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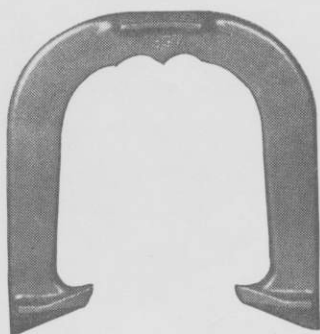


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Arizona Valley of the Sun Open

The Annual winter horseshoe tournament will be held in Mesa, Arizona in February. The class "B" will be held Feb. 16, 17 and the Class "A" Feb. 23 and 24. Starting time will be 12:00 noon.

The deadline for receiving entries will be Feb. 8, 1963. Your 1962 percentage average should accompany your entry fee (\$5 for "A") (\$3 for "B"). The class "B" will consist of 50% and under averages. Participants will be notified of their qualifying positions by Feb. 12. You will need your NHPA Card.

The Winner in Class "A" will receive \$75.00. Runnerup \$35.00; 3rd place \$20.00; 4th \$10.00. The winner in Class B, \$15.00; Runnerup \$10.00; 3rd \$5.00.

We will be looking forward to seeing all our friends. Walter B. Stearns, Secretary, 332 W. 9th St., Mesa, Arizona, WO4-6887.

California Looking Forward To Next Summer

A wonderful tournament was staged at Greenville, Ohio, last summer. The City of Greenville, their State Horseshoe Association, the Greenville Horseshoe Club, all deserve much praise for a job well done. There were many outstanding individuals involved in its success, but over all it was the teamwork of the whole community that brought the ultimate results — by all standards the best ever staged. We in California would be proud to be as good hosts.

The people of this community, and even the majority of horseshoe members, know so little of a tournament of these proportions they will need a shot of high powered intellectual juice to get things under way. The Park Department intends to start work on the horseshoe court improvement in January.

Plans have commenced to jell in our California Horseshoe Association to work out a program of action. We will hold our 1st sanctioned tournament — Class "A" — at Baldwin Park Jan. 27. By the first of March tournaments will be in full swing. The World T. film, taken at Greenville, was shown at our Annual Meeting in December. It is a very fine film and well narrated by Sec. Bob Pence. Make your plans to be with us next July 28 through Aug. 6th.

COVER PICTURE . . . From far off Hong Kong comes this picture of one of our NHPA members who is devoting his life to helping others find happiness and peace. Father Anthony Brennan, formerly of New York City and now serving with the Maryknoll Fathers stationed in Stanley, British Colony, Hong Kong, is holding one of the small children, one of the many refugees who have found asylum in the Bishop Ford Center in charge of Father Brennan. Thousands are finding refuge and safety in this sanctuary guided by this fine man devoted to God and humanity.

South Gate — Southern California

South Gate "E" Open

GROUP ONE

	W	L	R	SP	%
Fred Craven, Los Angeles	5	0	110	242	45.5
Eldon Carrier, Downey	4	1	106	312	34.0
Bill Pevehouse, Pomona	3	2	101	342	29.5
Earl Mang, Buena Park	2	3	80	288	27.8
Lee Wade, Downey	1	4	82	300	27.3
Claude Carrier, Los Angeles	0	5	55	304	18.1

GROUP TWO

	W	L	R	SP	%
Joe McNamara, Los Angeles	4	1	106	290	40.0
Ross Faulkner, South Gate	4	1	123	340	36.2
Jerold Royster, Ontario	3	2	99	298	33.2
Bill Harrison, Bell	3	2	98	298	32.9
Marshall Oesterick, Glendora	1	4	87	318	27.4
Raymond Victor, Huntington Park	0	5	68	308	22.1

CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYOFF

	W	L	R	SP	%
Ross Faulkner, South Gate	3	0	65	168	38.7
Eldon Carrier, Downey	2	1	63	170	37.1
Fred Craven, Bellflower	1	2	53	156	34.0
Joe McNamara, Los Angeles	0	3	46	166	27.7

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Other NHPA Expenses

In order to keep all pitchers and the public informed of what the NHPA is doing in the way of public relations, a considerable sum of money was spent on the filming and processing of the World Tournament this past year. It was done in 16mm and has a narration in sound. This along with the extra cost involved in enlarging the News Digest several times during the year due to the ever increasing amount of copy that comes in, it behooves all clubs and associations connected with the NHPA to buy as many trophies and other NHPA equipment and material as much as possible. By doing this it will improve the financial position tremendously and make a raise in the NHPA dues unnecessary if everyone will cooperate to the fullest extent.

Don't Forget

To obtain your 1963 NHPA membership NOW from your State Secretary or NHPA representative.

To make reservations for the 1962 World Tournament film from Glen Sebring, 1431 West 42nd Street, Erie, Pa., if you live east of Mississippi; from Donald Koso, 2124 Wilson Street, Falls City, Nebr., if you live west of the Mississippi and from Elmer Beller, 15316 "B" Cabell Avenue, Bellflower, Calif., if you live on the Pacific Coast.

To order NHPA sport shirts and T-shirts with identification on the back from Mary Craig, 809 Carson Street, Muncie, Ind. Also NHPA auto plates and windshield decals.

To order your 1963 trophies and official horseshoes of any make from Bob Pence, NHPA Secretary, 341 Polk Street, Gary, Ind.

To order scoresheets, percentage charts, rules booklets, horseshoe court blueprints, Horseshoe Pitching Manuals and other printed material from Elmer Beller, 15316 "B" Cabell Avenue, Bellflower, Calif.

TO SUPPORT THE GAME OF HORSESHOE, THE NHPA AND YOUR STATE ASSOCIATION AND LOCAL CLUB BY THESE MEANS AND IN ALL OTHER WAYS POSSIBLE THROUGHOUT 1963.

We Beg Your Pardon

Through a misunderstanding the last issue of the News Digest listed Ondre Rockwell, an official of the Corning Club, as Secretary of the New York State Association. Actually Mr. Rockwell was serving out the unexpired term of the previous State Secretary.

The New York State Secretary for 1963 is Joseph Pollack, 35 Hazel Street, Binghamton, N. Y. Joe is a long time NHPA member who has been New York State Secretary several times in the past.

Miller High Life Trophies

The Miller Brewing Co. of Milwaukee is again considering sponsorship of the Miller High Life - N. H. P. A. Championship Trophies for the coming year and prospects are bright that the pleasant relationship of the past year will be extended through 1963.

Al Wolf, Publicity Director of the firm, attended the World Tournament at Greenville last summer and was greatly impressed with the event and has recommended that the trophy sponsorship be continued. Definite action by the Board of Directors of the company will be taken in a short time.

Each state association benefited directly from the Miller Brewing Co. donation of the championship trophy in each state tournament plus some six regional tournaments in 1962. The World Tournament awards at Greenville were the most outstanding in the history of the event thanks to the 15 beautiful trophies the Miller Co. distributed in the various divisions of the Men's tournament.

The financial value of these more than 65 trophies was considerable for the Miller Brewing Co. went all out in obtaining really impressive awards, but of even more importance was the prestige gained and the opportunity for publicity which the NHPA gained. It was the first time the game had received backing on a nationwide basis.

