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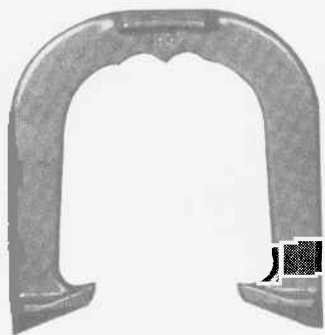
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## MILLER BREWING COMPANY

March 30, 1962

Mr. Robert G. Pence  
341 Polk Street  
Gary, Indiana

Dear Mr. Pence:

It's a real pleasure for the Miller Brewing Company to be teamed up with the National Horseshoe Pitchers' Association for the 1962 World and National Tournament.

As you know, Miller is no stranger to the world of sports. We believe that wholesome, worth-while sports are necessary and valuable to our country and to every individual in it. We're always happy to sponsor or participate in sports events that benefit a large number of people.

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Robert D. Forte, Supervisor  
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COVER PICTURE . . . Three state champions take a breather from their pitching chores to chat with Rudy Lykken of Kindred, North Dakota, left, when he was honored for his part in organizing horseshoe pitching at Kindred. Shown with him from left to right are Art Engebretson, North Dakota titleholder; Leigh Dunker, ringer king of South Dakota and Howie Ganz, champion of the Gopher state Minnesota.

## WORLD TOURNAMENT PROGRAM, CITY PARK, GREENVILLE, OHIO, JULY 30 THROUGH AUGUST 8

The announcement last month of the Miller Brewing Company Championship Trophy sponsorship was frosting on the cake for what is shaping up as the most successful World Tournament in NHPA history.

The hard work and thorough planning of the Darke County Horseshoe Pitchers Association coupled with the fine co-operation being received from the Greenville Chamber of Commerce and the Greenville Park Board makes a successful tourney a certainty.

The program and calendar of events shapes up as follows:

**200 Shoe Qualifying Round in the Men's Division** will get underway at 6 p.m., Monday, July 30, and continue throughout both the daylight hours and under lights at night until midnight, Thursday, August 2.

Players must reserve courts of their own choosing at the time they desire for qualifying during the late afternoon and evening hours of the final two days of qualifying in order to assure everyone of ample time to qualify and prevent the monopolizing of the courts. Some courts will be set aside on the final night to take care of late arrivals.

The top 35 qualifiers plus defending champion Harold Reno will qualify for the Championship round robin, the next 36 qualifiers will qualify for Class "B" and the next 24 will qualify for Class "C."

**Championship round robin.** Opening ceremonies will be held at 6 p.m. Friday, August 3, to be followed by five rounds of play. Six rounds will be held each of the five succeeding evenings starting at 5:30 p.m. Adjustments will be made by the tournament committee in case of bad weather.

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**WORLD TOURNAMENT — (Continued)**

Class "B" consisting of 36 players divided into three groups of 12 will play round robins in the afternoon on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, August 4, 5 and 6. The top two in each group will playoff for the title on Tuesday afternoon, August 7.

Class "C" consisting of 24 players will be divided into three groups of eight. Each group will play a seven game round robin Saturday forenoon, August 4. The top two in each group will playoff for the championship Monday forenoon, August 6.

"Old Timers" Division, for players 60 years of age or more. Twelve players will qualify for round robin play Saturday and Monday forenoons, August 4 and 6. "Old Timers" must pitch 200 qualifying shoes the same as the entrants in the other divisions. If they qualify high enough for the Championship, Class "B" or Class "C" divisions, they will be entitled to compete in the Class they qualify for if they so choose, but they must make their decision by midnight Thursday, August 2.

Note. 108 players will qualify for round robin play in the various divisions of the men's tournament. Class "C" players will complete their play by Saturday afternoon, August 4, unless they are one of the six players who gain a place in the playoff Monday afternoon, August 6.

Women's Tournament. Will be held Wednesday afternoon, August 1 with the deadline for entries at one o'clock. Type of play will be determined by the number of entries, but the entire tournament will be played in one day. Entry fee will be \$5.00.

