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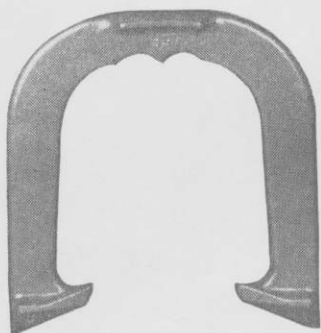
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## CREDIT WHERE CREDIT IS DUE

This issue of the "Digest" is dedicated to all the local horseshoe clubs and groups of players across the land who co-operate with the NHPA and strive to promote the welfare of the game.

It especially honors the average players and those in the lower ringer percentage brackets who as members of their local clubs and the NHPA receive little or no mention in the "Digest", but play the game for the fun, recreation and good fellowship our sport brings to all its participants.

Specifically the NHPA wants to pay tribute to those officials and boosters of the game in the local groups who give so much of themselves in organizing, directing and promoting the game on the local level, many of whom never play themselves but devote themselves to the task of administrating.

Men like Percy Howe of Massachusetts and Roger Barnaby of Montana who are physically handicapped and local officers and boosters such as Randall Jones of North Carolina and Phil Luoto of Washington, who seldom toss a shoe, and to old timers who are no longer active as players such as Art Niemann of Wisconsin and Ben Raszkopf of Tennessee, but nevertheless devote time and energy to the game. We also want to give credit to the likes of Jim Weeks of California and Charlie Stephens of Florida who are top players in their own right but sacrifice much of their ability in the interest of organizing and directing activities.

There are many more in each of these categories — too many to mention personally in this article. Some, but not all are listed in the notes on local clubs which follow. There are also many who merit credit who are not known by name to the NHPA for the National officers can not possibly know the details about all local groups.

To all of these players, officials, promoters and boosters on the local level the NHPA expresses its genuine thanks and appreciation.

## PERRY SESQUI-CENTENNIAL EASTERN NATIONAL

The Perry Sesqui-Centennial Eastern National tournament will be held at the Glenwood park courts in Erie, Pennsylvania on June 21-22-23. It will be part of the celebration honoring Oliver Hazard Perry's victory over the British at Lake Erie in 1813.

The Erie club has been conducting a fund-raising campaign during the past few weeks and are posting \$700.00 in prizes.

Erie is a real tourist town, having a peninsula, Presque Isle, which juts out 12 miles into Lake Erie and has wonderful facilities for bathing, picnicing, etc. Many players who participated last year enjoyed these facilities with their families. There is also an abundance of motels with reasonable rates. Many near the Glenwood park courts. Also restaurants serving good food at moderate prices. Erie is also a "club" town (125 of them) where dancing and a good time can be had by all. For those who would like cabins near the lake may write to Mr. Jack Potter, 140 West 23rd St., Erie, Pa., who will make reservations.

Joe Peters, the genial director of this great tournament reports that this 1963 Perry Sesqui-Centennial Eastern National will be the best ever. REMEMBER THE DATE, June 21, 22 and 23 at Erie, Pennsylvania.

## COVER PICTURE . . .

*The Women's City Horseshoe League of Lockport, N. Y., whose top ranking players are pictured here, is probably the outstanding Women's horseshoe group in the United States along with that of the Pike County, Ohio, Association. Kneeling is Vi Chambers and the 1961 City champ, Lorraine Thomas. Standing are Shirley Ryan, 1962 champion and 15 year old Linda Lupo.*

## LOCKPORT, N. Y. HAS ACTIVE LEAGUE

A few years ago the NHPA Secretary received a letter from Lockport, N. Y. stating that a number of individuals were interested in forming a horseshoe club in that city. The letter requested information concerning different types of league and team competition and methods of organizing. In addition films of the World Tournament were made available.

Today some four or five years later this is one of the best organized and successful local clubs in the country, and congratulations are in order to the officers and promoters, both present and past.

The club has six teams in the league, each one sponsored by a firm paying a fee of \$25. Contest fees of 10 cents per game are also played and the money is used to pay the Secretary for his work and to hold a big banquet at the end of the season. The banquet was attended by 125 people and New York State champ, Carl Steinfeldt of Rochester was the guest of honor — T-bone steaks being enjoyed by all.

The Club also has a very active Women's League with six teams, the ages of the players ranging from 15 to 50 years. Team entry fee is \$10 and the individual fee is 15 cents per game.

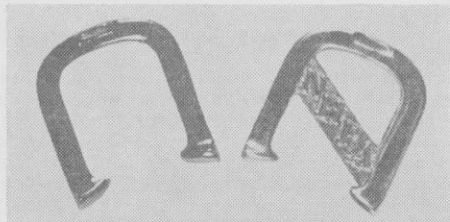
Five lighted courts for both men and women are located in Outwater Park. Home and home team matches with Mt. Morris, N Y. and Delaware Park of Buffalo were played during the season.

Officers of the Men's league are Ted Domanski, President and Paul Thomas, Secretary. Officers of the Women's league are Dolores Herberger, President and Lorraine Thomas, Secretary-Treasurer.

1962 Men's champions — Class A, Ted Domanski; runners up Ben Tucker and Sam Ritz; Class B, Charles Wiseman; Class C, Vic Golanka; Doubles champs, Ted Domanski and Sam Ritz; Team champs, the Lockport Bowl with the following players — Sam and Roy Ritz, Dick Zaciewski, Wayne Smith, Red Giertz, Les Nelson and Bill Serdensky.

1962 Women's champions — Shirley Ryan; Runners up Lorraine Thomas, Linda Lupo (15 years old) and Vi Chambers; Team champs, Lockport TV with the following members: Shirley Pawley, Hazel Cook, Dolores Herberger, Carol Lenhart, Lorraine Thomas, Mary Shipley and Trudy Lartz.

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## NHPA AND LOCAL CLUB PROBLEMS

Neither the NHPA nor the game of horseshoe could exist very long without organized activities and a maintaining of interest by local clubs and groups.

By the same token local clubs and the game itself would soon disappear if there was no National Association to maintain interest, stabilize competitive procedures and playing equipment and to serve as a means of communication.

Therefore it behooves both the NHPA and all local groups to co-operate and work together for the good of the game.

Our biggest asset is the character of the game itself — a fine old American sport which is far more inexpensive than other pastimes and provides a moderate amount of healthy outdoor exercise and good fellowship which can be enjoyed by all ages and requires a playing skill which is a challenge to everyone.

Our most pressing problem both on the National and the local level is a lack of adequate financing for our activities. Solve this and the other problems will prove much easier to cope with.

The NHPA has made a start with the Miller Brewing Co. Championship Trophy sponsorship. Our sale of various accessories, particularly that of trophies, is designed to provide money to promote the game.

Membership dues is not enough, but individual players should be willing to contribute more in this respect for horseshoe dues, local, state and national, are TINY compared to what participants in other sports pay for each hour spent.

Many clubs, such as the Muncie, Ind., Seattle, Wash. and Erie, Pa. groups raise funds by the sale of horseshoe accessories and raffles. The Muncie and the Greenville, Ohio club do quite well with ads in program brochures for their outstanding events.

Noteworthy is the Pike County Ohio group which sold certificates of ownership to buy land, build courts and erect a clubhouse and indoor courts. This idea could well be used by many clubs.

The Lockport, N. Y. club's feat of obtaining substantial sponsorship of league teams on a financial basis is another means which local clubs would do well to emulate.

Co-operation is another key problem. Individuals should support their local clubs and officials and show their appreciation. You can not expect your officers to administer and direct activities and also do groundskeeping, scorekeeping and maintenance chores. Help with these chores, contribute ideas, but don't grumble and criticize. No officer can design a program to satisfy everybody.

Bob Pence once remarked "I have made out many tournament prize lists, but have never yet designed one that completely satisfied myself, so how can I expect to satisfy all the players?"

Local groups must also co-operate with the NHPA. They can not expect the NHPA to solve their problems for them, but co-operation is the only thing which will make the NHPA effective.

Leadership is another problem which plagues the game. Group after group report that lack of good leadership is all that they need on the local level. No one makes any money out of the game, not even an occasional and easy "fast buck". Therefore we do not attract any outside support or leadership. Local clubs should find men who are willing, capable and have the time to serve as officers. They should be given the authority to act and the membership should see that they are not burdened with too much detail.

The public image of the game. This is a problem which can be solved. Publicity on the local level is the key. Make sure your local paper receives news of your activities. Assign one person to this detail. Typewrite and double space news items. Weekly items do more good than one big splash. Success may not come at once, but persistence will gain the desired end.

Neat dress on the courts by the players in league or tournament events is also essential to a good image. NHPA sport shirts and T-shirts can provide an answer.

More Junior and Boy's participation is needed. The average age of horseshoe players is high and is increasing. Development of younger players is needed. Working with Park and Recreation departments is the best answer.

Women's competition is needed. We need more like Sue Gillespie, Nancy Henton, Wanda Dittmer and Esta McKee to go with veterans like Vicki Winston and Anna Lindquist. Golf and bowling prosper because the ladies as well as men take part. The Lockport, N. Y. and Pike County Ohio clubs with their Women's leagues and the Lafayette, Ind. club with its Ladies Auxiliary are effective groups. Interest by the women is higher now than ever before and we should all keep it increasing.

### WORLD TOURNAMENT MAY BE ON TV

The very strong possibility that ABC Wide World of Sports may televise a segment of the World Tournament may make it necessary for a slight change in the scheduling on the final day, Tuesday, August 6.

The Ladies and the Juniors will definitely play on Monday and Tuesday, August 5-6. Under advisement is the possibility that we will use a four man playoff in the championship division of the men on the final night.

1963 World Tournament cash prizes will duplicate last year's awards and total \$5,233.00.

### SPRING WARM-UP MEET AT STERLING-ROCK FALLS, ILLINOIS

The fifth annual Spring Warm-Up Open tournament will be held on the Lawrence park courts mid-way between Rock Falls and Sterling on the beautiful Rock River on Memorial Day. There will be five classes with 12 men in Class A and B being divided into groups of 6 men each. The winner of Group 1 and 2 will play for first place with the runner-up in each group playing for third place. There will be five trophies awarded and cash prizes for the top 4 in each class. Entry fee will be \$1.00 and an additional \$1.00 from each of the top 32 men qualifying for the finals. Qualifying round will start at 8 A. M. with the tournament round robin beginning promptly at 1:30 P. M.

### GREENVILLE RINGER CLASSIC OPEN TOURNAMENT

#### CITY PARK, GREENVILLE, OHIO, JULY 4th THROUGH JULY 7th

*(Note Corrections: (1) This is an "OPEN" (2) Qualifying ends 12 Noon, July 6th)*

The hard work and preparations being made by The Darke County, Ohio Horseshoe Club, coupled with the cooperation of the Greenville Park Board, should assure a successful tourney conducted by The Ohio State Buckeye Association over the long July 4th week-end.

This will be an "OPEN", sanctioned by the NHPA, and an \$800.00 Prize Fund is guaranteed. The entry fee is set at \$5.00. Each entrant must qualify by pitching 100 shoes at the courts. The Qualifying time schedule is: Thursday, July 4th — 10:00 A. M. - 7:00 P. M.; Friday, July 5th — 9:00 A. M. - 9:00 P. M.; Saturday, July 6th — 8:00 A. M. - 12:00 Noon. The pitchers will then be classified as soon as possible and the Round Robin tournament play will begin Saturday afternoon, continue in the evening, and resume on Sunday morning July 7th, until completed.

As an additional attraction, on July 4th, a Ladies Division sanctioned tournament will be at 2:00 P. M. in the afternoon. (Entrants must be registered by 1:00 P. M.) Entry fee for the Ladies is \$3.00.

## *In Memoriam*

The Massachusetts state association has been saddened by the death of one of their staunchest members, Harold Castine on March 25th. Mr. Castine was a charter member of the Twin county league. He was an active member of this league in Orange, Massachusetts for over 8 years and was the treasurer, having been elected in 1958. He was the chairman of the league banquet committee and participated in every meeting since its organization.

In the 8 years of his activity he had won 441 games as against 317 losses in competition. His presence at all future activities of the club will be sadly missed. To his bereaved family the sincere sympathy of the Massachusetts state association as well as that of the NHPA is extended.

## TENTH ANNUAL LAKESIDE, OHIO OPEN, JUNE 29

The Ohio Buckeye State Association has completed arrangements for this year's Open Tournament at Lakeside, Ohio on Saturday, June 29th, at The Methodist Church Conference Grounds, just outside Port Clinton, Ohio, on Lake Erie. This, of course, is an NHPA sanctioned meet.

As here-to-fore, this is a **ONE DAY** affair and all who expect to enter are to sign in at the courts by 8:30 on Saturday morning June 29th so that play can get under way as soon as possible. (Those who can come in Friday afternoon or evening are urged do so.) Again, there will be **NO QUALIFYING**, instead entrants will be classified by their most recent past year's sanctioned tournament Ringer Percentages. Players from other than Ohio are asked to bring records showing at least 3 sanctioned tournaments they pitched in, listing Shoes Pitched, Ringers, and Ringer Percent. By reason of the limited time and courts, it is planned that only 50 players in all can pitch in this tournament, so far this season they will be the 50 highest Ringer Percent pitchers selected from the total entry list. The entry fee is \$5.50. Cash prizes and nice trophies will be awarded. Paul Focht, of Ohio, is the defending champion.

Inexpensive rooms are usually available on the grounds, food is excellent. This is a unique and historic area. For additional information on the tournament, write Sam B. Goodlander, 5 Roth Place, Reading, Cincinnati 15, Ohio.

## OKLAHOMA OPEN TOURNAMENT, JULY 20-21

The Oklahoma Association announces its second Oklahoma Open Tournament to be held in Wiley Post Park, South Robinson Ave. at 17th Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on Saturday and Sunday, July 20 and 21.

