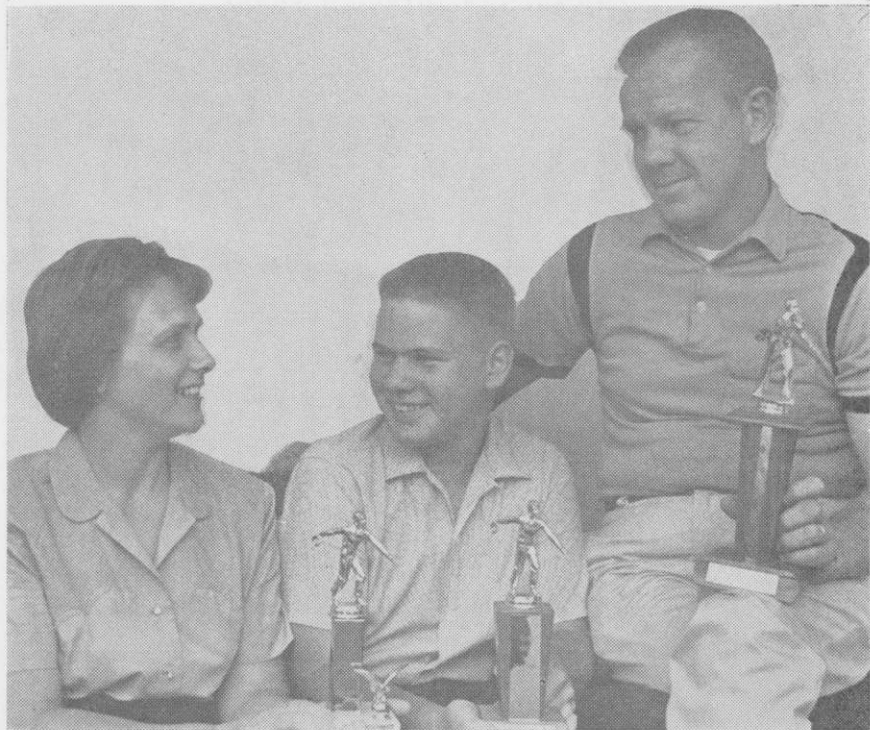


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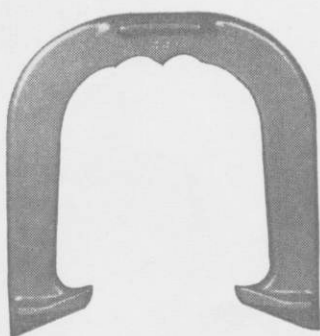


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World Tournament Plans

Plans for the 1963 World Tournament at South Gate, Calif. July 28 through August 6 are underway and progressing satisfactorily.

Elmer Beller and Clark Bell report that the Park Board has already started work on putting the courts and lighting system in top condition and they expect the facilities to be equal to, if not superior to, the ones at Murray, Muncie and Greenville.

The Southern California Association has begun work on the program brochure which will help them finance the event.

Preliminary indications are that a great many old faces will be on hand for the competition and that there will also be a great influx of new blood. Both California Chapters have a large number of top ranking players. Oregon, Washington, Arizona and Utah members will also be present and some British Columbia players in Canada are planning to attend.

During the first four days, Sunday through Wednesday, the men will qualify for places in the Championship, Class "B", "C" and Senior Divisions, the "Old Timers" for players over 60 now bearing the new title of Senior Division. Entries will close at 9 P.M. Wednesday, and an NHPA party will probably be held that night. Thursday morning, Aug. 1, the NHPA's annual convention, business meeting and election of officers will be held to be followed by a dinner. Championship play will start that evening with the wind-up coming Tuesday night, Aug. 6.

Class "C" and the Senior Division will play Friday and Saturday forenoons. Class "B" will play Friday, Saturday and Sunday afternoons with the top six advancing to a playoff Monday afternoon.

Specific dates for the Juniors and Ladies will be worked into this schedule as the Southern California Association thinks best and announced shortly. If there are enough entries both the Ladies and the Juniors will pitch a 50 shoe qualifying round and be placed in classes as the Ladies were at Greenville last year.

Indiana Meeting, March 31

The Indiana Association will hold a meeting for making summer plans on Sunday afternoon, March 31, at the 4-H Community Center at the Fairgrounds in Lebanon, Ind., located two miles S.E. of Lebanon on the city route of U. S. 52.

The meeting will start at one o'clock eastern standard time. The Boone County Club will be the hosts and refreshments will be served and films of the 1962 World Tournament will be shown. Pinocle and other card games will be in order following the meeting.

All members are urged to attend and it is particularly desired that each club and county group be represented. Ed Toney, President of the Indiana Association and Earl Eilmore, Secretary will be in charge.

COMING EVENTS

It is important that all tournaments be listed for the benefit of the membership. Please send listings to Ellis Cobb, Editor of the Horseshoe Pitcher's News Digest, 1307 Solfisburg Avenue, Aurora, Ill.

