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ROGER VOGEL, FORMER NAVY VETERAN, TORPEDOES ART DUGLE TO WIN ROCK RIVER VALLEY OPEN TOURNAMENT

Roger Vogel of Manito, Illinois, who recently returned to civilian life from a tour of duty with the Navy submarine service, won the play-off match in Class A from Art Dugle of Chicago to take the trophy and championship of the annual Rock River Valley Open tournament held on the Lawrence Park courts in Rock Falls, Illinois. This tourney is always one of the highlights of the Sterling-Rock Falls club. Clint Van Dusen of Galesburg upset Ellis Griggs in the play-off for second place honors hitting 78.0 percent to win from the Illinois state champion 50-33. Don Grove nosed out Fred Hart 50 to 49 to win Class B trophy.

1961 was a very successful year for the Sterling-Rock Falls club. Four new courts were installed with prospects of an additional 4 courts for the 1962 season. A special thank you is given to all pitchers and friends who travelled many miles to take part in the club's tournaments. Pitchers are asked to remember the following dates: Annual Spring Warm-Up tournament, May 30, Memorial Day; Northwestern Illinois tournament, September 1; Rock River Valley Open, Labor Day, September 3; Whiteside County tournament, September 9; Twin City tournament on September 16. The regular league will play every Thursday evening.

CLASS A

CLASS B

GROUP 1

GROUP 1

	W	L	%		W	L
Art Dugle, Chicago	7	0	77.2	Don Grove, Rock Falls	6	1
Ellis Griggs, Plainville	6	1	76.8	Walter Crim, Chicago	5	2
Woodrow Martin, Pekin ..	4	3	67.2	Harold Anderson, Prophetstown	4	3
I. Eilers, Chandlerville ..	4	3	60.6	Dale Terry, East Moline	4	3
H. Magnuson, Rockford ..	4	3	62.2	Allen Holmquist, Sterling	4	3
John Taylor, Dover	2	5	57.3	Ralph Dykes, Chicago	2	5
A. L. Austin, Hinsdale	1	6	53.6	Pete Wight, Chicago	2	5
Art White, Peoria	0	7	50.0	Russell Spencer, Walnut	1	6

GROUP 2

GROUP 2

	W	L	%		W	L
Roger Vogel, Manito	7	0	71.1	Fred Hart, Jacksonville	6	1
C. Van Dusen, Galesburg	6	1	69.1	Bob Elliott, Peru	6	1
Bill Dannhauer, Chicago..	4	3	57.6	Vernell Drager, Greymont	5	2
R. Sornberger, Galesburg	3	4	60.7	Ray Phillips, Magnolia	5	2
Nelson Vogel, Manito	3	4	66.0	Herb Plautz, Rock Falls	2	5
Darrell Wade, Pekin	2	5	57.2	Paul Van Oosten, Sterling	2	5
Andrew Horn, Galesburg	2	5	57.2	Cleon Christman, Peoria	1	6
Frank Palka, Chicago	1	6	54.1	Clifford Patten, Peoria	1	6

KEENE, N. H. CLUB SHOWS FINE GROWTH IN NEW ENGLAND

The Keene, New Hampshire club is among the fastest growing clubs in the New England States. The club is only a few years old and has a wonderful group of workers.

In the early spring of 1960, 24 new courts were built at Wheelock park in Keene by the club members. This is believed to be the largest layout in the world.

The cement had hardly set before the City and Monadnock tournaments were held. The 1961 season was cut short due to the landscaping of the new courts. In the coming season the club will start holding some big tournaments beginning with two Open meets in order to give everyone an opportunity to play on the courts. The schedule is as follows.

June 10 — N. H. Open

September 2-3 — New England States

August 12 — New Hampshire State
meet

October 7 — Monadnock Open
tournament.

Further information may be obtained by writing Donald Pickering, Rt. #1, Keene, New Hampshire.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA OFFICERS

The Northern California Association had its annual meeting recently and elected Czar Marcevic as its President for 1962.

Czar held this position a few years ago and did a fine job of promoting horseshoe activities in the San Francisco Bay area. He is also a former NHPA Regional Director.

David Louks, former National Junior champion, was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer, and John Martok is the new Vice-President.

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DIXON TAKES TOP HONORS AT MANATEE COUNTY FAIR PALMETTO, FLORIDA, JANUARY 24, 25, 26, 27

For the first time in its history, the Manatee County Fair held an open horseshoe pitching tournament, as an added attraction for its patrons. Thirty-two contestants qualified for the four classes which ran through the four days, and was brought to conclusion Saturday with playing of the Championship Class A. With the exception of two pitchers, Class A was made up of men who competed in the World Tournament at Muncie, Ind., last July. Handsome awards were furnished by the Fair Board, and management of the tournament was by the tournament committee, and members of the Bradenton Horseshoe Club.