Three classes are planned and your ringer percentage will constitute a qualifying score for class placement. An entry fee of \$2.00 together with your ringer percentage **MUST** be in the hands of Gerald R. Kahle, Tournament Director, 107 Forrest Park Rd., Bartlesville, Oklahoma one week (by July 13) before the tournament. Entrants must be NHPA white card holders. **YOU** will be notified of your class by return mail.

Class C will begin pitching at 9:00 A. M. and Class B at 1:00 P. M. on Saturday, July 20. Class A will pitch at 1:00 P. M. on Sunday, July 21. Class size will depend on the number of entries, but will probably only number from 8 to 12. Two trophies will be awarded in each class.

## TENNESSEE STATE TOURNAMENT STARTS JUNE 29th

The annual Tennessee state tournament will begin on June 29th and continue for four successive weekends, concluding on July 27th. Class 1 starts June 29th. Class D on the next weekend, Class C next and so on until the championship on July 27th. There will be 8 men in each class. Each entrant will pitch 50 shoes for qualifying score. Qualifying rounds will continue through May and until June 16th. Entrants must be residents of Tennessee and members of the Tennessee state association. The entry fee will be \$1.00 for each 50 shoes pitched, there being no limit set for number of qualifying rounds for any entrant. There will be an extra fee of \$1.00 for those who qualify for Class A. For further information write to Ben Raskopf, 3539 Talahi Drive, Knoxville, Tennessee.

Officers elected for the 1963 season are as follows: Roger Norwood, President; John Walker, Vice-President; Charles Fortenberry, 2nd Vice-President and B. D. Raskopf, Secretary. Hubert Davenport, Assistant-Secretary and Burnie Kirkpatrick, Tournament Director.

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**SPECIAL ATTENTION — First Annual Water Wonderland Open  
Tournament location changed to Bailey Park, Battle  
Creek, Michigan, June 8-9**

Because the Inter-Highway construction has disrupted traffic to such a degree of blocking the area around the original location at Valley Field in Grand Rapids, Michigan, the tournament officials have decided to shift the First Annual Water Wonderland Open tournament to Bailey park courts in Battle Creek, Michigan. The same dates of June 8th and 9th will be maintained. Bailey park is located on U. S. 78, north of Battle Creek. All pitchers take notice.

**PROJECT SOUTHGATE**

By "POP" JOHNSON

PROJECT SOUTH GATE — that was the name of our winter league played on Lee Bennett's inside courts in West Middletown, Ohio. Lee built two courts last fall and they are the best inside courts I have ever seen. The courts have also been named, and we think very appropriately, "RUTH'S RUIN". I won't explain the name here, but we hope the reason for it will be apparent before the summer is over.

Project South Gate was won by Wilbur Kabel. Both he and World Champion Paul Focht had very fine averages considering we only pitched once a week. Sibert did very well, as did Bennett in only his third season of pitching. Old "Pop" went along for the ride. Here are the summaries.

	Won	Lost	Ringers	SP	Ave.
Wilbur Kabel .....	70	18	5614	7264	77.3
Paul Focht .....	63	25	5411	6926	78.0
Harry Sibert .....	39	49	5008	6960	72.0
Lee Bennett .....	30	58	4349	6438	67.6
Pop Johnson .....	20	68	4444	6530	68.1

**TUESDAY NIGHT WINTER LEAGUE**

	Won	Lost	Ringers	SP	Ave.
R. Bennett .....	35	10	1092	2204	49.5
George Alexander .....	29	16	1059	2200	48.1
Clyde Foxbower .....	26	19	924	2194	42.1
Hoppie Cornett .....	24	21	936	2228	42.1
Kenny Brown .....	20	25	866	2012	43.1
Harlan Lawson .....	4	41	398	1310	40.3

**INDIANA-ILLINOIS HORSESHOE LEAGUE**

Composed of six teams the league uses a handicap system for league play, and a number of tournaments are held each year in addition to regular league play. The following courts are used: 8 courts, Cayuga, Ind., City Park; 4 courts, Dana, Ind.; 4 courts, Ridge Farm, Ill.; 6 courts, Twin Lakes Park, Paris, Ill.; 5 courts, Kansas, Ill., City Park; 4 courts, Oakland, Ill., City Park. The Paris and Kansas courts are lighted. Byron Cline of Kansas, Ill. is the 1963 League Secretary. Oakland, Ill. won the team championship in 1962 with Paris in 2nd Place. Gilbert Bancroft of Oakland had the high individual average, 111.7 points for each 100 shoes. Karl Van Sant of Cayuga was 2nd with a mark of 110.2 and Merle Tirey of Oakland was 3rd with 105.3. Merle Tirey won the League tournament held at Paris at the end of the season. Ray Martin of Philo, Ill. won the Vermillion County Open, the Kansas Open and the Dana Open held during the season. 1963 tournament dates include the Vermillion County Open the last week of July and the Dana Fall Festival the first week of September.



## COMING EVENTS

- May 18-19 — Indiana Spring District tournaments, Cayuga, Muncie, Goshen, and Kokomo, Ind.
- May 19 — Annual Spring Warm-Up tournament, Birdland Park, DesMoines, Iowa
- May 25-26 — Indiana Spring District tournaments at Frankfort, Connerville and Anderson or Winchester, Indiana.
- May 26 — Men's and Junior tournament, Riverside park, Ottumwa, Iowa.
- May 30 — Annual Spring Warm-Up tournament, Lawrence park, Sterling-Rock Falls, Ill.
- May 30 — Junior AAU and Open Invitational tournament, Riverside park, Lyndhurst, N. J.
- June 1 — Lynchburg, Va. City championship, Miller Park.
- June 1-2 — Greenville Open at City Park, Greenville, Ohio.
- June 1-2 — Bryant Memorial Open tournament, Laurelhurst park, Portland, Ore.
- June 2 — Open tournament, McKinley park, Creston, Iowa.
- June 8-9 — First Annual Water Wonderland Open tournament, Bailey park, Battle Creek, Mich.
- June 8-9 — Western Indiana at Dornier Park, Frankfort, Indiana.
- June 9 — John Rosset Memorial tournament, Warninco park, Elizabeth, N. J.
- June 9 — First Annual Heart of America, Budd Park, Kansas City, Missouri.
- June 14-15-16 — Northwest Ohio District, Fairgrounds, Wauseon, Ohio.
- June 14 — Essex County Open, Branch Brook park, Newark, N. J.
- June 15-16 — Ozark Open, Neosho, Mo.
- June 15 — Annual Rose Festival Open tournament, Laurelhurst park, Portland, Oregon.
- June 15-16 — Eastern Indiana at Heekin Park, Muncie.
- June 15-16 — Montana State AAU tournament, Big Timber, Montana.
- June 16 — Annual County tournament, City park, Falls City, Nebraska
- June 16 — Tournament for Iowa pitchers, Island park, Cedar Falls, Iowa.
- June 22-23 — Perry Sesquicentennial Eastern National tournament, City Zoo park, Erie, Pennsylvania
- June 22-23 — 5th Annual Montana-Dakota tournament, Wibaux, Montana.
- June 23 — Massachusetts Open Championship, Moxies' Grove, Hampton Ponds, Holyoke, Mass.
- June 23 — Iowa Hawkeye Members Trophy Picnic tournament, Birdland park, DesMoines, Iowa.
- June 28-29 — Annual Lakeside Open, Lakeside, Ohio.
- June 30 — 2nd Annual Valley County Open tournament, Fort Peck, Montana.
- June 30 — Annual "St. Joe" Open tournament, 28th and Edmond Sts., St. Joseph, Mo.
- June 30 — 2nd Annual Fort Peck Open tournament, Kiwanis park, Fort Peck, Montana.
- June 30 — Bergen County Open, Englewood courts, opposite High School stadium, Englewood, N. J.
- July 4 — Pittsfield, Ill., Open, Kings Park, Pittsfield, Ill.
- July 4 — Tournament for Iowa pitchers, Atkins, Iowa.
- July 4 — Boone County Special, Fairgrounds, Lebanon, Ind.
- July 6-7 — Greenville Ringer Classic, City Park, Greenville, O.
- July 7 — DesMoines Open, Birdland park, DesMoines, Iowa.
- July 6 — Montana State AAU Junior tournament, Miles City, Montana.
- July 13-14 — Northern Indiana, City Park, Wabash, Ind.
- July 13-14 — Southern Indiana, Garfield, Indianapolis, Ind.
- July 13-14 — Central Indiana, Highland Park, Kokomo, Ind.
- July 13-14 — Hill City Invitational, Miller Park, Lynchburg, Va.
- July 13-14 — 5th Annual Erie Northwest Invitational tournament, City Zoo park, Erie, Pa.
- July 13-14 — Annual 4-State Open tournament, City Park, Falls City, Neb.
- July 20-21 — Oklahoma Open tournament, Wiley Post park, Oklahoma City, Okla.
- July 21 — Open Championship tournament, Wheelock park, Keene, New Hampshire.
- July 21 — 6th Annual Culbertson Open Tournament, Culbertson, Montana.
- July 28-Aug. 6 — WORLD TOURNAMENT, South Gate, California
- July 28 — New Jersey Open, Non-Handicap Branch Brook park, Newark, N. J.
- July 28 — Trade Territory tournament, City Park, Falls City, Neb.
- July 28 — Northwest Missouri tournament, Mo. pitchers ONLY, Noyes Field, St. Joseph, Missouri.
- July 27-28 — Northwest Open tournament, Ramsey County fairgrounds, St. Paul, Minn.
- July 29-Aug. 2 — 4-H Fair tournament, Fairgrounds, Lebanon, Ind.
- Aug. 10 — Virginia State tournament, Miller Park, Lynchburg, Va.
- August 11 — Senior AAU tournament, Branch Brook park, Newark, N. J.
- Aug. 11 — Galesburg Open tournament, Lincoln park, Galesburg, Ill.
- Aug. 11 — Annual Vermont State tournament, South Burlington, Vermont.
- Aug. 10-11 — Northwest U.S. Regional AAU tournament, Helena, Montana.
- Aug. 13-14 — Annual Illinois State tournament, Springfield fairgrounds, Springfield, Ill.
- Aug. 14 — Annual Illinois State Boys' tournament, Springfield fairgrounds, Springfield, Ill.
- Aug. 15 — Afton Iowa County Fair tournament.
- Aug. 17 — Virginia Junior tournament, Miller Park, Lynchburg, Va.
- Aug. 17-18 — Erie County (Penna.) tournament, City Zoo park, Erie, Pa.
- Aug. 17-18 — All States Open tournament, City Park, Falls City, Nebraska
- Aug. 17-18 — Indiana State Tournament qualifying at various centers.
- Aug. 17-18 — Pickway Ringer-Round-Up, Fairgrounds, Circleville, Ohio.
- Aug. 17-18 — Centennial Open, City Park, Parkersburg, W. Va.
- Aug. 18 — Virginia City Open tournament, Virginia City, Montana.
- Aug. 18 — Massachusetts State Championship, Moxies' Grove, Hampton Ponds, Holyoke, Mass.
- Aug. 23 — Farmers tournament, Iowa State fairgrounds, DesMoines, Iowa.
- Aug. 23-25 — Annual Missouri State tournament, Sedalia, Missouri.

## Coming Events—continued

- Aug. 24 — Junior Boys' tournament, Iowa State Fair, Des Moines, Iowa.
- Aug. 24 — Pike Co. Open, Fairgrounds, Pleasant Hill, Ill.
- Aug. 24-25 — Iowa State tournament, Iowa State Fair, Des Moines, Iowa.
- August 25 — N. J. State Singles tournament, Branch Brook park, Newark, N.J.
- August — Northwestern Illinois tournament, Lawrence park, Sterling-Rock Falls, Illinois
- Aug. 31-Sept. 2 — Washington State tournament, Woodland park, Seattle, Wash.
- Aug. 31-Sept. 1-2 — Indiana State tournament, Dorer Park, Frankfort.
- Aug. 31-Sept. 1-2 — Ohio State tournament, City Park, Greenville, Ohio.
- Aug. 31-Sept. 1 — West Virginia State, City Park, Parkersburg, W. Va.
- Sept. 1-2 — South Dakota State tournament, Aberdeen, South Dakota.
- Sept. 1-2 — Minnesota State tournament, Bennett park, Hibbing, Minn.
- Sept. 1-2 — Annual New England States tournament, Wheelock park, Keene, New Hampshire.
- Sept. 1-2 — 5th Annual Montana State tournament, Kiwanis park, Fort Peck, Montana.
- Sept. 2 — Annual Rock River Valley Open tournament, Lawrence park, Sterling-Rock Falls, Illinois
- Sept. 2 — "Free For All" Open, Fairgrounds, Wauseon, Ohio.
- Sept. 8 — Midland Empire Open tournament, 28th and Edmond Sts., St. Joseph, Missouri
- Sept. 8 — 3rd Annual Baker Open tournament, Baker, Montana.
- Sept. 13-14 — Indiana-Ohio Open, Heekin Park, Muncie.
- Sept. 14-15 — Annual Hill City Open, Miller Park, Lynchburg, Va.
- Sept. 15 — N. J. State Doubles tournament, Englewood courts, opposite High School stadium, Englewood, N. J.
- Sept. 15 — Whiteside County (Ill.) Lawrence park, Sterling-Rock Falls, Ill.
- Sept. 15 — Open tournament, Afton, Iowa.
- Nov. 20-Dec. 1 — Florida State tournament.

### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

- May 19 — Doubles 24, Men, Baldwin Park.
- May 25 — 60 years and over, Pomona
- June 2 — Added Class "C", Long Beach.
- June 9 — Added Class "B", South Gate.
- June 9 — Added Class "F", South Gate.
- June 23 — Pomona Open "F", Pomona.
- June 30 — Doubles 28, Men, Pomona
- July 6 — Semana Nautica "B" Open, Santa Barbara.
- July 6 — Semana Nautica "A" Open, Santa Barbara.
- July 14 — Special "A" Open, South Gate.
- July 20-21 — Western Open, 16 Men, South Gate.
- Aug. 11 — Pomona Open "C", Pomona.
- Aug. 18 — South Gate Open "B", South Gate.
- Aug. 18 — Added Class "E", South Gate.
- Aug. 25 — Added Class "A", Baldwin Park.
- Sept. 8 — Doubles 32 Men, Long Beach.
- Sept. 15 — Added Class "D", Pomona.
- Sept. 29 — Championship "B", South Gate.
- Sept. 29 — South Gate Open "E", South Gate.
- Oct. 6 — Championship "A", South Gate.
- Oct. 6 — Championship "F", South Gate.
- Oct. 13 — Doubles, 48 Men, South Gate.
- Oct. 27 — Championship "D", Baldwin Park.
- Nov. 3 — Championship "E", Baldwin Park.
- Nov. 10 — Championship "C", South Gate.

## UTAH

Ogden, Utah, Horseshoe Club, with 8 lighted courts in Lester Park, is probably the most active club in the state. Otis Pendleton is President, Otis Cole, Vice-President and Dr. Gilbert Moesinger, Secretary-Treasurer. Nolan Benson won the Tri-County tournament and Dr. Moesinger, the Ogden Open in 1962. Five tournaments are planned for this summer. Murray City Park and Liberty Park in Salt Lake City, with 18 lighted courts each, are well known to all players who attended World Tournaments in Utah. American Forks, City Park with 6 lighted courts; Logan City Park with 4 lighted courts; Vernal City Park with 4 lighted courts; West Jordan City Park with 10 lighted courts; Riverton City Park with 10 courts and Payson Park with 8 lighted courts are other centers of interest in the state.

## TENNESSEE

Knoxville Horseshoe Club. 4 lighted courts in Tyson Park; 3 lighted courts in Chilhowee Park; private courts — Ben Raskopf, 3539 Talahi Dr. and Hubert Davenport, 946 Moody Avenue. O. D. Lebow, President; Roger Norwood, Vice-President; Ben Raskopf, Secretary-Treasurer. Champions — Class A, Roger Norwood; Class B, Charles Anderson; Class C, Jess Williams. This club is the parent of the Tennessee Chapter of the NHPA and staged the State Tournament last year. A Knoxville City team league is sponsored by the club. Teams are sponsored by Knoxville firms.

Jefferson City Horseshoe Club. 3 lighted courts at the home of James Walker, near Cherokee Dam. Officers are George McDaniel, James Walker, Claude Love and Jess Williams. Complete details of the club's activities were carried in the February issue.

This issue is devoted to local club problems and activities. Not all NHPA affiliated local groups are mentioned in this issue for the simple reason they did not send information.

Nor do we wish to give the impression that every player in all clubs listed are NHPA members. Each club however is NHPA connected with at least key players and officers holding NHPA membership, and all have co-operated with the NHPA. Many owe their formation, development and existence to the NHPA.

Each week the NHPA fills requests for information, publicity, rules, etc., from various publications, groups, individuals and organizations who are not NHPA connected, thereby helping new groups get started.

## ARIZONA

There are three active clubs within the jurisdiction of the Arizona state association. The Encanto club at Phoenix has 16 lighted courts at Encanto park. John Mauthe is President and Don Newell, Secretary. Club champ for 1962 was Gordon Miller. The 1963 Phoenix Open will be held on December 7 and December 13th. The Scottsdale-Tempe club schedules all their meets at the beautiful Daley park courts in Tempe, Arizona. They have 8 lighted courts. Giff Thompson is the current state champion. The 1963 state meet will be held on the following dates: October 6, October 13, and October 20. Club officers are Tom Darrough, President; Russ Shaffer, Vice-President; and George Patschke, Secretary. The 10 lighted courts in Rendezvous park in Mesa, Arizona handle the activities of the Mesa club. The annual Valley of the Sun Open tournament is held here. February 15-16, and February 22-23 are the dates set for the 1964 annual event. The club officers are Glen Crandall, President; Art Kamman, Vice-President; and Charles Carsob, Secretary.

## OKLAHOMA

Andy Mogus, Jim Moody, Elmo Strickler and Dale Hettrick are the respective class champions in the Bartlesville and Dewey, Oklahoma club. Johnstone park is equipped with 10 courts, 4 of which are lighted. They conduct intra-club leagues and hold annual championship in Mid-September. Their means of fund raising are through club dues, tournament fees and League "lineage". Vernon Holm, President; Frank Coleman, Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer Jim Copenhaver. Over at Vinita, Oklahoma a new club has been formed and will be hosts to the annual Oklahoma state tournament over the Labor Day weekend. The REA picnic meet is at Vinita. M. N. Smith directs affairs on the 6 court layout in City park. Other areas are Oklahoma City with 8 lighted courts in Wiley Post park with Guy Goddard and Ted Livengood directing. The Tulsa club is directed by Al Belden, J. Roger Griffith and Bill Muihead. 10 lighted courts in Central park, Tulsa. The annual All-State Indian meet is held at Johnpark courts at Bartlesville, directed by Bill Nelson.

## CANADA

The NHPA has numerous members in four provinces of Canada but very little information about purely local clubs.

The Greater Vancouver Horseshoe Pitchers' Association of British Columbia recently joined the NHPA details being in the last issue.

Quebec province has a number of NHPA members, but here there is a language difficulty as most of the players are French speaking. Paul Barrette, President of the Quebec Association is an NHPA member. His Noranda-Rouyn Club is a very well organized group. Other Quebec clubs can be found in Drummondville, Montreal, Malartic, Chateaugay, Abitibi, and Ville Marie.

Ontario province has two groups of players, one centered around Toronto and the other in the Niagara district. The Toronto group is quite active with many outstanding players, including Elmer Hohl. Other Canadian clubs include a group at Preeceville in Saskatchewan and the British Columbia players.

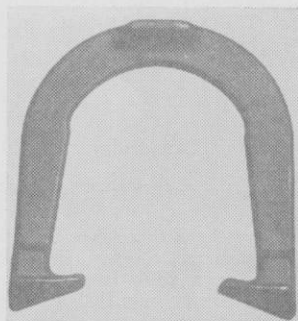
## OREGON

The Portland club conducts the annual Rose Festival Open tournament and the Bryant Memorial tournament each year, both of which draw many of the top pitchers in the Northwest region. Laurelhurst park, where these meets are held has 8 lighted courts while in another part of town there are 8 lighted courts in Columbia park. The Bryant Memorial meet will be held on June 1-2 with the Rose Festival meet being staged on June 15th. Officers of the Portland group are Bill Hulshof, President; and Orville Pettichord, Secretary-Treasurer. Roy Getchell took the Portland city championship last season. Other top players are Bryant Hampton, Cletus Chapelle, former NHPA president, Howard Peterson, Lauren Hill and Glenn Morris. Funds are raised through dues and sales of horseshoes.

Other Oregon clubs are at Hillsboro where there are 6 courts in Shute park. Club officials are Ernie LaVoie, President; Earl Karlborn, Vice-President and Louis Voorhies, Secretary. Bob Burr is the county champ with other top players, Ted Christensen, Ernie LaVoie, Ed Karlborn and Clyde Riley. The club will hold the Happy Days tournament on July 4th. Salem Horseshoe club plays at Bush Pasture park on 12 lighted courts. 1962 City champ is Charles Ross. Other top pitchers are Waldo Hagy and Roland Anderson. Promoting the interest is Gilbert Hamman, Ed Solberg, Melvin Lien and Carl Bayliss. The Salem club conducts the annual Willimette Valley Open which will be held on June 16th. The Corvallis club has 10 courts at Avery park in that city. They hold the annual Corvallis Open tournament there each year. Officers are Warren Haase, President; Ted Zwickl, Secretary-Treasurer. Al Richardson is the county champ with other top players being Tony Prothe and Lowell Davis. The Lebanon club holds all their activities on the 10 courts in their local park. The officers are S. H. Isom, President; Ivan Lowe, Secretary-Treasurer. Top men in the club are Lowe, Samuelson, McGraw, Griffith and Fenner. They will stage the annual Strawberry Festival tournament on June 8th. The Hood River club has 6 courts with Fred Rauch doing the promoting along with Arnie Hukari. The county champ is Al Bell. An Open tournament will be held there on July 4th.

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## ILLINOIS

The annual Galesburg, Illinois Open tournament is the highlight of the Galesburg Horseshoe association. Club activities take place at the 16 lighted courts in the beautiful Lincoln park. Harry Anderson is the genial president with the ever efficient and able tournament manager, Andy Horn handling all the details that go to making the annual Open tournament the success that has made it one of the outstanding major meets in the country, drawing entries from all areas of the country. Funds are raised from club dues and League fees. Date for this event for 1963 is August 11.

Altho there are no regular officers, the Wabash Fellowship club at Decatur, Ill. is ably directed by Frank Cotton and James Slay. There are 13 lighted courts in Fairview park. Handicap League champs for 1962 were Jack Jonson who out-manuevered Frank Cotton, winner of this event for 10 years. The Macon County tournament will be held there this season in August. Top players and boosters are Alex Klunik, Earl Parrish, Clarence Goodwin, Bill Morris, Avery Carmichael and Sam Vest.

The Sterling-Rock Falls, Illinois club under the promotion of Leslie Long has put that club's activities at the top of the tournament list. The annual Rock River Open tournament is a main attraction each Labor Day, drawing entries from many areas around the country. Regular season activities include the annual Warm-Up meet, Northwestern Ill. meet, Whiteside county meet, Twin City tourney and the Sterling-Rock Falls handicap league. Top winners in 1962 were Ellis Griggs, Rock River Valley Champ; Spring Warm-Up champ, Roger Vogel; Northwestern tournament champ, Dale Terry; Whiteside county and Twin City champs, Tino Ramirez and Francis McBride. Don Grove won the handicap individual crown. Fund-raising methods are weekly league fees and tournament fees. Tournament dates listed in the Coming Events column.

Other clubs are in Pike County in the Pittsfield area where they will hold an Open tournament on July 4th at King park in Pittsfield and at the Pike county fair at Pleasant Hill on August 24th. There are 6 lighted courts in King park and 8 courts at the Pike county fairgrounds. There are many private courts in the area. Top players are Lyn Lyman, George Johnson and Hugh Tooley. Top winners in 1962 were Ellis Griggs at Pike county and James Hart at Pittsfield Open.

At Quincy, Illinois that club is under the guidance of O. C. Brown, President; John Markey, Treasurer and Russell Moore, Secretary. There is a regular Handicap League which runs for 15 weeks starting on May 3rd, playing each Friday night, using round robin system. Top winners in 1962 were Wendall Royalty, Handicap League; Adams county tourney, Irving Eilers; Colchester Open tournament, James Hart; and Payson tournament, Ellis Griggs. All meets are played on the 12 lighted courts at Reservoir park in Quincy.

A new club was organized at Waukegan, Illinois with Christ Hanson, President and Biever Butts, Secretary. They will have a weekly handicap league sponsored by the Recreation department of Waukegan.

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## KANSAS

Topeka, Kan. Horseshoe Club has 16 beautiful courts in Gage Park. 8 are lighted and the other 8 will be in the near future. Perl "Pep" Pepple, who has promoted the game for many years in the state is club President. Ben Ridgway is Vice-President and Eugene McCart Secretary-Treasurer. Levi Garner is the Topeka city champion. The Topeka club is responsible for the revival of the game in the state and its activities have increased NHPA membership in other parts of the state where clubs are being formed or reorganized. The Topeka club is interested in bringing the World Tournament to their courts in the next couple of years. Specific information is lacking on other clubs in the state, but Lawrence has 8 courts, Abilene 8, Manhattan 8 courts, and Topeka East Lawn has 3. Other groups can be found in Hutchinson, Wichita, St. Johns, Douglas, Junction City and Dodge City.

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## IDAHO

Boise, Idaho, with 9 lighted courts and Jim Kosterman directing activities, is the biggest horseshoe center in Idaho. Couer D'Alene Horseshoe Club, directed by Louie Jacobson and the Rockford Club, managed by Denny Miller, play in the Inland Valley League, reported in the Washington State news.

## IOWA STATE ASSOCIATION

The Iowa Hawkeye Association has many tournaments and fine facilities for holding them. The 12 court layout at Birdland park, at Des Moines is the scene of the annual Spring Warm-up tournament won by Glen Henton in 1962. The annual Trophy-Picnic meet is also held there, Francis Rogers being the current champion. Also is the DesMoines Open won by Earl Wiges. The annual Iowa state tournament is held at the Iowa State Fair on 16 courts equipped with lights. 1962 winners were Glen Henton, champion; Guy Spitker in the Farmer's division; Neil Vandregriff in the Boy's division and the Iowa State Open with Harold Hughes as champion. The annual Northeastern Iowa and the Southwestern Iowa meets are held on the 8 and 6 court set-up at Cedar Falls and Creston, Iowa respectively, with John Paxton being the 1962 winner at each meet. Paxton also holds the title of the Southeastern Iowa tournament held on the 8 courts at Riverside park in Ottumwa, Iowa. Another major tournament is held annually at the fine Crapo park plant in Burlington, where Harold Darnold and Ernie Danielson keep things moving on their 12 lighted court arrangement when the annual Cornbelt Open is the order of the day late in August. Clint VanDusen took top spot in the 1962 event.