This trophy sponsorship is a two way street and it is the duty of the NHPA and the state associations to make the general public aware of the Miller Brewing Co. participation by every possible means.

It is only natural that the Miller Co. desires to know its contribution has been appreciated and borne fruit. State Secretaries and NHPA members who were recipients of the awards should forward all such press clippings along with letters of information about radio and TV announcements and other publicity obtained to Mr. Robert Forte, Trade Relations Manager, Miller Brewing Co., Milwaukee, Wis. Letters of appreciation are also very much in order.

We should also have a sense of loyalty to this firm which has been the first to support the game on more than a local basis. State Associations and local clubs holding meetings, dinners, banquets, picnics and other functions would be helping themselves by remembering the Miller Brewing Co.

Letter of Thanks and Appreciation

Ellis Cobb, Editor
Horseshoe Pitcher's News Digest
Aurora, Ill.

Dear Ellis:

Please express my thanks and appreciation for the multitude of beautiful Christmas cards, season's greetings and Holiday news letters which horseshoe players and NHPA members sent to me and my family.

They were particularly welcome as they came at a time when I was under doctor's care and undergoing several minor sessions of surgery.

I regard them as expressions of goodwill and high regard for the NHPA and the game of horseshoe as well as personal greetings to me. One of the greatest satisfactions of my life is the many wonderful friendships the game and the NHPA has made possible stretching all the way from Hong Kong, China to the New England coast.

May 1963 bring health, happiness and success to each and everyone within the fold of the NHPA.

Sincerely,

Bob Pence, NHPA Secretary

WHY?

With the scheduling of the 1963 World Tournament, July 26-Aug. 8, in South Gate, Calif., the question has been asked, 'After three highly successful tourneys in the Midwest, why move to California so far away from many players and members?'

The answer lies in a judgment of past events, for the World Tournament is a great stimulus to the game in the area in which it is held.

California and the Pacific Coast has for many years contributed much in the way of support, members and top players to the game and the NHPA. They deserve a chance to benefit from the one big event.

Only one World Tournament, that of 1934, has been held on the West Coast. None have been held on the East Coast. Many years ago 11 were played in Florida. Following World War Two, 12 were staged in Utah. All of the remaining 17 including the last three have been held in the Midwest.

The 1959 NHPA convention voted to move the location from one region to another as much as possible. We realize now that the game, the NHPA, State Associations and local clubs would be much stronger today, if the 12 tournaments in Utah had been interspersed with tourneys elsewhere.

Due to the distance it is understood California does not expect a repeat in 1964. At the same time we are obligated to return to Greenville if they want the event again because of the fine co-operation received there. Muncie is another future possibility for the same reason.

The East Coast also deserves a chance to hold the tournament and the NHPA is working on that angle. Regional Director Lee Davis is endeavoring to get the tourney on the 1964 or 1965 World Fair agenda. We would be foolish to turn down such an opportunity but we must admit the prospects are dim because of an apparent inability to locate suitable courts and facilities in the area. For that reason 1965 seems a much more likely target date than 1964.

The Keene, N. H. club with a battery of 24 courts and fine record of accomplishment and promotion for the past two years is another eastern prospect for a one year shot in 1965.

Topeka, with deluxe courts in Gage Park where the Kansas group has done such a fine job for the past two years, is another prospect for the future.

And why not a return to Utah sometime in the near future where we received such wonderful treatment for 12 years?

It must be realized that the NHPA must be working more than a year in advance. Should we go to a tournament expecting to return the following year only to find the local group had found the job too big to attempt two years in a row, we would be behind the eight ball and have to start from scratch at a late hour.

On the other hand a city which puts effort and money into the World Tournament for one year should have an opportunity if it so desires to host the affair again either the following year or after a one year interval.

From Here and There

Sam Goodlander, Ohio Buckeye association secretary, has returned home after a heart ailment that confined him to a hospital for a month. He is feeling much better. Why not drop him a get-well card? His address is Sam Goodlander, 5 Roth Avenue, Reading 15, Ohio.

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Paul and Emma Focht wish to express their thanks to all their many friends and admirers for the many remembrances and congratulatory messages received during the holiday season.

New NHPA Officials

Lack of space in the last several issues has not permitted us to acquaint the membership and give recognition to new NHPA officials elected and appointed at the World Tournament last August.

Three new Vice-Presidents were elected at the National convention.

First Vice-President Elmer Beller of California and Secretary-Treasurer Bob Pence were re-elected while President Harold Craig's term has one more year to run.

Glen Sebring of Erie, Pa., was elected 2nd Vice President. Glen has served as Secretary of the Pennsylvania State Chapter for a number of years and increased his state's membership considerably. He directed the fine Eastern National last summer and is also a top notch player in his own right. Glen will have charge of NHPA films during the coming year.

Clark Bell of Covina, Calif., is the new 3rd Vice-President. A veteran player and promoter of the game in Southern California, Clark will have charge of arrangements and special events at the 1963 World Tournament in South Gate, California.

We are proud of our new 4th Vice-President who represents the distaff side on the NHPA Executive Council. Lucille Hopkins of Ottumwa, Iowa, has been a most efficient and hard-working Secretary-Treasurer of the Iowa Hawkeye chapter for many years, and has also served as NHPA Regional Director. No Iowa tournament is complete without Lucille handling the details. Her husband, Charley, is one of Iowa's most active players. Lucille will handle NHPA special awards including NHPA championship insignias and Certificates of Championship. 1962 awards should be in the mail around the first of the year.

The following Regional Directors have been reappointed for another year: Mickey Vecchitto of Connecticut, Howard White of New Hampshire, Lee Davis of New Jersey, Stan Manker of Ohio, Don Koso of Nebraska, Gerald Kahle of Oklahoma and Major Jack Adams of Canada.

New Regional Directors include two familiar names, Maurine Cook of Salt Lake City for the Rocky Mt. states and Cletus Chapelle of Oregon for the Pacific Coast. Maurine is the daughter of former NHPA President Arch Stokes. She is making tentative plans to hold a big Open tournament in Murray, Utah the weekend before the World Tournament opens in South Gate, Calif., next summer. Cletus Chapelle is a former President of the NHPA.

Other new Regional Directors are Joe Anzaldi of Minnesota for the North Central States and Fred Childress of Virginia for the Southeastern States. Joe Anzaldi has already increased NHPA strength in Minnesota by a substantial number. Fred Childress is an officer of the strong and active Lynchburg club in Virginia where he and others starting from scratch have really put the game of horseshoes on the map.

Turbie Memorial Horseshoe Tournament — Hartford, Conn.

