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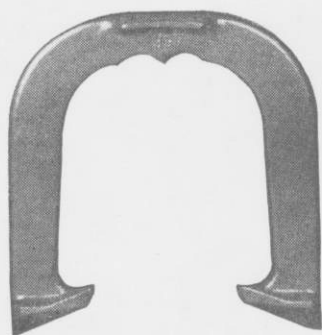


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Your March Issue of the News Digest Was Late . . . because . . .

Due to a severe attack of the "flu" which kept me confined to bed for almost two weeks and not having very much strength after returning to work, I was unable to get the March issue of the News Digest in the mail on schedule. I am just now beginning to feel like I did before I was ill.

I trust that all the members will understand the predicament that I was in.

F. Ellis Cobb, Editor

To All State Secretaries and State Representatives

All state secretaries and state representatives are asked to send their requests for NHPA sanction blanks and tournament sanctions to Mrs. Lucille Hopkins, 912 East 2nd Street, Ottumwa, Iowa. First classes of tournaments may be sanctioned but all members in these classes sanctioned must have either a white NHPA card or a pink NHPA card in order to participate. Mrs. Hopkins further states that she will answer all questions pertaining to the game if within her power to do so.

Lakeside Open Date set for June 29

W. J. Woods of the Ohio Buckeye association announces that the annual Lakeside Open tournament will again be held on the Methodist Church grounds at Lakeside, Ohio on Saturday, June 29th. Further details will be announced in a later issue of the News Digest.

COVER PICTURE . . .

Ira O. Jensen of McCabe, Montana and a member of the Culbertson Club is shown holding the Championship trophy that he received for winning the 1962 National A.A.U. Tournament played at Helena, Montana, and with all other trophies that he has won. He is a member of the Montana-Dakota Division of the N.H.P.A. and has been a member since it was organized and received its charter on January 1, 1959.

Local Club Issue Delayed Until May

The special local club issue, scheduled for April, will be delayed until the May issue.

A flood of last minute material from local clubs all over the country made it impossible to whip the stories into shape for April, and we want no local news left out.

This should be a most interesting issue. We probably won't hear from all the NHPA connected local clubs and groups for many do not take the trouble to forward material. Nevertheless the response has been very good and the issue will be a good register of clubs and courts.

Readers will be interested in how some of the clubs operate and finance their activities. The Lockport, N. Y. story will show what good organization and proper sponsorship can accomplish. The Pike Co., Ohio article will show a practical and new way of financing local activities.

The issue will list inter-city leagues operating on a number of different courts, clubs using handicap systems, "count-all" scoring and "cancellation".

We still need to hear from clubs in Southern California, Montana, Western Pennsylvania, North Carolina and some parts of New England and New York.

Information should be sent to Bob Pence and should contain the name of the club, or, if it is not formally organized, the name of the city or county; the number and location of the courts and whether they are lighted; a list of the officers, or if there are no officers the names of the chief boosters; type of competition of a local nature and a listing of the 1962 champions. If team play is used the name of the champion team and the individual players on it should be listed.

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Famous "Lattore" Soon To Be On Market

Lee Jacobs of Belleville, Michigan, in a letter to the News Digest editor, states that the famous "Lattore" horseshoe, a popular pitching shoe in years past, will be back on the market this year. His organization has received the official O.K. from Mr. Harold Craig, president of the NHPA, on the drawings for the new shoe. The die is now being made, and it is hoped that the new shoe will be ready sometime in April or the first of May.

Longest Tournament In History?

Some new faces were seen among the more familiar faces as Dale Dixon won all his games to capture the 1st place trophy of the Central Florida Fair Open Tournament.

This tournament — the longest in the memory of the players — started in Orlando, Fla. March 1st and ended March 17th in Bradenton, Fla.

Sponsored by the Central Florida Fair Association, the tourney got off to a good start with 6 pitchers in C class and 8 in D class playing on Friday, March 1st.

Lloyd Neal, Ind., and S. F. Byers, Fla., winning 1st place trophies.

Eight players in classes A and B were scheduled to start March 2nd at 10:00 A.M., the rain started instead!

Most of the players stayed overnight and B class began Sunday March 3rd. Again the rains came! The tourney was postponed until March 9th.

John Rademacher, Fla., became the victor in B class before the rains again halted the pitching once more!

The Bradenton Club kindly extended an invitation for the Tournament to continue at Bradenton, March 17, with a match game between Bradenton and Orlando to follow.

So the "luck of the Irish" was with us and the tourney was finally finished March 17th, St. Patrick's Day, at Bradenton.

(Bradenton easily won the match game against Orlando even with J. Foster and J. Wilkinson pitching for Orlando.)

Trophies were furnished for 1st and 2nd place winners in each class by the Central Florida Fair Association.

Mrs. Opal Corbett, along with her husband, Ted Corbett, were appointed by the Orlando Club to have charge of the tournament.

