teams will play each man of the opposing team at least half a game. To decide who shall change ends at the halfway mark, toss a coin and the winner of the choice shall have the choice of whether his pair or the opponents will change ends. Each game won shall count one point, with a possible total of four points for a match. Get two four-man teams together and try it.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SCHEDULE

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 CHAM-
 PIONSHIP, South Gate
 Sept. 2 — Championship "E", Ontario
 Sept. 9 — Doubles (32 Men), Long Beach
 Sept. 16 — Championship "C", Baldwin, Pa.
 Sept. 23 — Championship "B", Pomona
 Sept. 30 — Championship "A", Long Beach
 Oct. 7 — North-South, Fresno
 Oct. 14 — Baldwin Park "D" Open, Bald-
 win Park
 Oct. 21 — South Gate "E" Open, South Gate
 Oct. 28 — Pomona "F" Open, Pomona
 Nov. 4 — Doubles (28 Men), Pomona

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA SCHEDULE

July 21-22 — Santa Rosa Open, Santa Rosa
 Aug. 5 — Northern Class "C", Arroyo Viejo
 Aug. 19 — Northern Class "D", Sunnyvale
 Aug. 25-26 — State Championship, South
 Gate Park, Los Angeles
 Sept. 2-3 — Northern Class "A", Mosswood
 Park
 Sept. 15-16 — Pacific Coast States Open,
 San Jose Fair Grounds.
 Sept. 23 — Picnic, Oakland
 Sept. 30 — Northern Class "B", Golden
 Gate Park
 Oct. 6-7 — North vs South, Fresno
 Oct. 14 — Bay Area Class "A", Mosswood
 Park
 Nov. 4 — Northern Meeting, Mosswood Pk.
 Dec. 8 — Christmas Party, Mosswood Pk.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA MEMORIAL OPEN

At the end of round-robin play, Bill Fraser and Dave Loucks were tied for first place with 13 wins and 2 losses apiece. A playoff game followed and Loucks won his first class "A" tournament since leaving the Junior ranks, by beating Fraser 50-47.

PLAYOFF GAME FOR CHAMPIONSHIP

	PTS	R	SP	%
Dave Loucks, Daly City	50	51	82	62.2
Bill Fraser, San Francisco	47	48	82	58.5

ROUND-ROBIN PLAY

	W	L	R	SP	%
Bill Fraser, San Francisco	13	2	613	892	68.7
Dave Loucks, Daly City	13	2	513	786	65.4
Bill Blexrude, Oakland	12	3	591	938	63.0
Bob Stevenson, San Bruno	11	4	550	884	62.3
Les Anderson, So. San Francisco	11	4	553	928	59.6
Larry Morris, Oakland	10	5	627	1016	61.7
Jack Seymour, San Francisco	8	7	609	1004	60.5
Floyd Hopkins, Oakland	8	7	581	1008	57.6
Arnold Peters, Santa Rosa	8	7	589	1048	56.2
J. Hagerman, Santa Rosa	6	9	541	976	55.4
Vail Rasmussen, Oakland	5	10	451	888	50.8
Earl Davis, Oakland	5	10	407	828	49.2
James Thompson, Fremont	4	11	362	806	44.9
George Hoxmeier, Napa	3	12	378	804	47.0
Paul Dovell, Oakland	3	12	374	840	44.5
Al Shannon, Fremont	0	15			

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA BAY AREA — CLASS "D"

GROUP A

	W	L	R	SP	%
Al Baker	5	0	111	282	39.3
Ed McConnell	4	1	92	250	36.8
Brad Bourland	3	2	76	312	24.8
Howard Johnson	2	3	96	332	28.8
John Kohler	1	4	70	300	23.7
Paul Dovell (PACER)					

GROUP B

	W	L	R	SP	%
Nash Borando	5	0	136	294	46.2
Ole Hansen	4	1	118	270	43.6
Pete Dovell	3	2	112	312	35.9
Earl Conrad	2	3	120	318	37.7
Fred Meyer	1	4	40	180	22.2
Mike Myers (PACER)					

PLAYOFF

	W	L	R	SP	%
Ed McConnell	2	1	80	200	40.0
Ole Hansen	2	1	77	214	36.0
Nash Borando	1	2	82	214	38.3
Al Baker	1	2	83	232	35.7

FINAL PLAYOFF

	PTS	R	SP	%
Ole Hansen, CHAMPION	50	19	60	31.6
Ed McConnell, 2nd Place	33	14	60	23.6

L. DUNKER COPS ANNUAL KINDRED, N. D. OPEN MEET

Leigh Dunker of Warner, South Dakota, won a thriller from Howie Ganz of Minnesota in the play-off game for the Kindred, N. D. Open tournament. He shaded Ganz by 1 point, the final result being 50-49.