	W	L	R	SP	%
J. Zichella, New York	7	2	417	624	66.8
W. Kolb, New Jersey	7	2	381	630	60.4
H. Bourgeois, Rhode Island	6	3	397	616	64.4
D. Kaddy, Massachusetts	6	3	387	614	63.0
J. Dudek, Connecticut	5	4	350	618	56.6
W. Paradis, Connecticut	4	5	375	662	56.6
G. Giorgetti, Connecticut	4	5	335	612	54.7
J. Renfro, Massachusetts	3	6	351	614	57.1
D. Majewski, Connecticut	3	6	296	584	50.6
H. Johnson, Massachusetts	0	9	338	654	51.6

J. Zichella defeated W. Kolb in playoff for 1st place.

Curt Day In Clean Sweep For Western Indiana Title

CLASS A				CLASS B			
	W	L	%		W	L	%
C. Day, Frankfort	7	0	83.0	J. Atwell, Frankfort	5	2	67.3
K. Van Sant, Cayuga	6	1	71.4	E. Green, Indianapolis ..	5	2	64.0
G. Mendenhall, Noblesv'l	5	2	64.7	E. Billingsley, Lafayette	4	3	64.3
J. Coble, Peru	3	4	67.6	G. Weber, Lebanon	4	3	62.2
A. Quebe, Kirklín	3	4	59.4	O. Harshman, Frankfort ..	4	3	56.3
C. Atwell, Flora	3	4	56.0	N. Brown, Mulberry	3	4	58.8
P. Van Sickle, Indianap'ls	1	6	54.1	F. Emery, Mulberry	3	4	55.8
F. Fowler, Greencastle	Forfeit			G. Johnson Sr., Indianap'ls	0	7	47.5
CLASS C				CLASS D			
	W	L	%		W	L	%
Ed. Sharp, Mulberry	7	0	72.7	T. Dawson, Lafayette	6	1	52.4
J. Schilling, Lafayette	6	1	53.4	R. Wood, Indianapolis	5	2	58.3
F. Coffman, Lafayette	5	2	48.7	A. Lafon, Lafayette	4	3	51.1
C. Hanson, Russiaville	3	4	47.6	W. Hickson, Frankfort	4	3	48.5
J. Crane, Zionsville	3	4	43.9	F. Nesbitt, Lebanon	4	3	53.4
G. Kingma, Lafayette	2	5	43.4	M. Gillespie, Indianap'ls ...	3	4	49.8
Dr. C. O. Haffner, Craw. 2	5	42.7		W. Siebold, Huntington ...	1	6	42.5
V. Taylor, Greencastle	Forfeit			D. Taylor, Crawfordville	1	6	40.8
CLASS E				CLASS F			
	W	L	%		W	L	%
W. Wilhoite, Lebanon	6	1	47.9	J. Dunbar, Thornton	4	1	48.3
E. Toney, Frankfort	5	2	46.9	E. Foster, Indianapolis ...	4	1	43.9
I. Atwell, Frankfort	5	2	43.2	J. Day, Frankfort	3	2	44.0
P. Shirk, Frankfort	3	4	47.1	J. Shuck, Sharpsville ...	3	2	38.3
D. Reeves, Lafayette	3	4	40.0	W. Turner, Lafayette	1	4	26.9
R. Hunter, Wabash	2	5	44.3	F. Kingma, Lafayette	0	5	25.6
R. McKinniss, Lafayette ..	2	5	42.1				
A. Moore, Wabash	2	5	39.2				
(Dunbar won playoff 52-27 with 66% game from Foster)							

Northern California Class "B" Championship

GROUP ONE

	W	L	R	SP	%
George Callas, San Francisco	4	1	147	282	52.1
Paul Dovell, Oakland	3	2	133	292	45.5
Bill Fulwider, Santa Rosa	3	2	121	288	42.0
Bruce Lyon, San Francisco	3	2	106	302	35.1
Doc Thompson, Fremont	1	4	129	296	43.6
Earl Conrad, San Francisco	1	4	101	276	36.6

GROUP TWO

	W	L	R	SP	%
Ralph Forsman, Richmond	3	2	148	306	48.3
George Hoxmeier, Napa	3	2	170	354	48.0
Earl Davis, Oakland	3	2	148	284	52.1
J. Beattie, San Francisco	2	3	136	324	42.0
B. Saatoff	3	2	137	322	42.5
B. Robb, Santa Rosa	1	4	142	330	43.0

PLAY-OFF

	W	L	R	SP	%
Paul Dovell	3	1	137	278	49.2
George Hoxmeier	2	2	142	292	48.6
George Callas	1	2	94	186	50.5
Ralph Forsman	1	2	84	180	46.6

Kansas City, Mo. Club Stages Comeback After 20 Years

Horseshoe pitching has received a "shot in the arm" in Kansas City, Missouri. The City championship was renewed this last season after an absence of over 20 years. The event, although not too large, was an unqualified success. As a result of this meet the Kansas City club will be larger than 1963.

Bob Bales, who hails from Kansas City and an old timer in ringer circles, is a former Missouri state champion, having turned the "trick" in 1961.

In June of this coming season, it is the hope of the club to stage the "Heart of America" open tournament. Plans call for the placing of at least 46 players. In those plans are trophies and monetary awards. No one will be turned away as there will be a place for all. The qualifying fee will be nominal. Pitchers from Nebraska, Missouri, Iowa and other "Heart of America" states are expected to be on hand. Harry Strohm, promoter of this great coming event, would like to have a card mailed to him by the latter part of January or the early part of February. His address is: Harry Strohm, 7730 Main Street, Kansas City 24, Missouri. Sit down now and mail that card.

Results of the City Tournament are as follows:

CLASS A

	W	L
Horace Gilmore	3	0
Harry Strohm	2	1
James Kiper	1	2
G. Kuchinski	0	3

CLASS B

CLASS C

	W	L		W	L
W. Trautwein	5	0	K. Duffett	5	0
J. McBroom	3	2	F. Probst	4	1
E. Rolf	3	2	D. Higgs	3	2
C. Morgan	2	3	D. Kuchinski	2	3
J. Burke	2	3	P. Palmer	1	4
B. Hartley	0	5	J. Trautwein	0	5

1962 New Mexico State Open Tournament

The following is the results of the first New Mexico State Open:

CLASS A

CLASS B

	W	L		W	L
Joe Helms	4	0	P. B. Burns	4	1
P. D. Riley	3	1	Pat Edeal	4	1
Lloyd Jones	2	2	G. S. Hubbard	3	2
Jim Taylor	1	3	Les Cole	2	3
Tom Towne	0	4	Bill Sweatman	1	4
			Uriel Sparks	0	4

Lloyd Jones almost dethroned Joe Helms losing in the last game 49 to 53.

CLASS C

	W	L		W	L
A. C. Taylor	6	0	Charles Rettinger	2	4
Lee Horne	5	1	Fred Grey	2	4
Otis Henson	3	3	Ralph Brandt	0	7
Albert Otero	3	3			

All ties decided by ringer percentage, except for 1st place.

Ralph Brandt acted as Tournament Director and the business men of Belen were the sponsors. Next year it is planned to have the Governor's Tournament in Los Lunas, New Mexico. The Governor has obtained a trophy for presentation at that time, and plans to present the trophy himself at the 4th of July celebration held there each year.

