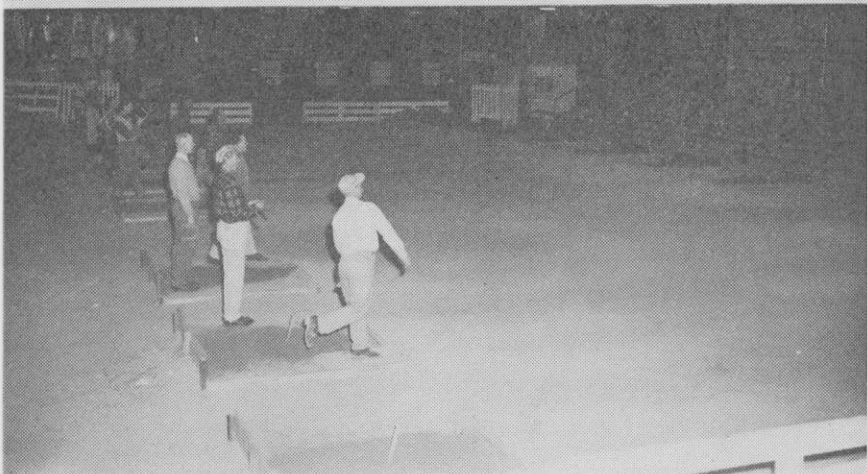


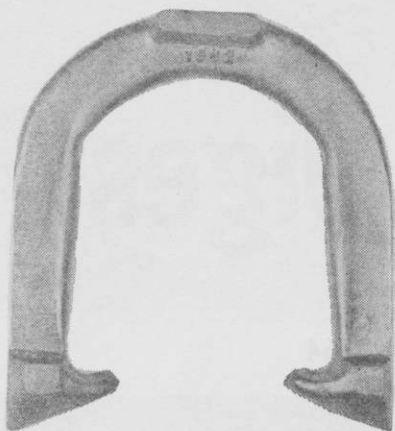
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Vancouver, British Columbia Association Installs Indoor Courts

The winter pitching season has been a busy one since the Greater Vancouver Horseshoe association has installed indoor courts for its members.

The area for our 10 portable indoor courts is located on the exhibition grounds and is rented from the city of Vancouver, B.C., at a rate of \$20.00 per week, which includes the cost of lighting. This entitles us to use the area any 3 days of any one week. These courts are lighted with 24 1,000-watt light globes.

The pitching area is not heated although at one end of the courts we have the use of a well heated and very comfortable coffee shop with tables and chairs and our own coffee making machine, with additional room for other recreational facilities. On the east side of the courts there is a grandstand which will hold up to 200 spectators.

We have 2 leagues a week in progress from October to April. It costs each league \$1.00 to pitch 3 games of 50 points on a count all handicap system. The leagues are divided into teams which compete against each other. All points each individual receives for winning games is added to their team score.

In promoting our aim to combine all horseshoe players from other clubs in the Vancouver area under one roof for indoor winter horseshoe pitching we have issued a winter membership. This membership is good for the winter only and costs \$5.00 which entitles the member to use the courts any time they are available. This winter league membership is required only if the player does not hold a yearly club membership.

Periodically throughout the winter our club is host for round robins with other local clubs and also the Bellingham Washington Horseshoe Club.

Ohio Buckeye State Association Publicity Director, W. J. Woods, Convalescing After Illness

Word has been received that Mr. W. J. Woods, that amiable and hard-working director of publicity for the Ohio Buckeye state association, is convalescing at home after a stay in the hospital. Why not sit down and send him a card? He will enjoy hearing from his many friends. His address is as follows: Mr. W. J. Woods, 2475 Madison Road, Apt. 52, Cincinnati, Ohio 45208.

COVER PICTURE . . . The cover picture this month is that of the newly constructed courts of the Greater Vancouver Horseshoe club of Burnaby, British Columbia, Canada. As a result of these 10 new courts, the Vancouver club has had a busy winter time pitching season.