- April 5-6 — Jefferson City, Tennessee Club tournament, Walker park, Jefferson City, Tenn.
- May 19 — Annual Spring Warm-Up tournament, Birdland Park, DesMoines, Iowa
- May 30 — Annual Spring Warm-Up tournament, Lawrence park, Sterling-Rock Falls, Ill.
- June 16 — Annual County tournament, City park, Falls City, Nebraska
- June 22-23 — Perry Sesquicentennial Eastern National tournament, City Zoo park, Erie, Pennsylvania
- June 23 — Massachusetts Open Championship, Moxies' Grove, Hampton Ponds, Holyoke, Mass.
- June 23 — Iowa Hawkeye Members Trophy Picnic tournament, Birdland park, DesMoines, Iowa.
- June 30 — Annual "St. Joe" Open tournament, 28th and Edmond Sts., St. Joseph, Mo.
- July 7 — DesMoines Open, Birdland park, DesMoines, Iowa.
- 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 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.
- Aug. 11 — Galesburg Open tournament, Lincoln park, Galesburg, Ill.
- 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. 17-18 — Erie County (Penna.) tournament, City Zoo park, Erie, Pa.
- Aug. 17-18 — All States Open tournament, City Park, Falls City, Nebraska
- Aug. 18 — Massachusetts State Championship, Moxies' Grove, Hampton Ponds, Holyoke, Mass.
- August — Northwestern Illinois tournament, Lawrence park, Sterling-Rock Falls, Illinois
- Aug. 23 — Farmers tournament, Iowa State fairgrounds, DesMoines, Iowa.
- Aug. 24 — Junior Boys' tournament, Iowa State Fair, DesMoines, Iowa.
- Aug. 24-25 — Iowa State tournament, Iowa State Fair, Des Moines, Iowa.
- Sept. 1-2 — South Dakota State tournament, Aberdeen, South Dakota.
- Sept. 1-2 — Minnesota State tournament, Bennett park, Hibbing, Minn.,
- Sept. 2 — Annual Rock River Valley Open tournament, Lawrence park, Sterling-Rock Falls, Illinois
- Sept. 8 — Midland Empire Open tournament, 28th and Edmond Sts., St. Joseph, Missouri
- Sept. 15 — Whiteside County (Ill.) Lawrence park, Sterling-Rock Falls, Ill.
- Sept. 15 — Open tournament, Afton, Iowa.

In Memoriam

The Iowa Hawkeye association has suffered a tragic loss in the passing of one of their staunchest members, Kenneth Markley of Mt. Ayr, Iowa. He passed away on February 4 at the Ringgold County hospital.

For the past ten years he had operated the Mt. Ayr "Q" club. He was a great lover of sports, especially in horseshoes where he won many trophies. They were always on display in the window of the club. Through the years "Ken" as he was known, made many friends and always had a kind word and smile for everyone. He had been one of the top pitchers in the state of Iowa and will be sadly missed by all who knew him. The sympathy of the Iowa association and that of the NHPA is extended to his bereaved family.

* * *

The Indiana Association and the Muncie Club lost an esteemed member with the death of Harold Marlow recently. Unable to compete last summer because of ill health, he had played in the 1961 World Tournament in Class "B" and was a valued and hard working member of the Muncie club. The NHPA, the Indiana Association and the Muncie club extends its sincere sympathy to the family.

Californian Wins Valley Of The Sun Class "B"

Glen Brown of South Gate, California (site of the 1963 World's Tournament!) breezed through group 1 of the ten-man round robin, losing only to Oscar Funk of Salt Lake City. Charles Carson, 80-year-old Mesa 'Kid' also lost only to Brown. In group 2 it was Clark Bell of Covina, California, winning all 9 games and Walt Stearns of Mesa with an 8-1 record losing his game to another Brown, Fred, also from California. In the play-off it was the smooth-pitching Glen Brown, the winner, with Stearns runnerup, Bell 3rd, and Carson taking home the 4th place trophy. The tournament was played Feb. 16, 17, under a warm sunny sky.

GROUP ONE

	W	L	%
G. Brown, Calif.	8	1	55.9
Carson, Arizona	8	1	49.2
Warrington, Montana	6	3	44.5
Funk, Utah	6	3	44.1
Parker, Calif.	5	4	46.7
Robison, Utah	4	5	43.4
Elmes, Calif.	3	6	40.0
Carrier, Calif.	3	6	34.1
Smith, Arizona	1	8	28.0
Callahan, S. Dakota	Forfeit		

GROUP TWO

	W	L	%
Bell, Calif.	9	0	51.3
Stearns, Arizona	8	1	45.3
F. Brown, Calif.	7	2	50.3
Beller, Calif.	5	4	45.9
Cauchon, Calif.	5	4	44.9
Newell, Arizona	4	6	39.8
Pelm, Wyo.	3	6	39.3
Phillips, Ariz.	2	7	38.6
Hansen, Calif.	1	8	30.8
McNamara, Calif.	1	8	27.0

PLAYOFF

G. Brown	3	0	57.0
Stearns	2	1	47.6
Bell	1	2	40.4
Carson	0	3	40.0

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Pennsylvania Activities

This winter in the Keystone State has been a rather unique one for many of the western state horseshoe pitchers. For the first time in many years we have had several active organizations promoting indoor horseshoe clubs with outstanding success.