Championship Class A, in order of finish: Dale Dixon, trophy, 1st place; Walter Horner, trophy, 2nd place; Joe Kelly, 3rd; W. O. Maxwell, 4th; Chas. Stephens, 5th; Clyde Green, 6th; Carl Lundgren, 7th; and Joe Foster, 8th.

Class B, in order of finish: John Davis, trophy, 1st place; Horace Kemp, trophy, 2nd place; Roy Bisnett, 3rd; Lester Peary, 4th; Henry Spiess, 5th; Harvey Gampher, 6th; Joe Hightower, 7th; and Wm. Costello, 8th.

Class C, in order of finish: Willson Hubbard, trophy, 1st place; Roy Gravink, trophy, 2nd place; John Rademacher, 3rd; Roy McClure, 4th; Jay Guernsey, 5th; Earl Perkins, 6th; Elmer Smith, 7th; and Rod Phillabaum, 8th.

Class D, in order of finish: Harry Garman, trophy, 1st place; Howard Well, trophy, 2nd place; John Crothers, 3rd; Judd Pope, 4th; M. A. Bruce, 5th; Ray Reidenbaugh, 6th; Edward Harless, 7th; and L. E. Shields, 8th.

- High single games Class A: Dixon, 82.6, 82.0, Stephens 79.4
- High single games Class B: Bisnett 65.7, 58.8, Kemp 60.8
- High single games Class C: Hubbard 62.6, 55.1, Perkins 53.8
- High single games Class D: Wells, 52.0, 50.0, 40.0

KEYSTONE STATE NEWS

The new Pennsylvania State President is Ralph Couganour of Belle Vernon, Pennsylvania. He has been an active pitcher and NHPA member for many years. Last fall, along with Al Zadroga, Jim Solomon and Pittsburgh Champion Clyde Martz, Ralph was able to give horseshoe pitching great impetus in the area when KDKA televised action in a local tournament which he had promoted just to give Pennsylvania State Qualifying week a boost.

First Vice President and Tournament Director is Herman Boyer of Beaver. Herm and his able workers from New Brighton-Beaver Valley area have prepared a fine state tournament schedule with more than \$1,000.00 in cash prizes to be given.

In order to give the National and the State Association better contact in the many areas, Pennsylvania pitchers elected for additional Vice Presidents, Jim Ohler, Scottdale; Merle Ritchey, Park Hill; John Fulton, Carlisle; and Frank Bienaisz of Erie who served so capably as State President for four years. Glen Sebring was renamed Secretary-Treasurer.

The Penna. Association is planning an active schedule (dates later) starting with a spring NHPA membership tourney at New Brighton, site of the State meet, the Northwest Invitational at Erie, State Amateur at Meadville, the Eastern National at Erie. Further, several cities and counties will be holding their first official tournaments this summer. Several municipalities are going to put in new courts, including Johnstown, Butler, Titusville, Franklin, and perhaps Sharon. As a reminder, if there are any pitchers who would like to get help in getting their city to install pitching facilities, please contact your state secretary. The NHPA information and material at his disposal can often be the deciding element in the recreational council's decision, and good courts are an essential factor in the building up of your sport's popularity, second only to YOUR efforts in organizing a nucleus of players who utilize them, and so on around the ever increasing cycle.

MESA, ARIZONA, "VALLEY OF THE SUN" WINTER TOURNAMENT

We had a fine weekend Feb. 17-18 for the "B" Valley of the Sun tourney. The following weekend Feb. 24-25 for "A" Class was rather blustery and cold. Bob Pence, our NHPA secretary, was in attendance and participated in this last one. On the last day's pitching his hands froze up so stiff he could not wrap his fingers around the shoe. Nevertheless, he continued through the tournament but fell off sharply the final day. We don't mean the weather was as severe in the "Valley of the Sun" as it was in Gary, Indiana this past winter. All were very pleased Bob was able to get out here along with Earl Wilmore, Secretary of Indiana State.

Homer Moeffeld, Long Beach, California, was the giant killer in this one, winning out over the high caliber pitchers, Ira Allen, Marine Tamboer and Clarence Bellman. Bellman, recently from Indiana now living in Mesa, Arizona, was one of the fine pitchers in the World tourney at Muncie, Indiana last summer.