Casey Jones, Former Horseshoe Great, Bowls 814 Series

From Tommy Bartlen of West Allis, Wisconsin, comes this bit of interesting news concerning Casey Jones, one of the foremost horseshoe pitchers that ever set foot on a court.

Using the same slow approach and full armswing, which made him one of our horseshoe pitching "greats," Jones put three games together on Thursday, February 20, for a total of 814 pins. Earlier in the season he rolled an 816 series. Back in 1959 he rolled his first 800 series while bowling in the Milwaukee All-Star League.

Jones lays his success in bowling to two things, first, horseshoe pitching in which he was second best in the nation five times and which in 1948 he set a world record of 87½ per cent ringer average for a world tournament that still stands. His slow approach and full armswing gained in pitching horseshoes fitted right into bowling giving him the right rhythm.

In his early years of bowling he used the conventional three-eighths pitched grip. Last fall he changed to a fingertip on the middle finger and a three-eighths pitch of semi-fingertip width on his third finger which gave him a firmer grip and a shorter hook break for control. He avers that it is the best grip for today's slower alley conditions.



N.H.P.A. Membership Record In Sight

A new all time NHPA membership record is in sight if the present trend continues. Already the 1964 totals are almost half of last year's total and the season hasn't even started.

Northern California was the first chapter to pass the 100 mark, and Tennessee is close behind. New Jersey has far surpassed its 1963 total with the aid of the new Middlesex club which promises to be one of the most active clubs in the country.

The Tennessee membership has been substantially increased by the affiliation of many new members in the Cumberland area. The "Digest" does not know who heads this new group, but first contact was made with Billy Stidham of Piney Flats.

British Columbia with its fine indoor program has already exceeded its 1963 total and boosted Canadian membership to a new high. Michigan, Wisconsin, Louisiana and Arkansas have bettered or equaled 1963 totals.

Memberships in the New England area, led by Massachusetts and stimulated by prospects of being host to the 1965 World Tournament, is also posting a fine record.

From Here And There

The Keene Open is scheduled for July 19 weekend on the 24-court layout in the New Hampshire city. It is no secret that the Keene club will put in a determined bid for the 1965 World Tournament with the aid of all six state associations in the New England area where horseshoe interest is at an all time high.

Ohio Buckeye Association Making Plans Lakeside Open

The Ohio Buckeye association will again have charge of the annual Lakeside Open held annually at the Methodist Church grounds at Lakeside, Ohio. The date for this year is June 26 and 27. Further details will appear in the next issue of the digest.

Indiana Season Planned

The Indiana State Association elected officers and planned its 1964 season at a meeting which overflowed the K. of P. Hall in Wabash March 15.

Two brand new N.P.H.A. affiliates, Ft. Wayne and Kouts, were among the more than 16 local clubs represented at the meeting. The Wabash club acted as hosts serving coffee, doughnuts, sandwiches and refreshments to the more than 125 who attended. The meeting ended with the showing of a Miller High Life film, Sports Thrills of 1963.

Don Owens of Summittville and Earle Wilmore of Gary were re-elected President and Secretary-Treasurer. Vice-Presidents chosen were Art Moore of Wabash, Walt Wilhoite of Lebanon, Harold Walker of Pennville, Morris Gillespie of Indianapolis and Chet Reel of Kokomo. Randy McKinnis of Lafayette was elected by the officers to head an advisory committee composed of the heads of local clubs.

The season will open May 23-24 with players having a choice of eight Spring Openers in different locations. The one at Goshen will be open to Illinois N.H.P.A. players.

A season highlight will be a team tournament composed of five man teams from local clubs. Based on ringer averages in the News Digest each team average must be under 50% ringers with no player having better than a 55% average. New players and members will be disregarded in figuring these averages.

May 23-24 — Spring Open Tournaments at Cayuga City Park, Connersville Roberts Park, Frankfort Dorner Park, Goshen Fairgrounds, Kokomo Highland Park, Kouts City Courts, and Muncie Heekin Park.

June 13-14 — 100 shoe qualifying round at local clubs for the Central Indiana, the Northern Indiana and the Southern Indiana Tournaments. Dividing lines to be State Road 26 and U.S. 36.