Fred Keiper directs activities at Atkins where 12 courts are in use for the annual 4th of July tournament, Russell Sheetz being the current champion. Lewis Jeter is the director of affairs at the Afton, Iowa 9 court layout where the Southern Iowa and the annual Afton County fair meet are staged. Dale Dixon and Art Brown being the holders of the winners ribbons respectively. Other towns offering pitching facilities are Batavia, Osceola, Mt. Pleasant, Davenport, Keokuk and Vinton, Iowa. Many privately owned courts are available.

The only source of revenue of the Iowa Hawkeye association is through membership fees. Officers of the Iowa association are as follows: Glen Henton, President; Harold Darnold, Vice-President and Mrs. Lucille Hopkins, Secretary-Treasurer. All 1963 tournaments are listed in the "Coming Events" column.

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## FLORIDA

**Bradenton Horseshoe Club**, Bradenton, Fla. 10 courts at Bradenton Trailer Park. Private courts: Les Peary, 610 - 22nd Ave. W.; Horace Kemp, 4504 Elmore Rd.; Floridana Mobile Home Park, 3 lighted courts; Trailer Estates, South Trail, U. S. 41, 4 courts; East Gate Subdivision, 6 courts; Bradenton Manor, 4 courts. Horace Kemp, President; Ray Reidenbaugh, Vice-President; Merritt Bruce, Secretary-Treasurer. Fund raising by membership dues and league fees plus subsidy by the Bradenton Trailer Park. Club champions — Class A, Carl Lundgren; Class B, Les Peary; Class C, Roy Gravink; Class D, Horace Kemp; Class E, Jay Guernsey. Winter League champs — Charles Stephens, Les Peary and Jay Guernsey. The club sponsored the annual Sun Coast Open with entries from 13 states. Clubhouse located at Bradenton Trailer Park courts.

**St. Petersburg Sunshine Club**. Sunshine Pleasure and Shuffleboard Club, Bayshore Dr. and 1st Ave S., 8 courts and clubhouse. Ray Woodrow, President. Sponsors an annual winter open tournament. Subsidy from the Sunshine Pleasure club.

**Orlando Horseshoe Club**, Orlando, Fla. 8 lighted courts, clubhouse, Snack Bar at Sunshine Park, Livingston Avenue. Private courts: John Rademacher, Plant City; Bob Gibbs, Orange City. Frank Wise, President; Charles Milks, Secretary-Treasurer. Orlando City champion — George Noga. Were hosts to Florida State Tournament last fall, won by club member John Clingan. Held Central Florida Tournament. Champions — Class A, Dale Dixon; Class B, John Rademacher; Class C, Lloyd Neal.

**Leesburg Horseshoe Club**. 7 lighted courts at the Venice Gardens. Private court — Henry Speiss, 5022 Sun Circle, Sarasota. Dwight Wolfe, President and William Caine, Secretary-Treasurer.

**Clearwater Horseshoe Club**, Clearwater Fla. 8 lighted courts, Gulf Blvd. William Lane, Secretary. League play in season.

**Manatee County Agricultural Club**, Palmetto, Fla. 4 courts at County Fairgrounds, subsidized by County Fair Board. Open champions — Class A, Dale Dixon; Class B, John Davis; Class C, Roy McClure; Class D, Howard Wells.

**Ft. Lauderdale Horseshoe Club**, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. 8 lighted courts at Holiday Park with Community clubhouse. William Edwards, President and organizer. Paul Backous, Secretary-Treasurer. City champion — William Keegan, now living in Hollywood, Fla. Club champion — Paul Backous.

**Del Webb's Sun City Club**. 4 courts, Sun City Center, between Bradenton and Tampa. S. D. Clark, organizer.

**Jacksonville**, Fla. Unorganized group with private courts at the home of Henry Winslow, 7051 Berrywood Lane.

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## SOUTH DAKOTA

**Brown County Horseshoe Pitchers' Association**, Aberdeen, S. D. 12 lighted courts with 6 more in process of being built in city park near municipal swimming pool. Donald Schaunaman, President; Eugene Ehresman, Vice-President; Ernest Hassinger, Secretary-Treasurer. City-County champs — Class A, Leigh Dunker; Class B, Rudy Karlen; Class C, Orville Dahme; Class D, Merlin Enderson; Class E, John Heinz. A summer team league with five men to a team keeps the courts busy every night. Weekly fees of 25¢ per player builds up a fund for the South Dakota State Tournament which is held at these courts. The city recreation department sponsors the annual City-County tournament, usually held the middle of August prior to the State Tournament.

The Silver Stake Club of Rapid City, S. D., formed only last fall is 100% NHPA members. With no expert or tournament players in its ranks the club plays only for fun, good fellowship and recreation on courts in the backyards of its members. The group appealed to the NHPA last fall for information concerning court construction, official shoes, and other items. The group hopes to get courts installed in a new neighborhood park. Best player in the club is probably Vern Kaulitz. Vic Bryan is President; Roscoe Brooks, Vice-President and Vern Kaulitz, Secretary-Treasurer. Mr. Bryan lives at 815 San Marcos Blvd. Since Rapid City is in the heart of the Black Hills tourist area the new club hopes any NHPA members who visit the area will drop in for a friendly game. There are other NHPA members in Rapid City, including George Paulson, former South Dakota state champ.

## INDIANA

**Muncie, Ind. Horseshoe Club**, 18 lighted courts with clubhouse in Heekin Park. President, Vollie Floyd; Vice-Presidents, Wilbur Jones and Charles McCammon; Secretary-Treasurer, Art Arbogast; Trustees, Harold Craig, Irwin Sampson and Ray Howell. Cliff and Elsie Tomlinson were the 1962 officers. The club has well over 100 active members and raises money by means of a concession stand, raffles, program brochures, accessory sales and donations by business firms, unions, etc. Club champion, Marvin Craig; Muncie City Champ, Kenneth Day; Weekly handicap league champs, spring-summer half, Ray Howell, Cliff Tomlinson, Bud Sampson, Mel Nickols and Chuck Clevenger; summer-fall champs Charles McCammon, Leon Capps, J. D. Clark, Don Thompson and Elmer Davis. 1962 schedule calls weekly handicap leagues on Monday and Tuesday; Junior handicap league on Wednesday; Class tournaments on Thursday. Tournaments — May 19, Spring Special; June 15-16, UAW/CIO Unions; June 23, Eastern Indiana; July 20, Midwest "Ringer Round Up"; July 29-Aug. 4, City and club tours; Sept. 15, Indiana-Ohio Open.

**Kokomo, Ind. Horseshoe Club**, with 18 lighted courts in Highland Park. These courts are also the home grounds of the Continental Steel Co. and the huge Delco-Remy Industrial leagues. Officers are Bill Dunn and Ernie Loveless. Verne Vaught heads the steel company league and Claude Fewell the Delco-Remy league. Leading players are Earl Van Natter and Bill Hobbs.

**Greentown, Ind.**, with courts at the 4-H Fairgrounds sponsored by the Lions club, held an open tournament last year and plan to enlarge activities this year. Bob Strawn and Jim Little of the Kokomo club are the leaders.

**Clinton County Association, Frankfort, Ind.**, 16 lighted courts with clubhouse in Dorner Park and three indoor courts at corner of Magnolia & Green Streets. President, Ray McPherson; Vice-President, Max Heinback; Secretary, Ed Toney; Treasurer, Mel Reed. Weekly summer league won by Goodwin Funeral Home, composed of Curt and Jim Day, Gil Sharpe, Paul Rock, Don Gorman, Bob McNett and Bob Shipley. Weekly winter league won by Atwell Tin Shop, composed of Ike, Carl and Jim Atwell, Al Quebe, Gerald Harmon, Junior Allen and Ray McPherson. County champs, classes A through E — Curt Day, Kenny Achors, Sonny Kressell and Mel Reed. Concession stand and dues raise club funds. Will host the Indiana State and Western Indiana tournaments this year and hold a Spring Special, May 19.

**Indiana State Indoor League**, played at Frankfort's indoor courts on Sundays was won by Wabash. Other teams were from Lebanon, Frankfort, Muncie, Kokomo, Lafayette, Crawfordsville and Indianapolis.

**Anderson, Ind. & Madison County Horseshoe Club**, with 12 lighted courts in Fairview Park. Private courts at homes of Gene Brumfield in Markleville, Don Owens in Summitville and Lowell Hinkle in Mechanicsburg. President, Don Owens, who is also 1962 Indiana State President; Vice-President, Russ Stone; Secretary, Lowell Hinkle; Treasurer, Bob Eutsler. 1962 champs, classes A through C — Chet Craig, Ray Wilson and Danny Eutsler. Danny Eutsler also won the Indiana State Junior title.

**Indianapolis NHPA Club**, 10 lighted courts in Garfield Park and 10 lighted courts in Brookside Park. President, George Johnson; Vice-President, Nolan Rainey; Secretary-Treasurer, Paul Van Sickle. Operates a Tuesday night "Count all" League and a Friday night "Cancellation" League, and will host the Southern Indiana Tournament. 1962 league champs were the Red Caps, captained by Morris Gillespie and composed of Bill and Ed Williams, Gil Poynter, Harry Holland and Woodruff Bunton.

**Boone County Horseshoe Club**, Lebanon, Ind., with 6 lighted courts in 4-H Fairgrounds plus six private courts in Zionsville and Whitestown. President, Frank Nesbitt; Secretary-Treasurer, Gene Weber. Myron and Jack Crane brought this club into being a few years ago and Walt Wilhoite has been an active organizer. County champs, Classes A through E, Gene Weber, Leo Perkins, Les Wilhoite, Ken Mansholt and Don Melvin. Junior champ, Danny Hoover.

**Thornton Horseshoe Club**, also in Boone County, has 4 lighted courts in City Park. Jack Dunbar and Cleve Renschler are the officers. The Fall Festival Tourney was won by Walt Wilhoite and Dick Davis.

**Lafayette, Ind. Horseshoe Club** has 8 lighted courts at home of George Kingma on state road 38. Officers are Randy McKinnis, Nobe Strong and Joe Schilling. The club also has a very active Ladies Auxiliary. Earl Billingsley is the city champ. In addition to weekly play the Fraternal Order of Eagles has used these courts for weekly play.



**INDIANA — (Continued)**

year. If anyone wants to have a really good time, attend one of the club's parties or picnics. They are really something special, thanks to the ladies auxiliary.

**Grant County Horseshoe Club**, Marion, Ind., has 4 lighted courts at the 4-H Fairgrounds. President, Fred Burton and Secretary-Treasurer, Paul Cunningham, Charlie Cummings has won County title for the past 5 years. Other class champs in 1962 were Virgil Holloway, Howard Huffman and Bill Beck.

**Fowlerton, Ind.** has a small but active group with 3 lighted courts in City Park and are a part of the Grant County Club. Al Skinner and Paul Mitchner are the big boosters. Pre-County Tournament was won by Jim Shively of Jonesboro.

**Fayette County Horseshoe Association**, Connersville, Ind. is one of the oldest clubs in the state and has 8 lighted courts in Roberts Park. President, Bob Clark; Business Manager, Dick Pitcher; Secretary, George Noe; Treasurer, Ray Pitcher. County champs at Fayette Free Fair, Classes A through C were Marv Chrisman, Clarence Andrews and Bob Clark. Monthly club champs were Marv Chrisman, Bob May and Ray Pitcher. Several new tournaments are planned for this summer by this very active club. A club at nearby Rushville is reported to be forming. Most of its players are members of the Fayette County group. Dave Craven is leading this group's efforts. The McFatrige brothers, Graydon and Harold along with Jim Kemple are leading players.

**Huntertown, Ind.**, near Ft. Wayne, is in the process of forming a club affiliated with the NHPA. Courts are being built at the high school with lights. High school principal Paul Gerard is assisting Clyde Spangler in getting a program started.

**The Bethel Courts** near Greencastle have a number of active NHPA players led by Brad, Burl and Virgil Taylor and Floyd Fowler.

**Crawfordsville, Ind.**, with five courts in Milligan Park, was formerly a very active club. It is in the process of being revitalized by Don Taylor and Wilfred Kelsey.

**Goshen, Ind. Club**, 5 lighted courts in the Fairgrounds. This is an active and newly organized group with excellent courts and clay. Officers are Collen Alwine, Dean Chidister and Rod Strang. Top players are Dean Chidister, Collen Alwine, Irv Dettweiler. The group has a number of fine players who play in an industrial league at Studebaker Park in nearby Elkhart. Harrison Maitlen of Berne is top player.

**Adams County, Decatur, Ind.**, has a league that has operated for many years on various courts around the county. Jim Johnson of Decatur heads the group.

**Pennville Horseshoe Club**, organized this past winter, has more than 70 members and is building courts. World Women's champ Sue Gillespie is a member. Harold Wilker, President; Jay Hilton, Vice-President; Bill Brown, Secretary; Thoburn Gaskill, Treasurer.

**Franklin, Ind.** has a large, well organized "count-all" league with 8 courts at the Fairgrounds. Oran Hollandbeck and Glen Newkirk head the group.

**Scottsburg, Ind.**, Scott County, with 4 lighted courts in City Park and 4 indoor courts at Fairgrounds, was organized by Howard Wells, NHPA member who also plays in Florida. Joe Morgan is President. Herb McCoskey won the 1962 tournament.

**Salem, Ind.**, Washington County has four courts in City Park. Leading players include Irvin Motsinger and Jim McCaffrey.

**Porter County, Valparaiso, Ind.** is organizing a 1963 league with the aid of the Park & Recreation Dept. The NHPA has a number of members in the area and Roger Adams and Jim Wark are the active workers.

**Logansport, Ind.** has 4 courts in Riverside Park where NHPA member Lloyd Neal is attempting to get an organized group started.

**Winchester, Ind.** with 8 excellent lighted courts in Goodrich Park has a large, well organized club with many top players and NHPA members. The group holds weekly meetings and competition under the direction of Paul Boomer, Marvin Craig, and Clyde Green. 1963 officers have not been announced yet.