Baldwin Park — Southern California**Baldwin Park "D" Open****GROUP ONE**

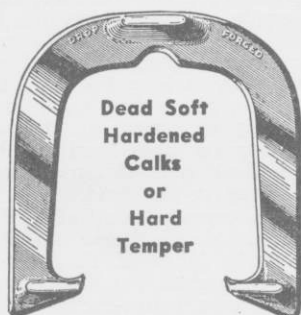
	W	L	R	SP	%
Glenn Dias, Azusa	5	0	157	314	50.0
Clark Bell, W. Covina	4	1	142	302	47.0
Gil Calkins, Azusa	3	2	142	302	47.0
Forrest Norquist, Huntington Park	2	3	131	286	45.8
Eldon Carrier, Downey	1	4	101	288	35.1
Marshall Oesterick, Glendora	0	5	75	244	30.7

GROUP TWO

	W	L	R	SP	%
Fred Craven, Los Angeles	4	1	150	332	45.2
Win Salmond, Los Angeles	4	1	141	328	43.0
Jay Warren	3	2	160	298	53.7
Ross Faulkner, South Gate	2	3	131	332	39.5
Joe McNamara, Los Angeles	2	3	107	308	34.7
Ernie Miller, Whittier	0	5	87	280	31.1

CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYOFF

	W	L	R	SP	%
Clark Bell, W. Covina	3	0	93	190	48.9
Glenn Dias, Azusa	2	1	78	174	44.8
Fred Craven, Los Angeles	1	2	84	190	44.2
Win Salmond, Los Angeles	0	3	70	178	39.3

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An Introduction To Horseshoe Pitching

By CARL VONDER LANCKEN

In an age when records are being broken in all sports, the game of horseshoe pitching has, without fanfare, TV, and big-time promotional backing, perhaps out-stripped the field in the development of skill and the number of records broken. In the space of some forty years probably no other sport has recorded a similar rate of improvement in refining its skill. The sport has become streamlined to the point where the pitchers of today are capable of averaging 80% ringers. Let's look in on a typical scene at one of the annual World Tournaments.

From your seat in the grandstand, accommodating several thousand spectators, you look out over fifteen beautifully kept courts. Soft moist clay surrounds each stake. The pitching platforms are of concrete. Alternating walking paths and belts of green grass occupy the space in the center between the boxes. Powerful floodlights illuminating the pitching areas highlight the well-groomed players in their white uniforms. Men of all ages, from Maine to California, are pitching and walking back and forth (the women have their tourney too, pitching 30 feet).

Now look! The crowd is cheering. Two leading contenders have each thrown both their shoes on the stake for the fifth consecutive time, that is "four dead" in each of five frames, twenty pitches without a score. It's a close game. The crowd is tense. Who will crack first? There it is . . . the first pitcher gets both shoes right up against the stake. The second player hits the top of the stake and the shoe caroms away. Tension is in the air. Then the final toss, beautifully arched, all eyes following it to its landing place — a perfect ringer. The automatic scoreboard registers three points, well earned. That is horseshoe pitching!

Millions love to play the game of horseshoes. It is a sport made to order for the nation's physical fitness program. When doctors are calling for a moderate, low-cost, easily accessible exercise for American adults — there is little need to search further. Horseshoe pitching can be the recreation director's dream come true. From 15 to 85, it is a most wholesome competition. W. O. Maxwell of Ohio was playing in World Tournaments after passing the 80 year mark.

Just as folks can have fun playing baseball in a cow pasture, they can likewise have fun pitching horseshoes on a couple of hastily driven stakes in the backyard or at a picnic. It's just a matter of degree. On a well-kept baseball diamond the quality of skill will be relatively better . . . and so with horseshoes, on level clay courts the shoes will stay where they are thrown. Clay does require moistening and kneading. On the other hand, ordinary broken earth around the stakes becomes muddy or dusty, as the weather dictates. Loose dirt is easily knocked out, leaving the area hard and bouncy. A box filled with sand is sometimes used. The fault with this medium is too much sliding, and delays owing to lost shoes deep in the sand.

Dimensional regulations for courts and shoes come with all official horseshoes bearing the authorized stamps of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association. To build the sport these rules must be followed. There are many ways to set stakes, such as in a block of wood or concrete, but a stake soldered to a metal stakeholder, which is in turn bolted to a below-surface plank, is a popular method of attaining security. Stakes take a heavy beating and require stabilization to prevent being pushed backwards. The rule today is that stakes must protrude 14 inches above the pitching surface and lean inwardly 3 inches.

Now then — to a simple Rx for proper pitching. If one is righthanded, a position should be taken on a left standing platform, opposite or a trifle behind the stake line. The body may be slightly turned inward as the left foot will rest a little to the fore of the right. Raise the shoe to sight the opposite stake. Then, with arm straight, take a long easy swing back and deliver the shoe pendulum-like with a forward left-step and a follow through arm motion.

Some pitchers toss the shoe "flat" all the way. This may result in more

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finger snap, reducing latitudinal accuracy. Another approach is to hold the shoe so that the broad flat surface faces one's side while swinging. In this way it is possible to "level out" the shoe just before release by turning over the whole arm. This provides a less jerky delivery and tends to give the shoe a "wobble" that grabs the stake for surer ringers.

Horseshoe beginners always ask — where does one hold the shoe for proper pitching? Proper pitching means attaining the "open shoe."

Actually, ringers can be made no matter where the shoe is gripped. The point at which the shoe is grasped determines only the number of turns it will make on the way to the stake. Experts are equally divided on the one-and-a-quarter turn and the one-and-three-quarter turn. With the first, the open end of the shoe faces left at the moment of release, while with the latter it faces to the right (reference is to right-handed pitching).

As with bowling, baseball and other sports, some champions attain prominence with unorthodox deliveries. Occasional success has been achieved with a three-quarter turn, a reverse turn, and even with a "flip-flop" or over-and-over turn. The last mentioned theoretically permits the greatest degree of shoe openness for the longest time, and requires no finger or arm twist in the usual manner, thus helping to maintain alignment. It has a serious handicap, however. Ringers land head-on with no "grab," and very often bounce right back off the stake.

A word of counsel to recreation directors. Interest always has to be aroused; it is not generated spontaneously. Development of activity springs from either the demands of some pitchers in the community or from eager farsighted park officials who know how to promote.

Once recreation or park officials have become imbued with the idea that horseshoe pitching can provide the public with skillful, competitive, enjoyable low-cost mass exercise — the next steps are simple: Get the official rules of the game and the basics of court construction from the N.H.P.A., asking to be put in touch with the Organization's area representative. He will advise and assist in obtaining facilities and promoting action.

One mode of promotion, once the courts are built, is to conduct tournaments — one for youngsters, and one for adults — sponsored by the park department and/or the local newspaper. At the same time or perhaps the week following engage an expert to give an exhibition of the fine art of pitching.

The stage is now set for the "organization-minded man" to come to the fore. He issues a news release on a scheduled meeting to form a horseshoe club. Many of those who played in the first adult tournament, plus others, will come to the meeting — especially if it is held in a congenial atmosphere, possibly with a showing of official films of one of the World Tournaments. Talks are made on a program of activity, officers are elected, refreshments served. Organization is under way.