CLASS A

	W	L	%
L. Dunker, S. D.	8	1	67.0
H. Ganz, Minn.	8	1	60.0
B. Lybeck, N. D.	7	2	61.0
G. Lykken, N. D.	5	4	58.0
A. Kiekhoefer, Minn.	5	4	54.0
R. Lundberg, Minn.	4	5	60.0
Jerry Kiekhoefer, Minn. ..	4	5	52.0
A. Engebretson, N. D.	2	7	49.0
B. Viestenz, N. D.	1	8	42.0
L. Veitch, N. D.	1	8	34.0

CLASS C

	W	L
E. Zimmerman, Minn.	9	0
H. Kroening, Minn.	8	1
H. Wisness, N. D.	7	2
H. Rensvold, Minn.	6	3
H. Jallen, N. D.	4	5
M. Pederson, N. D.	3	6
K. Wisness, N. D.	3	6
G. Swenson, N. D.	2	7
J. Taylor, N. D.	2	7
N. Liudahl, N. D.	1	8

CLASS B

	W	L	%
M. Knutson, Minn.	8	1	56.0
J. Anzaldi, Minn.	7	2	60.0
C. West, Minn.	7	2	55.0
Q. Olson, N. D.	4	5	51.0
R. Cherrier, Minn.	4	5	53.0
F. Stinson, Minn.	4	5	51.0
O. Loseth, N. D.	4	5	50.0
E. Hamry, N. D.	3	6	43.0
W. Gullickson, Minn.	2	7	43.0
C. Weber, N. D.	2	7	49.0

CLASS D

	W	L
R. Rheault, N. D.	6	0
Cy Trottier, N. D.	5	1
C. Blilie, N. D.	3	3
O. Jordheim, N. D.	3	3
D. Johnson, Minn.	3	3
G. Olson, N. D.	1	5

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TO HOLD SECOND ANNUAL HILL CITY, VIRGINIA OPEN

Date: September 15 and 16, 1962, and sponsored by the Virginia association in cooperation with the Hill City, Virginia club, and sanctioned by the NHPA.

Place: Miller Park Courts in Lynchburg, Virginia.

Officials: Tournament Director and Referee to be appointed prior to September 15. Rules of play as set forth by the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association.

Entrants must be members in good standing of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association.

Entrants will pitch 100 shoes for maximum score. The top 31 qualifiers along with defending champion, Walter King, will comprise the finalist in a two-division round-robin play-off. W. King and the top 15 qualifiers will form the "A" (Championship) Division and pitch a round-robin of 15 games on Sunday, September 16, beginning at 9 o'clock A.M. with a lunch break at 1 P.M.

The remaining 16 qualifiers will form the "B" Division and on Saturday, Sept. 15, after qualifying, beginning promptly at 1 P.M., these men will play a round-robin schedule of 15 games for "B" Division honors.

Qualifying times will be on Friday, September 14, from 7 to 11 P.M. and on Saturday, September 15, from 7 A.M. to Noon.

In order to underwrite expenses, an entry fee of \$3.00 will be charged, with the option of pitching a second 100 shoes for an additional \$1.00, provided your initial round is considered sub-par. The best of the two qualifying scores may be used.

A trophy will be awarded to first three positions in each division. A trophy will also be awarded to the highest qualifier.

A picnic lunch prepared by the wives of local horseshoe pitchers will be served (no charge) on Sunday, Sept. 16, between 1 and 2 P.M. to all horseshoe pitchers and their families. In order that we may better plan to accommodate our guests and have some indication of the number of pitchers to compete, please notify Marvin M. May, Timberlake Road, Lynchburg, Va., either by post card or letter, that you will attend and if you require hotel or motel accommodations, make this fact known also and Mr. May can make these reservations for you.