CLASS A			CLASS B				
	W	L	%		W	L	%
D. Dixon, Iowa	7	0	78.3	J. Rademacher, Fla. ..	6	0	70.0
J. Foster, Neb.	5	2	70.4	W. Hoover, Fla.	5	1	85.4
J. Clingen, Fla.	5	2	66.7	B. McNutt, Fla.	4	2	70.5
J. Wilkinson, Ohio ..	3	4	62.5	G. Noga, Fla.	3	3	55.9
C. Lundgren, Mich. ..	3	4	59.1	J. Ellis, Fla.	1	4	38.0
Anderson, W. Va. ...	2	5	63.3	D. Clingen, Fla.	1	4	53.7
C. Stephens, Fla.	2	5	72.0	E. Ridge, Fla.	0	5	53.0
A. Pawela, Fla.	0	7	62.2				
Play-off game for 2nd place							
Won by Joe Foster							

CLASS C			CLASS D			
	W	L	%		W	L
L. Neal, Ind.	4	1	59.7	S. Byers, Fla.	7	0
R. Gross, Mich.	3	2	56.4	R. McNutt, Mich.	5	2
J. Tyner, Fla.	3	2	52.0	R. Hazen, Fla.	4	3
G. Kuhn, Pa.	3	2	41.4	F. Woods, Fla.	4	3
B. Shaffer, Fla.	1	4	39.2	C. Milks, Fla.	3	4
H. Hubbard, Mont. ...	1	4	40.4	O. Corbett, Pa.	1	6
Play-off for 2nd place						
Won by R. Gross						
				Orsahl, Fla.	1	6
				T. Corbett, Pa.	0	3
				Webster, Fla.	1	3

Tournament Class Designations

Dividing all tournament entrants into classes on the basis of ability determined either by a qualifying round or past performance is a good practice and gives everyone an opportunity to play in round robin competition.

This has not always been the case. Years ago a tournament arbitrarily placed the players in groups for preliminary play. This resulted in some groups being far stronger than others. Beginners, average players and champions were lumped together in a group with lopsided mismatched games resulting.

The use of a qualifying round came into general practice in the 1933 World Tournament, but for years only top players took part in the round robin finals. The unsuccessful qualifiers were dropped from further competition thereby killing off the incentive of the beginners and average players.

Today with classes and a place for all players in the round robins the number of entries has increased tremendously and so has the number of tournaments.

Designating the classes as "A", "B", "C", etc., made sense until the number of entries extended the classes down through the alphabet as far as Class "P" as in Indiana and Ohio tournaments. The New England tourney last fall with more than 100 entries is another example. The same holds true in other states to a lesser degree.

To receive and display a trophy engraved "Champion Class" "M" or one of the lower classes and inform friends of your ranking destroys the significance of the performance.

A suggestion was recently made which I believe has merit and avoids the present unsatisfactory system.

Rename Class "A" the Championship Division, for that is exactly what it is, the winner of any tournament, be it the World or any city tournament, is the champion of that particular event and adding Class "A" to the title is unnecessary and adds to trophy engraving expense.

The next five classes could be designated as Five, Four, Three, Two and Star Divisions. Engraving on trophies could utilize the actual symbol of stars.

The next five classes could be designated as the "Expert" Divisions using the roman numerals I, II, III, IV, and V.

If more classes are needed the term Booster Divisions could be used for that is exactly what these players are — boosters of the game with skill enough to compete. It is a better term than "Consolation" which seems to denote a "booby prize" or novice, amateur or beginner, all of which denote a lack of skill.

Thus if this idea was adopted the set up would look like this on trophies and in print:

Old	New	Old	New
Class "A" —	Championship Div.	Class "H" —	Expert II Div.
Class "B" —	Five Star Div.	Class "I" —	Expert III Div.
Class "C" —	Four Star Div.	Class "J" —	Expert IV Div.
Class "D" —	Three Star Div.	Class "K" —	Expert V Div.
Class "E" —	Two Star Div.	Class "L" —	Booster I Div.
Class "F" —	Star Div.	Class "M" —	Booster II Div.
Class "G" —	Expert I Div.	Class "N" —	Booster III Div.

If the NHPA and the State Associations would follow this plan it would be more meaningful and would add incentive for players to improve and advance through the various Booster, Expert and Star Divisions to the Championship Division.

FROM HERE AND THERE

At a recent meeting of the St. Paul, Minn., Ramsey County club, the following officers were elected: Leo Reinhardt, president; Frank Schneider, vice-president; Elmer Bishop, secretary; Jerry Bovee, treasurer, and Bill Lorenz, recording secretary.

New Canadian Chapter In NHPA Family

The Greater Vancouver Horseshoe Pitchers' Association of British Columbia is the newest addition to the family of official NHPA chapters and a hearty welcome is hereby issued to our new friends from Canada.

This is a live wire group which was organized only last fall and already has 40 active players operating two leagues of five man teams with both an indoor and out door program.