**Wabash, Ind.** has 8 lighted courts in City Park and is host to the big Northern Indiana tournament each year. Art Moore is the one who makes this group click. Elbert Boone and Cliff Richards won County tournament classes. Other top players in the group include John Coble and Noah Adams.

**Ft. Wayne Nonpareil Club** with 4 lighted courts in Weisser Park is a newly organized club in a city where the game was tops at one time. The city has many players and it is hoped this group will renew interest.

**Richmond, Ind.** has a large industrial league with courts in Clearwater Park, including some excellent players, but they seldom appear outside their bailiwick.

## WEST VIRGINIA

Wood County Horseshoe Pitchers' Association, Parkersburg, W. Va. Courts in City Park plus private courts at the homes of Carrol Wilson, Andy Deem, Dennie Freshour and Archie Pratt, all of whom are NHPA members. President, Archie Pratt, who is the leading booster of the game in the area and also serves as President of the West Virginia State Association; Vice President Andy Deem, Sr.; Secretary-Treasurer, Charles Kirkpatrick, Jr. County champs — Class A, Andy Deem, Sr.; Class B, Clelbe Lawson. City champs — Class A, Andy Deem, Sr.; Class B, Andy Deem, Jr. The club will host the annual West Virginia State Tournament over the Labor Day weekend. Plans are being made to hold a Centennial Open at City Park in Parkersburg on August 17-18. The state is celebrating its 100th birthday this year. The Parkersburg City tournament will be held July 4th and the Wood County tournament July 26-27.

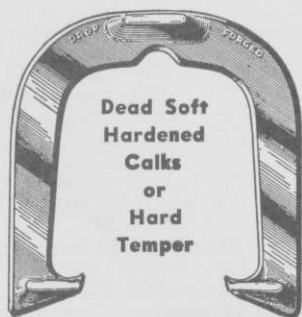
Logan County Horseshoe Pitchers' Association Logan, W. Va. 8 lighted courts in Middelburg Park. The club president is J. B Lowe, a long time NHPA member and booster of the game who also holds a commission as a "Kentucky Colonel" and was selected on the list of West Virginia's All Time sports greats in connection with the Centennial Celebration of the state's 100th birthday. Bill Sergent is Vice-President and Dave Sims, Secretary-Treasurer.

Morgantown, W. Va. Anna and Arner Lindquist are the leading boosters of the game in the northern section of the state. Anna serves as Secretary-Treasurer of the West Virginia State Association.

Huntington, W. Va. A recent television appearance in Huntington of Gary Roberts, National Junior Champ and Ottie Reno uncovered several groups in this area of the state.

Chester, W. Va., Taylor Smith & Taylor League, the newest to enter the NHPA family in West Virginia. Bill Stafford, Jr., is Secretary-Treasurer. Howard Robinson won individual honors in team league last season. Team champs were the Packers. The league plans a handicap type of play this year.

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## MISSOURI

**St. Joseph Horseshoe Club, St. Joseph, Mo.** 9 courts at Noyes Field, 28th and Edmond Streets. Ray Cavin and Wilbur Gay are the business managers; Dale Punneo, President. Three tournaments are held annually including the St. Joe Open. Ray Cavin is the city champion.

**Columbia Horseshoe Club, Columbia, Mo.** 6 courts and 30 members. Kenneth Walker, 300 West Blvd., North, is head of the group, and is also Boone Co. champ.

**Neosho Horseshoe Club, Neosho, Mo.** 6 courts in Smith Park. John Elkins is the business manager of the group. Three open tournaments are held annually including the Ozark Open.

**Lamar, Mo. Horseshoe Club.** 4 courts in City Park. 25 active members. Managed by Jack Brous, the club holds two tournaments each year including the Lamar Open.

**Golden City, Mo. Horseshoe Club.** Has four courts. Held an open tournament last year and expects to hold another this year. Managed by Jess Ehrsam.

**Springfield, Mo. Horseshoe Club.** 8 lighted courts at Phelps Grove Park. Alfred O. Smith, Business Manager. Holds three tournaments each year including the annual Tournament of Champions. Fred Wommack is the City champ.

**King City, Mo. Horseshoe Club.** 4 courts with 20 active members, holds one open tournament annually managed by Wendel Smith.

**Marionville, Mo. Horseshoe Club.** 4 courts, 15 active members. Holds an annual tournament. Managed by Charles Killgore of Stewertsville, Mo.

**Gasconade County.** Group headed by Harold Heidel. Has 4 lighted courts. Paul Lattray, NHPA member, won title at County Fair.

**Sedalia Horseshoe Club.** Has 8 lighted courts at Washington Park and 6 courts at Fairgrounds where State Tournament is held. Bud Larson is manager of the club. Earl Winston won the County tournament. The club holds weekly club tournaments each Thursday night.

**Heart of America Horseshoe Club, Kansas City, Mo.** This is a newly formed club and at present has 8 courts in Budd Park. Horace Gilmore is President and City champ. Harry Strohm, 7730 Main St., organizer of the club is the Secretary-Treasurer. The club will hold a big open tourney June 9th which will be an annual affair to be called the Heart of America Open.

**Washington Sharpshooters Horseshoe Club, Washington Mo.** Four lighted courts with clubhouse, 4 courts at American Legion Home, 2 courts at Krakow, Mo., 2 courts at the Elks Club and 2 courts at Marthasville, Mo. All courts used in summer league play. The club has more than 70 active members. Charles Picraux of Defiance is President; Ed Meyer of Washington Vice-President; H. P. Heidel of Rosebud, Secretary; Paul Martin of Washington, Treasurer. Oliver Stroenner has been an active booster and organizer in this group for many years. 1962 team champs — American Legion Post, Washington. Individual open champs — Class A, Paul Lattray; Class B, H. P. Heidel; Class C, Harry Smith; Class D, Kenny Triplet.

**St. Louis, Mo. Horseshoe Club,** has 18 courts in various locations. 40 active players. The group's activities are promoted by Art Schroeder, 730 Emerson Road, Creve Coeur, Mo. and William Young, 10305 Lackland Road, Overland, Mo.

## NORTH DAKOTA

**Fargo Horseshoe Club, Fargo, N. D.** 12 lighted courts at Oak Grove Park. Henry Wisness, President; Cy Trottier, Vice-President; Will Gullickson, Secretary; Larry Veitch, Treasurer; Art Engbretson, Director.

**Red River Valley League, North Dakota Handicap League.** Five teams from the Fargo Horseshoe Club plus teams from Arthur, Grandin and Horace, N. D. All games played at Oak Grove Park in Fargo. League champs — Grand Recreation team of Fargo. Playoff champs — Grandin Garage, Grandin, N. D.

**Kindred Horseshoe Club, Kindred, N. D.** Rudy Lykken, President. 10 lighted courts at Mill Site Park. A weekly league of eight teams operates at this club which also was host to the North Dakota State Tournament under the direction of Rudy Lykken.

**Maddock, N. D. Horseshoe Club.** Irving Pritchard, President; Herb Dahl, Secretary-Treasurer. The club operates a league with eight teams.

**Dickenson, N. D. Horseshoe Club** operates under the guidance of Art Kubik. Bismarck, N. D. has a newly organized club headed by A. J. Schroedl.

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### WISCONSIN

Washington Park Horseshoe Club, Milwaukee, Wis. 7 lighted courts with clubhouse in Washington Park. Private courts — Tom Bartlen, 1964 N. 97th St., West Allis, Wis. Walter Klippel, President; Rickey Buettner, Vice President; Art Neimann, Secretary-Treasurer. Club champions — Class A, Joe Madden; Class B, Guido Pegorra; Class C, Larry Gendrieth. Handicap champ — Ed Schimek. The history of this club dates back many years. Casey Jones was a member when he was active. Since World War II Art Neimann has guided the activities. Besides dues and league fees funds are raised by raffles and a big annual picnic each year.

Shawano Horseshoe League, Shawano, Wis. 4 lighted courts in City Park with new courts to be added this spring. Aloys Spang is chief booster of the game. Weekly league play — top players include Pete Waukecheon, Jim Olson, Hank Thompson, Solly Spang and Merle Cooper.

Pulaski Horseshoe League, Pulaski, Wis. 6 lighted courts at City Park. Archie Johnson organized the league. Clarence Polczynski is Secretary-Treasurer. Singles champion — Walt Liss. Doubles champions — Len Klopotic and Bish Brushkiewicz.

Beaver Dam, Wis. has five courts in Swans City Park. Ronald Braeker is the chief booster in the area and home and home team matches are played with other groups in Watertown and Little Chute, Wis.

Tri-County Horseshoe League, Waukesha, Dodge and Jefferson. President, Wally Seeger. Secretary, Arnold Rupnow. There are six cities in the league, all have lighted courts. Frame Park, Waukesha, 4 courts; Roosevelt Field, Oconomowoc, 3 courts; Rupnow Ranch LaBelle, 3 courts; Firemans Park, Ixonia, 3 courts; Jones Park, Ft. Atkinson, 6 courts; Riverside Park, Watertown, 3 courts. Ft. Atkinson was the home of Art Klement who was Secretary of the Wisconsin State Association for more than 30 years until his death a year ago.

Jefferson, Wis. Horseshoe Club has three courts in the Fairgrounds. Orville Degner is President and Ben Trolen the Secretary.

Other Wisconsin groups and courts — Beloit, where Earl Ramquist is the top player; LaCrosse, which has a large number of courts, Neillsville; Baraboo, where Ben Leighton, ex-NHPA President lives; Wind Lake, Fredonia, Eau Claire and Marshfield.

### TEXAS

Various groups in the Lone Star State are trying hard to bring the game back to its former level in Texas. Among these groups is Wichita Falls led by John Barwell and E. B. Bloom; Houston, where Matt Bower and B. E. Sipple are the leading boosters; Gainesville, with present Texas champ John Cash and at Ballinger, where the Rev. Marvin Burgess directed the last two state tournaments. There are also several groups in western Texas at Lubbock and Amarillo, but they are closer to the newly formed NHPA groups in New Mexico.

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## WASHINGTON

**Seattle, Wash. Horseshoe Club.** 14 lighted courts in Woodlawn Park. President, Phil Luoto; Secretary, Ed Shidler. Ralph Taylor, Vice-President of the Washington State Association, now acting as Secretary-Treasurer, is also a club member. Phil Luoto doubles as President of the State Association. City champion — Vic Bertoldi. Doubles champions, Vic Bertoldi and Walt Smith. The club raises funds by membership dues, the sale of horseshoe equipment and accessories along with donations by sponsors for special events. The Frank Novak Memorial Tournament was scheduled for April 28. The Seattle City champions, August 17-18. The club will host the Washington State Tournament over the Labor Day weekend.

**Bremerton, Wash. Horseshoe Club.** 15 lighted courts in Bremerton City Park. President, Don Tyser; Secretary-Treasurer, Rudy Allones. City champion, Herb Criss. Bremerton Open champ, Barney Hampton of Portland, Oregon. 1963 tournaments — July 6-7, Bremerton Open. August 24-25, Bremerton City Tournament.

**Inland Empire Horseshoe Pitchers' Association,** Spokane, Wash. and Eastern Washington. 4 courts in Rockford City Park. 6 private courts in Pasadena Park at home of Wally Rehard, 4203 Locust Street, Spokane, and his neighbor. Business manager — Wally Rehard, who has promoted and boosted the game in this area for a long time in co-operation with the NHPA. The club conducts handicap play during the season. 1962 champions were Ollie Johnson and Wally Rehard. Henry Knauff is the top player in the area, a former Washington State Champ who has made a good showing in several World Tournaments in which he has entered.

**Yakima, Wash. Horseshoe Club.** 8 courts at the Central Washington Fairgrounds in Yakima. President, Gene Patrick; Secretary, Irma Monasmith. The club conducts the Northwest Open tournament at the Central Washington Fair. John Monasmith is present champion and also the Washington State champion and one of the greatest pitchers of all time in the state.

**Bellingham, Wash. Horseshoe Club.** 16 courts plus one Ladies' court at Cornwall Park. Lights are in the process of being installed. President, Boyd Grim; Secretary-Treasurer, Ken Elvig. City champion, Boyd Grim. Northwest Open tournament, staged by the club, was won last summer by Paul Snow of Seattle. The club has relations with groups in British Columbia, Canada.

**Grays Harbor Horseshoe Club,** Hoquiam and Aberdeen areas in Washington. 6 courts in Hoquiam Lions Club Park. 2 courts in Aberdeen Pioneer Park and 2 courts in Olympic Stadium in Hoquiam. President, Ray Gibson; Vice-President, A. Lane; Secretary-Treasurer, Chuck Damm. Art Lienes of Aberdeen, who guided the Washington State Association for many years, is also a member of the club. Club champions — Class A, Ed Fishel; Class B, John Weber. League champions — the Hansen Furniture Co. team composed of Bert Damm, Ray Weber and Leo White.

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## WYOMING

**Cheyenne, Wyo.** has 12 well lighted courts in Holiday Park. Activities are organized by Merle Palmer and Les Forsthye. The annual Tri-State, Wyo-Colo-Nebr. Tournament will be held August 18.

**Albin, Wyo.** has six lighted courts. Charlie Palm, Cletus Arnold and Ed Anderson head this group which will hold the Albin Day tourney on July 13. Ed Anderson is Secretary of the Wyoming State Association.

**Laramie, Wyo.** Horseshoe interest is on the rise here and a club is in the process of being formed. Good outdoor courts are lacking at this time, but the group held a very successful indoor tournament recently in the University of Wyoming Fieldhouse, which shows what can be done when a group gets busy and promotes activity. Bob Burns, 1317 Garfield, is Secretary of the club.