"A" CLASS — FEB. 24-25

	W	L	%		W	L	%
H. Moeffeld, Cal.	16	1	68.0	Al DeVries, Cal.	7	10	54.0
C. Bellman, Ariz.	15	2	69.4	M. Rehies, Kan.	7	10	52.9
Ira Allen, Cal.	15	2	70.3	A. Kamman, Ariz.	7	10	52.5
M. Tramboer, Kan.	14	3	67.1	A. Holmquist, Ill.	6	11	51.4
J. Snyder, Cal.	12	5	59.2	J. Hagerman, Cal.	5	12	49.8
C. Percy, Cal.	11	6	59.6	C. Buck, Ariz.	5	12	48.0
G. Thompson, Ariz.	9	8	58.3	Bob Pence, Ind.	5	12	46.2
W. Hagy, Cal.	9	8	57.5	R. Simmons, Cal.	2	15	44.0
C. Cummins, Cal.	8	9	53.3	R. Randall, Cal.			Forfeit

"B" CLASS — FEB. 17-18

GROUP ONE

	W	L	%		W	L	%
F. Brown, Cal.	9	0	50.0	L. Geer, Cal.	4	5	42.0
P. Marino, Ariz.	7	2	50.0	B. Parker, Cal.	3	6	39.9
R. Shaffer, Ariz.	6	3	45.5	K. Elmes, Cal.	2	7	36.0
Chas. Carson, Ariz.	6	3	45.4	B. Packard, N.Y.	1	8	38.6
R. Fleharty, Nebr.	6	3	44.9	R. Richards, Cal.	1	8	37.7

GROUP TWO

	W	L	%		W	L	%
E. Robinson, Utah	8	1	46.3	G. Schmiess, N.D.	4	5	39.1
O. Dunivan, Ariz.	6	3	46.9	C. Palm, Wyo.	4	5	37.1
G. Brown, Cal.	6	3	46.7	M. Clark, Iowa	3	6	37.1
E. Beller, Cal.	6	3	40.7	O. Funk, Utah	3	6	36.3
C. Bell, Cal.	5	4	43.1	J. McNamaro, Cal.	0	9	31.5

PLAY-OFF — Two top men of each Group

	W	L	%		W	L	%
Pat Marino	3	0	54.7	Fred Brown	1	2	45.6
Otis Dunivan	2	1	49.5	Eldred Robinson	0	3	39.3

PULASKI, WISCONSIN IS BEEHIVE OF HORSESHOE ACTIVITY

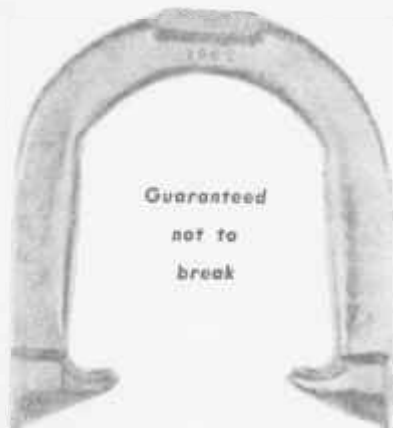
Aloys Spang of Shawano, Wisconsin reports that horseshoe pitching activities in Pulaski, Wisconsin are really booming. There were not enough courts to take care of the pitchers that turned out to play. He also states that the town board voted to build new courts for the 1962 season. They are looking forward to a great season. Spang, together with Pete Woukechon, Merle Cooper, Dick Anderson, Jim Olsen and Louie Ascher teamed up and played a home and home series last year.

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 30 — Annual Spring Warm-Up Tournament, Lawrence Park, Rock Falls, Ill.
 June 2-3 — Greenville, Ohio Open.
 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 — Annual County Tournament, City Park, Falls City, Nebraska
 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 7-8 — Midwest "Ringer Round Up," Heekin Park, Muncie, Ind.
 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 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 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 25-26 — Winston-Salem Southeastern Open, Miller Park, Winston-Salem, N. C.
 Sept. 1 — Northwestern Illinois Tournament, Lawrence Park, Rock Falls, Ill.
 Sept. 1-2-3 — 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. 2 — Annual Nebraska State Tournament, City Park, Falls City, Nebraska
 Sept. 3 — Annual Rock River Valley Open, Lawrence Park, Rock Falls, Ill.
 Sept. 9 — Whiteside County Tournament, Lawrence Park, Rock Falls, Ill.
 Sept. 16 — Twin City Tournament, Lawrence Park, Rock Falls, Ill.

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BALDWIN PARK-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA OPEN**GROUP ONE**

	W	L	R	SP	%
Gerald Schneider, Montebello	4	1	222	300	74.0
Louie Dean, Pomona	4	1	227	354	64.1
Clarence Pearey, La Habra	4	1	204	320	63.7
Jiggs Gasaway, Baldwin Park	2	3	162	314	51.2
Ed McFarland, Covina	1	4	145	282	51.4
Homer Moefield, Long Beach	0	5	175	320	54.6

GROUP TWO

	W	L	R	SP	%
John Balzer, Santa Ana	4	1	230	306	75.1
Jim Weeks, Norwalk	4	1	244	332	73.4
Edgar Gruell, Inglewood	3	2	234	336	69.6
Henry Harper, Monterey Park	3	2	258	376	68.6
Henry Durr, Los Angeles	1	4	271	394	68.7
Ned Shaver, Whittier	0	5	163	284	57.3

CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYOFF

	W	L	R	SP	%
Gerald Schneider, Montebello	2	1	153	206	74.3
Jim Weeks, Norwalk	2	1	164	212	70.0
John Balzer, Santa Ana	2	1	146	220	66.3
Louie Dean, Pomona	0	3	161	236	68.2