The role of a club is to carry on, with the cooperation of the park department, the basic leadership so necessary on the part of those who have a major interest in the game. A club assists the park in the maintenance of the courts, organizes inter or intra club competition, promotes future tournaments, maintains rules, and generally creates a sense of belonging. Clubs in the past, such as at Exposition Park, Los Angeles; Wade Park, Cleveland; and Lincoln Park, Chicago; all testify to the success of these methods. The Chautauqua, N. Y. Club once boasted 500 members, while some in Florida were said to have even more.

From Here And There

Bob Pence, NHPA secretary, is convalescing after minor surgery for a sinus condition.

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Al Burgess of the Iowa Hawkeye Association has returned home following surgery. While he is convalescing he would enjoy a card. His address is Rte. 3, Marshalltown, Iowa.

Sunshine Pleasure Club Cancels St. Petersburg Open

By R. B. WOODROW

Due to conflicts of dates and other causes beyond our control, the St. Petersburg, Florida Open Tournament will not be held this year. As our club is due for relocation, this tournament may not be held for another year.

Resume of 1962 Montana-Dakota Activities

Roger J. Barnaby, secretary-treasurer of the Montana-Dakota division of the N.H.P.A., states that the game of horseshoe pitching is increasing in the state of Montana at a rapid rate. The club received its N.H.P.A. Certificate of Membership on January 1, 1959. Prior to that time there were no N.H.P.A. members in Montana and no horseshoe tournaments. There are several new clubs forming each year and there are a number of regulation-built courts now in use. There were over fifty members in the Montana-Dakota division of the N.H.P.A. and eight tournaments were held in the state during 1962.

The tournaments and champions were as follows:

First Annual Fort Peck Open, Fort Peck, Montana; Willson Hubbard, Baker, Mont. Montana State A.A.U., Big Timber, Mont.; Ed Holmberg, Big Timber, Mont. Fourth Annual Montana-Dakota, Wibaux, Mont.; Philip L. Prescott, Poplar, Mont. Second Annual Sidney Open, Sidney, Mont.; W. E. McChesney, Jr., Sidney. Fifth Annual Culbertson Open, Culbertson, Mont.; Philip L. Prescott, Poplar. Second Annual Baker Open, Baker, Mont.; Earl Brown, Miles City, Mont. National A.A.U. Tournament, Helena, Mont.; Ira Jensen, McCabe, Mont. Fourth Annual Montana State, Wibaux, Mont.; Philip L. Prescott, Poplar, Mont.

Two tournaments have all ready been set for the 1963 season as follows: Fifth Annual Montana-Dakota Tournament, N.H.P.A., Wibaux, Mont., June 22nd and 23rd, 1963; Fifth Annual Montana State Tournament, N.H.P.A., Fort Peck, Mont., Sept. 1st and 2nd, 1963.

Long Beach — Southern California Championship "A"

GROUP ONE

	W	L	R	SP	%
Jim Weeks, Norwalk	5	0	227	294	77.2
Louie Dean, Pomona	4	1	230	324	71.0
Ronnie Simmons, Norwalk	2	3	210	342	61.4
Jim Brown, Bellflower	2	3	214	352	60.8
Don Peterson, Downey	1	4	235	360	65.3
Jiggs Gasaway, Baldwin Park	1	4	170	300	56.7

GROUP TWO

	W	L	R	SP	%
Gerald Schneider, Bell	5	0	208	254	81.9
Ned Shaver, Whittier	4	1	256	364	70.3
Edgar Gruell, Inglewood	3	2	226	350	64.6
Clarence Percy, La Habra	1	4	277	408	67.9
Jim Gregson, Crestline	1	4	268	408	65.7
Frank Esperanza, Oxnard	1	4	190	324	58.6

CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYOFF

	W	L	R	SP	%
Jim Weeks, Norwalk	3	0	167	216	77.3
Gerald Schneider, Bell	2	1	155	208	74.5
Ned Shaver, Whittier	1	2	152	228	66.7
Louie Dean, Pomona	0	3	123	196	62.7

Horseshoe Pitching Re-Vitalized In Westchester County, New York During 1962

By Carl vonderLancken

A resurgence of interest in horseshoe pitching in Westchester county, New York, prompted the County Parks Department to arrange a series of demonstration program in cooperation with local recreation departments.

Carl vonderLancken, assistant to the president of Westchester Community College and a former NHPA vice-president, demonstrated the finer points of this fine sport. Mr. vonderLancken is a former New York City parks champion and also a former champion of Washington, D. C. He has played and organized tournaments all over the country.

He taught political science, public relations and English before moving into the field of college administration. He resides in Greenburgh, New York. He gave demonstrations in White Plains, Greenburgh, New Castle and at Chappaqua, N. Y.

Mr. vonderLancken has been an avid horseshoe pitcher since early boyhood. It was while he was in Washington that it was his pleasure to engage in a game with the late Alben Barkley, former vice-president of the United States.

Roy Smith Tops In Hartford, Michigan Open

Roy Smith of Muskegon, Michigan, paced the field with a ringer percentage of 75.5 percent to win 9 straight and the title. Ken Jensen of St. Joseph was the runner-up. Class B ribbon went to Clyde Gorton of Wyoming in a close play-off game, 50-48. In a 3-way play-off in Class C, Ralph Kleinfelt of Lansing came out on top.

CLASS A

	W	L	%		W	L	%
Roy Smith	9	0	75.5	Harry Parmer	4	5	68.3
Ken Jensen	7	2	64.6	Ralph Bacon	4	5	56.7
Jim Ostrander	6	3	63.8	Bill Parsons	2	7	51.1
Irwin Carlberg	5	4	64.1	Vern Fuller	2	7	45.8
Al Kerr	5	4	52.4	Jim Davis	1	8	47.6

In Memoriam

Horseshoe pitchers throughout the Midwest were shocked to learn of the untimely passing of two of their most ardent pitchers.

Bert Rogers of Cedar Falls, Iowa, who placed fifth in the 1962 Old Timers' division of the World Tournament, suffered a fatal heart attack while hunting on his farm. He had won many trophies during the many years that he had pitched. Bert, together with his sons, have spent many hours in the support of horseshoe pitching in Iowa and elsewhere.

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Merl Denning, an ardent supporter and great pitcher from Nebraska, was killed December 16 when his light plane crashed near Odessa, Neb. He was one of the most likable pitchers in Nebraska and wherever he was associated. He was a former Nebraska state champion. He was always a top contender in any tournament that he competed in. He will be missed by all those who knew him.

The sympathy of both the Iowa and Nebraska state associations together with the National Association is extended to bereaved families of these fine gentlemen and sportsmen.

Fairfield and Ross Counties (Ohio) Hold Sanctioned Meets

Fairfield County and Ross County, Ohio, each held its first NHPA sanctioned county tournament October 21. The Fairfield County meet was held at the Circleville courts and the Ross County meet was held at Chilli-cothe.

Ottie Reno, Buckeye Vice-President, was on hand to conduct both tournaments, and to help with the organization of the local clubs.

Winner of the Ross County tournament was Paul Roll. Roll defeated Harold Wipert in a play-off which was set by agreement of the players at three best of five.