Junior Tournament. For players who have not yet reached their 17th birthday. Preliminary play will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, July 30, with all entries divided into groups, each group playing a round robin. Eight top players will have championship playoff Tuesday evening, July 31.

Entry fees. Players in the Men's division will pay a \$10.00 entry fee with the 36 players in the Championship division paying an additional \$10.00 and players in Class "B" an additional \$5.00. There will be no entry fee for Juniors and only trophies will be awarded as prizes.

**THE NEW JERSEY STATE ASSOCIATION SCHEDULE**

- May 30 (Wednesday 12:30 p.m.) Junior A.A.U. Tournament. Englewood Courts — next to Englewood high school stadium.
- June 3 (Sunday 12:30 p.m.) Union County Open at Warninoco Park, Elizabeth, New Jersey. Classes according to entries. Sponsored by Union County Park Commission. Non handicap tournament.
- June 17 (Sunday 12:30 p.m.) John Rosselt Memorial at Warninoco Park, Elizabeth, New Jersey. Classes according to entries. Sponsored by Union County Park Commission.
- July 7 (Saturday 12:30 p.m.) Essex County Open, Branch Brook Park, Newark, New Jersey. (Ringer cancellation handicap system). Classes according to entries. Rain date—the following Saturday.
- July 15 (Sunday 12:30 p.m.) New Jersey Open at Branch Brook Park, Newark, New Jersey. Non handicap tournament. Classes according to entries. Rain date—the following Sunday.
- August 12 A. A. U. Tournament at Riverside Park — North Area, Riverside, Avenue, Lyndhurst. Qualifying starts 10:00 a.m. —tournament starts 12:30 p.m. Four classes — entry fee \$1.50. Rain date September 23.
- August 19 (Sunday 12:30 p.m.) New Jersey State Singles Championships. Closed tournament. Classes A, B, and C. Branch Brook Park, Newark, New Jersey. Rain date — the following Sunday.
- September 9 (Sunday 12:30 p.m.) New Jersey State Doubles. Closed tournament. Classes according to entries. Englewood Courts, next to Englewood high school stadium. Rain date — the following Sunday.
- Tournament Director, Bill Kolb, 120 Rutgers Street, Belleville, N. J.

## WORLD TOURNAMENT HOSTS

### THE DARKE COUNTY HORSESHOE PITCHERS' ASSOCIATION

The Darke County Horseshoe Pitchers Association of Ohio is responsible for bringing the World Tournament to Greenville this summer and laying the groundwork for a successful tournament. The NHPA is grateful for their hard work and fine co-operation.

The moving spirit behind this club for many, many years has been Levi Brumbaugh, the club President, who is well known to Ohio and Indiana players for his work in promoting the game. Years ago he was a top ranking player.

Workhorse of the club is E. J. "Cricket" Coppock, the Business Manager. He is more than that, however, for he is not only an astute organizer but also takes care of any and all chores that need doing. He is also one of the best groundskeepers in the game.

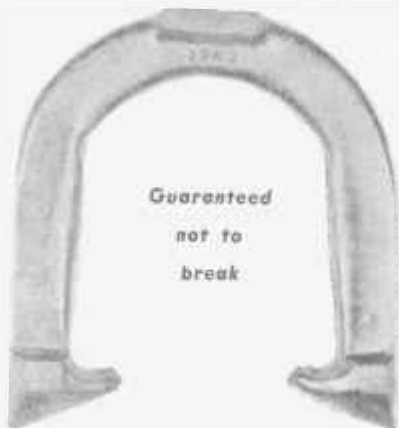
The death of Charles Coppess this past winter robbed the group of an efficient Secretary-Treasurer, but he has been replaced by another competent individual in Floyd Coblentz.

Berdine Scholl is the club's Vice-President, but there are many more good workers in the organization who will be very much in evidence during the World Tournament.

Located only a few miles from the Indiana state line the club's program is so outstanding that a number of Hoosier players are regular members including Marvin Craig, Ben Farmer, Clyde Green, Robert Brooks and others.