PLAYOFF

	W	L	R	SP	%
Jim Weeks, Norwalk	2	0	111	144	77.0
John Balzer, Santa Ana	0	1	57	82	69.5
Gerald Schneider, Montebello	0	1	39	62	62.9

FINAL RESULTS OF MINNESOTA STATE TOURNAMENT**A DIVISION**

	W	L	%
Howie Ganz, Backus	10	1	70.0
Ron Cherrier, Hopkins	8	3	67.7
John Yernberg, St. Paul ..	7	4	68.7
Hart Knutson, St. Paul	7	4	64.2
S. Stensgaard, Minneapolis	7	4	58.4
George Suess, Mankato	6	5	65.5
Leo Rienhardt, St. Paul ..	6	5	60.7
Joe Anzaldi, St. Paul	5	6	57.2
F. Stinson, Minneapolis ..	3	8	60.2
Ben Trollen, St. Paul	3	8	54.6
R. Lundberg, Minneapolis	2	9	56.3
Andy Paglarini, Hibbing	2	9	58.4

B DIVISION

	W	L	%
Gus Magnuson, Canby	10	1	63.1
Carl West, St. Paul	9	2	59.5
Dayle Olson, Storden	8	3	57.1
A. Anderson, Westbrook ..	7	4	57.6
J. Johnson, Minneapolis ..	7	4	53.4
Jerry Kiekhofer, St. Paul	6	5	46.7
C. Hallum, Heron Lake ..	5	6	54.2
A. Holter, Minneapolis	5	6	51.5
E. Ruopsa, St. Louis Park	4	7	46.7
Augie Kiekhofer, St. Paul	3	8	48.1
Leo Petroske, Minneapolis	2	9	46.2
Clint Lofgren, Hopkins	0	11	34.8

C DIVISION

	W	L	%
Jerry Josnick, St. Paul	7	0	51.0
Robert Kisner, Lamberton	6	1	52.7
Scotty Olson, Windom	5	2	46.1
L. Johnson, Minneapolis ..	3	4	47.9
Bill Andrusko, Edina	3	4	37.8
Len Tidgewell, St. Paul ..	2	5	37.7
John Griffin, Minneapolis	2	5	34.8
Palmer Lee, Minneapolis			Forfeit

D DIVISION

	W	L	%
Bill Barker, Windom	5	2	43.6
Don LeFluer, Minneapolis	4	3	39.6
Bill Lorenz, St. Paul	4	3	43.0
B. Anderson, Minneapolis	4	3	44.2
Ferd Manske, Minneapolis	3	4	40.8
Lloyd Olfert, St. Paul	3	4	39.6
Hans Shaner, Storden	3	4	40.9
Henry Filzen, Richfield	2	5	40.1

MINNESOTA RESULTS—(Continued)

E DIVISION

	W	L	%
Bud Roy, Jeffers	6	1	51.5
Art Peters, Westbrook	5	2	49.2
Harry Benson, Hibbing	5	2	44.1
Sy Andrews, Montevideo ..	4	3	44.2
Will Gulickson, Moorhead ..	4	3	40.1
Roy Way, Minneapolis	2	5	37.0
Jerry Stempfley, Windom ..	1	6	39.2
R. Johnson, Minneapolis ..	1	6	36.1

F DIVISION

	W	L	%
George Mertz, St. Paul	5	2	43.9
Cliff Barkis, Hibbing	5	2	47.6
Les Bockes, Canby	5	2	52.8
Wade Zieske, New Ulm ..	4	3	47.9
Harry Smith, St. Paul	4	3	47.7
H. Gabrielson, Hibbing	2	5	29.9
Harlow Platt, Hutchinson ..	2	5	30.2
E. Larson, Minneapolis ..	1	6	32.8

G DIVISION

	W	L	%
Lenard Holck, Storden	6	1	45.4
Leo LaBrosse, Hibbing ..	5	2	46.2
Darold Siebert, Clements ..	4	3	43.8
Wm. Rieneke, Lakefield ..	4	3	41.1
Vern Walker, Hibbing	4	3	42.3
Bill Bungert, Minneapolis ..	3	4	38.9
James Fegan, Hibbing	2	5	37.3
E. Ruopsa, St. Louis Park ..	1	6	36.4

H DIVISION

	W	L	%
C. Strafaccio, Hibbing	6	1	42.1
Noel Lanes, Minneapolis ..	6	1	45.0
E. Berg, Redwood Falls ..	5	2	39.3
B. Winterhalter, M'npolis ..	4	3	38.4
Jim Rextraw, Osseo	3	4	40.0
George Scholler, St. Paul ..	3	4	41.2
Al Hendrickson, M'npolis ..	1	6	25.7
Bob Basarick, Hibbing	0	7	23.2