Jerry Wiseman of Lancaster won the Fairfield County title, using a 47.5% ringer to good advantage to go undefeated. J. D. Rhymer took second with a 58.1% average which included a 68.2% game, but he lost the close one to Wiseman.

ROSS COUNTY PLAYOFF

	W	L	%
Paul Roll	3	2	55.6
Harold Wipert	2	3	52.1

FAIRFIELD COUNTY FINALS

	W	L	%
Jerry Wiseman	3	0	47.5
J. D. Rhymer	2	1	58.1
Howard Roshon	1	2	50.0
Jim Knisley	0	3	41.2

News From Beaver County, Pennsylvania

William Anderson, 215 Pine St., Dawson Ridge Plan, Beaver, Pa., who pitched his first State Tournament at New Brighton, Pa., was killed in a car accident on Saturday, Nov. 3, 1962. Surviving are his wife and three-year old son and a married daughter.

Indoor Courts — 20 men from Beaver County rented a building and put in three horseshoe courts and are getting in some fine pitching. Look out for Burrell Brobeck, Reland Wilson and Frank Peluso who are pitching in the 70 per cent class now. Others who are coming up fast are Paul Smith, Bert Rollins, Jack Rainbow, Howard Funkhouser and Herman Boyer.

Wanted Jobs. — 3 men who have been out of work for 8 months and don't know when they will go back to work. They are Burrell Brobeck, Herman Boyer and Harold Boyer. If you know where these three men can find a job, please contact Herman Boyer, RFD 2, Beaver, Pa. Would like to find jobs in California or Florida.

D. Girard Wins Province of Quebec 1962 Championship

D. Girard of Noranda, Quebec, defeated Lucien Lambert, Drummondville, Quebec for the Quebec Provincial Championship. Girard made 48.6% ringers to Lambert's 40.0% ringers in a sixteen-man round robin event. G. Martin, Drummondville, defeated R. Provencher, Drummondville, for the Class "B" title. J. Leclerc, Drummondville, defeated L. Grondin, Malartic, for the Class "C" title. L. Dumais, Drummondville, defeated G. Tremblay, Rouyn, for the Class "D" title; Class B, C and 12 were 12-man round robin events.

An inter-city team playoff comprising the host club of Rouyn-Noranda, Malartic, Taschereau, St. Hyacinthe, Windsormills and Drummondville was won by the Drummondville club. They won 26 out of 45 games played.

The 1962 Tournament was held at Noranda, Quebec on 21, 22 and 23, July 1962. The 1963 Provincial Championship tournament is scheduled for St. Hyacinthe, Quebec. The 1963 inter-city Club Tournament is scheduled for Windsormills.

Mr. Paul Barrette, 131 - 8th St., Noranda, PQ., Canada, was elected president of the Province of Quebec Horseshoe Pitching Association for 1963.

Notes From Canadian Association

By JACK WOLFE, Pres.

I would like to thank the members of the CHPA for their continuing confidence in me, for electing me for the next two years. I shall do my best to warrant this good faith.

In reviewing the past year's activity, our first tournament in Richmond Hill showed us one thing — that Mr. Ellesworth Crawford must have been in Florida during the winter holiday season to have trimmed such pitchers as Elmer Hohl and Clayton Neeb, who do practice all winter.

We may at this time mention Elmer Hohl, who is not only our top pitcher, but one of Canada's very best Ambassadors of good will below the border. The Editor of the monthly News Digest, the NHPA writes, and I quote — "Elmer Hohl is a true Champion, win or lose."

The new system of "Qualifying" introduced at Barrie and continued at the CNE has brought out the best in some of our lesser-known players, as some new names came to the top, but all the winners were worthy, as they proved in the early rounds. And also this system enables the poorer and less experienced pitchers to get some tournament games in with the best in the land. And the pay-off is that the CNE Officials were delighted at the show it provided.

Jensen of Montana Winner of 1962 A.A.U. National

Ira Jensen of McCabe, Montana and a member of the Culbertson Club pitched his way to the 1962 National A.A.U. championship held at Helena, Montana, last fall. Ira is a member of the Montana-Dakota Division of the N.H.P.A. and has been a member since this club was formed in December, 1958. Ira swept through the Championship round undefeated. He received a gold medal and trophy. Art Olsen of Helena, Montana, who has since joined the N.H.P.A., placed second. He received a silver medal and trophy for his effort. Robert Rambo of Indiana placed third and received a bronze medal.

Willson Hubbard of Baker, Montana, another N.H.P.A. member, pitched the high qualifying score of 226 and received a trophy.

Players were placed into flight 1 and 2 in Class "A" and flight 1 and 2 in Class "B" according to their qualifying position. The top four finishers in flight 1 and 2 of Class "A" advanced to the Class "A" Championship round and the four low finishers in flight 1 and 2 went into the Class "A" consolation round. The top four finishers in flight 1 and 2 of Class "B" advanced to the Class "B" Championship round.

The Class "A" Consolation championship was won by Walter McChesney, Jr., of Sidney, Montana, also an N.H.P.A. member. He received a trophy. John McKinnon of Helena, Montana, who has since joined the N.H.P.A., placed second and received a trophy.

Ace Cantrell captured the Class "B" Championship and received a trophy. Darryl Lee of Helena took second place and received a trophy.

Art Olsen teamed up with Ed Holmberg of Big Timber, Montana, also an N.H.P.A. member, to capture the doubles event. They tied with two other teams for first but then drew a bye in the playoffs and defeated Ira Jensen and Phil Prescott of Poplar, Montana, another N.H.P.A. member, by a score of 50 to 29 in the championship match. The victory gave them the doubles trophies and a pair of National gold medals. Jensen and Prescott each received silver medals. Charles Douglas of Helena, Montana, who has since joined the N.H.P.A., and W. E. McChesney, Jr., placed third and received bronze medals.

This was the first National Tournament held in Montana and was sponsored by the Ringer Flingers Club of Helena, Montana under the direction of Art Olsen.

It was a very successful meet in spite of the inclement weather experienced throughout the majority of pitching.