The New Brighton Club, under the able leadership of Herman Boyer and Paul Smith, along with the support of Burrell Brobeck, Earl Wright, Frank Peluso, and many others, was able to obtain an old tavern, about three blocks from the site of the Pennsylvania State Tournament, and install three courts. From what I am told these three courts are getting consistent use almost every night in the week. I can personally testify that most of the boys are throwing better than ever.

The Mt. Pleasant Club, about thirty miles east of Pittsburgh, is also promoting indoor horseshoes. Mt. Pleasant, a traditional state stronghold of top horseshoe talent, was able to convert an old truck garage into a nice indoor three court layout. The newly elected officers of the club, George Baker, President, Arthur Seighman, Vice-President, and Robert Myers, Secretary Treasurer, want to urge all pitchers that can possibly visit the courts to please do so. It has been said that some of our top pitchers such as James Ohler and James Solomon have been hammering the peg quite consistently.

The Sharon Club with the fine support of the local pitchers such as Herbert Pinch have been keeping the year around interest in horseshoes for the past few years.

To further promote this game of horseshoes in our state the Pennsylvania Association plans to direct an all out effort in two directions: First, we are going to try and compile a list of all the newspapers in the state and inform them of coming local and national events. As soon as the event is over we will then send in the results to be published. Secondly, and probably most important, we are starting an internal publication within the state membership. This publication will be called the "Pennsylvania Horseshoe Pitcher's Newsletter" and will be distributed at least once a month. The newsletter will consist mainly of items of interest to the Pennsylvania pitchers such as local tournament dates and results, births, deaths, hot games, discussions, etc. It is hoped that through this medium our membership will come to know one another a little better than just the casual acquaintance experienced at the state tournament.

Annual 4-State Tournament Plans Completed

The annual 4-State Tournament will be held in Falls City, Nebraska on Saturday and Sunday July 13th and 14th. Qualifying scores may be sent in by mail or pitchers can qualify at the courts on Saturday, July 13. All mail entries must reach Don Koso not later than Friday July 12.

The top 48 men will pitch in the tournament. Round robin play will start on Sunday, at 9 A.M. The top 10 will be Class A, 8 men in Class B and 6 men in each of the other classes. There will be two trophies in each class and cash awards which will be determined by number of entries. There will be a door prize and a "gas" ticket to the pitcher coming the farthest distance. Also a prize for the player having the highest ringer percentage for any one game.

The courts are equipped with good lights and it is urged that as many players come and qualify ahead of tournament time as possible.

Also players are advised to make plans to attend the ALL STATES OPEN tournament that will be held on the same courts and under same tournament requirements. It will be open to any player in the U. S. or Canada. Qualifying scores may be mailed in with the proper checking by a player of the qualifiers' community. Make up a car load and plan now to attend this great open tournament. Drop the promoter Don Koso a card. His address is 2124 Wilson Street, Falls City, Nebraska.

Southern California, Baldwin Park "A" Open

GROUP ONE

	W	L	R	SP	%
Homer Moefield, Long Beach	5	0	273	380	71.8
Jim Weeks, Norwalk	4	1	242	306	79.1
Henry Durr, Los Angeles	3	2	221	320	69.1
Edgar Gruell, Inglewood	2	3	206	308	66.8
John Balzer, Santa Ana	1	4	219	326	67.2
Jim Brown, Bellflower	0	5	139	264	52.6

GROUP TWO

	W	L	R	SP	%
Gerald Schneider, Bell	5	0	218	280	77.8
Henry Harper, Monterey Park	3	2	236	352	67.0
Frank Esperanza, Oxnard	3	2	244	374	65.2
Ned Shaver, Whittier	2	3	233	376	61.9
Jiggs Gasaway, Baldwin Park	1	4	200	350	57.1
Ralph Navarro, South Gate	1	4	186	344	54.1

CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYOFF

	W	L	R	SP	%
Gerald Schneider, Bell	3	0	195	234	83.3
Jim Weeks, Norwalk	2	1	197	246	80.1
Homer Moefield, Long Beach	1	2	143	192	72.5
Henry Harper, Monterey Park	0	3	118	188	62.8

Hornell, N. Y. Club Activity Zooming

The Hornell Horseshoe Club starting its second year will have new courts this season. Having had to give up our original eight at one end of the city, we will have eight new ones including one special for youngsters and women. The possibility of light looks quite promising this season. They are located at the rear of the Huguet Fabrics Corp. on Thatcher St. with plenty of parking available.

Our new officers for the year include, Richard Crandall, President, Raymond Swackhammer, Vice-President and Richard Schaumberg, Sec.-Treas.

The successful season just completed brought to our city two great champions in Carl Steinfeldt and Anthony Natale to open the new courts. One of the finest exhibition of horseshoes ever seen in this area for many years was a real sendoff in bringing the game back to many of the old-timers.

Other events included our city championship in three classes, our winners include Willard Smith of Almond N.Y. and Bill Hyland scoring a 85.0 against one of his own club members. Memberships and Tournaments provide much of our promotion along with working with youngsters for future years.