The two leagues use a handicap system and play on Monday and Wednesday nights. The indoor play has ten courts with the season running from October through March with the outdoor season starting in April and lasting through September. Sundays are reserved for open play and special events.

Relations have been established with other clubs and formation of a league is in prospect along with players from Stanley Park and Richmond in British Columbia. Close contact with the Bellingham club across the border in the state of Washington has been made.

Officers of the new chapter are as follows: President, Art Oakes, 3485 East 28th Ave., Vancouver; Vice-President, Harry Brock; Secretary-Treasurer, Bernie Lepper, 34 N. Howard Ave., Burnaby, British Columbia.

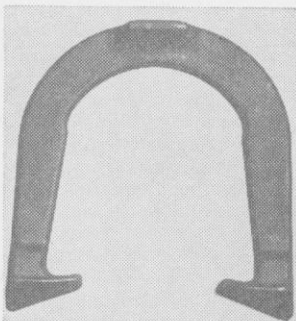
Robert Shreve of North Burnaby has been an NHPA member for a number of years and active in promoting the game in this area. Players at the World Tournaments in Utah will also remember Stan Dahl, a really outstanding player, who also hails from the Vancouver area. It is not known at this time whether Dahl and Shreve are in the new group.

Several of the new group plan to attend the World Tournament at South Gate this summer.

The new chapter and its officers are to be congratulated on its excellent organization and program.

NEW, IMPROVED — TED ALLEN HORSESHOES

To pretty 16 year old Sue Gillespie of Portland, Indiana we extend our very best wishes for a successful defense of her world's ladies' title at South Gate, California this year. She won it in 1962 with the old Model Allen's.



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Things You Should Know About South Gate, California, Host City For 1963 World Championship Horseshoe Tournament

South Gate is the City of Opportunity, as depicted on the city seal, with its eye to the future, progressive, prosperous and ambitious.

Incorporated in 1929 the city has enjoyed a constant growth in population, commerce, and manufacturing. Today it enjoys the distinction and enviable reputation of being the city where industry and family living are compatible. The calibre and experienced workmen making up a segment of the citizenry provides an attractive labor pool for all types of industry.

A councilmanic city government with a five member city council and a chief administrator officer are responsible for the policy making, and an understanding legislative program for the welfare of the large and small manufacturer, the individual citizen, and the home owner.

An elected city clerk and city treasurer also administer their obligations. Eighty-six policemen and 66 firemen constitute the personnel of these departments. Juvenile delinquency is at a minimum due in part to recreational facilities, supervision, and efficient enforcement.

South Gate with a population of 56,246 enjoys one of the lowest tax rates in California. A .61¢ per \$100 valuation also includes a .14¢ levy for retirement. It is a debt free city, paying as it goes. Last year the city's sale tax amounted to \$1,050,000. It is 7½ sq. mi. in area with 20,660 dwellings including 18,349 residences and 1,608 business places with an assessed valuation in excess of \$115,000,000. Building permits in 1961 amounted to \$6,325,000. It enjoys a percentage of 57.05 home-ownership. It is 114.5 feet above sea level and has a mean temperature of 63.9 degrees with an average rainfall of 14.54 inches.

South Gate insurance rates are in Class 4. Sixteen city owned wells augmented with MWD water from the Colorado river make it possible for residents to only pay .09¢ per hd. cu. ft. They enjoy a low 80¢ monthly rate for refuse collection. The average age of South Gate citizens is 40 years. The average family income is in the \$7,000 to \$8,000 bracket.

There are no parking meters in South Gate which has an off-street parking district that includes a 6,200 foot area. One hundred and thirty miles of paved streets brings the shopper within minutes of many convenient shopping districts.

Five banks with deposits in excess of \$55,000,000 and with loans varying from \$35,000,000 to \$50,000,000 serve the city's financial needs along with numerous building and loan associations and other financial agencies.

The Union Pacific and Southern Pacific railroads and all major intra and inter-state trucking companies, some of which have their terminals and headquarters here, provide fast, efficient overland transportation. Nearby deep harbor facilities and trans-world aviation companies provide direct shipping routes. Greyhound and Continental bus companies serve South Gate.

Public utilities include Southern California Gas Company, Southern California Edison Company, and Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company.

South Gate is ideally situated in expanding Southern California with its ideal climate, just south of the smog belt, where evening sea breezes clear the atmosphere and make living more enjoyable. It is not too close 'n not too far, but just right for everything.

South Gate boasts its million dollar Civic Center — a County Library with over 20,000 volumes — County Courts Building — City Hall — Police Station — together with its three strategically located modern fire stations with the finest equipment obtainable.

South Gate's 93 acre park is the largest and most complete municipal park in California in comparison to population. Estimates place present value in excess of \$5,000,000. A civic auditorium seats 1,200 besides providing other rooms for lesser numbers.