Pomona — Southern California Championship "B"

GROUP ONE

	W	L	R	SP	%
Ned Shaver, Whittier	5	0	205	316	64.9
Henry Durr, Los Angeles	3	2	198	318	62.3
Ronnie Simmons, Norwalk	3	2	169	298	56.7
Clarence Cummings, Orcutt	3	2	205	362	56.6
Harry Morse, Beaumont	1	4	168	314	53.5
Buster Parker, Norwalk	0	5	120	280	42.9

GROUP TWO

	W	L	R	SP	%
Jim Gregson, Crestline	4	1	244	380	64.2
Don Peterson, Downey	4	1	205	334	61.4
Jiggs Gasaway, Baldwin Park	3	2	195	324	60.2
George Easterling, Los Angeles	2	3	203	360	56.4
Harry Platt, Maywood	1	4	178	336	53.0
Wally Shipley, W. Covina	1	4	146	290	48.3

CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYOFF

	W	L	R	SP	%
Ned Shaver, Whittier	3	0	113	166	68.1
Henry Durr, Los Angeles	2	1	109	184	59.2
Don Peterson, Downey	1	2	111	182	60.6
Jim Gregson, Crestline	0	3	116	212	54.7

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Northern California Bay Area Class "A" Championship

GROUP ONE

	W	L	R	SP	%
Bill Fraser, San Francisco	5	0	203	266	76.3
Larry Morris, Emeryville	4	1	172	274	62.7
Les Anderson, South San Francisco	3	2	182	304	59.8
Paul Dovell, Oakland	2	3	152	294	51.7
Bennie Saathoff, Oakland	1	4	117	272	43.0
Vail Rasmussen, Oakland	0	5	129	286	45.1

GROUP TWO

	W	L	R	SP	%
Marty Santos, Oakland	4	1	212	360	59.0
Al Alameida, Vallejo	4	1	171	288	59.3
Earl Davis, Oakland	3	2	176	338	52.0
Floyd Hopkins, Oakland	2	3	187	342	54.7
Jack Seymour, San Francisco	2	3	155	310	50.0
B. Robb, Santa Rosa	0	5	106	274	38.7

PLAYOFF

	W	L	R	SP	%
Bill Fraser	3	0	133	164	81.1
Marty Santos	2	1	145	236	61.5
Larry Morris	1	2	119	204	58.3
Al Alameida	0	3	102	196	52.0

Pomona Doubles — Southern California

	W	L	R	SP	%
Don Peterson, Downey	11	2	173	332	52.1
Earl Mang, Buena Park	11	2	89	326	27.3
Jim Weeks, Norwalk	11	3	232	294	78.9
Jim Sims, La Habra	11	3	109	294	37.1
Tom Wheeler, Fullerton	10	4	198	372	53.2
Carl Dennis, Lynwood	10	4	162	374	43.3
Leo Pearcy, Anaheim	9	4	158	338	46.7
Fred Craven, Los Angeles	9	4	115	338	34.0
Larry Hahn, Glendora	7	6	131	304	43.1
Boyd Wolf, Pasadena	7	6	116	302	38.4
Jiggs Gasaway, Baldwin Park	6	7	151	324	46.6
Lee Wade, Downey	6	7	83	324	25.6
Ronnie Simmons, Norwalk	6	7	180	336	53.6
Oscar Sandberg, Covina	6	7	70	338	20.7
Wally Shipley, W. Covina	6	7	156	336	46.4
Jerold Royster, Ontario	6	7	109	342	31.9
Buster Parker, Norwalk	6	7	150	342	43.9
Eldon Carrier, Downey	6	7	102	348	29.3
Jim Brown, Bellflower	5	8	165	336	48.1
Mert Wolf, Pasadena	5	8	101	338	29.9
Clarence Cummins, Orcutt	5	8	152	334	45.5
Bill Pevehouse, Pomona	5	8	65	332	19.6
John Balzer, Santa Ana	4	9	178	340	52.4
Paul Bailey, Ontario	4	9	65	344	18.9
Elmer Beller, Bellflower	4	9	106	306	34.3
Joe McNamara, Los Angeles	4	9	93	306	30.4
Ralph Randall, Barstow	2	11	162	350	46.3
Marshall Oesterick, Glendora	2	11	61	350	17.4

That Incentive To Win

By CHARLES STEPHENS

In all player sports and horseshoe pitching in particular, where one contestant is pitted against another individually, the incentive to win is all important. Any detraction from this incentive is naturally detracting from the game itself. Alternating the first pitch for instance, as has been advocated from time to time, is, in substance, like tying a rock about the better player's neck, and expecting him to play his usual game under that handicap. The idea I suppose, is that he will play all the harder, to win, under this condition. The reverse is true. It diminishes his incentive to win. Any horseshoe pitcher worth his salt is trying his utmost to win all the time, regardless of his opponent's ability.

The count-all system advocated by certain segments of the National Association, and all handicapping systems brought forward in recent years, have had that idea in mind, to penalize the better player, and thus, whether intentional or not, to take away that all important incentive to win. It is in a sense, like the Internal Revenue taking 90% of a wealthy man's profit, the idea behind it being, perhaps, that he still will live as well as the ordinary man. That may be true, however it does take away that incentive to make more profit as is being shown in our present day economies.

Admittedly, these forms of handicap do have their place in intra-club activity, to induce more member participation, in that the lesser players will compete on a more equitable basis with players of a better proven capability. Even in those circumstances, the use of the handicap system, invariably dulls the better player's enthusiasm to participate, in that it tends to take away his incentive to win. Looking at it from the lesser player's viewpoint: What satisfaction does he derive from winning or nearly winning from a player who is playing under a handicap, and who has only half his heart in the game?

In tournament play our master schedules are all keyed to the idea that the better players will play the lesser players in that order, top to bottom, the climax being held off until the two top men meet each other in the final round. Under these conditions the first half of any events top player's schedule is against fellows whom he knows he can defeat, and literally scares to death before they even tee off with the first pitch.

Would it not be a better idea, to scramble the schedule, each pitcher in a given class drawing his number from the hat, thus pitting some of the top pitchers with their equals or near equals early in the event, rather than at the very end? This probably would not satisfy some, who desire an exhibition atmosphere as a climax for their event, however it would surely make for a more even contest all the way through, in that it would tend to give the lesser player a better chance of taking down some of the giants, rather than being walloped psychologically before they can get their feet on the ground.

John Clingan 1962 Florida State Champion

In a sparkling campaign to gain the Florida State Horseshoe Pitching Title, John Clingan, Apopka, Fla., was forced in the final game to a sizzling 76.4 ringer average against defending champion John Davis, to become the new Florida State Champion for 1962. John, an old timer at the game, came through with a 9-games won and no loss record. Davis, Charles Stephens, 1960 Champion, and Joe Kelly, all of Bradenton, finished with 6 wins and 3 losses, deadlocking in a 3-way tie for 2nd position. In the tie-breaking playoff, Stephens decisioned Kelly and Davis in succession, winning runnerup trophy, and consolation game was won by Davis, giving him 3rd place award, Kelly taking 4th. This NHPA tournament held at Orlando over Thanksgiving weekend concludes the 1962 tournament schedule. It drew 22 contestants from around the state. Mr. Clingan had already won the High Qualifier award. That, with also being presented the Miller High Life Trophy, amid flashing bulbs, one might say, John was Trophy Happy when the smoke had cleared away.

Florida State — (Continued)

State Association officers elected for the coming year are: John Ellis, Pres., Horace Kemp, VP, Willard West, VP, John Rademacher, VP, Dale Clingan, VP, and Charles Stephens, Secretary-Treasurer.