June 21 — Preliminary round of Indiana State Team Tournament at four Centers, Anderson, Frankfort, Kokomo and Muncie.

June 27-28 — Finals; Northern Indiana at Wabash City Park, Central Indiana at Anderson Fairview Park and Southern Indiana at Connersville Roberts Park.

July 5 — Finals of Indiana State Team Tournament, location to be selected later.

July 11-12 — 100 shoe qualifying round at local clubs for the Eastern Indiana and the Western Indiana, dividing line U.S. 31.

July 18-19 — Midwest "Ringer Round Up" at Anderson, Fairview Park.

July 25-26 — Finals; Eastern Indiana at Muncie, Heekin Park.

Finals; Western Indiana at Frankfort, Dorner Park.

Aug. 1-11 — WORLD TOURNAMENT AT GREENVILLE, OHIO.

Aug. 22-23 — 150 shoe qualifying round at local clubs for the Indiana State Tournament.

Aug. 30 — State Lefthanders at Kokomo, Highland Park.

Aug. 30 — State "Old Timers" (players over 60) at Lebanon, 4-H Fairgrounds.

Aug. 29 — State Juniors and Boys at Muncie, Heekin Park.

Aug. 29-30 — State Ladies' at Ft. Wayne and Pennville (2 rounds).

Sept. 5-6-7 — Indiana State Tournament at Muncie, Heekin Park.

Sept. 12-13 — Bethel Open, Bethel courts near Greencastle.

Sept. 19-20 — Indiana-Ohio Open at Muncie, Heekin Park.

Sept. 26-27 — Hobbs Open at Kokomo, Highland Park.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Helverado "Open" Class A at Squires Park, Las Vegas, has been changed to May 16th and 17th because of a conflict with the Southern California schedule. Waldo M. Hagy, Sec., 1808 S. Fairfield, Apt. 2, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89102.

A JOB WELL DONE

Many individuals, local clubs and State Associations deserve special mention for the part they played in expanding activities and raising NHPA membership during the past year.

Most noteworthy was record of the six New England States, all of whom showed gains in NHPA membership and greatly increased activities. Their annual championships attracted a record field of 162 entries including a successful Ladies' and Junior meet. The Vermont and Keene and other open meets also went over the 100 mark in entries.

Massachusetts and Connecticut directed by Ralph Forsstrom and Ervin Van Dine showed the biggest gains. Massachusetts gained the affiliation of a number of new clubs and groups. New Hampshire had a big year with two of the strongest local clubs in the entire country in Keene with a 24 court layout headed by Reggie Fish, Don Pickering and Fred Melvin and Manchester directed by Lionel Cayer. Clarence Modery heads the strong Maine State Association. Vermont and the Brattleboro club had a good year headed by NHPA Vice President Lester Georgina.

Ralph Forsstrom, New England Regional Director, reports that interest is at an all time high in the area and all six state associations are solidly behind the bid of Keene, N.H. to land the 1965 World Tournament. The area plans to sponsor the trip of its two top players to the 1964 World Tourney.

Indiana led all states in NHPA membership and also had the largest gain for the year. The Ohio Buckeye Association ranked 2nd in NHPA membership by a wide margin despite a slight loss over 1962. Greenville, site of the 1964 World Tourney, staged a number of successful tourneys in 1963, but many other Ohio clubs also had a good year. Wauseon in the N.E. corner of the state was a new Buckeye club and a number of new members were signed in the eastern section of the state.

Southern California again ranked 3rd and showed an increase in members in addition to sponsoring a great 1963 World Tournament, the first held on the coast since 1934.

The state of Washington not only gave the NHPA the 1963 World Champ in John Monasmith of Yakima, but also a healthy increase in membership. The association hopes to sponsor John's trip to the World championships in Greenville this summer. The state lost its longtime president Phil Luoto by death during the year, but Ralph Taylor provided able and dedicated leadership. Wally Rehard kept things humming in the western section of the state.