Our runners up in two classes were Dick Schaumberg 39.2 and Bill Weaver 32.5; Class C, Bob Wilson 19.5, Gaylord Howe 14.8, the latter being entirely new players to the game.

A Hi-Low doubles tournament caught fire with enthusiasm so that it is a must on the program now. No dates have been set so as not to conflict with our boys entering the larger competing game elsewhere.

Don't Forget

Many items which would be of interest to the "News Digest" come in letters to NHPA Secretary Bob Pence along with routine business items. The flood of mail across his desk is so great that many of these items get lost in the shuffle of pressing business. News items for the magazine should be sent directly to Ellis Cobb, Editor of the Horseshoe Pitcher's News Digest, 1307 Solfisburg Avenue, Aurora, Ill.

Report Of Chairman Of Regional Directors

By "MICKEY" VECCHITTO

With the coming of spring, which will soon be here, I have decided it is about time for me to emerge from hibernation and get busy preparing this article for my good friend, Mr. Ellis Cobb, editor of that fine magazine, "The Horseshoe Pitchers' News Digest".

First of all, I'd like to take this opportunity to extend my thanks to the officials of the NHPA for appointing me chairman of the regional directors. I feel deeply honored and accept the appointment with a promise to do my level best to serve the NHPA for the betterment and advancement of our favorite pastime. I have always been interested in the promotion of this sport, and will do my best to further the interest and the membership of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association of America. I further promise that I will do my best to encourage and promote a more decided and enthusiastic effort to give this sport the publicity it deserves and which it sadly lacks in comparison to other sports.

Although I was not as active pitching shoes this past summer, because of my work, I have given much thought to certain phases of the game. The most important of which is the stagnant progress of the game. I feel that there must be reason for this. To satisfy my curiosity as to just how strong our sport is, I noticed in the 1963 World Almanac that the membership of the NHPA is estimated at 2,700. Why shouldn't this be closer to 27,000. Of all the sports and games played today, horseshoe pitching is a game that can and should appeal to all ages, more so than many of the more strenuous games where age is a deterring factor. I'd like to quote in part from a letter I received from friend, Fred "Al" Pearson of Deep River, Conn. Pearson is secretary and statistician for the Deep River Horseshoe League. This league is not affiliated with the NHPA but nevertheless I'm sure that what my friend Pearson writes, will be of interest to all horseshoe pitching fans.

I quote: "I think that all horseshoe pitching associations and leagues like your own, should adopt a system that would more generally appeal to all interested players, whether they be experts or just so so. From my observation, it seems that these national and statewide associations, and some local leagues, are inclined too much, toward individualism with emphasis on the expert players, instead of striving to encourage a larger following which includes the novice as well as the expert. Many of these players starting out in the game have (as we have learned from experience) developed into very good pitchers. The game needs promotion, and should not be confined to just experts, for in very successful sport you will always find players who are just ordinary. The pitching of horseshoes can and should become a more interesting sport. If we'd forget the fact that unless you're an expert at throwing ringers, you're not considered a horseshoe fan at all. This sort of a system doesn't augur too well for the promotion of this sport. Here in Deep River we have a league composed of fifty players with a waiting list each year of newcomers awaiting the chance of joining the league. Some of these have been waiting several years and with each succeeding year this list seems to grow more and more. We feel that our system of play has its merits and we attribute our success to the way we play our matches. Our players come from several surrounding towns as far away as Waterford, and East Haddam, Clinton and Westbrook. Once they join our league they stick and we make replacements only when a player must drop out for obvious reasons. We have top notch players, mediocre players and poor players all joined together as teams, not individuals, playing a sport they all like. We have eighteen teams of three players each, so arranged that each team has a number one player, a number two player and a number three player. No one player lords it over his partners — and no player is given more consideration than the other. The team is what counts, and we have a lot of fun, all of which must surely be responsible for our success. We use the Ohio system of scoring

Regional Report — (Continued)

counting all points thrown, play six games to a match, each game twelve innings and at the end of the game the team with the most points wins the game. We discarded the cancellation system of scoring in our second year of play, because we considered it a ridiculous system. Do you realize Mickey, that in no other game or sport played in this country, do you cancel out what has already been scored, especially when your opponent has done nothing more than you have done when you pitch first. Every game should only last so long. Baseball, Bowling, Golf, in fact even Tiddle Winks, when you score it should count and only be prolonged when a game ends in a tie. The only time we make special note of a players score is when he makes an outstanding count, much as a ball player hitting a home run, and this system is more apt to appeal to players than counting ringers an expert throws. We believe our system of play has done much in our county to foster interest in the game and we believe that if adopted throughout the nation would have the same effect. We expect to keep going for many years and this year we start our ninth straight season of play and hope to remain the biggest league in the state. We have received reams of publicity in our newspapers and many townspeople have remarked that we have one of the best organizations this town has ever had. In closing, Mickey, I would just like to say this, if these national organizations were to adopt a system more in consistence with ours, I'm sure the pitching of horseshoes would soon move into its proper niche in the sport field." (Unquote.)