Things You Should Know — (Continued)

A municipal plunge features outdoor Olympic size swim stadium and is open daily from May to October. A lighted nine hole pitch and putt golf course covers eight acres. A picnic area, with all modern facilities can accommodate 6,000 people at any given time. A modern Girls Club House with huge auditorium and stage provides ample room for meetings and banquets of any size.

A new Senior Citizens Building with adjacent shuffle board courts provides varied recreational facilities. An art center, baseball diamonds, tennis courts, archery range, horseshoe pits, basketball, volleyball, shuffle board, roque and croquet courts together with a tiny-tot wading pool and an attractive landscaped Boy Scout area with individual troop buildings make South Gate Park outstanding. Another two acre Hollydale Park and a Tot-Lot also provide enjoyment for the leisure minded.

Scores of churches representing every denomination; Six grade schools, a parochial school, a Junior high school and a high school; Service club, civic club, YMCA, women's club, and fraternal club buildings provide adequate centers and accommodations for the spiritual, cultural and social activities of the community.

Minutes away is the blue Pacific providing the finest beaches along the West Coast with bathing, swimming, boating, sailing, water skiing and fishing. Too in nearby areas are to be found skiing, tobogganing, skating and other winter sports or golf, hiking, camping or fresh water fishing . . . while the Coliseum, Sports Arena or Chavez Ravine are within minutes for the sportsman and his family.

You are invited to open the "gate" to South Gate at the 1963 World Tournament on July 28 thru August 6. Plan NOW!

In Memoriam

The Canadian Association has been saddened by the passing of one of its outstanding pitchers, Graham Mawson. He passed away on January 29, 1963.

After the Clouds, the Sunshine,

After the Winter, the Spring,

After the Shower, the Rainbow,

For life is a changeable thing.

After the Night, the Morning,

Bidding all darkness cease,

After life's Cares and Troubles,

The Comfort and Sweetness of Peace.

Mr. Mawson had attended many state tournaments and it was his wish that someday he would be able to attend a World tournament but fate would not allow it. He was always one of the top 12 in Canadian National Exhibition play. He helped design the raised platform playing boxes that were used inside at the Canadian National Exhibition and Royal Winter Fair. He was a fine gentleman and a grand sportsman and his presence will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

The sympathy of the Canadian Horseshoe Pitchers' Association together with the National Horseshoe Pitchers' Association of America is extended to the bereaved family.

Future World Tourney Requirements

The 1962 NHPA convention saw two clubs bidding for the 1963 World Tournament, the first time such a problem ever arose. Usually the NHPA has had to search and scratch for sponsorship.

Now we have a number of clubs seriously entertaining plans of landing future tournaments. Among these are the old standbys, Muncie and Greenville, along with Keene, N. H., Topeka, Kan., the New York World's Fair. There are also others, especially in the Midwest.

This is a healthy sign and for the benefit of these clubs and others, and to answer all at one time here are the basic financial and physical requirements.

It takes at least 16, 18 if possible, regulation courts with either permanent or temporary raised foul lines, good clay, secure stakes and a good lighting system for night play. The courts must be encircled by some type of fence for safety and have good bleacher accommodations for at least 2,000 spectators and for 4,000 if possible.

Other necessary facilities include a big 4 by 16 foot scoreboard plus a smaller bulletin board, both of a blackboard type. Some type of sheltered office space for the recorders must be provided next to the courts such as a tent as at Greenville, clubhouse as at Muncie or office trailer as at Murray. The grounds should have adequate rest rooms, refreshment stands and drinking water. Other musts include a large room for the NHPA convention and some place for an NHPA party or dinner.

The local club should also provide a P.A. system, willing and capable groundskeepers along with sufficient spare clay, stakes and tools for maintaining the courts.

The city must have sufficient and reasonably priced housing and restaurant facilities.

The local club must be able to assure the NHPA of having at least \$3,000 ready to meet tournament expenses and prize money prior to the tournament.

These are the requirements Greenville, Muncie and Murray have met in the immediate past and which South Gate is meeting this year.

Indiana Plans Summer Activities

The Indiana Association held its spring meeting and annual election of officers at the 4-H Community Center in Lebanon. Representatives of 15 local clubs attended, viewed the NHPA films of the 1962 World Tourney and enjoyed refreshments served by the Boone County Horseshoe Club which acted as hosts.

Officers elected for the year were: President, Don Ownes of Summitville; Vice-Presidents, Art Moore of Wabash, Joe Schilling of Lafayette, Marvin Craig of Randolph Co., and Paul Van Sickle of Indianapolis; Secretary-Treasurer, Earle Wilmore of Gary.

The State tournament will be held at Frankfort over Labor Day with qualifying two weeks previous at various center.

The Muncie club will stage the Midwest "Ringer-Round-Up" at a date to be announced later, and will also hold the Indiana-Ohio Open in Sept.