MONASMITH RETAINS WASHINGTON STATE CROWN

John Monasmith of Yakima, Washington who reigned supreme over pitchers in that state during 1960 repeated in the annual 1961 state meet held last season on the Woodland Park Courts in Seattle, Washington. In his victory run, he had a high game of 92.5 per cent ringers. He also was involved in the longest game of the tournament against Ed Fishel pitching 124 shoes before Fishel succumbed. In this game they had all 4 shoes on the peg 24 times, six of these being consecutive. Monasmith, 98 ringers, Fishel, 95 ringers. For the records total ringers by all players in Class totalled 8336. Rudy Allones topped Class B with 10 and 1 with a ringer percentage of 59.0 for the course. In the play-off for first in Class C Swenson clipped Girt 53 to 37 to win. Class D title went to B. Foss of Tacoma who swept his class with 7 straight wins. E. Hendricks also of Tacoma latched on to Class E title with a run of 7 straight victories. The Junior Division was decided in a 2 out of 3 match between Dale Roe of Seattle and his brother, Neil Roe with brother Dale winning 50-33, 33-51, and 54-44.

CLASS A

	W	L	%
Monasmith, Yakima	15	0	80.1
Fishel, Neilton	14	1	75.8
Knauff, Spokane	12	3	70.7
Monasmith, Kennewick ..	11	4	63.1
Pederson, Seattle	10	5	62.5
Patrick, Toppenish	10	5	62.3
Rehard, Spokane	9	6	63.9
Kaufman, Seattle	7	8	61.5
Shatto, Malaga	7	8	57.2
Pidde, Seattle	5	10	59.7
Bertoldi, Seattle	5	10	58.3
Reese, Bremerton	5	10	57.1
Robbins, Lilliwaup	5	10	54.5
Criss, Bremerton	3	12	53.6
Grim, Bellingham	2	13	47.1
Ringrose, Tacoma			forfeit

CLASS B

	W	L	%
Allones, Bremerton	10	1	59.0
Fishel, Neilton	9	2	50.5
Morris, Seattle	8	3	47.4
Reedy, Aberdeen	7	4	52.9
Shidler, Seattle	7	4	50.3
Alexander, Seattle	5	6	48.2
Lafferty, Omak	5	6	47.6
Francisco, Bellingham ..	5	6	46.2
Wages, Bremerton	4	7	41.9
Tysver, Bremerton	3	8	41.3
Malvern, Seattle	3	8	40.3
Miller, Yakima	0	11	44.8

WASHINGTON STATE—(Continued)

CLASS C				GROUP TWO			
	W	L	%		W	L	%
Swanson, Tacoma	5	0	57.2	Girt, Seattle	5	0	47.1
Alexander, Seattle	4	1	41.4	Laine, Aberdeen	3	2	41.4
Matteson, Bremerton	2	3	42.8	Taylor, Seattle	3	2	38.3
Marcear, Bremerton	2	3	42.2	Fishel, Seattle	2	3	37.8
Bartlett, Everett	1	4	36.9	Luoto, Seattle	1	4	38.7
Higginbotham, Seattle ..	1	4	36.6	Peton, Everett	1	4	30.6

CLASS D				CLASS E			
	W	L	%		W	L	%
Foss, Tacoma	7	0	49.5	E. Hendricks, Tacoma	7	0	45.9
Damm, Aberdeen	6	1	49.2	W. Butler, Seattle	5	2	34.0
White, Seattle	4	3	44.3	J. Saari, Aberdeen	5	2	30.3
Dennis, Seattle	4	3	39.8	D. Fishel, Seattle	4	3	33.8
Wagner, Bremerton	3	4	42.0	L. Luoto, Seattle	4	3	27.1
Saari, Aberdeen	2	5	32.2	G. Roe, Seattle	2	5	13.6
Lee, Seattle	1	6	37.5	K. Flack, Seattle	0	7	forfeit
Cone, Tacoma	1	6	31.2	T. Miller, Seattle	0-7	forfeit	

PLANS LAID FOR ST. JOE OPEN

The annual St. Joe Open Tournament will be held Sunday, June 24th at Noyes Field, 28th and Edmond St's. in St. Joseph Mo. Changes on qualifying will be necessary due to the fact that we do not have enough time to qualify pitchers on the morning day of the tourney and pitch 30 to 40 men in round robin play in the afternoon. All pitchers who wish to enter may qualify at home or use some other tournament score, as there will not be any qualifying on tournament day. Qualifying round will be 100 shoes with a choice of a second 100. For those in the St. Joseph Area, or anyone mapping the trip to the tourney, they may qualify at the field the 23rd. The entry fee will be \$3.00 included with qualifying score on mailed entries. Be sure and print your name and complete address on your score sheet. If any unforeseen circumstances arise all entry fees will be returned. Mail entries to Ray Cavin, 1824 Holman St., St. Joseph, Mo.