Perhaps Pearson's way of thinking about the game may sound rather harsh to many of our readers, but his views should warrant consideration. I would also like to add that the Deep River league is the largest in Connecticut and possibly in New England, which is commendable for a small town of 3,500 population.

I received a reply from Mr. Carl Vonder Lancken recently, who is doing a remarkable job boosting the sport in his area. Carl made contact with ABC, "Wide World of Sports" and will follow up on this and further contacts with NBC-TV and CBS-TV. He has also suggested to Lee Davis to call an eastern states or New York Metropolitan Area meeting of horseshoe leaders for a conference for the purpose of discussing the good and welfare of the game. In the opinion of Carl, meetings of this nature should be held more frequently throughout the country. It is not enough to meet hurriedly at national and state conventions. Lee Davis is favorable to the suggestion, but time is a problem. His article in the January issue of "An Introduction To Horseshoe Pitching" was very good and recommended reading for all horseshoe fans. With his other activities and a busy schedule, Carl still finds time to help promote horseshoe pitching, to which we say, "nice going Carl."

My sincere congratulations and success to Mr. Ottie W. Reno, who is the author of the new book, "The Story of Horseshoes." We congratulate and commend Mr. Reno on this accomplishment considering the amount of time and effort to complete this hard cover book, a reality and now available for the first time to the public. I have read it and enjoyed it very much. It is crammed with interesting and helpful information covering all aspects of the game. I like to refer to this book, as the "Bible" for all horseshoe pitchers, beginners and veterans alike and I recommend it as good interesting reading to all interested persons. It is a masterpiece.

Before closing I would like to remind our readers, that various state meetings are or will be held in March or April to formulate and prepare for the 1963 season. It would be very nice if each NHPA member would bring one new comer to these meetings. In tournaments where the winners usually receive trophies, I would suggest that prizes to be awarded, consist of horseshoe carrying cases, NHPA T-shirts or horseshoes that are advertised in "The Horseshoe Pitchers News Digest" magazine.

The 5th Annual Florida Suncoast Open Horseshoe Pitching Tournament, Bradenton, Florida

Sunshine that replaced the rain, which caused a postponement of the Florida Suncoast Open Tourney, after playing of the third round, helped draw a crowd estimated at over 1,000, to watch one of the best played and managed tournaments in the history of the event. At postponement time, only three pitchers in the Championship Class A, had avoided a loss. Joe Carmack, Bud Horner and Charles Stephens. That was exactly the order in which they finished at the conclusion of the tournament play. Carmack, riding the crest of a 73.1 average, velvet armed his way to the 8th round without a loss. At that time Karl VanSant, Cayuga, Ind., did what no one else had done. He punctured Carmack's bubble, a perfect tournament, by an inspired 82.1 game, enabling him to deadlock with Charles Stephens, Bradenton at 6-3 each. In what other sport could, what occurred next, be possible other than in horseshoe competition? One game later VanSant was at the short end of a 50-10 game, put together by Stephens that averaged 81.4, giving him 3rd place money and the trophy. A number of excellent games were recorded, a portion of which are as follows: Carmack, 83.0 and 81.3; Clingan Class B winner, 83.7; VanSant, 82.1; Stephens, 81.4; Horner, 86.7 and 84.6; and Foster, Omaha, 79.0.

This NHPA tournament was ably managed by Clyde Green, his wife Phyllis, M. Bruce, and Horace Kemp assisting, along with the various, very, very underpaid scorekeepers to whom we heartily extend thanks. It was a pitching tourney we all will remember for a long long time.

Class B was won by John Clingan, Orlando, with only one loss, Eljje Edwards, Huntington, W. Va. taking 2nd. A 4 way tie for 3rd spot required

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Suncoast Tournament — (Continued)

a playoff, Herb McCoskey finishing 3rd, Broughton 4th, Lundgren 5th and Gross 6th.

In Class C, John Rademacher, Plant City, Fla., made it a clean sweep with 5-0, Green taking runnerup 4-1.

Class D, Hubbard, Baker, Mont., was the winner with 4-1. A playoff for 2nd place by Gravink and Ellis, gave Gravink the nod.

Class E found Bernie Mulhern, Bradenton, the winner with 5-0. Gampher winning 2nd by virtue of a playoff with Jay Guernsey.

Horseshoe men from 15 states participated in this 1963 event.

CLASS A

	W	L	%
Carmack, Lecoma, Mo.	8	1	73.1
Horner, Terre Haute	7	2	70.7
Stephens, Bradenton	6	3	67.9
VanSant, Cayuga, Ind.	6	3	68.7
Dixon, DesMoines, Ia.	5	4	65.3
Wilkinson, Akron, Ohio	5	4	58.0
Backus, Ft. Lauderdale	4	5	58.4
Foster, Omaha, Nebr.	3	6	63.9
Kelly, Bradenton, Fla.	1	8	51.7
Eller, H. Point, N.C.	Forfeit		