**Casper, Wyo.** is in the process of organizing, led by Cliff Dungan.

**Saratoga, Wyo.,** with six courts, will be host to the Wyoming State tournament this year. Shell Patton is present champion. Nestor Miller, Box 34, Saratoga, heads the club. State tourney date is Labor Day weekend.

**Rawlins, Wyo.** has six unlighted courts.

**Wheatland, Wyo.** was at one time the best spot in the state for horseshoe activity, but interest has lagged since Art Rugg, the state's best booster, moved to Florida. They have six lighted courts.

## NEW YORK

Corning, N. Y. Horseshoe Club has come a long ways in the past three years and has been host to the New York State meet for the past two years. Formed by Elwin Smith only a few years ago it is a successful group now headed by Bill Hyland and Ondre Rockwell. Bob Rice is probably the top player in the club.

Jamestown, N. Y. with 12 lighted courts at Falconer Rod & Gun Club is another New York club with a success record. Larry Proudman is the big gun here.

Hornell, N. Y. is only a couple of years old and a growing club headed by Richard Schaumberg.

Erie County Recreation League was formed with aid from the NHPA by the Recreation and Park Dept. Has 12 courts in Como Park, 8 miles south of Buffalo. Matt Mozlof NHPA member from Buffalo helped organize and a very successful team league functioned last summer and will be even bigger this year.

Delaware Park Horseshoe Club in Buffalo, N. Y. with 12 lighted courts is headed by Matt Mozlof, Hank Orzulak and Baron Parker, all NHPA members.

Westchester Horseshoe Association & League was formed with the help of the county Recreation Dept. with stimulus provided by the NHPA and Carl von der Lancken, former NHPA Vice-President. A successful first year tournament was held which was reported in an earlier issue of the Digest. Carl von der Lancken is Chairman of the new group and Paul Schwalen, also an NHPA member is Secretary. Teams are being formed and courts built in the following Westchester county communities; Peekskill, Montrose, Harrison, Mamaroneck, New Rochelle, Elmsford, Yonkers Port Chester and White Plains. Kenneth Schrott won 1962 county title. Other New York State groups and clubs: Putman City, 3 lighted courts, organized by Cinrad Stern and E. M. Ford; Haverstraw, N. Y. headed by Bob Nelson; Painted Post; Mt. Morris and Dunkirk.

Binghamton, N. Y. group headed by New York State Secretary Joe Pollock, has been a center of activity for many years. Organized activities in Rochester, Syracuse and New York City seemed to have declined because of a lack of leadership, although there are NHPA members in all these locations.

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## NEBRASKA

Fall City, Nebr. Horseshoe Club, 12 lighted courts in City Park. President, Ray German; Vice-President, Milt Harmon; Secretary-Treasurer, Don Koso, who has been President for 8 years and is currently NHPA Regional Director. Cyril Walker won 1962 County Tournament with Koso 2nd. Fall City merchants donate money and prizes for various events. Schedule — July 14-15, annual 4 State Tourney; July 28, Trade Territory tourney; Aug. 18, All States Open.

Cozad, Nebr. Club, 10 courts, 4 lighted at Municipal Park, plus courts at Rose Motel on U. S. 30. Ralph Fleherty directs the club. Gene Stauffer won 1962 area title. This event will be held August 11 this year. Cozad Hay Days Open will be held Sept. 13. Last year Classes A through C were won by Merle Denning now deceased, Harold Neal and Mike Baker. Other clubs and groups: Kimball, Nebr. Lou Siebenaler Memorial Club with 8 lighted courts. Club headed by George Schmidt. Holds a big Open each year in addition to local activities. Wyo-Braska Open August 18th. Omaha, Nebr., 8 courts in Dewey Park with activities headed by Joe Foster and Tom Novacek. North Platte, Nebr., 6 courts in Cody Park; W. A. Lerner, chief booster. Minden, 4 courts with Sam Sommerhalder, chief booster; Curtis, Nebr., 5 courts; Broken Bow with 4 courts in City Park; Kearney, Nebr. with 9 lighted courts in Harmon Park; Sidney, Nebr., 4 courts with activities headed by Al Rowley; Sutherland, Nebr. with 2 courts in Union Pacific Park. Charles Chase heads group; Hot Springs, a new group headed by Doug Peterson. Regional Director Don Koso reports that groups are forming in Hiawatha, Horton, Everest, Fairview and Sabetha, all in Kansas.

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## COLORADO

Specific information regarding organized clubs in the state has not been received but there are NHPA members and courts in the following cities: City Park, Denver; Pow Wow Park, Boulder; City Square Park, Sterling; Island Grove Park, Greeley; Fairgrounds Park, Longmont and City Parks in Ft. Morgan, Brush, Merino and Colorado Springs.

## MINNESOTA

**St. Paul Ramsey County League** with 16 lighted courts in the Fairgrounds will be playing with A, B and C leagues in operation and will stage the annual Northwest Open July 27-28. Club officers are Leo Reinhardt, Frank Schneider, Elmer Bishop, Jerry Bovee and Bill Lorenz.

**Minneapolis Horseshoe League** with 12 lighted courts in Loring Park operates with the co-operation of the Park & Recreation Dept. Ralph Lundberg is one of the biggest boosters. We have no report on the list of 1963 officers.

**Duluth, Minn. Municipal Recreation Horseshoe League** with 12 courts at Wheeler Field on U. S. 61 is a recently formed club that is really active and has a bright future. George Johnson as Executive Vice-President and Jim Newland as Secretary-Treasurer have worked hard and long to get this group off to a successful start aided by club president Dick Granley. The Annual Duluth Portorama Open August 3-4 will be the season's feature. The Minnesota State Boy's tourney will be held August 31st. The club operates Class A, B and C weekly leagues. Hots Anderson's won the A title with Harry Hard's team posting the best single night record and George Lindstrom winning individual honors. Tony Legarde's team won Class B with Dick Granley the leading player. Julius Belakovics won Class C honors. Most improved player award went to Floyd Peterson. 50 shoe games were played and Class C used a handicap system. This type of club and activities tied in with a recreation dept. is the best hope for the future development of the game.

**Hibbing, Minn. Horseshoe Club** with 8 lighted courts in Bennett Park directed by Charlie Strafaccia, who is also State Association President and by Walter Charles, is another outstanding Minnesota club. The annual Minnesota State Tournament will be held here Labor Day weekend. Charlie Strafaccia and the Hibbing club has done much to boost the game in other parts of northern Minnesota.

**Tower-Sundan Horseshoe Club** is a new club. Stan Hill is President, Anthony Vesel, Vice-President and Rev. Fred Vanhala, Secretary-Treasurer. 5 courts have been built on Main Street. The club got started with NHPA information and aid from the Hibbing club by which means they found the stakes were 40 feet apart instead of 42, which serves to point out the importance of an effective National Association. Stan Hill in particular has worked very hard to boost the game in the area.

Other Minnesota clubs and groups: **Fergus Falls, Minn.**, Elmer Stanghelle, Secretary. **Brainard, Minn.**, led by Len Patterson. **Two Harbors, Minn.**, whose biggest booster is Elton Nelson. **Biwabik, Minn.**, a group Stan Hill of Tower helped start. **Storden, Minn.** holds an annual open under the direction of Daryl Olsen. **Westbrook, Minn.**, scene of former Minnesota state tourneys guided by Art Peters and Archie Anderson. **Cloquet, Minn.**, headed by Norm Morrison; **Windom, Minn.**, by E. Peterson and another new group at **Wayzata, Minn.** all have active NHPA connected groups.

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## VIRGINIA

**Hill City Horseshoe Club**, Lynchburg, Va. 8 lighted courts in Miller Park which have recently been improved with blacktop, new clay, etc. Also two private courts, lighted, at the home of W. T. McLoed, 612 Riverside Drive and two lighted courts at the Grace Street Fire Station. Thomas Ballowe, President; Vice-President, Bob Toney and Secretary-Treasurer, Myrtle Patterson. NHPA Regional Director Fred Childress and State Secretary Marvin May are also members of the Hill City Club. This club is the backbone of the NHPA in the Old Dominion and also works closely with the City Recreation Dept. Myrtle Patterson, club Secretary-Treasurer, is also Assistant City Recreation Director and has done much for the game in that area. 1963 schedule — May 4, City Doubles, Tom Ballowe and O'Hara Burnette, defending champs; June 1, City Singles, Bob Toney defending champ; July 13-14, Hill City Invitational; August 10, Virginia State Tournament; August 17, Boy's and Junior Tournament, Rodney Perdue, defending champ; Sept. 14-15, Hill City Open and South Eastern States Open, Ralph Maddox of West Virginia, the defending champ.

**Richmond Va.** is another active NHPA group in the state, although they are not formally organized. Cecil Monday is the busiest promoter in the group and two open tournaments are held annually. They have six lighted courts in Fontacello Park. Larry Templeton, Virginia State Champ is a member.

## NEW ENGLAND STATES

**Keene, N. H. Horseshoe Club** is a real success story for ambitious clubs. Started only a few years ago this group received stimulus from the NHPA and supplied their own desire and willingness to work, coupled with good leadership. Today they have 24 courts in Wheelock park, some under lights and the remainder soon will be. Last year the club was host to the largest New England States Tourney in history and did a bang up job. Now the club is excellently financed with a strong program of activities and is planning on getting the World Tournament in the near future. President Reginald Fish and Secretary Don Pickering and other officers, along with a co-operative membership has done the job.

Manchester, N. H. has a very active club headed by Lionel Cayer and Victor True.

Dover and Portsmouth are other New Hampshire groups, the latter headed by Howard White, who has been active for many years in promoting the game.

Vermont activities are centered in the Battleboro-Bennington area where Fred Butler does most of the proomting.

Maine has a very active and strong state association headed by NHPA members Len Herrick and Clarence Modery, but we have no information regarding local club activities.

Rhode Island activities are centered in the Lincoln, North Providence, Warwick areas. Tom Whelan of the NHPA has not reported on local clubs in the state. Al Bourgeois, another NHPA member, has long been active in this state.

Connecticut — Although the NHPA has many members in the state we have no specific information on local clubs. The Bridgeport, Middletown and Hartford areas have the most activity. The Deep River League, although not NHPA affiliated, has a number of NHPA members and is an excellent and well run handicap league headed by Roy Pearson. London also has a well organized group and there is activity in the Waterford area.

New Caanan has a group under the guidance of Hugh Orpet. Another Connecticut League with which the NHPA has established relations is at Rockville where they have 8 courts in Henry Park. Watts Shattuck directs activities. Everett Dickinson won the area title for the 3rd year and teamed with Pete Dobosz in the doubles. Thompson and Ludwig won the "Scratch" doubles.

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## NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

The Northern California Horseshoe Pitchers' Association with clubs mainly in the San Francisco bay area has an active program of events, both competitive and social, and invite all visitors to join in. **Mosswood Park Horseshoe Club**, Oakland, Calif., with 8 courts, 2 with lights, is a very active group headed by President Czar Marceovich, Secretary Brad Bourland and Treasurer Earl Davis. 1962 Champ Bill Blexrude. **Golden Gate Horseshoe Club** with 12 courts in beautiful Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, Calif. President, Bruce Lyon; Secretary, Jack Seymour; Treasurer, George Callas. 1962 champion, Bill Fraser. **Arroyo Viejo Park Horseshoe Club** in Oakland, Calif., 6 courts, Luke Braun, 2519 Crist Street, Alameda, Calif. is Secretary-Treasurer and man behind the scenes at this club. **Roeding Park Horseshoe Club**, Fresno, Calif., headed by Major Dalton, M. O. Preo. Top player, Ira Allen, brother of Ted Allen.

**Seaside Horseshoe Club**, Seaside, Calif., a newly organized club with 4 brand new courts and one of the finest layouts anywhere in the U. S. Has combined players and members from Seaside, Monterey, Carmel and Pacific Grove. Moving spirit behind this club is a real booster of the game, retired naval officer H. O. Hansen, who serves as President. Other officers are Vice-President, H. H. Bond and Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Elizabeth Gregerson. Dedication ceremonies of the new courts saw the mayor and city officials present along with Elmer Beller and Czar Marceovich of the Southern and Northern California Associations and Don Titcomb, former World champion, who gave an exhibition along with Bill Fraser, 1962 Pacific Coast Open champion. **San Jose, Calif.**, with courts in Ryland Park, managed by Jim Thompson. **Santa Rosa, Calif.**, courts in Fairgrounds, activities directed by NHPA member Roscoe Squires. **Vallejo, Calif.**, club directed by Al Almeida. **Los Gatos, Calif.**, group with Merle Timmons, director of activities.



## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

The Southern California Horseshoe Pitchers' Association is almost 100 percent NHPA membership, is centered in the Los Angeles area. NHPA members visiting California and newcomers moving to the Golden State are invited to get in touch with any of the listed clubs and groups.