Big tournaments are no stranger to Greenville. The annual Ohio state tournament is held on these courts, a big Fourth of July Open is an annual event and the Midwest "Ringer Round Up" was staged there in 1960.

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

	W	L	R	SP	%
Sotero Libatique, South Gate .....	5	0	154	290	53.1
Ronnie Simmons, Norwalk .....	4	1	162	316	51.3
Jiggs Gasaway, Baldwin Park .....	3	2	148	298	49.7
Larry Hahn, Glendora .....	1	4	132	324	40.7
Clem Birkenbach, Baldwin Park .....	1	4	130	320	40.6
Roy Pentecost, Orange .....	1	4	150	336	44.6

**GROUP TWO**

	W	L	R	SP	%
Norman Smith, Culver City .....	4	1	156	288	54.2
Willis Martin, Torrance .....	4	1	157	296	53.0
Harry Platt, Maywood .....	3	2	148	320	46.3
Elmer Beller, Bellflower .....	2	3	131	302	43.4
Fred Brown, Lynwood .....	1	4	123	296	41.6
Sam Puopulo, Baldwin Park .....	1	4	115	298	38.6

**CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYOFF**

	W	L	R	SP	%
Norman Smith, Culver City .....	3	0	111	196	56.6
Sotero Libatique, South Gate .....	2	1	90	172	52.3
Willis Martin, Torrance .....	1	2	77	168	45.8
Ronnie Simmons, Norwalk .....	0	3	88	196	44.9

**POMONA — SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA****OPEN CLASS "D"****GROUP ONE**

	W	L	R	SP	%
Fred Brown, Lynwood .....	5	0	146	272	53.7
Elmer Beller, Bellflower .....	4	1	145	284	51.1
Al Cauchon, Pasadena .....	3	2	150	338	44.4
Buster Parker, Norwalk .....	2	3	113	312	36.2
Lyman Bailey, No. Hollywood .....	1	4	133	338	39.3
Ernest Durr, La Puente .....	0	5	90	312	28.9

**GROUP TWO**

	W	L	R	SP	%
Glenn Brown, South Gate .....	4	1	140	274	51.1
Sam Puopolo, Baldwin Park .....	4	1	151	350	43.1
Mel Lingenfelter, Fontana .....	3	2	122	290	42.1
Glenn Dias, Azusa .....	2	3	119	296	40.2
Fred Percy, La Habra .....	1	4	104	292	35.6
Marshall Oesteriech, Glendora .....	0	5	82	282	29.1

**CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYOFF**

	W	L	R	SP	%
Glenn Brown, South Gate .....	3	0	100	176	56.8
Elmer Beller, Bellflower .....	2	1	106	204	52.0
Fred Brown, Lynwood .....	1	2	75	182	41.2
Sam Puopolo, Baldwin Park .....	0	3	78	190	41.0

## Turning Back the Pages of Time . . .

*The following article submitted by Leland Mortenson of Des Moines, Iowa and Frank Lundin, former world's champion, living in New London, Iowa, will be carried in subsequent issues of the News Digest. It is a very historical article and has many interesting items throughout.*

### THE 1922 NATIONAL FALL TOURNAMENT

By LELAND MORTENSON

There have been National horseshoe pitching tournaments since 1909, but it has only been since 1919 that fairly accurate records have been kept. We have been very fortunate in that there has never been a National tournament that was a failure. They have all been interesting and the competition has always been keen and players were strained to the best of their ability. As a result of this keen competition the crowd of spectators was always fairly good-sized. As the games progressed the interest and excitement grew more intense.

The 1922 National tournament which was played at the Iowa state fair is generally regarded as having everything that gave it the distinction of having been the most interesting tournament ever to have been played in Iowa, perhaps any place. The best players in the world were there and the fans were "bubbling over" with enthusiasm. The tournament was won by a man considered a "dark horse," a product of Iowa, of whom we shall hear more about as this story progresses.