Pennsylvania ranked 4th with well over 100 members and a healthy increase. The Erie club guided by Glen Sebring, Joe Peters, Casey Pluta, and Jack Potter staged a great Eastern National. Clyde Martz of the up and coming Dormat club in Pittsburgh headed the state association.

NHPA Regional Director Gerald Kahle and state secretary Lefty Smith combined to increase Oklahoma's membership and put on a successful open with entries from other states during the year.

Tennessee guided by Ben Raskopf and very active clubs at Knoxville and Jefferson City came up with a big increase in membership. Billy Stidham has a new group being formed in the Johnson City area.

Also in the Southeast Virginia with Marvin May and Fred Childress at the helm, North Carolina led by Randall Jones and Florida all staged a number of big tourneys with players from other states taking part. North Carolina NHPA members dominated the National A.A.U. tourney.

West Virginia with a hardworking club at Parkersburg and a fine group at Logan headed by J. B. Lowe came up with a big increase in NHPA membership which is a tribute to the dedicated efforts of Arner and Anna Lindquist over a period of many years.

The New York State Association where Joe Pollack is secretary also contributed to the NHPA membership gain. The state has fine clubs at Corning, Buffalo, White Plains, Jamestown and Hornell.

Utah registered a gain and showed signs of making a comeback to the days when the World Tourney was held in Murray. In fact Murray wants to once more host the event and Clarence Giles, Reiny Backer, Maurine Cook and others are working hard to make this a reality.

Job Well Done — (Continued)

Regional Director Joe Anzaldi turned in the highest Minnesota NHPA membership in many years and the Gopher state has a fine association led by Hart Knutsen and Charles Strafaccia. Duluth, Hibbing, Tower, St. Paul, Cloquet, Westbrook Wayzata, Kelly Lake and Minneapolis all have fine local clubs.

Credit should also be given Roger Barnaby and the Montana-Dakota chapter for another fine year and to Don Kosa for his hard work with the Falls City club and the Nebraska association. Both are NHPA Regional officers.

It is almost taken for granted that Lucille Hopkins, NHPA Vice President and Hawkeye Secretary will do a fine job as she did in 1963. The game, the NHPA and the Iowa association has no one who is more dedicated or efficient.

World Tournament Housing Facilities

Mrs. Dwight Brown, 121 East 4th Street, Greenville, Ohio, will again serve as Housing Chairman for this year's World Tournament. Contact her early in regard to your housing needs.

In Memoriam

It is in fond remembrance of an old time friend and associate that we report the passing of Mr. Arlie J. (Felix) Holmes of Decatur, Illinois, "Felix," as he was affectionately known, passed to his eternal rest during the early part of last season.



*In my Father's house are many mansions,
If it were not so, I would have told you.
I go to prepare a place for you,
And if I go to prepare a place for you,
There shall I be also.*

After many years of pitching, Mr. Holmes was forced to give up the game due to a back injury in 1957. Arlie played in several Illinois state tournaments where he always gave a good account of himself, being among the leaders as a result of his wobbly one and three quarter pitch, which seemed to have a magnet that drew it to the peg. He qualified second in the State tournament once, finished in fifth place after defeating Aden Swinehamer, the defending champion of that year.

Not only was Arlie an excellent player, he was a friendly and agreeable person on and off the courts, always ready with a cordial laugh and never too busy to talk or play horseshoes.

The members of the Illinois state association and the NHPA extend their deepest sympathy to his loved ones.

Iowa Couple Celebrate Silver Wedding Anniversary

A most pleasant social event took place in the lives of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Danielson of Burlington, Iowa during the last season. Ernie, as he is known to all his pitching friends and others is one of the promoters of the annual Cornbelt Open tournament held at Crapo park in Burlington, Iowa each year. Mr. and Mrs. Danielson were destined to be each others' life partners in June of 1938. They are the parents of three children, Mrs. Violet Knouse of Oakville, Iowa and Ernie, Jr. and Beverly still living at home. They also have one grandchild, Mark Todd Knouse. The congratulations of the NHPA and the Iowa Hawkeye State association are extended to this wonderful couple.