Stephens over VanSant 50-10 81.4

CLASS B

	W	L	%
Clingan, Orlando, Fla.	8	1	61.8
Edwards, Huntngn, W.Va. 7	2	55.7	
McCosky, Pekin, Ind.	5	4	57.8
Broughton, Dayton, O.	5	4	52.6
Lundgren, Detroit, Mich. 5	4	55.0	
Gross, St.Claire Shrs, Mch. 5	4	48.2	
Spier, Waterloo, Iowa	4	5	52.6
Hightower, Colchester, Ill. 4	5	49.0	
Peary, Bradenton, Fla.	2	7	47.7
Neal, Logansport, Ind.	Forfeit		

CLASS C

	W	L	%
Rademacher, Plant Cy, Fla. 5	0	56.1	
Green, Portland, Ind.	4	1	51.8
Spieß, Sarasota, Fla.	3	2	42.1
Figy, Wauseon, Ohio	2	3	44.6
McKee, Royal Center, Ind. 1	4	42.6	
McClure, VanWert, Ohio	Forfeit		

CLASS D

	W	L	%
Hubbard, Baker, Mont.	4	1	44.2
Gravink, Maysville, N.Y. 3	2	45.9	
Ellis, Bradenton, Fla.	3	2	44.1
Wells, Scottsburg, Ind.	2	3	44.1
Kemp, Bradenton, Fla. ..	2	3	36.0
Nowatske, Muckwonago ..	1	4	38.5

Playoff, Gravink-Ellis, Gravink won

CLASS E

	W	L	%
Mulhern, Bradenton, Fla. 5	0	35.2	
Gampher, Toledo, Ohio	3	2	30.9
Guernsey, Lk Orion, Mich. 3	2	36.1	
Alaria, Gr. Rapids, Mich. 3	2	35.6	
Pope, Bradenton, Fla.	1	4	27.4
Bruce, Walnut Hill, Ill.	0	5	27.4

Playoff 2nd place, Gampher, Guernsey, Alario: won by 79 year young Gampher.

New Brighton Open Horseshoe Tournament

The New Brighton Club has decided to hold an annual open spring warm-up tournament on Sunday, May 19. This tournament will take the place of the usual spring warm-up which was previously open to only the Pennsylvania membership. The tournament will be a sanctioned event with an additional fee of \$2.00. Qualifying for the tournament will be done on your home courts under the auspices of one of your club's officials. To qualify fifty shoes are to be thrown, keeping the consecutive points and ringers, and then mailing the qualifying sheet along with \$2.00 and the scorekeeper's (club official) signature to Herman Boyer, R.D. #2, Beaver, Pa., before May 11. Please enclose your name and address since you will be notified of your class and pitching time before the tournament. Every effort will be made by the tournament committee to enter all qualifiers in the tournament. The first class will be made up of eight men, with Herbert Pinch as the defending champion, and six men in each of the remaining classes. Prizes will consist of trophies in each class. The New Brighton Club wants to extend a warm invitation to all pitchers that can possibly make this event.

Arizona Valley Of The Sun Open Won By Tamboer

Marines Tamboer came out of cool Kansas to get thawed out and to pitch horseshoes. He did both! He swept through the 14-man round robin without a loss but not without a battle, for in the twelfth round he met California's new State Champion, Jerry Schneider. The more than 300 spectators were treated to a fine pitching duel that went 108 shoes, in which they had 21-4 deads and Tamboer tossing 88 ringers while Schneider had 86. The Kansan finally won 50 to 40. Second place money and trophy went to Schneider with Percy and Moefield, fellow Californians, finishing third and 4th respectively.

A special trophy was also presented to Willard Phillips, President of the Arizona State Association in appreciation of his making 10 new scoring machines and for other fine services performed for the club. Charles Carson was given a pair of horseshoes and a large birthday cake as he celebrated his 80th birthday on Feb. 24th, the opening day of the Class A.

CLASS A

	W	L	%		W	L	%
Tamboer, Kansas	13	0	75.3	Hagy, Calif.	6	7	51.3
Schneider, Calif.	11	2	72.0	Kamman, Arizona	5	8	60.1
Percy, Calif.	11	2	71.1	Thompson, Arizona	5	8	54.4
Moefield, Calif.	11	2	66.8	Reheis, Kansas	3	10	52.8
Miller, Arizona	8	5	60.3	Shaffer	3	10	44.7
Marino, Arizona	7	6	52.3	Adair, Ariz.	2	11	46.4
Randall, Calif	6	7	57.0	Hagerman, Calif.	0	13	46.1

News From Bradenton, Florida

The winter horseshoe pitching season is drawing to an end here in Florida, and the many visitors from the north attracted to this area primarily to participate in our several events and to keep their pitching eye and arm in condition for the coming season back home, are preparing to leave. We hope they have enjoyed their visit to Florida, even though it may have been of short duration, and that their plans will include for the future another visit to the Sunshine State next year. It has been a pleasure to make them welcome. The last of three covered dish dinners will be held next week at Kiwanis Hall, at which awards will be presented to the winners of the intracub leagues.