**South Gate, Calif. Horseshoe Club** will host the 1963 World Tourney and many local events on its 18 floodlighted courts in South Gate Municipal Park. President, Fred Brown; Vice-Presidents, Norman Smith, Buster Parker, Ross Faulkner; Secretary-Treasurer, Eldon Carrier. **Baldwin Park, Calif. Horseshoe Club**, 6 lighted courts in Morgan Park. President, Gunnar Hansen; Vice-President, Wally Shipley; Secretary-Treasurer, Al Cauchon. This is one of the most active groups in the area. NHPA official Elmer Beller is a member. **Long Beach, Calif. Horseshoe Club**, 8 courts at South end of Magnolia Avenue west of roller coaster. President, Ralph Navarro; other officers John Powell, John Pierce and H. V. Clark. Scene of numerous NHPA sanctioned tournaments. **La Habra, Calif. Horseshoe Club**, courts in La Habra Memorial Park. This is a newly organized club. Chief boosters are Oscar, Fred and Leo Percy. **Ontario, Calif. Horseshoe Club**, one of the most active groups in the state for many years. Courts located at Emporia & Lemon Streets, Ralph Navarro, George Hook, Carroll Beach and Glen Brown do most of the work here. **Pomona, Calif. Horseshoe Club**, 7 lighted courts with club house in city park at 3rd & Parcels Streets. Officers are Sut Oesterich, William Pevehouse, Louis Dean, Harold Wilcox. **Santa Barbara, Calif. Horseshoe Club**, 8 courts, 4 lighted in Oak Park. Activities guided by Howard Swearingen, Ray Arnold, Al Cobb, Ed Reynolds and Art Stuckenberg. **Fullerton, Calif. Horseshoe Club**, 4 lighted courts in Ameriga Park. President, Tom Wheeler; Vice-President, Bill Faulkner; Secretary-Treasurer, Earl Mang. **Santa Monica, Calif. Horseshoe Club**, 5 lighted courts in Lincoln Park. Group pitching. Officers: Norm Smith, Gomer Reese, Brian Hodgins, Charles Fork and Russ Norman. **Inglewood, Calif.**, 5 lighted courts in Centilla Park. Activities directed by Lyle Augspurger, George Easterling and Ed Gruell. **Los Angeles, Calif.**, 4 courts with group pitching in McArthur-Westlake Park. Chief boosters are Jay Warren, Joe Olsen, Jess Palmer, Bill Simkoff and Al Wischman. **North Hollywood, Calif.**, 5 courts in city park, Tujunga and Chandler Avenues. Lyman Bailey of North Hollywood, Jay Pickens of Sun Valley and Fred Hallissey of Van Nuys, chief boosters.

## NEW MEXICO

Two excellent and well organized local clubs, both NHPA affiliated, are in the process of joining forces to form an official New Mexico State NHPA chapter while at the same time retaining their own identity.

**The Albuquerque Horseshoe Club** with a large membership has worked hard to get underway, but has been handicapped by a lack of courts. At last it appears the city recreation dept. will assist in getting proper facilities installed. This group was started by Parker Burns, a former Indiana player, and later assisted by P. D. Riley, Texas state champ who moved to New Mexico. These are the present head of the club, Bill Sweatman, along with Leslie Cole and Fred Grey are really on the move.

**The Rio Grande Horseshoe Club** of Belen, N. M. in Valencia County was organized last year and successfully promoted a number of tournaments including the state meet. Joe Helms, formerly of Indiana won the state title and is President of the new club. Ralph Brandt of Belen is the Tournament Manager and promoter. Other officers are Otis Henson and Pat Edeal. The club has 6 courts in the county Fairgrounds.

Belen Merchants and the Fair Board donated trophies and prizes. Both clubs raise money by means of raffles, sale of accessories and donations.

## NORTH CAROLINA

**The Winston-Salem Horseshoe Club** with 12 fine courts in Miller Park aided by the city recreation dept. is the biggest and most active group. Randall Jones is the big promoter of the game and serves as Secretary of the State Association and is an excellent tournament director.

Other groups and clubs operate at Durham, Asheboro, High Point, Thomasville, Mayodan, Burlington and Westfield.

## MONTANA STATE ASSOCIATION

Present organized horseshoe pitching had its beginning in Wibaux, Montana when the Wibaux County club was set up. They have 8 courts in the Double Ringer layout in City park in Wibaux. Robert M. Baird is President; Arnold Kuhlmann, Vice-President and D. C. Lawrence, Secretary-Treasurer. Roger Barnaby founded the club in 1958 and is tournament manager. The Wibaux club is the only club in Montana to have held tournaments, all sanctioned by the NHPA. Since its founding the Wibaux club has held 8 meets, drawing players as far as Kindred, N. D. The club is maintained financially by dues, concession stands at tournaments and advertising from programs put out for each tournament. Top ranking players are D. C. Lawrence and Robert M. Baird, Victor and Jacob Germann.

Art Olsen is the man behind the gun at the Big Timber club, who play all their matches on the 8 courts in the City park of Big Timber, Montana. The Jaycees sponsor the annual state tournament held there. Ed Holmberg holds the current titles in the State AAU, Regional singles and also shares the National AAU doubles crown won in 1962.

The Culbertson, Montana club operates on the 8 lighted courts located at the Junction of Rte 2 and 16 Highways. Cliff Thomsen and Ira Jensen are the current top men. Jensen being the 1962 National AAU champ. Funds are raised by sponsoring the Bob Johnson Singers and putting on Pancake suppers. Also by contributions from members from time to time. Guiding this club are the following officers: Herman Jensen, President; Eugene Larsen, Vice-President and Stanley Oelkers, Secretary-Treasurer.

Baker, Montana boasts an 8 court set-up all under lights with Pat Plummer being the President and Norm Stennerson as Secretary. Courts are located on 3rd street in Baker. Top pitchers are Willson Hubbard, Pat Plummer, Gene Skidmore and Christ Shopp. Main source of revenue is through dues.

The Last Chance Ringer Flingers club made up of 66 members conducts activities on 8 nicely lighted courts at Bausch park in Helena, Montana. John McKinnon is President; Norm Schneckloth, Vice-President; William Driver, Secretary-Treasurer and Darryl Lee, Publicity. Club was organized in 1962 and winners of the events were Art Olsen, singles and McKinnon and Polich, doubles champions. Membership fee of \$1.00 per year plus entry fee from tournaments keep the club solvent.

Fort Peck, Montana, home of the Valley County club will be the scene of the 1963 Montana state tournament, scheduled to be played on the 8 courts in Kiwanis park in that city on Sept. 1 and 2. The annual Valley County Open is set for June 30 on these courts. Officers of the club are Tom Wagner, President and Bing Burns, Secretary-Treasurer. In the top spots are Tom Wagner, Bing Burns, Tom Lund, Ivan Miller, Henry Sand and Herbert Sand. The club has a \$3.00 dues fee.

The Sidney, Montana club, altho only a group of players, not regularly organized, helped in the construction of 8 courts, all lighted in City park in Sidney. The key man there is Walter Quilling. The two tournaments that have been held there have been conducted by Roger Barnaby. The City Recreational Director assisted with the very first meet. Ernie McChesney is the current City champ. Walter Quilling and Ing Ronning are also top players. Altho the 1963 date has not been announced, the annual Sidney Open tournament is held on these courts.

All Montana Association tournaments are listed in the "Coming Events" column.

## GEORGIA

Georgia players are forming a club and may soon become affiliated with the NHPA. The group has more than 30 active players with four lighted courts at the Sweetwater Inn in Austell near Atlanta. A tournament was held last fall under A.A.U. jurisdiction and was won by Ray Griffin. C. C. Robinson placed 2nd and Carl White 3rd. D. W. Mitchell of Mableton Ga. heads the group and now belongs to the NHPA. The following tournaments are scheduled for this summer: June 8 — Spring Open. July 6 — Sweetwater Inn Open, doubles play only. August 3 — Georgia State Doubles Tournament. August 10 — Georgia State Singles. Joe Dubie, former Montana State champ and one of the best players in Illinois when he lived at Peoria years ago, now lives in Toccoa, Ga. and is an NHPA member affiliated with the Georgia group.

## MASSACHUSETTS

Orange, Mass. Horseshoe Club, Franklin County, operates under the guidance of Percy Howe who is also the Massachusetts State President. The county tournament is held in the Fairgrounds. The winners A through C in 1962 were Charles Richardson, Dennis Peets and Fritz Klockers. The County Fair and tourney will be held Sept. 8 this year.

The Twin County Horseshoe League with ten teams and some 24 courts at various places around the two counties are really a part of the Orange Horseshoe Club. League officers are: President, Guy Thresher; Vice-President, Richard Gaulzetti; Secretary, Percy Howe; Treasurer, Harold Castine and Publicity Director Joe Ribichaud, all NHPA members. Amos Whitaker, former NHPA Vice-President, is also a leading booster of the game in this area. The winning team last year was the Orange Peels composed of Joe Ribichaud, Charles Richardson, Bernard Barnes, Carl Walker and Joe Bezia, all NHPA members.

Forest Park Horseshoe Club with 16 lighted courts at Moxies Grove, Hampton Ponds, Holyoke, Mass., is the leading club in the state. President Alfred Hamel, Vice-President Sam Adams, Secretary-Treasurer Gil Brinkman and Tournament Director Ralph Forsstrom, who has also been the Massachusetts State Secretary-Treasurer for many years. Officers of the weekly handicap league also includes Joe Fairbanks and Herb Hemenway. 1962 league champs, the East Street Club, composed of Capt. Leo Paulin, Ernie Lecuyer, John Renfro, Stan Luke, Ernie Davenpeck and R. Jacoby. Western Mass. champs A through E are Gil Brinkman, Ralph Forsstrom, Wayne Castine, Leo Brouillette and Dave Champiney. The Western Mass. tourney will be held on these courts, also the Mass. Open June 23 and the Mass. State Tourney August 4.

Polish American Veterans Winter League open to everybody has 4 indoor courts on the Stony Hill Road, Wilbraham, Mass. President Tom Laurino; Vice-President, Charles Farnsworth; Secretary, Gil Brinkman; Treasurer, Hank Pietruszak; Publicity, Al Hauk. The Falcons won the title with the following players: Capt. Hank Pietruszak, Duke Duquette, Al Vinton, Vic Parsons and A. Pernice. The individual title went to Ed Gruzka.

Westfield, Mass. Horseshoe Club, 12 lighted courts in Memorial Park on Route 20. President, Frank Wellspeak; Vice-President, Dave Champiney; Secretary, Bill Babinski; Treasurer, Tom Priest. Club champs, A through D — John Renfro, Earl Cook, Russ Barnes, Frank Wellspeak. City champs A through C — Bill Babinski, Francis Russell, Bill Kieda. Hampden County champs, A through E, Bill Babinski, Stan Luke, Charles Farnsworth, Hank Pietruszak, Roger St. John. Club handicap champs: Art Shoerock, Al Pietruszak and Dave Champiney. Team champs were the Old Colony Envelope Co.

Amherst, Mass. Horseshoe Club, newly organized club and off to a good start with both an outdoor and indoor program. President, Herb Hemenway; Vice-President, Pete Wysocki; Treasurer, Herb Cook; Secretary, Marcella Campbell. With 60 active members the club opened with indoor play on temporary courts in the cattle arena at Amherst College. Courts have now been built in the tobacco barn of Pete Wysocky. 8 lighted courts are being built outdoors at the Stoney Brook picnic area. This club got its start when Hemenway, Whitcomb, Rauch and Hawthorne were sponsored as a team by the Amherst Paint Co. and journeyed 25 miles each week to play in the Forest Park League. Top players in the club are Ralph White, Bob Thresher, Jim Rauch, Charlie Rogers and Bill Shumway in that order.

Amvet Post 51 Horseshoe Club, Randolph, Mass. is another new group which got its start with NHPA aid. Officers are Joe Marshall and Bill Young. A league of 10 teams and 60 players operated on 4 lighted courts. Joe Marshall took individual honors and the team of Marshall, Bill Hicks, Charles Waters and Howie Arrey won team title.

Gardner, Mass., another new group, received aid and sponsorship from the Simplex Time Recording Co. and the Gardner Fish & Game Club. More than 20 courts were built in the city during the past year. The Park & Recreation Dept built 4 courts and are planning more in a new park. Herb Johnson, NHPA member is the chief booster in the area. Bob Stone won the 1962 individual title and Eddie Roy and Harry Walker the doubles.

## OHIO

**Darke County Horseshoe Pitchers' Association**, Greenville, Ohio, 18 lighted courts in City Park where the 1962 World Tournament was held. 3 indoor courts in 4-H building at Fairgrounds, plus three private courts in Greenville and several lighted courts at Rossburg. Levi Brumbaugh, President; Floyd Coblenz, Vice-President; Rollin Futrell, Secretary; James Garrett, Treasurer; "Cricket" Coppock, Club Manager. County and Club champion — Wilbur Kabel. The club receives excellent co-operation from the Park dept. Greenville Open will be held June 1-2 and the Greenville Ringer Classic, July 4-7. \$800.00 guaranteed cash prizes in "Ringer Classic".

**Hamilton County, Norwood, Ohio Club**, with 12 excellent lighted courts at Water Works Park in Norwood, a suburb of Cincinnati. Private court at home of Jim "Pop" Johnson, 8370 Pippin Road, Cincinnati, Ohio. Leo McGrath, Sam Goodlander and Tibey Woods manage the club, along with Richard Jansen, Secretary of the Handicap League. Club Handicap champs, classes A through C — Jim Johnson, Leo McGrath, Herschel Mitchell. County champs — Class A, Harold Godfrey; Class B, Richard Jansen.

**Pike County, Ohio Horseshoe Pitchers' Association**, Waverly, Ohio, 6 lighted courts at Pike County Fish & Game club. 3 indoor courts at corner of Market & 2nd Streets in Waverly. 25 private courts in the county, some lighted and some indoors. Oattie Reno, President; Victor Dixon, Homer Scaggs, Mary Vallery and Roy Jennings, Vice-Presidents; Margaret Cassady, Secretary-Treasurer. This is one of the most active clubs in the country with a busy schedule the year round, indoors and outdoors for both men and women along with Junior players. The following players won titles in various classes of different tourneys during the past year: Men — Gene Eli, Oattie and Harold Reno, Donnie and Gary Roberts, Jim and John Ryhmer, Charles and Bob Redding, Kenny Dawes, Harold Wipert, Pete and John Turner, Larry Erwin, Paul Roll, Kenny Vulgamore, Paul Durham, Bob Cutlip, Walt Allison, Les Rose, Ellis Brown, Dannie Baker, Vic Dixon, Jim Christman, Roy Jennings and Roy Adams. Women — Margaret Cassady, Verda Hickman, Barbara Lowery, Garnet and Carrie Cutlip, Mary Vallery, Kitty Overman and Avanelle Brown. The club is incorporated and has sold certificates of membership to finance the building of its courts and clubhouse, a practice which might well be followed by other groups. The 1963 schedule — May 27, summer league opens; June 1-2, Pike County Lid Lifter; August 10, Pike County Fair Tourney; August 17-18, Pike County NHPA Tourney; August 24-25, S. W. Ohio; Sept. 7-8, Gold Dust Open; Oct. 19, Pike County Fish & Game Open; Nov. 15, Winter League Opens.