CLASS A

	W	L	%		W	L	%
John Clingan, Apopka	9	0	62.1	Earl Ridge, Orlando	4	5	53.2
Chas. Stephens, Bradenton	6	3	59.0	George Noga, Orlando	3	6	44.6
John Davis, Bradenton	6	3	61.7	Wm. Hoover, Orlando	3	6	49.4
Joe Kelly, Bradenton	6	3	54.4	H. Spiess, Sarasota	2	7	44.6
Albert Pawela, Howey	5	4	56.2	Les Peary, Bradenton	1	8	38.2

CLASS B

	W	L	%
J. Rademacher, Plant Cy.	5	0	57.4
Horace Kemp, Bradenton	4	1	51.0
Gary Clingan, Apopka	4	1	49.0
Willard West, Miami	2	3	45.6
Dale Clingan, Apopka	1	4	42.8
John Ellis, Bradenton	0	5	37.6

CLASS C

	W	L	%		W	L	%
H. Winslow, Jacksonville	4	1	35.2				
W. F. Bowles, Lockhart ..	3	2	28.1				
E. Smith, Clearwater Bch.	3	2	31.2				
W. Crain, Leesburg	3	2	30.0				
Wes Crittenden, Arcadia ..	2	3	26.1				
J. Orsahl, Apopka	0	5	18.0				

Pomona "F" Open — Southern California**GROUP ONE**

	W	L	R	SP	%
Eldon Carrier, Downey	5	0	114	340	33.5
Earl Mang, Buena Park	3	2	122	330	37.0
Ernie Miller, Whittier	3	2	123	338	36.4
Marshall Oesterick, Glendora	2	3	109	354	30.8
Mert Wolf, Pasadena	1	4	94	360	26.1
Paul Bailey, Ontario	1	4	80	318	25.2

GROUP TWO

	W	L	R	SP	%
Oscar Sandberg, Covina	5	0	117	290	40.3
Boyd Wolf, Pasadena	3	2	109	286	38.1
Bill Harrison, Bell	3	2	109	330	33.0
Raymond Victor, Huntington Park	2	3	79	318	24.8
Joe McNamara, Los Angeles	1	4	96	346	27.7
Jerold Royster, Ontario	1	4	75	294	25.5

CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYOFF

	W	L	R	SP	%
Earl Mang, Buena Park	3	1	96	258	37.2
Oscar Sandberg, Covina	2	2	74	236	31.4
Eldon Carrier, Downey	1	2	66	204	32.4
Boyd Wolf, Pasadena	1	2	60	194	30.6

Long Beach — Southern California**Long Beach Doubles**

	W	L		W	L
G. Schneider, L. Wade	10	1	J. Brown, J. McNamara	5	6
H. Platt, E. Norquist	9	2	G. Brown, W. Shipley	5	6
J. Weeks, C. Carrier	8	3	N. Smith, B. Parker	4	7
R. Simmons, E. Beller	7	4	A. Rogers, C. Bell	3	8
D. Peterson, C. Dennis	6	5	F. Brown, S. Libatique	2	9
C. Pearcy, O. Sandberg	6	5	H. Durr, E. Carrier	1	10

Ontario — Southern California Championship "E"

GROUP ONE

	W	L	R	SP	%
Gil Calkins, Azusa	5	0	135	324	41.7
Leo Percy, Anaheim	4	1	148	300	49.3
Fred Craven, Los Angeles	3	2	132	314	42.0
Eldon Carrier, Downey	2	3	111	308	36.0
Jim Sims, La Habra	1	4	44	250	17.6
Marshall Oesterick, Glendora	0	5	50	272	18.3

GROUP TWO

	W	L	R	SP	%
Tom Wheeler, Fullerton	5	0	146	320	45.6
Lyman Bailey, No. Hollywood	3	2	139	326	42.6
Joe McNamara, Los Angeles	2	3	130	336	38.7
Lee Hall, La Habra	2	3	113	350	32.3
Bill Pevehouse, Pomona	2	3	108	350	30.9
Carl Hovey, Torrance	1	4	89	326	27.3

CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYOFF

	W	L	R	SP	%
Leo Percy, Anaheim	3	0	92	182	50.5
Gil Calkins, Azusa	1	2	77	182	42.6
Lyman Bailey, No. Hollywood	1	2	79	192	41.2
Tom Wheeler, Fullerton	1	2	73	196	37.2

Baldwin Park — Southern California Championship "C"

GROUP ONE

	W	L	R	SP	%
George Easterling, Los Angeles	5	0	178	300	59.3
Ron Long, Santa Paula	4	1	142	264	53.8
Ole Chard, Torrance	3	2	136	284	47.9
Fred Brown, Huntington Park	2	3	149	308	48.4
Wally Shipley, W. Covina	1	4	159	342	49.1
Larry Hahn, Glendora	0	5	80	248	32.3

GROUP TWO

	W	L	R	SP	%
Jim Gregson, Crestline	5	0	163	264	61.9
Gunnar Hansen, Baldwin Park	4	1	181	308	58.8
Elmer Beller, Bellflower	3	2	147	294	50.0
Buster Parker, Norwalk	2	3	140	298	47.0
Clem Birkenbach, Baldwin Park	1	4	153	332	46.1
Gil Calkins, Azusa	0	5	107	284	37.7

CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYOFF

	W	L	R	SP	%
George Easterling, Los Angeles	3	1	129	212	60.9
Gunnar Hansen, Baldwin Park	2	2	128	246	52.0
Ron Long, Santa Paula	1	2	95	176	54.0
Jim Gregson, Crestline	1	2	77	146	52.7

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Little Tid-Bits of Humor

In a confidential little lecture to a group of medical students an eminent physician took up the extremely important matter of correct diagnosis of the maximum fee.

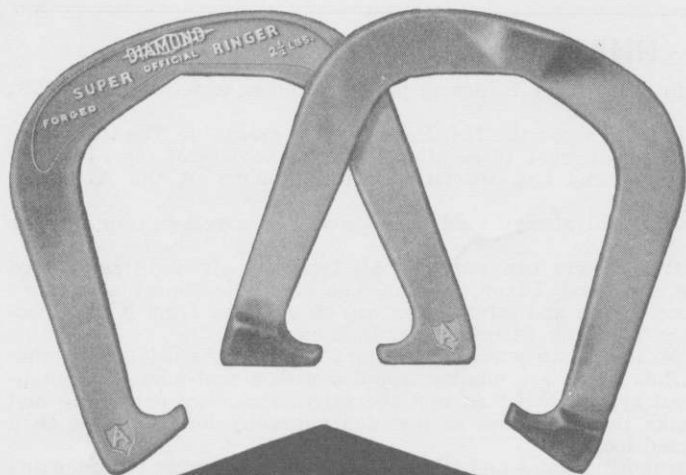
"The best rewards," he said, "come, of course, to the established specialist. For instance, I charge twenty-five dollars a call at a residence, ten dollars for an office consultation, and five dollars for a telephone consultation."

There was an appreciative and envious silence, broken only by the traditional back-row student:

"Say, doc, how much do you charge for passing a man on the street?"

He was tuning the radio when he got a sudden twinge in his back. "I believe I'm getting lumbago," he exclaimed.

"What's the use?" replied his wife. "You wouldn't understand a word they say if you got it."



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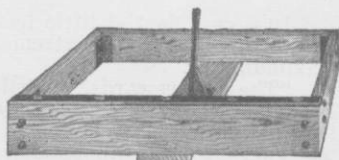
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