District spring tournaments will be held May 18-19 at Muncie, Cayuga, Goshen, and Kokomo. Other district spring tournaments will be held the following week end at Frankfort, Connersville and either Winchester or Anderson.

Northern, Southern and Central Indiana tournaments will all be held on the same week end, July 13-14, at Wabash, Indianapolis and Kokomo respectively. The Eastern Indiana at Muncie will be June 15-16 and the Western Indiana at Frankfort 8-9. A Southeastern Indiana at Connersville will be held at a date to be announced later.

West Virginia Association Plans For Centennial Open

Tentative plans have been made to hold a Centennial Open tournament at the Parkersburg City Park courts in Parkersburg, West Virginia on August 17 and 18. This meet will be one of the many activities in the celebration of the 100th birthday of the state of West Virginia. This tournament is expected to draw many of the top pitchers from many areas. More information will be forthcoming in future issues of the News Digest.

The annual West Virginia State tournament will be held at the City park courts in Parkersburg on August 31 and September 1. Officers of the Association are as follows: Archie Pratt, president; Dennie Freshour, vice-president, and Mrs. Anna Lindquist, secretary-treasurer.

Two Big Open Meets At Greenville, Ohio

The Darke County Association of Greenville, Ohio, has announced plans for holding two big open tournaments this season on the courts where the 1962 World Tourney was staged.

The Greenville Open will be played June 1-2. Entry fee will be \$5.00, 100 shoe qualifying Friday, May 31, 6 to 9 P.M., and Sat. 9 A.M. to 2 P.M. The lower classes will start play Saturday afternoon and evening and the higher groups on Sunday.

The Greenville "Ringer Classic" will be held July 6-7. The Park Dept. will contribute to the prizes which total close to \$1,000. The meet will be conducted by the Ohio Buckeye Association, 100 shoe qualifying round will be held July 4th, 4 to 7 P.M., July 5th, 9 A. M. to 9 P.M. and July 6th, 9 A.M. to 2 P.M.

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Butler County, Penna. Has Strong Doubles League

In Butler County in Pennsylvania horseshoe pitching centers around their strong doubles league. As yet there is not any singles league. Officers elected at a recent meeting are as follows: Charles Neigh, pres.; Albert Bowman, vice-pres.; Russ Bigley, secr., and Everett Stepp, treas.

When the game horseshoe is mentioned one name stands far in front of all others in our county. His name is PAUL MILLER. Consistently he has had the top ringer percentage in the league, second half

	R	SP	%
PAUL MILLER, Butler City H&F Club	420	660	63.6
Everett Stepp, Meridian	430	802	53.6
Blair Shever, Herman	443	844	52.6
"Willie" Kummer, Butler City H&F Club ...	345	666	51.8
Frank Murphy, Fenelton	431	848	50.8
Bill Alexander, Meridian	425	838	50.7
Ray Noah, Meridian	326	652	50.0

The eight teams that participated in the league in 1962 in order as to where they finished as follows: (2nd half)

	W	L	%		W	L	%
Butler City	66	18	78.6	Chicora	43	41	51.2
Fenelton	58	26	69.1	Petrolia	22	50	30.5
Meridian	56	28	66.7	Starr Grill	20	52	27.7
Herman	49	35	58.3				

Meridian won the first half with a brilliant 63 wins and 24 losses. Fenelton was the runner-up with 62 wins and 22 losses. In the play-off in September, Butler Hunting and Fishing tripped up Meridian 13 wins to 11 wins for Meridian. Since the league was started in 1952, the league has grown to over 125 men.

The courts all have clay, lighted, have cement walk-ways or boxes and on level areas of ground. There is plenty of space for parking at all locations.

Excerpts From South Dakota Association

We have league play, using a handicap system. The winners of each division pitch off using a round robin method. Each team is sponsored by a local merchant who furnishes shirts and donates the entry fees.

Leigh Dunker and his team were winners of his group and also winners in the play-off last season. They are as follows: Leigh Dunker, Everett Cloos, Ray Schoppe, Eugene Ehrman and Glen Palmer. Frank Martian is the sixth man.

Officers of the Brown County club are Don Schaunaman, president; Eugene Ehrman, vice-president and Ernest Hassinger, secretary-treasurer.

Leigh Dunker and Lloyd Swartwout were tops in the James River tournament with Hal Fisher and Ray Schoppe taking honors in the B section.

Washington State Association

At their fall meeting, the Seattle Club voted to sponsor a FRANK NOVAK MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT in honor of their long time fellow member and friend who passed away last year. Since Frank was one of those hardy souls who enjoyed pitching the year around, it was decided to make this the first tournament of the year.

With our newly elected State Secretary, Gary Alexander, having been called into Uncle Sam's Air Force, State President Phil Luoto has asked us to take over the duties. For such a hard working president, we are happy to do our best.