Because of a suggestion made to the Iowa state fair board by Frank Jackson, horseshoe pitching was made a part of the state fair program of events in 1920. Doubles tournaments were held in front of the grandstand that year and also in 1921. Frank Jackson and his son, Hansford, were easily the masters in these contests. In 1922, the state fair board built 16 courts and put up prize money for both the State and National tournaments. The appearance of the courts are pretty much the same now as it was then except that a fence now surrounds the courts. The fair board plans called for all the players to compete in groups of eight and playing in a round-robin. The winner was to play a two out of three game match with Frank Jackson for the state title. The climax that was reached in that state contest is still a conversation piece among the old timers and is discussed as much as the National held at that time.

The National tournament was scheduled to follow the state meet. The method of elimination was to be by the eight-man group system. The group system had advantages over the 100-shoe qualifying system if players were to be seeded according to their records, in that all players were more equally divided. The group system proved satisfactory in that tournament.

The state and National tournaments were both held and sponsored by the Iowa State association and the National association, and the National League of Horseshoe Pitchers. The state meet drew 81 entries.

The Iowa association was organized shortly before the date of the tournament and was disbanded soon after. It had no direct connection with the present and much more efficient Iowa state association. The president was James McKeon of Des Moines. The treasurer was Tom Fogarty also of Des Moines. The secretary was G. C. Mericle of Dallas Center. Fogarty was in charge of court maintenance, a job which he held until his health failed in 1935 forcing him to retire from the game. He was not a promoter but was just a well-liked man who spent many hours at the courts in Birdland park in Des Moines. He was an immeasurable asset to the game and his very presence seemed to draw others to the courts. Both he and Mericle were active in state contest working in an official capacity but dropped out soon after.



**1922 NATIONAL TOURNAMENT — (Continued)**

Any state fair visitor arriving at the horseshoe courts on the morning of the first day of that original meet would have found Tom Fogarty slowly working the courts into condition assisted by another fellow. Fogarty was a very well informed man when it came to discussing horseshoe pitching and could be relied on to assure his listeners that it was almost a certainty that either Frank Jackson or C. C. Davis would win the National title that year.

About this time a rather roughly-dressed boy showed up at the courts with a pair of horseshoes. This 16-year-old lad had scaled the fence in the early morning before dawn and had hidden himself in one of the barns until the fair police had made their early morning patrol. He did this each day and pitched in the qualifying rounds even though he lost every game with one of them being a "skunk" at the hands of Hansford Jackson. However, as time went on, that same young fellow developed to the point that at the present time he has held the Iowa state championship more times than any other man in the history of the association. He has also held every office in the National association and has taken part in almost every convention battle of importance since 1939. That fine gentleman is Dale Dixon, a successful contractor of Des Moines, Iowa, and also manufacturer of the "Dixon" Victory shoe.

(To be continued in the next issue)

**BALDWIN PARK — SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA****CLASS "B" OPEN****GROUP ONE**

	W	L	R	SP	%
Henry Durr, Los Angeles .....	5	0	189	322	58.7
Clarence Percy, La Habra .....	4	1	191	316	60.4
Jiggs Gasaway, Baldwin Park .....	3	2	180	330	54.5
Harry Platt, Maywood .....	1	4	171	314	54.4
Ronnie Simmons, Norwalk .....	1	4	139	290	47.9
Clem Birkenbach, Baldwin Park .....	1	4	144	304	47.0

**GROUP TWO**

	W	L	R	SP	%
Harry Morse, Beaumont .....	5	0	241	382	63.1
Edgar Gruell, Inglewood .....	4	1	231	352	65.6
Jim Brown, Bellflower .....	2	3	225	374	60.2
Ed McFarland, Covina .....	2	3	204	368	55.4
Clarence Cummins, Orcutt .....	1	4	198	360	52.8
Larry Hahn, Glendora .....	1	4	171	340	50.3

**CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYOFF**

	W	L	R	SP	%
Harry Morse, Beaumont .....	3	0	121	184	65.8
Clarence Percy, La Habra .....	2	1	135	218	61.9
Henry Durr, Los Angeles .....	1	2	124	222	56.8
Edgar Gruell, Inglewood .....	0	3	141	236	59.8