Tournaments Announced For Greenville, Ohio

The Darke County Horseshoe Club has announced plans for two open tournaments to be held this season, on the same courts where the World Tournament will be held in August.

The GREENVILLE OPEN will be held on June 5, 6 & 7. Entry fee will be \$5.00 with qualifying from 6 to 9 P.M. on Friday, June 5th and from 9 A.M. to noon on Saturday, June 6th. All entrants must be registered before noon on Saturday. Lower classes will pitch on Saturday afternoon and evening and the higher classes on Sunday, June 7th.

The GREENVILLE RINGER CLASSIC will be held on July 3, 4 & 5, conducted by the Ohio Buckeye Association. Qualifying from 6 to 9 P.M. on Friday, July 3rd and from 8 to 11 A.M. on July 4th. All entrants must be registered before 11 A.M., July 4th. Tournament pitching will start at approximately 2 P.M. on July 4th and continue thru Sunday, July 5th. Entry fee of \$5.00. There will be a ladies tournament on July 4th. All entrants must be registered by 11 A.M. on that day. No qualification. Entry fee \$3.00.

Miss Janet Pence At School In England

The World Tournament at Greenville, Ohio, in August will be short one veteran scorekeeper because Janet Pence who has scored and acted as a recorder at the past five World Tournaments is now studying at the University of London in England on a foreign study scholarship. She will return next fall. Her sister Judy, who has also worked at the past World Tournaments, will be on hand again this summer, but next year hopes to follow her sister in the foreign study program with Italy as her destination. They are the daughters of NHPA Secretary Bob Pence.

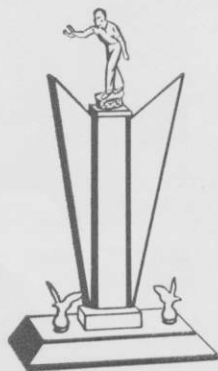
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A Model Constitution

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For Local Horseshoe Clubs

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Note. This model constitution is intended to serve as a guide only for local clubs who should make specific changes and additions to fit their own particular needs and desires.

It is better that the constitution be broad and general in nature with the by-laws covering the more specific rules and other items used in the operation of your association. By-laws are more easily changed than the constitution and should contain those items which are subject to change from time to time.

PREAMBLE

We, the horseshoe pitchers of (name of city, county or area) in order to promote, foster and develop the game of horseshoe pitching both as a competitive sport and a recreational pastime, provide the proper facilities and insure the continued growth and existence of the game do hereby establish this constitution for the (name of city, county or area) Horseshoe Pitchers' Association.

Article I — Name: The name of this organization shall be the (name of city, county or area) Horseshoe Pitchers' Association.

Article II — Purpose: The purpose of this Association shall be to provide an orderly means for its members and prospective members to participate in and enjoy the game of horseshoe pitching.

Article III — Affiliation: This association shall affiliate with and co-operate with the National Horseshoe Pitchers' Association of America and the (name of state) Horseshoe Pitchers' Association. Its officers shall become members of these associations and its members shall be encouraged to do likewise.

Article IV — Membership: The requirements for membership shall be set out in the by-laws.

Article V — Officers: The officers of this association shall consist of a president, a first vice-president, a second vice-president and a secretary-treasurer. These officers are to be elected annually by a majority vote of all regular members present and entitled to vote at the annual meeting of the association, and they shall hold office until the next annual meeting or until their successors are elected and qualified.

Article VI — Duties of the Officers: The duties of the president shall be to preside at all meetings, to administer the business of this association and to pass on any obligations the association may wish to incur and handle whatever other duties may come to his attention in promoting the best interests of the association.

The first vice-president shall have the same duties as the president but will assume them only in the absence of the president. He shall also carry out any specific duties assigned to him by the president or the association.

The second vice-president shall have the same duties as the first vice-president, but will assume them only in the absence of the president and the first vice-president. He shall also carry out any specific duties assigned him by the president or the association.

The secretary-treasurer shall keep an accurate record of the minutes of all meetings, act as custodian of all funds and properties of the association, sign all warrants for association expenditures, keep accurate financial records of the association and attend to correspondence and any other duties which may come to his attention as necessary to promote the best interests of the association.