First Annual "Heart of America" Open Set For June 9

By HARRY J. STROHM

The first annual "Heart of America" Open tournament will be held at Budd park, Kansas City, Missouri on Sunday, June 9. Plans call for 16 pitchers in Class A and 8 men in each of the other classes. Class A will consist of 2 groups, with 8 men in each group. The top 2 of each group will pitch for the championship. Class A and B will start pitching between 12 and 1 P.M. on Sunday, June 9 with the other classes starting at 9 A.M. of the same day. Entry fee will be \$4.00 each. Class A will be sanctioned. Pitchers will qualify on their own courts with the proper verifications of their scores. ALL PITCHERS will be awarded cash prizes and trophies. All entry fees and qualifying scores are to be sent to Mr. Harry J. Strohm, 7730 Main St., Kansas City, Missouri not later than June 1st. All players entering will pitch. Directions on how to get to the courts will be sent to all qualifiers as well as the time that they will pitch. A cordial invitation is extended to pitchers in Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri and all other states to come and be a part of this brand new tournament. Remember the date, June 9th, make plans now to be there.

New Slate of Officers Elected By Butler, Pa. Club

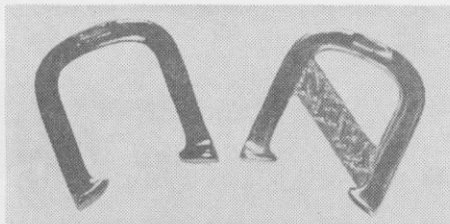
At a meeting of the Butler, Pennsylvania city club, new officers were elected for the 1963 season. They are: Charles Neigh, president; Albert Bowman, vice-president; Riss Bigley, Secretary and Everett Stepp, treasurer. Team captains for the season will be George Covert, Walter Ekis, Archie Huselton, Everett Stepp, Phil Crouse, Albert Koher, Rosie Weiland, Charles Neigh, Milford Collier, Albert Bowman and Ernie Freehling.

Pickaway County, Ohio Ringer-Round-Up

When "fair time" rolls around in Pickaway County, Ohio, thoughts turn to the annual Pickaway County Ringer-Round-Up. This year it will be held August 12 through August 18, at Circleville, Ohio.

After a thrilling climax to last year's tournament in which Kenny Dawes of Good Hope, Ohio out-maneuvered Bill Sollars of Waynesville, Dawes will be the defending champion. There will be five classes with trophies being awarded down to fourth place in each class. Entry fee will be \$2.00. Classes C, D, and E will play on Saturday and Class A and B taking to the courts on Sunday. Ray Goodman, 217 Watt Street, Circleville, Ohio, president of the Pickaway County club will be happy to furnish any further information.