**NINTH ANNUAL LAKESIDE, OHIO OPEN, JUNE 30, 1962**

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

## COMING EVENTS

- May 20 — Connecticut Closed Tournament, Middletown, Conn.
- May 20 — Special Membership Drive tournament, Birdland Park, Des Moines, Ia.
- May 26-27 — Goshen Invitational, Fairgrounds, Goshen, Ind.
- May 26-27 — Bryant Memorial Open Tournament, Laurelhurst Park, Portland, Oregon.
- May 30 — New Jersey Junior Amateur, Englewood, N. J.
- May 30 — Annual Spring Warm-Up Tournament, Lawrence Park, Rock Falls, Ill.
- June 2-3 — Tournament of Champions, Phelps Grove park, Springfield, Mo.,
- June 2-3 — Greenville, Ohio Open.
- June 3 — Connecticut Open Tournament, Middletown, Conn.
- June 3 — Tournament, McKinley park, Creston, Iowa
- June 3 — Union County Open, Waninoco Park, Elizabeth, N. J.
- June 9-10 — Rose Festival Open Tournament, Laurelhurst Park, Portland, Ore.
- June 9-10 — West Indiana Newcomers, Dornier Park, Frankfort, Ind.
- June 9-10 — East Indiana Newcomers, Heekin Park, Muncie, Ind.
- June 17 — Rosslet Memorial Open, Warninoco Park, Elizabeth, N. J.
- June 17 — Annual County Tournament, City Park, Falls City, Nebraska
- June 17 — Iowa-Hawkeye Members' Trophy Picnic Tournament, Birdland park, Des-Moines, Iowa
- June 22 — Des Moines Open tournament, for all, Birdland park, Des Moines, Ia.
- June 22-23-24 — Eastern National, City Zoo Park, Erie, Pa.
- June 23-24 — 4th Annual Montana-Dakota tourney, Ringer courts, Wibaux, Mont.
- June 24 — Massachusetts Open, Moxies Grove, Hampton Ponds, Holyoke, Mass.
- June 29-30 — Lakeside Open, Lakeside, O.
- July 4 — Greenville 4th of July Open (Qualify July 1)
- July 7 — Essex County Open, Branch Brook Park, Newark, N. J.
- July 7-8 — Midwest "Ringer Round Up," Heekin Park, Muncie, Ind.
- July 15 — Annual 4-State Tournament, City Park, Falls City, Nebraska
- July 15 — New Jersey Open, Branch Brook Park, Newark, N. J.
- July 15 — Willie Paradis Tournament, Middletown, Conn.
- July 21-22 — Northern Indiana, City Park, Wabash, Ind. (Qualify the previous weekend.)
- July 22 — Pomona-Riverside "F", Pomona or Riverside
- July 28-29 — Doubles (48 Men), South Gate
- July 28-29 — Annual Northwest Open tournament, Ramsey County Fairgrounds, St. Paul, Minn.
- July 28-29 — Western Indiana, Dornier Park, Frankfort, Ind.
- July 28-29 — Eastern Indiana, Heekin Park, Muncie, Ind.
- July 29 — Family Day—Picnic and Tournament for boys under 17, Middletown, Conn.
- July 30-August 8th — WORLD TOURNAMENT, CITY PARK, GREENVILLE, O.
- August 12 — Galesburg Open, Lincoln Pk., Galesburg, Ill.
- August 12 — Trade Territory Tournament, City Park, Falls City, Nebraska
- August 12 — New Jersey Amateur, Riverside Park, Lyndhurst, N. J.
- August 11-12 — 4th Annual Hibbing Open tournament, Bennett park, Hibbing, Minn.