A Model Constitution — (Continued)

Article VII — Executive Board: The elected officers shall constitute the executive board and may act on behalf of the association in all matters.

Meetings of the executive board shall be held at such times and places as it may decide, and at least three of the members must be present to constitute a quorum.

Article VIII — Committees: The president shall appoint such committees as he deems necessary. These committees may be dissolved and individual members replaced whenever the president deems it necessary.

Article IX — By-laws: The association may adopt such by-laws as it deems necessary. By-laws shall be adopted when approved by a majority vote of the members in good standing present at any regular meeting.

Article X — Meetings: The regular annual meeting for the election of officers shall be held in November after the close of the normal season. A second regular meeting shall be held in April before the start of the season. Such other meetings as are necessary may be called either by the president or any two other officers. The secretary shall notify all the members in good standing of the time, place and purpose of all meetings at least one week in advance of such meeting.

Article XI — Amendments: This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds affirmative vote of all voting members present at a regular or special meeting providing the notice of the meeting contains a brief announcement relative to the proposed amendment.

Article XII — Vacancies on the Executive Board: Any vacancy on the executive board caused by the death, serious illness or resignation of a member shall be filled by a unanimous vote of the remaining members, the person selected to serve for the duration of the unexpired term of office.

Article XIII — Removal of an Officer: An officer can be removed from office only for criminal conduct or flagrant misuse or neglect of his duties. This must be accomplished only after due deliberation by a two-thirds vote of the members present in a special meeting called for that purpose. Any vacancy caused by such action will be filled at the same meeting by a majority vote of the members present.

Article XIV — Order of Business: Robert's Rules of Orders as revised and listed in the constitution of the National Horseshoe Pitchers' Association of America and the rules of that organization shall govern this association in all cases not covered by its constitution and by-laws.

BY-LAWS

The various sections of the by-laws should cover membership dues and requirements, voting requirements, conduct of members, deposit of funds, the program of activities and other specific items not covered in the constitution but deemed necessary by your particular club. These should be items and subjects which are subject to change from time to time.

Specific rules covering tournament play and other types of competition which may vary according to conditions at the particular time should be covered by posted notices.

Gordon Horseshoe Co. Is Flood Victim

The Queen City Forging Co. of Cincinnati, manufacturers of the Gordon horseshoes, was one of the major victims of the Ohio River flood so vividly publicized on both TV and in the press recently.

The company is now back in operation and filling orders which were backordered during the flood. New dies are being made for the forging of Gordon shoes but the basic design of the shoe will not be changed in any way.

Pennsylvania State Association Tournament News

The New Brighton Spring Warm-up Open will be held on May 31. This tournament is an annual affair, and designed to promote an early interest in horseshoes, as well as to renew old and make new acquaintances. The event is open to anyone who possesses a 1964 NHPA card, from any state. Out-of-state pitchers are requested to obtain their NHPA membership before the tournament.

Qualifying for the tourney is to be done on the "local club honor system". All contestants are requested to qualify on their local club courts with one of the club's officers conducting and signing the qualifying sheet. The best of two attempts of 100 shoes is then to be mailed to Herman Boyer, R.D. #2, Beaver, Pa., along with a \$3.00 entry fee, no later than May 23. You will then be notified of your pitching class and time. The tournament directors will try to place everyone that enters this event. All classes will consist of eight men each, with William Pentilla of Ohio as the defending champion in class A. Two trophies will be awarded in each class as prizes.

The Eastern National will again be held in Erie, Pennsylvania, during June 19, 20 & 21. This event, which will be sponsored by the Erie club with Glen Sebring as the tournament director, will be one of the major meets held in the United States. Few tournaments can boast of such a collection of top flight pitchers from the United States and Canada. Erie also offers many things for the rest of the family such as boating, swimming, childrens zoo, fine dining, and many other features that are common to resort towns. So pack up the kids and the little lady and come to Erie for a break away from that "daily routine". The explicit details will be made available at a later date. A few new features have been added to this event. One of them is a ladies division. So from now on girls, don't let the men monopolize the home court. Get a few licks in yourself and come to Erie and win a trophy.