CLASS A

	W	L	%
Carl Lundgren	3	0	59.6
Charles Stephens	2	1	63.8
Joe Kelly	1	2	51.0
Walter Horner	0	3	52.3

CLASS B

	W	L	%
Lester Peary	2	1	44.9
Clyde Green	2	1	44.5
Henry Spiess	1	2	42.4
Joe Hightower	1	2	48.1
Pitchoff for 1st, Peary-Green			
Pitchoff for 2nd, Spiess-Hightower			

CLASS C

	W	L	%
Roy Gravink	2	1	46.7
Jack Ellis	2	1	43.5
Roy McClure	2	1	47.5
Denver Ford	0	3	39.1
Pitchoff for 1st, Gravink, Ellis, and McClure.			

CLASS D

	W	L	%
Horace N. Kemp	3	0	45.4
Al Nowatske	1	2	36.8
Harry Garman	1	2	35.9
Howard Wells	1	2	38.2
Pitchoff for 2nd, Nowatske, Garman, Wells.			

CLASS E

	W	L	%
Jay Guernsey	3	0	35.6
Harvey Gampher	2	1	33.9
Bernie Mulhern	1	2	28.4
Rod Phillabaum	0	3	29.8

CLASS F

	W	L	%
John Crothers	3	0	23.6
Ray Reidenbaugh	1	2	23.4
Judd Pope	1	2	16.5
M. A. Bruce	1	2	19.0
Pitchoff for 2nd, Reidenbaugh, Pope and Bruce.			

The Story Of Horseshoes

The Story of Horseshoes, a 100-page hardcover book by Ottie Reno, is off the press and ready for distribution.

This is an extremely handsome book complete with many pictures covering historical, statistical and technical aspects of the game. It is a must for everyone interested in the game and the type of book which should also be in every public library.

Published by Vantage Press of New York City, the book was about six months late coming off the press through no fault of Mr. Reno.

Ottie Reno, the author, is a past officer of the NHPA and the organizer of the large and live wire Pike County, Ohio Club which has a big indoor program and pioneered the formation of an active Ladies League.

Many interesting records are contained in the book including a listing of all state champions going back as far as 1915 along with World Tournament data and records.

Price of the book is \$3.95 and can be ordered from Ottie Reno, Star Route, Lucasville, Ohio.

Championship Insignias Now Available

Mrs. Lucille Hopkins, who has charge of sending out the Championship insignias and certificates for the NHPA sanctioned tournaments, has been sending these items out and states that if any state champion has not received his, get in touch with the state secretary or write her direct, 912 East 2nd Street, Ottumwa, Iowa. Also for any sanctions wanted please write to her direct.

Carlberg Announces First Annual Water Wonderland Open Tournament

Irwin Carlberg, secretary of the Michigan state association has announced that the first annual Water Wonderland Open tournament will be held at Valley Field, Valley, Avenue, and Sixth Avenue in Grand Rapids, Michigan on June 8th and 9th. It will be co-sponsored by the Grand Rapids Recreation department and the Wolverine State Horseshoe Pitchers' association. Qualifying rounds will be held on Saturday, June 8 beginning at 10 A.M. Players under 30% — 10 A.M. Players 30 to 49% — 12 Noon and players over 50% — 5 P.M. Finals (Elimination-drawing for position with 4 players to be seeded) under 49%, Saturday 6 P.M. Over 50% Sunday, 10 A.M. Entry Fees, Championship Class \$10.00 — Class A, \$7.50 and Classes under 50% \$5.00. Prizes as listed in Association brochure are as follows: Championship Class (65% and over) \$150.00; Class A (50% to 64%) \$100.00 and Classes under 49% — \$50.00.

The Michigan club has just released a new Constitution Booklet which has many interesting items which is now available from Carlberg by sending him a dollar, his address in 4094 Remembrance, N.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan. All orders for this booklet will receive a complete detailed announcement of this first Annual Water Wonderland Open tournament.

COVER PICTURE . . . Shown on this month's cover is Michigan's outstanding family of the year as far as horseshoe pitching is concerned. The Roy Smith family made a grand slam at the 1962 Michigan state tournament by capturing the title in each of their respective divisions. Roy was crowned champion in the men's division while his lovely wife won like honors in the women's class. Not to be outdone was their son Tommy who did a neat job of wrapping up the Junior title in the boys' section.

Laughlin Winner In Laramie, Wyoming Mid-Winter Meet

Lee Laughlin of Cheyenne swept the field with 7 straight wins to capture the Class A bracket and the championship of the Mid-Winter Tournament held in the Armory of the University of Wyoming in Laramie, Wyoming on February 2 and 3rd. In the planning and acquiring the facilities the success of this first winter tournament was due to the continued efforts of Mr. Robert Burns of Laramie, a staunch worker and supporter of the game in and around Laramie. In the Class B division, Burns won 7 and lost 1 to take honors there while Schultz duplicated the same feat in Class C. These classes played a double round robin schedule.