**CORRECTION — 4-State Tournament, to be held JULY 15 instead of June 15, Falls City, Nebraska.**

## MINNESOTA STATE NEWS

Joe Anzaldi, the new Minnesota state secretary, reports that the 4th annual Hibbing Open tournament will be held on the Bennett park courts in Hibbing, Minnesota on August 11-12. More information later. Also that plans are being made for the annual Boys' state tournament. Also that the annual Northwest Open tournament will take place on July 28-29 at the Ramsey County fairgrounds, St. Paul, Minnesota. He is anticipating a visit of NHPA officials at one of these meets.

## TENNESSEE CHAPTER ELECTS OFFICERS

The Tennessee State Chapter, newest of the NHPA Associations, elected new officers and made plans for the coming season recently.

Former President, Ben Raskopf, 3539 Talahi Drive, Knoxville, takes over as Secretary-Treasurer, replacing Chambliss Pierce.

The new President is O. D. Lebow of Knoxville, well known left-handed player and former state champion. John Walker of Jefferson City and Roger Norwood of Knoxville are the Vice-Presidents.

The state tournament will be held in Knoxville's Tyson Park where the group is trying to obtain additional courts. Defending state champ is George Fortenbery of Knoxville, who has held the title for two years.

## ABOUT THE MILLER BREWING COMPANY . . . . .

When the Miller Brewing Company "teamed up" with the NHPA to sponsor trophies at the state and national meets, it came as no surprise to people who are familiar with the sports-minded Milwaukee brewery.

Miller High Life's advertising slogan, "The National Champion of Quality," is a clue to the brewer's penchant for supporting wholesome, worthwhile sports activities.

Miller has been a "patron of the sports" for many years. This is due partly to the fact that the late Frederick C. Miller, descendant of the founder and former president of the brewery, was himself an All-American football player for Notre Dame during his college days and carried with him a profound respect for the moral values and physical fitness of sports participation.

Another consideration is the brewery's century-old concern for conducting its business in such a way that it benefits the public as well as itself.

Probably Miller's best known sports activity in recent years was its sponsorship of the "All-Star Golf" television show. Miller was the first sponsor of the show, enabling it to get on the air, and continued its support for three full seasons.

Also in the realm of golf, the brewery sponsored five consecutive Miller High Life golf tournaments in Milwaukee. Golfdom's greatest competitors—Arnold Palmer, Sam Snead, Tommy Bolt, Gary Player and many others — journeyed to Milwaukee each summer to vie for the \$35,000 in prize money.

Miller is well-known in the baseball world, too. The brewery is now beginning its tenth season as sponsor of radio broadcasts of all Milwaukee Braves exhibition and regular season games. These are carried on a 'Braves network' of some 40 stations in Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota and Michigan.

The brewery also is a co-sponsor this year of the Braves' first telecasts.

Miller has been a long-time and regular friend of many other sports. Winners of a national competition among ski clubs receives a handsome Miller trophy. So do winners of a number of state-wide trap-shoot tournaments. A nationally-famous bowler, Ray Schanen, is an adviser to Miller and regularly travels around the country giving clinics and exhibitions and competing in tournaments.

One of Miller's most popular programs for sports fans is its sports film library. The brewery maintains more than 2,000 prints of some 150 different movies — all of them professionally produced films on a variety of sports.

Topics included are baseball, basketball, football, golf, skiing, automobile racing, hydroplane racing, fishing and bronco-busting.

Most of the films run half an hour. All are 16mm with sound. Many are in full color.

All of these films are available free of charge to any civic, social, church or fraternal group that writes in to request one. The only cost to the group is return postage to the brewery. Any interested person can write to: Film Section, Miller Brewing Co., 4000 W. State St., Milwaukee 1, Wisc., for a free booklet containing a list of all films and sample order blanks.

The sports film library is the largest of its kind in the world and each year has a 'boxoffice' of more than 20 million persons.

## DO YOU WANT TO STAY YOUNG? — READ ON . . .

Bruce Walters of Salt Lake City, Utah, submits the following interesting news item concerning a fine gentleman in Salt Lake City by the name of George Greener. Mr. Greener, who is 80 years old and pitches a turn and three-quarter shoe, played 536 games in 1961 against Class A pitchers winning 319 and losing 217. They were 50 point games. He credits his good health and longevity to pitching horseshoes. We congratulate Mr. Greener on his wonderful pitching.