**BALDWIN PARK — SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
60 YEARS AND OVER**

GROUP ONE

	W	L	R	SP	%
Henry Harper, Monterey Park	4	0	142	246	57.7
Elmer Beller, Bellflower	2	2	124	254	48.8
Bill Shoemaker, Monrovia	2	2	114	234	48.7
Conrad Helmuth, Fresno	2	2	119	276	43.1
Joe McNamara, Los Angeles	0	4	101	254	39.8

GROUP TWO

	W	L	R	SP	%
Willis Martin, Torrance	4	0	146	220	66.4
Ray Lambeth, Fresno	3	1	110	196	56.1
Larry Geer, So. San Gabriel	2	2	124	246	50.4
M. Preo, Fresno	1	3	68	190	35.8
Bill Pevehouse, Pomona	0	4	56	192	29.2

CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYOFF

	W	L	R	SP	%
Henry Harper, Monterey Park	3	0	118	166	71.1
Willis Martin, Torrance	2	1	123	194	63.4
Elmer Beller, Bellflower	1	2	78	160	48.8
Ray Lambeth, Fresno	0	3	75	168	44.6

LONG BEACH — SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LONG BEACH OPEN

GROUP ONE

	W	L	R	SP	%
Ira Allen, O'Neils	5	0	178	232	76.7
Jim Brown, Bellflower	4	1	200	340	58.8
Clarence Cummins, Orcutt	3	2	126	232	54.3
Ronnie Simmons, Norwalk	2	3	138	290	47.6
Wally Shipley, W. Covina	1	4	150	302	49.7
Frank Esperanza, Oxnard	0	5	Forfeited all games		

GROUP TWO

	W	L	R	SP	%
Jim Weeks, Norwalk	5	0	190	282	67.3
Gerald Schneider, Bell	4	1	243	344	70.6
Clarence Percy, La Habra	3	2	165	264	62.5
John Balzer, Santa Ana	2	3	156	306	51.0
Homer Moefield, Long Beach	1	4	122	240	50.8
Henry Durr, Los Angeles	0	5	Forfeited all games		

CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYOFF

	W	L	R	SP	%
Ira Allen, O'Neils	3	0	172	224	76.8
Gerald Schneider, Bell	2	1	167	236	70.7
Jim Weeks, Norwalk	1	2	169	226	73.0
Jim Brown, Bellflower	0	3	169	246	68.7

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WIN OR LOSE, BUT BE A GOOD SPORT

By C. A. STEPHENS

We have heard on various occasions, that this man or that man is a poor loser in sports. This summation should be tempered by the fact that there are actually very few good losers in any competitive player sport. It is a tribute to a man that he can lose gracefully; however, to say this man is a good loser is not actually true. It would appear easy for any man to be a good sport when he is possessed with the necessary tools, both physical and mental, to keep him at the top of the heap, whereby he has to lose very infrequently. By this same token, this man will actually feel the loss of a game now and then more severely than one who is not so well equipped and frequently loses.

In horseshoe pitching as in any other player sport, each game or set of games, by necessity, must have a winner and a loser. While the loser's role is sometimes hard to take, a man should be capable of showing grace and respect to the winner, and the winner, his respect to the loser for having given all he had even though it was inadequate.

This all leads to the all important matter of continuous practice of correct court etiquette in daily practice, the friendly game, and even to competitive play on local, state and the national level. This also includes the observance of the foul rule, and all other rules, so painstakingly promulgated by the National Association of Horseshoe Pitchers of America.

Some men can virtually ruin an opponent's game by a seemingly harmless remark, whether it be with regard to his own pitching or with regard to his opponents. Such remark may be derogatory in nature or complimentary. It has no place in a competitive horseshoe game. You will notice that the majority of men who have made a name for themselves in competitive play, have schooled themselves in court etiquette, and practice it diligently. That possibly could be the contributing reason that most of them are considered good losers, while others who have not seen fit to control their temperament, as poor losers. It is a matter of fact that the less often a player is forced to concede defeat, the harder it is for him to be a good loser and a good sport.

SOUTH GATE — SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, CLASS "F" OPEN**GROUP ONE**

	W	L	R	SP	%
Eldon Carrier, Downey	5	0	111	292	38.0
Joe McNamara, Los Angeles	3	2	97	318	30.5
Earl Mang, Buena Park	3	2	79	332	23.8
Clinton Sheldon, Cudahy	2	3	89	322	27.6
Claude Carrier, Los Angeles	2	3	70	286	24.5
Raymond Victor, Huntington Park	0	5	69	354	19.5