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COMING EVENTS

- April 28 — Frank Novak Memorial tournament, Woodland Park, Seattle, Wash.
- May 4 — Lynchburg, Va. City Doubles tournament, Miller Park.
- May 18-19 — Indiana Spring District tournaments, Cayuga, Muncie, Goshen, and Kokomo, Ind.
- May 19 — Annual Spring Warm-Up tournament, Birdland Park, Des Moines, Iowa
- May 25-26 — Indiana Spring District tournaments at Frankfort, Connersville and Anderson or Winchester, Indiana.
- May 30 — Annual Spring Warm-Up tournament, Lawrence park, Sterling-Rock Falls, Ill.
- June 1 — Lynchburg, Va. City championship, Miller Park.
- June 1-2 — Greenville Open at City Park, Greenville, Ohio.
- June 8-9 — Western Indiana at Dorner Park, Frankfort, Indiana.
- June 9 — First Annual Heart of America, Budd Park, Kansas City, Missouri.
- June 14-15-16 — Northwest Ohio District, Fairgrounds, Wauseon, Ohio.
- June 15-16 — Eastern Indiana at Heekin Park, Muncie.
- June 15-16 — Montana State AAU tournament, Big Timber, Montana.
- June 16 — Annual County tournament, City park, Falls City, Nebraska
- June 22-23 — Perry Sesquicentennial Eastern National tournament, City Zoo park, Erie, Pennsylvania
- June 22-23 — 5th Annual Montana-Dakota tournament, Wibaux, Montana.
- June 23 — Massachusetts Open Championship, Moxies' Grove, Hampton Ponds, Holyoke, Mass.
- June 23 — Iowa Hawkeye Members Trophy Picnic tournament, Birdland park, Des Moines, Iowa.
- June 28-29 — Annual Lakeside Open, Lakeside, Ohio.
- June 30 — Annual "St. Joe" Open tournament, 28th and Edmond Sts., St. Joseph, Mo.
- July 4 — Pittsfield, Ill., Open, Kings Park, Pittsfield, Ill.
- July 4 — Boone County Special, Fairgrounds, Lebanon, Ind.
- July 6-7 — Greenville Ringer Classic, City Park, Greenville, O.
- July 7 — Des Moines Open, Birdland park, Des Moines, Iowa.
- July 6 — Montana State AAU Junior tournament, Miles City, Montana.
- July 13-14 — Northern Indiana, City Park, Wabash, Ind.
- July 13-14 — Southern Indiana, Garfield, Indianapolis, Ind.
- July 13-14 — Central Indiana, Highland Park, Kokomo, Ind.
- July 13-14 — Hill City Invitational, Miller Park, Lynchburg, Va.
- July 13-14 — 5th Annual Erie Northwest Invitational tournament, City Zoo park, Erie, Pa.
- July 13-14 — Annual 4-State Open tournament, City Park, Falls City, Neb.
- July 21 — 6th Annual Culbertson Open Tournament, Culbertson, Montana.
- July 28-Aug. 6 — WORLD TOURNAMENT, South Gate, California
- July 28 — Trade Territory tournament, City Park, Falls City, Neb.
- July 27-28 — Northwest Open tournament, Ramsey County fairgrounds, St. Paul, Minn.
- July 29-Aug. 2 — 4-H Fair tournament, Fairgrounds, Lebanon, Ind.
- Aug. 10 — Virginia State tournament, Miller Park, Lynchburg, Va.
- Aug. 11 — Galesburg Open tournament, Lincoln park, Galesburg, Ill.
- Aug. 11 — Annual Vermont State tournament, South Burlington, Vermont.
- Aug. 10-11 — Northwest U.S. Regional AAU tournament, Helena, Montana.
- Aug. 13-14 — Annual Illinois State tournament, Springfield fairgrounds, Springfield, Ill.
- Aug. 14 — Annual Illinois State Boys' tournament, Springfield fairgrounds, Springfield, Ill.
- Aug. 15 — Afton Iowa County Fair tournament.
- Aug. 17 — Virginia Junior tournament, Miller Park, Lynchburg, Va.
- Aug. 17-18 — Erie County (Penna.) tournament, City Zoo park, Erie, Pa.
- Aug. 17-18 — All States Open tournament, City Park, Falls City, Nebraska
- Aug. 17-18 — Indiana State Tournament qualifying at various centers.
- Aug. 17-18 — Pickway Ringer-Round-Up, Fairgrounds, Circleville, Ohio.
- Aug. 17-18 — Centennial Open, City Park, Parkersburg, W. Va.
- Aug. 18 — Virginia City Open tournament, Virginia City, Montana.
- Aug. 18 — Massachusetts State Championship, Moxies' Grove, Hampton Ponds, Holyoke, Mass.
- Aug. 23 — Farmers tournament, Iowa State fairgrounds, Des Moines, Iowa.
- Aug. 24 — Junior Boys' tournament, Iowa State Fair, Des Moines, Iowa.
- Aug. 24 — Pike Co. Open, Fairgrounds, Pleasant Hill, Ill.
- Aug. 24-25 — Iowa State tournament, Iowa State Fair, Des Moines, Iowa.
- August — Northwestern Illinois tournament, Lawrence park, Sterling-Rock Falls, Illinois
- Aug. 31-Sept. 2 — Washington State tournament, Woodland park, Seattle, Wash.
- Aug. 31-Sept. 1-2 — Indiana State tournament, Dorner Park, Frankfort.
- Aug. 31-Sept. 1-2 — Ohio State tournament, City Park, Greenville, Ohio.
- Aug. 31-Sept. 1 — West Virginia State, City Park, Parkersburg, W. Va.
- Sept. 1-2 — South Dakota State tournament, Aberdeen, South Dakota.
- Sept. 1-2 — Minnesota State tournament, Bennett park, Hibbing, Minn..
- Sept. 1-2 — 5th Annual Montana State tournament, Fort Peck, Montana.
- Sept. 2 — Annual Rock River Valley Open tournament, Lawrence park, Sterling-Rock Falls, Illinois
- Sept. 2 — "Free For All" Open, Fairgrounds, Wauseon, Ohio.
- Sept. 8 — Midland Empire Open tournament, 28th and Edmond Sts., St. Joseph, Missouri
- Sept. 8 — 3rd Annual Baker Open tournament, Baker, Montana.
- Sept. 13-14 — Indiana-Ohio Open, Heekin Park, Muncie.
- Sept. 14-15 — Annual Hill City Open, Miller Park, Lynchburg, Va.
- Sept. 15 — Whiteside County (Ill.) Lawrence park, Sterling-Rock Falls, Ill.
- Sept. 15 — Open tournament, Afton, Iowa.
- Nov. 20-Dec. 1 — Florida State tournament, Bradenton, Fla.

Coming Events—continued

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

April 21 — Class "C" Open, Pomona.
 April 28 — Class "A" Open, South Gate.
 April 28 — Class "E" Open, South Gate.
 May 5 — Class "D" Open, Baldwin Park.
 May 19 — Doubles 24, Men, Baldwin Park.
 May 25 — 60 years and over, Pomona
 June 2 — Added Class "C", Long Beach.
 June 9 — Added Class "B", South Gate.
 June 9 — Added Class "F", South Gate.
 June 23 — Pomona Open "F", Pomona.
 June 30 — Doubles 28, Men, Pomona
 July 6 — Semana Nautica "B" Open, Santa Barbara.
 July 6 — Semana Nautica "A" Open, Santa Barbara.
 July 14 — Special "A" Open, South Gate.