CLASS A

	W	L	%		W	L	%
Laughlin, Cheyenne	7	0	53.2	Walt Patton, Saratoga ...	3	4	38.5
Forsythe, Cheyenne	6	1	51.1	Bindschadler, Laramie ...	2	5	39.6
Palmer, Cheyenne	5	2	51.6	Arnold, Laramie	1	6	35.3
Shell Patton, Saratoga ...	4	3	53.6	Painter, Laramie	0	7	19.2

CLASS B

	W	L	%
Burns, Laramie	7	1	43.5
Arnold, Laramie	5	3	37.0
Chase, Laramie	4	4	31.9
Dungan, Casper	3	5	37.7
Botkin, Laramie	1	7	25.0

CLASS C

	W	L	%
Schutz, Laramie	7	1	19.1
McNaughton, Laramie ...	6	2	17.3
Bonner, Laramie	5	3	18.3
Dunlevy, Laramie	2	6	13.6
Marston, Laramie	0	8	7.2
Brodrick, Laramie	0	8	6.4

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Summary Of Illinois State Meet, Finds Dugle Winner

In checking over the State tournament issue printed earlier it was discovered that the Illinois State meet had not been entered. It is presented herewith with all apologies.

Art Dugle of Chicago won a play-off with Roger Vogel and Ray Martin to claim the title. In the Boys' division it was Louie Williams of Pekin over a fast field.

A. Dugle, Chicago	79.0	E. Bomke, Springfield	67.3
Roger Vogel, Manito	75.1	L. Long, Sterling	65.9
Ray Martin, Philo	76.5	N. Vogel, Manito	65.6
M. Utely, Chicago	74.2	W. Martin, Pekin	64.8
H. Kohlenberger, Millstadt	73.6	L. Lyman, Pittsfield	63.7
Ellis Griggs, Plainville	73.3	H. Cook, Potomac	61.7
C. Van Dusen, Galesburg	72.4	M. Tirey, Shelbyville	60.0
J. Lindmeier, Broadview	63.1	G. Lawver, Canton	57.7
F. Polka, Chicago	58.7	H. Jarvis, Millstadt	57.0
G. Farnsworth, Potomac	64.1	R. Ehlers, St. Charles	54.8
A. Austin, Hinsdale	59.1	R. Elliott, Peru	48.7
K. Irwin, Quincy	58.8	C. Hess, Liberty	46.9

Hillsboro, Oregon Club Planning Active Season

The Hillsboro Horseshoe Club was organized by Ernie Lavoie and Ted Christensen, an old pro of the Oregon State tournaments the last ten years, 2½ years ago. We now have 21 paid members plus many prospects. The trouble has been to convince the prospects that we want even beginners. They seem to feel they must be expert to join, instead of joining to learn and practice with better pitchers, which is the way to learn.

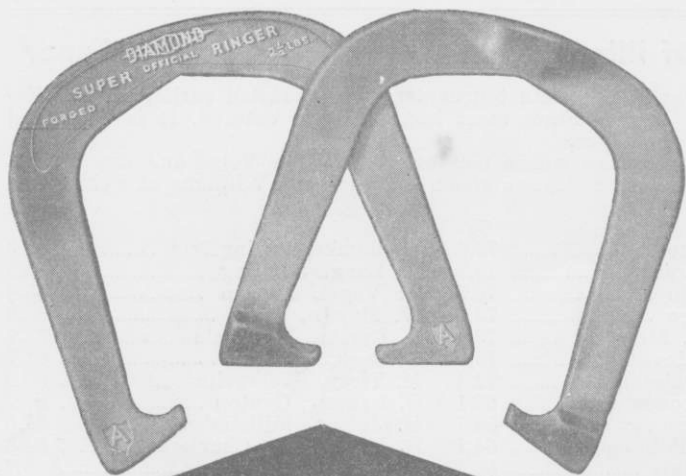
We have six concrete courts built per official specs by the City Park Commission and with the help of volunteers from the Knights of Columbus of Hillsboro. We expect to have lights this year but this will likely need to be donated time and material as the voters disapproved monies for summer recreation.

We are working out details with an electrician, a large electrical firm and the city to finish the job. We got the poles up at the end of the last season. In our rainy climate we only play from May through Sept.

The last two and one-half years we had five tournaments. One at the end of 1960, two in 61 and three in 62. Two of our tourneys in 62 were limited to county entrants because of limited courts and to try to build up the membership. One tourney was with the Portland Club, a round robin affair. We charge \$2.00 per year membership plus \$1.00 entrance to tourney to pay for trophies, but seem to have a hard time getting a bank balance, as we have only \$24.00 balance. We have given a pair of horseshoes for the novice department, averaging about six youngsters. We have usually four classes of from 4 to 6 entrants in each, usually from 18 to 24 in our tourneys. We are very new so our Class A players average from 40 to 49% ringers. (No charge has been made for entrance fee to the youngsters, by the way).

This year we will work with the NHPA in ordering trophies and I hope to build up interest for the jackets.

I have just written to California for the World Tourney Films. I have received promise of good advertising on this from the local paper in the sports department. Except to contact local fraternal organizations and also invite the Portland Club members. We hope to have newspaper articles especially geared to the younger men and teenagers. Our Horseshoe Club expects to have at least one night a week as their night at the courts. We will offer to instruct them in any way necessary. It will all take time to work out from scratch but we are quite enthusiastic about building up our club to double the membership this year if possible.



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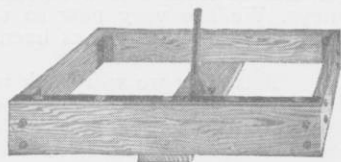
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