GROUP TWO

	W	L	R	SP	%
Ole Chard, Lawndale	5	0	127	252	50.4
Lee Wade, Downey	3	2	102	336	30.4
Billy Crick, Los Angeles	3	2	89	308	28.9
Fred Craven, Los Angeles	2	3	108	314	34.4
Marshall Oesterick, Glendora	2	3	73	320	22.8
Willard Rice, Huntington Park	0	5	68	314	21.7

CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYOFF

	W	L	R	SP	%
Ole Chard, Lawndale	3	0	83	172	48.3
Eldon Carrier, Downey	1	2	53	172	30.8
Lee Wade, Downey	1	2	55	194	28.4
Joe McNamara, Los Angeles	1	2	45	182	24.7

PIKE COUNTY OHIO, CLUB REPORTS

The Pike County Horseshoe Pitchers Association has done many things lately which may be of interest to the other local clubs around the country.

Formed in 1956, the club had only eight members at that time. Six years later the club boasts 211 members.

In 1956 we had two stakes in a wooded area beside a garage. Since that time we have constructed ten outdoor courts, six of which are lighted, and six indoor courts, all lighted. Three of these were placed in a garage and heated by coal furnace. The other three are on the second floor of a building in the center of Waverly, above a finance company, a restaurant, and a surveyor's office and are gas heated.

We now conduct a year round program. Twice a year we have a meeting at a local school with all the wives and children. In addition to having a pot luck supper, we award the trophies for the play just concluded and announce the plans for the coming season.

The women have added a great deal to our club. They make our meetings worthwhile, they pitch in every event we have and two are club officers. Ten have played in State and National meets and are good NHPA members.

We have produced two national junior champions, defending champion Gary Roberts and his brother Donnie who won in 1959.

We are incorporated and have purchased an acre of ground inside the corporation of Waverly. It is completely paid for, having cost us \$1,000.00. This money was raised by sale of stock at \$10.00 per share and through club projects. We are now starting a building which will be 80 x 60 and will house six indoor courts, bleachers, and all needed facilities. We hope to do this by the end of the summer. During the past 12 months we carried on three leagues and seven tournaments in which 484 players participated.

Our latest event was the Pike County Lidlifter played on June 9-10, 1962, the results of which appear below:

CLASS A

	W	L	%		W	L	%
Harold Reno	9	0	83.3	Gene Reno	4	5	51.9
Jim Johnson	7	2	64.7	Howard Bryant	3	6	54.1
Stan Manker	7	2	62.6	Gary Roberts	2	7	58.1
Lee Bennett	5	4	59.3	Herman Oney	2	7	53.2
Kenny Dawes	5	4	58.1	Harold Wipert	1	8	42.1

CLASS B

	W	L	%
Lester Rose	5	0	61.2
Bill Sollar	4	1	63.6
Johnnie DeWeese	2	3	49.1
Fred Bennett	2	3	43.9
Leslie Alban	2	3	41.1
Joe Osborne	0	5	40.1

CLASS C

	W	L	%
Ellis Brown	4	1	43.9
Jim Christman	4	1	36.4
Bud Christman	3	2	44.6
Junior Christman	2	3	40.8
Bob McMullen	2	3	30.8
Russell Frump	0	5	30.2

CLASS D

	W	L	%
Roy Adams	5	0	27.9
Roy Jennings	4	1	26.6
Walter Grass	2	3	23.2
Pat Roberts	2	3	16.6
Homer Scaggs	1	4	16.8
Gale Scaggs	1	4	10.9

CLASS E

	W	L	%
Bob Cutlip	5	0	12.0
Francis Overman	3	2	8.5
Foyster Helton	3	2	6.0
Tim Cutlip	3	2	3.0
John Sautter	1	4	3.5

CLASS A WOMEN

	W	L	%
Margaret Cassady	5	0	25.4
Barbara Lowery	4	1	32.1
Kitty Overman	3	2	26.1
Dora Vance	2	3	12.1
Rita Long	1	4	5.8

CLASS B — WOMEN

	W	L	%
Garnet Cutlip	3	0	12.7
Verda Hickman	2	1	18.7
Avanelle Brown	1	2	7.3
Lillian Helton	0	3	3.3

FIRST ANNUAL PORTORAMA OPEN TOURNAMENT, AUGUST 4, DULUTH, MINNESOTA

By JIM NEWLAND

The first open tournament to be held in Duluth, Minnesota since the 1930's will take place at Wheeler Field, 35th Avenue West and Grand Avenue, Duluth, Minnesota on August 4 and 5.