## ANNUAL "TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS" — JUNE 2-3

The annual "Tournament of Champions" will be held at Phelps Grove park in Springfield, Missouri on Saturday and Sunday, June 2-3. Floyd C. Toole of Pine Bluff, Arkansas will be the defending champion.

Ringer percentage will constitute qualifying scores for placement in the various classes. Entry fee of \$3.00 together with ringer percentage must be in to Alfred O. Smith, Missouri state secretary, Rt. 6, Box 608, Springfield, Missouri, one week before the tournament starts. Class B consisting of eight men will start play at 1 P.M. on June 2nd. Class C, with eight men will begin at 9 A.M. on June 2nd.

Class A round robin of 12 men will start competition at 10 A.M. on Sunday, June 3rd.

Two trophies will be awarded in the Class A division, two also being given in Class B, the winner of Class C will also receive a trophy.

## EASTERN IOWA ASSOCIATION ELECTS OFFICERS

At a recent meeting of the Eastern Iowa Association the following officers were elected to govern the association for the coming year. Howard Huntiel, president, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Everett Sproston, secretary-treasurer, 933-22nd St., Marion, Iowa.

## FRANKLIN COUNTY (MASS.) OPEN LEAGUE GETS UNDERWAY

As we go to press, the Franklin County Open League of Orange, Mass., got underway for the season. The schedule calls for 20 weeks of competition. Two new clubs are entered from Gardner. Others are from Orange, Peter-sham, Erving, Turners Falls and Greenfield. The schedule is divided into two rounds with an East and West division. The winner of each half or round to play off for the division title. The winner of each division will play for the county championship. Horseshoe pitching activity is picking up greatly and a good season is anticipated.

## PENNSYLVANIA SET FOR A VIGOROUS SEASON

By CLYDE MARTZ

Here we are ready to launch the 1962 season with as much or more vigor than ever. Our thanks to the National association for the fine coverage given to events in the Keystone state. Horseshoes have come a long way in this state, and it is expected that even more interest will be shown in the future. Undoubtedly we owe most of our success to the excellent efforts and results of our state secretary, Glen Sebring.

The Pittsburgh area is also showing much improvement over the past few years. Our newspapers have given us a tremendous amount of publicity. Only a few months ago the Dormont Recreational Board granted us \$500 to erect a new court, an extensive lighting system, and a hard surface area for the courts. This was due mainly to the efforts of our manager, Mike Riedl.

Dormont Recreational Area will host the following tournaments: Allegheny County Invitational Horseshoe Tournament. July 9 to 15. Qualifying rounds will be held from July 9 to 11 a.m. July 14. All residents of Allegheny County are eligible to participate in this tournament. Al Zadroga is the defending champion.

Pittsburgh Area Tournament, August 13 to 19. Resident of Allegheny, Westmoreland, Beaver, and Washington Counties are eligible to enter this tournament. Qualifying will take place from August 13 to 11 a.m. August 18.

For further information about any of the above tournaments, please write or call: Clyde W. Martz, 1510 Dunluce Drive, Prospect Park, Pittsburgh 27, Pa., Tuxedo 1-6131.

## KEENE, NEW HAMPSHIRE OPEN TOURNAMENT CANCELLED

The Keene, New Hampshire club regrets to announce that due to circumstances beyond their control, the Open tournament scheduled to be played on the new Keene club courts on June 10th has to be cancelled. The new seeding of the courts will not be ready by that date. Watch the News Digest for further information concerning New Hampshire tournaments.

## NORTH DAKOTA NEWS

Kindred's 3rd Open Horseshoe Tournament will be held at Mill Site Park, one mile south of Kindred, N. D., June 9th and 10th.

The Red River Open Tournament will be held at Oak Grove Park in Fargo, N. D., on June 30 and July 1.

The North Dakota State Tournament will be held at Mill Site Park one mile south of Kindred on Sept. 1st and 2nd.