A and B classes will be 8 man brackets with 3 trophies for each class. Round robin play will start at 12:30 p.m. All other classes will have 6 men starting at 9:30 a.m. with one trophy for each class winner.

This tournament started in 1956 with 12 local pitchers and has grown steadily in the past 5 years to which makes it necessary to change the qualifying. Last year 36 pitchers turned out for the event with Marines Tamboer, of Wichita, Kans., taking top honors.

Another big tournament will be the "Midland Empire" which will be held on the same courts on Sept. 9th under the same conditions and terms as the "St. Joe Open". Dale Dixon of Des Moines, Iowa is defending champion.

PERRYSBURG, OHIO INDOOR COURTS IN SECOND YEAR

By GEORGE STIFEL

For the second straight year under the able guidance of Pete Finch and other officers of the Perrysburg, Ohio, club, two lighted indoor courts are now available. They are located at 211 Louisiana Avenue in the heart of Perrysburg, Ohio, on U.S. Route 20 and U.S. Route 68. Any NHPA members who are traveling in that direction are cordially invited to stop and try the new layout.

The club membership is approximately 40 with 10 or more being NHPA members. Any clubs desiring match games are asked to contact Pete Finch, 718 Balfe Street, Toledo 9, Ohio.

MERRITT TOPS IN FRANKLIN COUNTY (MASS.) TOURNAMENT

Percy Howe of Massachusetts sends in a delayed report of the annual Franklin County tournament. He reports that Mel Merritt, Mass. state champion topped the field with 9 wins and no losses to take first place in that annual affair. Amos Whitaker the "old warhorse" was second while Charley Richardson who took third in the New England meet finished in the same spot in the Franklin county meet. Lukow took Class B honors while in the Class C section Wickline came up with the winners' ribbon. All were awarded trophies which came through the NHPA trophy service. Movies of the 1960 World tournament were shown at the annual league banquet.

CLASS A

	W	L	%					
Merritt	9	0	57.9	Rudinski	3	6	35.7	
Whitaker	8	1	57.7	Barnes	2	7	39.9	
Richardson	7	2	56.9	Thrasher	2	7	37.0	
Peets, Sr.	6	3	45.0	Walker	2	7	39.4	
Wedley	4	5	39.4	Wheeler	2	7	34.9	

CLASS B

	W	L	%
Lukow	5	0	38.4
Barnes	3	2	38.9
Thompson	4	3	31.1
Castine	2	4	32.3
Judd	2	4	23.8
Rudinski	1	4	33.7

CLASS C

	W	L	%
Wickline	5	0	39.5
D. Peets	3	2	38.1
Robichaud	2	3	34.1
Howe	2	3	26.4
Boyce	2	3	25.8
Bezio	1	4	25.9

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— *In Memoriam* —

Word has just come to us regarding the sudden passing of Lindsey W. Spain of Richmond, Virginia, who was a charter member of the Virginia chapter of the NHPA. He participated in all tournaments last year and was an ardent fan of the sport. He showed much interest in the newly formed chapter and was instrumental in getting other pitchers to affiliate with the new club. His passing comes as a great shock to those who were associated with him. Though he did not place in any tournaments, he showed great promise of being one of Virginia's better players. He will be missed by all. Our sincere sympathy is extended to the bereaved family.

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Bert Zumwalt of Fulton, California, succumbed to a long illness, February 15 at Santa Rosa, California. He was the oldest active member of the Northern California association, having been active in pitching for 40 years. He was a member of the Santa Rosa club and also of the Mosswood club. He is survived by his wife, two sons and one daughter and several grandchildren and one great grandchild. The sympathy of the Northern California association and the members of the NHPA is extended to his surviving family.

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The sympathy of the Pennsylvania association and the NHPA is extended to Mr. Jack Potter at the sudden passing of his mother on January 8th. She was stricken with a fatal heart attack. Mrs. Potter was a loyal horseshoe fan and was always on hand at local tournaments, many of which her son Jack won.

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Earl Winston sends word of the passing of two of the Missouri association's active pitchers. George Beard of Warrensburg and Chet Baner of Irwin, Missouri. Mr. Beard was active since 1922. Mr. Baner was stricken with a heart attack. He played in many tournaments. Both of these men will be missed from the pitching scene. The sympathy of the Missouri association and NHPA members is extended to their loved ones.

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The Darke County Club of Greenville, Ohio, is saddened by the death of a long-time Ohio and Indiana pitcher. Death came suddenly to Charles "Chick" Coppess by a heart attack while he was delivering mail, he being an employe of the Post Office. He will be missed by many as he was very active in the game and was one of the top players in the club. He was a very pleasant and genial man and was looking forward with great anticipation of the 1962 World Tournament to be held at Greenville this coming summer. Our sincere sympathy and that of the NHPA is extended to his family.