There will be 5 divisions with 3 trophies being awarded in each class. Qualifying will begin on July 24 and continue until 1:00 p.m. on August 4. Tournament is open to all. Each entrant must pitch 100 shoes to qualify and will be allowed 3 rounds taking his highest total count. The cost will be \$1.00 for each round. He must walk back and worth when qualifying.

All player finalists must pay an additional \$3.00 to compete in the tournament. Classes B, C, and D will play 7 games beginning at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, August 4. Class A and E will start play at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday evening, August 4, playing 3 or 4 games as time permits. On Sunday morning attendance at the church of your choice is urged by the tournament committee. Tournament play will be resumed at 11 a.m. with Class A and E continuing until all their games are completed.

For reservations for this event which is tied in with Duluth's Annual Portorama celebration which runs for two weekends ending Sunday, August 5, write James Newland, general secretary, 819 East 5th St., Duluth, Minnesota or phone RA 4-3787.

HAMPTON TOPS ROSE FESTIVAL OPEN TOURNAMENT

CLASS A

	W	L	%
B. Hampton, Portland	5	0	73.9
G. Morris, Portland	3	2	67.3
H. Peterson, Portland	3	2	58.4
C. Chapelle, Portland	3	2	56.6
A. Richardson, Corvallis ..	1	4	48.4
O. Myhoe, Salem	0	5	43.6

CLASS C

	W	L
R. Weller, Portland	4	1
R. Schiedler, Mt. Angel	4	1
B. Baker, Portland	2	3
L. Day, Portland	2	3
B. Hulshop, Portland	2	3
T. Christiansen, Hillsboro	1	4

R. Schiedler won on play off.

CLASS B

	W	L	%
T. Zwickl, Corvallis	5	0	54.4
W. Hagy, Salem	4	1	54.8
E. Lowe, Portland	2	3	42.7
O. Sears, Portland	2	3	37.1
A. Hukari, Hood River	2	3	36.2
B. Burt, Beaverton	0	5	38.7

CLASS D

GROUP 1	W	L
F. Rauch, Hood River	3	0
O. Pettichord, Portland	2	1
T. Gronsdahl, Hood River	1	2
E. Lavoie, Hillsboro	0	3

CLASS D

GROUP 2	W	L
G. Thornberg, Portland	3	0
Mitchell, Tualatin	2	1
G. Hamman, Salem	1	2
B. Rauch, Hood River	0	3

DON GREGSON, SON OF ARCHIE GREGSON, SIGNS WITH MINNESOTA TWINS

Don Gregson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Gregson of Crestline, California, former National association secretary, was signed to a bonus contract with the Minnesota Twins the latter part of June. He has reported to Wytheville, Virginia, a Class D farm club. The versatile San Bernardino Valley College star was given this "bonus" contract to pay for his final two years of college after he sparkled in a tryout camp at Minnesota. Although he is primarily a pitcher and outfielder, young Gregson was signed as an infielder. We extend our heartiest congratulations and best wishes to Don for a most successful baseball career.

CONNECTICUT STATE OPEN WON BY BILL KOLB

CLASS "A"

	W	L	%
W. Kolb	6	1	60.5
J. Zichella	6	1	62.4
W. Paradis	5	2	44.2
M. Merritt	4	3	45.9
C. Richardson	2	5	45.3
A. Whitaker	2	5	43.0
H. Johnson	2	5	38.7
T. Laurino	1	6	36.8

Playoff won by W. Kolb.

CLASS "C"

	W	L	%
R. LaChance	5	2	34.1
L. Croteau	5	2	35.8
K. Middlebrook	4	3	37.2
R. Forrstrom	3	4	36.8
C. Sokolowski	3	4	36.5
C. Farnsworth	3	4	34.1
G. Thrasher	3	4	32.5
C. Walker	2	7	27.0

Playoff won by R. LaChance

CLASS "E"

	W	L	%
D. Peets	4	1	36.2
W. Castine	3	2	33.5
T. Kirk	3	2	30.0
T. Christensen	2	3	31.8
C. Gill	2	3	28.8
L. Lecuyer	1	4	25.6

CLASS "B"

	W	L	%
W. Brooks	7	0	47.4
J. Renfro	5	2	44.9
L. Lang	4	3	44.1
T. Mrozek	4	3	43.9
G. Spittler	3	4	41.9
D. Dunleavy	2	5	41.1
D. Majewski	2	5	43.6
L. Peets Sr.	1	6	36.8

CLASS "D"