The Kindred City League has been organized again with eight teams entered in weekly competition.

The Kindred Ladies League that was organized for the first time last year, had eighteen active members last year and it is expected to have a larger membership this year.

## VALLEY COUNTY (MONTANA) OPEN MEET SET FOR JUNE 10

The first annual Valley County open horseshoe tournament will be held at the Kiwanis Park courts at Fort Peck, Montana, Sunday, June 10, 1962, at 10:00 A.M. There will be 4 classes with 8 players to a class, 1st and 2nd place trophy awards for each class. Each player will pitch 100 shoes (using the count all method) to qualify. Qualifications should be certified by a league secretary. The qualifying score will also be used in case of a three way tie or more for an award position if time does not permit a playoff. In the event of a tie between two players for an award position, they will play one (1) fifty point game. Qualifying scores and \$4.00 entry fee must be in by June 2nd.

This tournament is sponsored by the Valley County Horseshoe Club. All mail should be addressed to Bing Burns, Box 287, Fort Peck, Montana, League Secretary. Roger Barnaby, Secretary-Treasurer of the Montana-Dakota Division of the N.H.P.A. from Wibaux, Montana, will conduct the tournament.

## 4TH ANNUAL MONTANA-DAKOTA MEET TO BE HELD JUNE 23-24

The 4th Annual Montana-Dakota tournament will be held on the Double Ringer Horseshoe Courts in Wibaux, Montana on June 23rd and 24th. Entrants will be required to pitch 100 shoes (all-count method) to qualify in order that players can be divided into classes for tournament play. Qualifying will take place on Saturday morning, June 23rd. Players will be divided into four or five classes, depending on the number of entries.

Trophies will be presented to the player pitching the highest score in the qualifying round and to each of the top two players in each class. Medals will be awarded to the players that qualify for Class "A", but do not place.

William Lybeck of Kindred, North Dakota is the defending champion.

The entry fee is \$5.00, plus \$1.00 additional for all players who qualify for Class "A." Players from North and South Dakota and Montana are eligible to enter. Entries must be in not later than May 24th, 1962.

Roger J. Barnaby, Tournament Chairman, states that due to the heavy construction activity in the Wibaux area this year, you should write him and he will make hotel or motel reservations for you. Send your entries and request for reservations to: Roger J. Barnaby, Tournament Chairman, Box 111, Wibaux, Montana.

## MIDWEST "RINGER ROUND UP"

The annual Midwest "Ringer Round Up" will be held July 7-8 on the Heekin Park courts in Muncie, Ind. This is an NHPA sanctioned event and Curt Day of Indiana is the defending champion.

Muncie club officials, Cliff Tomlinson, Floyd Volley and Art Arbogast along with National officers Bob Pence and Harold Craig and Indiana Secretary, Earle Wilmore.

The deadline for entries will be noon Saturday, July 7. Round robin finals in all classes will be held Saturday afternoon and evening and all day Sunday.

Players may use qualifying scores posted in previous 1962 NHPA tournaments such as the Greenville Open, Lakeside Open, Eastern National, etc., or they can qualify on the Heekin Park courts Friday evening, July 6, or Saturday forenoon. Entry fee will be \$5.00.

The championship trophy will be awarded by the Miller Brewing Co. The Muncie club hopes to make this a big tournament as it will take the place of the World Tournament on the organization's schedule of events for 1962 as the club has been host to the World Tournament the past two years.

## EARLY WARM UP TOURNEY IN PENNSYLVANIA

New Brighton's courts will be the scene of an early season Warm Up tournament on Sunday, May 23, which will be an NHPA sanctioned event. The New Brighton courts will be the scene of the Pennsylvania State Tournament later in the season. Herman Boyer of Beaver, Pa., head of the Beaver Valley League, will be the tournament manager.

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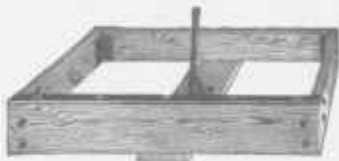
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