FROM HERE AND THERE

Mr. Perl Pepple of the Kansas association writes that H. G. "Giff" Collett of 324 Jewell Street, Topeka, Kansas, was taken recently to the K. U. Medical Center at Kansas City, Kansas, for further treatment following a kidney operation recently. He is the president of the Kansas association and acts as the official scorekeeper at all Kansas tournaments. He would be very happy if all pitchers and friends would send him a card addressed to Mr. H. G. Collett, "Patient," K. U. Medical Center, Kansas City, Kansas. Our best wishes go to "Giff" for a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing him around the courts as soon as he is strong enough.

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."

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

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.

FOR MOTEL OR TOURIST reservations, white 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.

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, holding a number of outstanding tournaments there.

1962 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE OF SO. CALIF. ASSOCIATION

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| March 18 — Long Beach Open, Long Beach | July 8 — Semana Nautica "A" Open,
Santa Barbara |
| March 25 — Class "C" Open, South Gate | July 14 — Open Special "A", South Gate |
| April 1 — Class "D" Open, Pomona | July 15 — Class "C" Added, South Gate |
| April 8 — Class "B" Open, Baldwin Park | July 21 — Class "B" Added, Ontario |
| April 15 — Doubles (24 Men), Baldwin Pk. | August 5 — Championship "D", Long Beach |
| April 29 — Class "A" Open, Ontario | August 12 — Championship "F", Pomona |
| May 6 — Class "E" Open, Long Beach | August 18-19 — Western Open (16 Men),
South Gate |
| May 13 — Pomona-Riverside "E", Pomona
or Riverside | August 25-26 — CALIF. STATE CHAM-
PIONSHIP, South Gate |
| May 20 — Class "F" Open, South Gate | Sept. 2 — Championship "E", Ontario |
| May 27 — South Gate "B" Open, South Gate | Sept. 9 — Doubles (32 Men), Long Beach |
| June 2 — 60 years and over, Baldwin Pk. | Sept. 16 — Championship "C", Baldwin Pk. |
| June 3 — Class "A" Added, Baldwin Park | Sept. 23 — Championship "B", Pomona |
| June 9 — Pomona "C" Open, Pomona | Sept. 30 — Championship "A", Long Beach |
| June 10 — Pomona-Riverside "E", Pomona
or Riverside | Oct. 7 — North-South, Fresno |
| June 16 — Class "E" Added, South Gate | Oct. 14 — Baldwin Park "D" Open,
Baldwin Park |
| June 23 — Class "D" Added, Baldwin Park | Oct. 21 — South Gate "E" Open, South Gate |
| July 1 — Class "F" Added, Baldwin Park | Oct. 28 — Pomona "F" Open, Pomona |
| July 7 — Semana Nautica "B" Open,
Santa Barbara | Nov. 4 — Doubles (28 Men), Pomona |

DALE DIXON NOSES OUT BUD HORNER FOR ST. PETE OPEN TITLE

The annual St. Petersburg Open tournament was held on the Sunshine Pleasure Club courts in St. Petersburg, Florida on February 21-23. The meet was a great success in every way, except for the ringer percentage of the players. Even though the weather was nice and warm the high winds that prevailed kept percentages down. There was a fair turnout of pitchers but without a doubt the extreme bad weather throughout the north kept many Northern players from being in attendance. Members of the Bradenton club ably assisted the St. Pete management in handling the tournament.

In the Class A bracket Dale Dixon, Iowa sharpshooter, and former Iowa Champion, nosed out Bud Horner of Indiana to grab the championship of that division. Charley Stephens of the Bradenton club and a former Florida state champion was winner of Class B. Willson Hubbard who hails from Montana, took Class C.

CLASS A

	W	L	%		W	L	%
Dixon, Iowa	10	1	63.9	Foster, Nebr.	5	6	53.7
Horner, Indiana	9	2	64.4	Anderson	4	7	50.2
Radcliffe, Colo.	9	2	56.4	E. Edwards, W. Va.	3	8	52.0
Wilkinson, Ohio	8	3	54.8	Brobeck, Pa.	3	8	51.5
Maxwell, Ohio	6	5	57.3	Kelly, Michigan	1	10	48.7
Van Sant, Indiana	6	5	54.3	Lundgren, Michigan	1	10	41.6

CLASS B

	W	L	%
Stephens, Fla.	7	0	56.3
Peary, Fla.	6	1	42.8
Davis, Fla.	5	2	47.4
Spieß, Fla.	3	4	40.8
Rademacher, Fla.	3	4	39.4
Broughton, Ohio	3	4	37.7
Neal, Ind.	1	6	38.8
C. Green, Ind.			Forfeit

CLASS C

	W	L
Hubbard, Mont.	6	1
Gravink, N.Y.	6	1
Kemp, Fla.	5	2
Ehmke, N.Y.	5	2
Savage, Fla.	2	5
E. Smith, N.Y.	2	5
Crittenden	2	5
Hughes	0	7