July 20-21 — Western Open, 16 Men, South Gate.
 Aug. 11 — Pomona Open "C", Pomona.
 Aug. 18 — South Gate Open "B", South Gate.
 Aug. 18 — Added Class "E", South Gate.
 Aug. 25 — Added Class "A", Baldwin Park.
 Sept. 8 — Doubles 32 Men, Long Beach.
 Sept. 15 — Added Class "D", Pomona.
 Sept. 29 — Championship "B", South Gate.
 Sept. 29 — South Gate Open "E", South Gate.
 Oct. 6 — Championship "A", South Gate.
 Oct. 6 — Championship "F", South Gate.
 Oct. 13 — Doubles, 48 Men, South Gate.
 Oct. 27 — Championship "D", Baldwin Park.
 Nov. 3 — Championship "E", Baldwin Park.
 Nov. 10 — Championship "C", South Gate.

Washington State Tournament, Woodland Park Courts, Seattle, Washington

A DIVISION

	W	L	R	SP	%
John Monasmith, Yakima	15	0	709	884	80.2
Ed Fishel, Neilton	14	1	628	856	73.4
Henry Knauff, Spokane	12	3	674	934	72.1
Paul Snow, Seattle	11	4	605	922	65.6
Perle Stratton, Chewelah	10	5	625	958	65.2
Wally Reharg, Spokane	10	5	565	942	60.1
Herb Pidde, Seattle	8	7	604	964	62.7
Lloyd Monasmith, Kennewick	8	7	555	914	60.7
Prescott Kaufman, Seattle	7	8	592	968	61.2
Vic Bertoldi, Seattle	6	9	578	970	59.6
Gene Patrick, Toppenish	6	9	441	854	51.6
John Lafferty, Omak	4	11	471	852	55.3
Phil Fishel, Neilton	4	11	478	902	53.0
Howard Shatto, Okanogan	2	13	474	914	51.9
Roy Brumfield, Edmonds	2	13	367	812	45.2
Jim Malvern, Seattle	1	14	365	806	45.3

B DIVISION

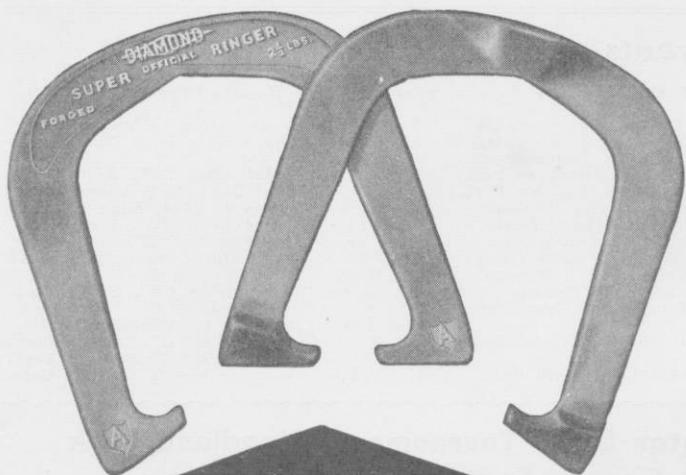
	W	L	R	SP	%
Clarence Swanson, Tacoma	11	0	375	722	51.9
Burl Matteson, Bremerton	9	2	326	588	55.4
Gary Alexander, Seattle	8	3	337	710	47.5
John Reedy, Edmonds	7	4	330	710	46.5
Ed Shidler, Seattle	6	5	373	780	47.8
Bob Ertsgaard, Bremerton	5	6	286	670	42.7
Holbrook Garrett, Seattle	5	6	281	670	41.9
Ed Bartlett, Everett	4	7	297	718	41.4
Ted Bostwick, Seattle	3	8	306	718	42.7
Al Alexander, Seattle	3	8	255	668	38.2
Elmer Reedy, Aberdeen	3	8	252	662	38.1
Fran Francisco, Bellingham	2	9	261	640	40.8

CLASS A HIGHLIGHTS

MOST SHOES PITCHED — Monasmith & Knauff — 104. Highest Ringer Percentage — Ed Fishel against Kaufman — 93.2%.

CLASS B HIGHLIGHTS

MOST SHOES PITCHED — Shidler & Ertsgaard — 94. Highest Ringer Percentage — Matteson against Ertsgaard — 65%.



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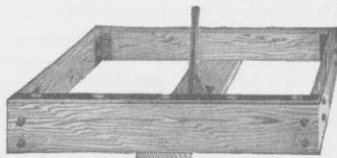
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