	W	L	%
A. Hamel	4	1	39.2
L. Gancos	4	1	41.1
D. Pickering	3	2	40.8
H. Christensen Jr.	2	3	43.7
R. Johanson	2	3	34.0
H. Wrisley	0	5	25.8

Playoff won by L. Gancos

CLASS "F"

	W	L	%
J. Freve	5	0	36.0
H. Christensen Sr.	4	1	31.7
L. Peets Jr.	2	3	26.3
R. Borden	2	3	23.3
E. Poirier	2	3	23.2
R. Burgess	0	5	18.9

CLASS "G"

	W	L	%
Champiney	5	1	24.5
C. Reynolds	5	1	24.1
R. Tidd	4	2	23.6
R. Dow	3	3	19.5

	W	L	%
E. Tidd	3	3	16.5
B. McElroy	1	5	14.3
Gallagher	0	7	9.2

PAXTON WINS SOUTHEASTERN IOWA MEET

CLASS A

	W	L	%
John Paxton, Trophy	6	1	71.1
Francis Rogers	4	3	62.2
Hugh Rogers	4	3	57.5
Marion Lange	4	3	60.5
Kenneth Markley	3	4	60.4
Harold Darnold	3	4	54.0
Ernie Danielson, Sr.	2	5	70.9
Art Brown	2	5	49.7

CLASS B

	W	L
Lewis Jeter, Trophy	5	1
Harold Hughes	4	2
Paul McElroy	3	2
Dale Stull	3	2
Fred Keiper	1	4
Charley Hopkins	0	5

CLASS C

	W	L
Ocie Trimble, Trophy	5	1
Creighton Vandergriff	4	2
Harry Page	3	2
Leo Hamand	2	3
Everett Sproston	2	3
Al Burgess	0	5

JUNIOR BOYS DIVISION

	W	L
Neil Vandergriff, Trophy	4	0
Charles Smith, Trophy	3	1
Roy Headley, Trophy	2	1
Leroy Beamer	0	2
Paul Headley	0	2
Fred Jones	0	3



“From Out Of The Mail Bag”

June 11, 1962

Ellis Cobb
Aurora, Illinois

Dear Mr. Cobb:

Through you and the Horseshoe Pitchers' News Digest as the voice of the N.H.P.A., I would like to tell your readers about a book I am having published.

Over the past five years I have spent a great deal of time chatting and corresponding with pitchers in 36 states, collecting every scrap of printed material I could find on horseshoe pitching, gathering pictures and wondering why no large book had ever been published on horseshoe pitching. Other hobbies, like checkers, archery, and marbles have many books in print. Surely their participation is no greater than is the participation in horseshoes.

So I put together such a book. In it is something about every phase of the game. Perhaps half of it is a re-arrangement of material you have already seen. The other half is material which is being published for the first time. It contains a chapter on How to Pitch which includes tips from two great champions; a chapter which lists the champions of every state in the United States as far back as they can be ascertained; a list of the Canadian champions; a list of the World Champions in the men's, women's, and juniors divisions; two chapters covering the history and development of the game; complete playing rules; chapters on organizing, selecting equipment, conducting leagues, tournaments and team matches, scoring and contacting NHPA representatives; a special section on Ted Allen's records, facts and figures compiled from surveys and one on Ohio's role in horseshoes since Ohio is my home state. Thirty pictures round it out. The book will be a top quality hard-backed volume containing over 200 pages and pictures. It will be available in the late summer or early fall.

Possibly the greatest benefit this book will be to the game of horseshoes will come from its being placed on the shelves of the book stores and libraries throughout the United States and Canada. This is the plan of the publisher and the result should be that thousands of persons who have had no contact with the NHPA will pick up this book and through it become acquainted with the game.

The first printing will only be 3500 books and the size of the second printing will be determined by how fast these books go. Several hundred copies have already been reserved and paid for and my hope is that through this letter the NHPA members will get first chance at the first printing and assure an early sellout. The publisher will then be ready to make a second large printing promptly.

Any person who wants to reserve a copy of this book, **THE STORY OF HORSESHOES**, may send a check or money order for \$3.95 to: Oattie W. Reno, Star route, Lucasville, Ohio. The book will be reserved and mailed out as soon as the books are bound.

Pitching horseshoes and associating with horseshoe pitchers has been a great hobby for me, and it is my hope that this effort will bring more players into the game. In numbers there is strength.

Sincerely yours,

Oattie W. Reno



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