FLORIDA SUNCOAST OPEN WON BY DIXON IN PLAY-OFF BRADENTON, FLORIDA, FEBRUARY 15-16-17

Whenever you think of "Iron Men," don't fail to think of, and include, the men taking part in the Championship Class A, as played off at the Bradenton Trailer Park courts, Bradenton, Fla. After 9 games of round robin play, Dale Dixon, W. O. Maxwell, spry 80 year old veteran of Ohio, Walt Horner, and Carl Lundgren, were tied for first place, with 7 games won, to 2 losses each. At the end of the required 4-man playoff, Dixon, Horner, and Maxwell were still tied, Lundgren having been eliminated from the trophy group. In the 2nd playoff, Dixon decided both Horner and Maxwell, giving him winner's share of the loot. Horner forfeited his claim to 2nd place, to Maxwell, and settled for 3rd, Lundgren taking 4th.

Class B also ended in a 3-way tie for 1st place. Playing off, Roy Radcliff decided Jo Foster. John Davis forfeited to Radcliff, giving Radcliff 1st, Foster 2nd, with Davis settling for 3rd.

In Class C, 1st place trophy went to Henry Spiess, with Horace Kemp his runnerup. Roy Gravink garnered top honors in Class D, with Leo Perkins as his runnerup. John Rademacher came through his class E without losing a game, with Harvey Gampher a close 2nd.

The Suncoast Open was sanctioned by the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association, and participating contestants came from 13 states, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Minnesota, New York State, West Virginia, Iowa, Colorado, Illinois, Nebraska, Florida, and North Carolina.

SUNCOAST — (Continued)

CLASS A			CLASS B		
	W	L		W	L
Dale Dixon, Iowa	7	2	Roy Radcliff, Colo.	5	2
W. O. Maxwell, Ohio	7	2	Joe Foster, Neb.	5	2
Walt Horner, Indiana	7	2	John Davis, Fla.	5	2
Carl Lundgren, Michigan ...	7	2	Joe Wilkinson, Ohio	4	3
Elgie Edwards, W. Va.	5	4	Clyde Green, Indiana	3	4
Charles Stephens, Fla.	4	5	Lester Peary, Fla.	3	4
Burrell Brobeck, Pa.	3	6	Herbert McCoskey, Ind.	2	5
Carl VanSant, Indiana	2	7	Mickey Broughton, Ohio	2	5
John Clingan, Fla.	2	7			
Joe Kelly, Fla.	1	8			

CLASS C			CLASS D		
	W	L		W	L
Henry Spiess, Fla.	4	1	Roy Gravink, New York	5	0
Horace Kemp, Fla.	4	1	Leo Perkins, Fla.	4	1
Lloyd Neal, Ind.	3	2	Hubert Gross, Michigan	3	2
Roy McClure, Ohio	2	3	Jay Guernsey, Mich.	1	4
Joe Hightower, Ill.	2	3	Elmer Smith, Fla.	1	4
Harold Darnold, Iowa	1	4	Wesley Crittenden	1	4

CLASS E

	W	L		W	L
John Rademacher, Fla.	5	0	Wm. Costello, Mich.	2	3
Harvey Gampher, Fla.	4	1	Marshall Hale, N.Y.	1	4
Howard Wells, Ind.	2	3	Robert Gibbs, Fla.	1	4

Trophies were awarded 1st, 2nd, 3rd place winners of Classes A and B, and 1st and 2nd place winners all other classes. Bonuses of \$1.00 per game, awarded in all classes, for games won in round robin play.

NOTICE TO MINNESOTA PLAYERS

Due to the transfer of Mr. Ben Trolen of St. Paul, Minnesota, to Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin, where he will be permanently located, Minneapolis players are advised to send all their membership fees and any other information pertinent to horseshoe pitching in that state to the new state secretary, Mr. Joseph Anzaldi 1034 North Chatsworth St., St. Paul 3, Minnesota. Mr. Trolen will continue to handle the NHPA tournament films for the present from his home in St. Paul.

SEATTLE AND WASHINGTON STATE NEWS

The Seattle Ringers and Counters Handicap League for 1961 was won by Vic Bertoldi and Lee Luoto in a close finish with the teams of Gary Alexander, Phil Luoto, Herb Piddie and Chris Christiansson. This was the 16th consecutive season for this handicap league which uses a scoring system similar to bowling on a count all basis and places particular importance on pitching close to the stake. Many of Seattle's better pitchers learned the game in this league.

Sig Pederson won the Class A Seattle City Championship in a playoff with Vic Bertoldi. Herb Piddie, 1960 Champ finished 3rd. Harry Girt won the Class B title and Bob Dennis the Class C.

The Seattle Horseshoe Club went through the season undefeated in their team matches with other clubs in Washington. Prescott Kaufman, Dan Graham, Vic Bertoldi and Herb Piddie did yeoman work for the Seattle group.

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