**Clinton County Horseshoe League**, Wilmington, Ohio, 8 lighted courts in Williams Memorial Park. Dale Henry, President; Kenny Dawes and Francis Wilkinson, Vice-Presidents; Mrs. Harold Reno, Secretary-Treasurer. League champions — Harold Reno, Frank Sumpter and Forest Carpenter. County tournament champs — Class A, Harold Reno and Class B, Frank Sumpter.

**Green County Horseshoe League**, Cedarville, Ohio, 6 lighted courts in City Park. Officers, Harold Wolfe and Leonard Glass. Harold Wolfe won both the league title and the County tournament.

**Highland County Horseshoe League**, Lynchburg, Ohio, 6 lighted courts in Lions Club Park. Officers: Harold Pfister, Joe Schulker and Howard Kelly. 4th of July tourney champs A through D — Bill Sollars, Ed Fawley, Joe Schulker and Carey Kelly. County tournament won by Fred Bennett with Carey Kelly winning Class B.

**Fulton County Horseshoe Club**, Wauseon, Ohio, 7 lighted courts at Fulton County Fairgrounds and private court at home of Don Van Pelt and two in City Park. This is a new club which came into the NHPA last year and will host the official Northwest Ohio District tourney this year. Current officers are Willie Figy, President; Earl Baldwin, Vice-President; Mark Sebring, Secretary-Treasurer. A county tourney and Free For All Open is held during the County Fair with prizes furnished by the Fair Board. Last year's winners, Don Kaiser in Class A and Fred Burns in Class B, both from Michigan. The County tournament champs, Classes A through C are Harold Reed, John Lind and Alfred Figy.

**Perrysburg, Ohio Horseshoe Club** has a very active group in the Toledo area with three indoor courts in addition to its outdoor activities. Pete Finch, George Stifell and Dale Estep are the chief organizers.

**Urbana Horseshoe League**, headed by Cecil Mangus, operates at Urbana, Ohio.

**Bellfontaine Horseshoe League**, with courts in the city park, is guided by Lawrence Shafer and Otis Clay.

**OHIO — (Continued)**

Crestline, Ohio activities are given impetus by George Dilgard, veteran NHPA member.

Akron, Ohio has an industrial league at Goodyear Rubber Co. headed by Leroy Falor, an NHPA player with other NHPA players in its ranks.

Whipple, Ohio Horseshoe Club, Washington County, newly organized, has operated on private courts, but is in the process of building. Officers are Ralph Knoulton, Paul Hall and Bob Morris. Top players are Hockenberry, Fous and Ogle. They hope to have a championship tourney at the County Fair this year and relations have already been established with other groups in the county.

Pickaway County Horseshoe Club, Circleville, Ohio, with lighted courts at Fairgrounds, President, Ray Goodman; Tournament Manager, Dick Robbins; League Manager, Bob Wilkinson. Harold Whipple of Ashville, Ohio won the 1962 County tourney. Ken Dawes of Good Hope has won the annual Pickaway "Ringer Round Up" Open event to be held Aug. 12-18.

Warren County, Middletown, Ohio, 2 fine indoor courts at home of Lee Bennett, 4920 Eck Road, operated two leagues during the winter months, one for beginners and one for experienced players.

Bremen, Ohio Horseshoe Club in Fairfield County is newly organized and promoting the game in that area and co-operating fully with the NHPA. Officers are M. R. Winland, Jim Knisley, John Howell and Dan Dinahue. 4 courts with lights are being built on North Broad Street on land made available by the city.

Columbus Horseshoe Pitchers' Association operates two leagues, "scratch" and "handicap" under auspices of the City Recreation Dept. A great many of the players on all teams are NHPA members including Clint Hodges the President. The team composed of Bob Johnson, Mel Montgomery, Paul Swartz, LeRoy Hill, Tommy Pierce, Bob Wilkinson, Clarence Handon, Clint Hodges, Capt., and Josh Roberts, Mgr., won the title. Bob Johnson scored the most points during the season. Tom Pearce, NHPA member of the Rome team, which finished 2nd, had the high ringer percentage. LeRoy Hill had the high individual game marks. 6 lighted courts are located in Sunshine Park on U. S. 71.

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**PENNSYLVANIA**

Erie Horseshoe Club with 16 lighted courts in Glenwood Park. President, Paul Beer; Vice-Presidents, John Leonardi and Jack Potter; Secretary, Joe Peters; Treasurer, Casey Pluta. NHPA Vice-President Glen Sebring, past Secretary-Treasurer of the Pennsylvania State Association is also a key member.

County champs, A through D — Glen Sebring, Anthony Kowanacki, Jim Wilhelm and Roy Anderson. League champions — Glenn Sebring and Frank Bohm; Dick Prigg and Paul Gangemi; Irwin Wurst and Walt Skibicki; Charles Austin and Bob Conrad.

New Brighton Horseshoe Club, 12 lighted courts on Block House Run Road. President, Burrell Brobeck; Treasurer, Paul Smith; Secretary, Herman Boyer. The club will hold the 1963 Pennsylvania State Tournament Labor Day weekend in addition to May 19 Spring Warm Up; June 8, New Brighton Invitational; July 20, Beaver County; August 4, Beaver County doubles. 1962 County champs — Team league, Harold's Inn. Class A through F, Burrell Brobeck, Harvey Grim, Ed Blum, Dick Weigel, Archie Nash and Gene Nasierowski. Doubles champs Brobeck and Relman Wilson.

Dormont Horseshoe Club, Dormont Park, Pittsburgh, 4 lighted courts. President Michael Riedl; Secretary-Treasurer Clyde Martz, who is also Secretary of the Pennsylvania State Association. This is a newly organized group which has revived the game in the Pittsburgh area after it had practically died out. Clyde Martz has done excellent work and the group receives excellent newspaper publicity. Al Zadroga won the 1962 County title.

Mt. Pleasant Horseshoe Club, 9 lighted courts at the Rainbow Gardens, is headed by Art Seighman.

Uniontown, Pa. has a very successful league guided by Jim Solomon.

Perryopolis has a very active group and league headed by an NHPA member.

Horseshoe activity and NHPA membership in Western Pennsylvania has increased tremendously in the past several years and there are a great number of clubs and groups who have not reported their activities.

## REMINISCING . . . with Alvin Dahlene

Ted Allen, one of the greatest horseshoe pitchers of all time, won his first national championship in 1933 at the Century of Progress (World's Fair) in Chicago. At that time Ted was practically unknown but he tied with C. C. Davis of Kansas City, Missouri for the crown. In the ensuing playoff Ted won the title from the Missouri wizard and, as we all know, he has continued his interest in the game since that time. Just how many pitchers who took part in the 1933 classic are still pitching in National meets? In checking over my August 1933 Horseshoe World, I find that Ted is the only one of the group still on the firing line. C. C. Davis, who is now around 75 years of age, is still living in Kansas City. Three of that group are no longer in this world—Duryee of Kansas, Nunamaker of Ohio and Hawley of Ohio. Maybe there are others who have passed on.

The next official National meet was in Moline and we find that Ted is the only one of that group still pitching in the finals of the 1962 group. There was a meet in California in 1934 and Ted won it — but cash prizes as listed were not forthcoming. In the 1940 meet at Des Moines the names of two pitchers appear (Dixon and Robinson) who pitched in the 1962 along with Ted.

Believe it or not, after all these years Ted Allen is pitching better ringer percentages than he did almost 30 years ago; but the game has advanced so much in that time with better shoes, courts, more interest in the game by younger men, that despite the fact that Allen can still average 80% ringers he finds it hard to win the crown. I have seen and pitched against some of the finest pitchers of all time — Allen, Isais, Zimmerman (deceased), Casey Jones and a host of others, but Ted stands out like a BEACON LIGHT in the sea of shoe pitchers. He has a phenomenal record and it may never be equalled in our time. Only Isais who has quit pitching approached the records set by Ted for durability. Of course, Isais has one record that is really great — that of 6 consecutive National titles with an almost unbelievable average of around 83.5% ringers. The years from 1933 to 1959 were truly the Allen—Isais years. They ruled it with an iron fist with only one player breaking the string — Guy Zimmerman did it in 1954 at Salt Lake City.

Modern day pitchers like Curt Day, Harold Reno, Focht and Hohl are great pitchers but the law of averages say they will never rule the game with the fierce competitive ability of Ted Allen. Even in the last National at Greenville, Ohio, Ted vanquished Focht, Reno and Day; a man-sized job in any meet. Ted's age is against him in keeping "KEYED UP" for every man in the tournament; he has to rest once in a while and then he gets slipped up on by some pitcher who probably never will approach his greatness. Ted is a SHOWMAN. Put him before a large audience and against the best the game has to offer and I think Ted could still win the series in best 4 of 7—50 point games. That's just how I evaluate Ted Allen over the years. He was terrific and, though he has slipped somewhat, it takes a great pitcher to beat him.

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### Two Tournaments Planned At Afton, Iowa

The first tournament will be held in conjunction with the Union County fair on Thursday, August 15. The second one will be held on Sunday, September 15 at the fairgrounds. This will be the third season for these two meets and a good turn out is expected. There will be trophies and cash awards in all classes. These tournaments are open and all pitchers are invited. Qualifying must be completed by 12 noon as the finals start at 1 o'clock.

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### From Here And There

Donald Dunleavy, an NPHA member from the Connecticut association was stricken with a heart attack and is now recuperating at his home. His address is 58 Pershing Street, Hartford, Connecticut. Drop him a card, he will appreciate it.

## Canadian Horseshoe Pitchers Association

The Canadian Association held a meeting recently with the following excerpts being passed on to the membership and others who will be interested in the activities of our friends and neighbors in the Dominion of Canada.

**SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION** — As was pointed out last year, this is not a committee to teach members how to play horseshoes. This is a committee, to teach instructors, the methods of instruction so that they, in turn, can instruct beginners not only how to handle the shoes, but actually everything else necessary to take part in the game — such as laying out a court, how to keep records, how to set up a tournament, etc., etc.

So, the Executive has appointed five well known members to our "Board" and when they have been contacted and select their own Chairman, their names will be released to you, and your cooperation requested.

**TEAM PLAY** — A concerted effort is going to be made this year, to get team play going on a wide scale throughout Ontario, with a view to it's spreading to the other provinces as soon as possible. There are letters going out to some well known members, requesting them to contact others playing in their district, for the purpose of forming teams, who will take part in a schedule of play which will be drawn up after the entries are in. Every team will play on the same day, and the day selected is Sunday. The results are to be sent to the Secretary immediately so they can be edited and returned to you before the next match.

A team consists of FOUR players from a Club. You are not restricted to any particular 4 men, when you need an alternative to fill in for someone who just cannot make it for a scheduled match, you are allowed to find another man. **WE DO NOT WANT ANY POSTPONED GAMES**, for any other reason except weather conditions. In this manner, we expect to develop a good fellowship among players all over the Province. You will meet and make friends with other players, and the results will show the comparison between the districts.

This is an "OPEN" league, there are no restrictions on players ability, no handicapping. There need be no apprehension regarding losing to a packed team, for no man can keep you from becoming the best player that ever lived, your ability is governed by your training habits.

The Team is made up of TWO PAIRS, one will be known as the "A" double and the other the "B". Therefore a match consists of 2 games, as each pair plays against each of the other teams. 1st game A vs. A and B vs. B, and the second game A vs. B and B vs. A. Total of 4 points, most points winning the match — Yes, there can be ties.

A game is 50 points. However, when either pair reaches 25 points, one pair **CHANGES ENDS** so that a player only plays half a game against any opponent. You may toss a shoe or coin to decide which pair changes ends but you must take the change at approximately 25 points.

### Don't Forget

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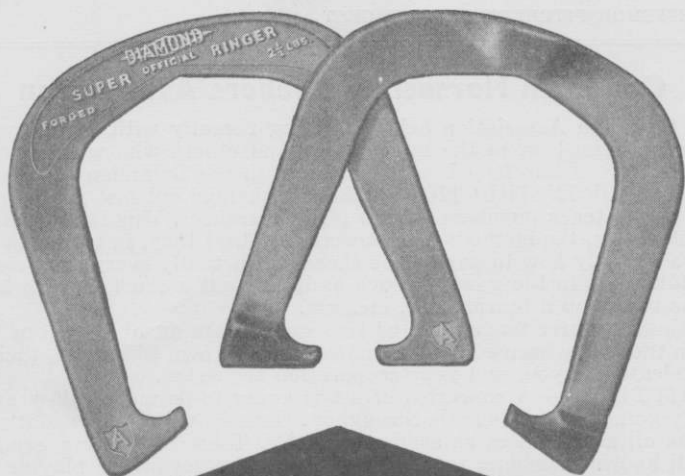
To order your 1963 trophies and official horseshoes of any make from Bob Pence, NHPA Secretary, 341 Polk Street, Gary, Ind.

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.

### Little Tid-Bits of Humor

Son: "Pop, will you help me find the common denominator in this problem?"

Pop: "Good heavens, son, you mean they haven't found that thing yet — they were looking for it when I was a kid!"



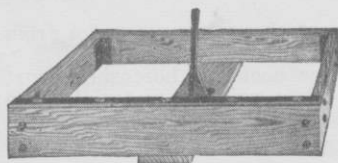
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