The Northwest Invitational will be held at Erie on July 25 & 26. More information will be passed along to you as soon as the basic tournament details have been formulated and adopted.

Montana-Dakota Tournament To Be Open To All This Year

The 6th Annual Montana-Dakota Horseshoe Tournament will be held on the Double Ringer Horseshoe Courts in Wibaux, Montana on June 27th & 28th. This tournament is sponsored by the Wibaux County Horseshoe Ass'n. and sanctioned by the N.H.P.A. Phil Prescott of Popular, Montana is the defending champion. For the first time this tournament is open to all horseshoe pitchers from the U.S. and Canada.

Starting at 1 P.M. on Saturday afternoon (this is for the players that can be on hand both days) there will be several different horseshoe pitching contests. These contests will not be announced in advance.

Saturday night there will be a no-host supper held for the players and their wives along with a 30 minute color 16 mm film with sound of some great sports event.

Entrants will be required to pitch 100 shoes (all-count method) to qualify in order that players can be divided into classes for tournament play. Players may qualify on Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning from 7 A.M. to 9 A.M.

The entry fee is \$5.00, plus an additional fee of \$1.00 for all players who qualify for Class "A". Entries must be in not later than June 1. Send your entry fee to: Roger J. Barnaby, Tournament Manager, Box 111, Wibaux, Montana. 1964 N.H.P.A.

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

COMING EVENTS

- May 17 — Men and Junior Boys' tournament, (Iowa Hawkeye members only) Birdland park, Des Moines, Iowa.
- May 24 — Southwest Iowa Open tournament, McKinley park, Creston, Iowa.
- May 24 — Massachusetts State Kick-off Meet, Moxies Grove, Holyoke, Mass.
- June 6-7 — Heart of America Tournament of Champions, Budd park, Kansas City, Missouri.
- June 13-14 — 5th Annual Kindred Open tournament, Kindred, North Dakota.
- June 13-14 — Michigan Water Wonderland Open Tournament, Bailey Park, Battle Creek, Michigan.
- June 14-15 — Minnehaha County Open, tournament, McKennan park, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.
- June 14 — Massachusetts Open tournament, (first division) Moxies Grove, Holyoke, Mass.
- June 20-21 — Montana State AAU Tournament, Big Timber, Montana.
- June 21 — Massachusetts Open tournament, (second division) Moxies Grove, Holyoke, Mass.
- June 24 — Iowa-Hawkeye Association Members Trophy-Picnic, Men and Junior Boys, Birdland park, Des Moines, Iowa.
- June 27-28 — 6th Annual Montana-Dakota Tournament (NHPA), Double Ringer Horseshoe Courts, Wibaux, Montana.
- June 28 — Annual St. Joe Open tournament, Noyes Field courts, 28th and Edmund Sts., St. Joseph, Missouri.
- July 4 — Atkins Tournament, Atkins, Iowa. For Iowa pitchers ONLY.
- July 4-5 — Heart of Kansas Tournament, Gage park, Topeka. (Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Iowa, Oklahoma and Missouri players only.)
- July 11-12 — Montana State (combined AAU & NHPA Tournament), Billings, Montana.
- July 11-12 — Annual 4-State tournament, City park, Falls City, Nebraska.
- July 19 — Iowa Open tournament for all NHPA members, Men and Junior Boys, Birdland park, Des Moines, Iowa. Entry fee of \$3.00 to be mailed in.
- July 19 — 7th Annual Culbertson Open, Culbertson, Montana.
- July 25-26 — Annual Northwest Open tournament, Ramsey County fairgrounds, 2000 White Bear Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota.
- August 1-2 — Livingston Invitational, Livingston, Montana.
- August 13 — Afton County Fair Open tournament, Afton, Iowa.
- August 16 — Annual All-States Open tournament, City park, Falls City, Nebraska.
- August 1-11 — **WORLD TOURNAMENT, CITY PARK, GREENVILLE, OHIO.**
- August 15-16 — Midland Empire Tournament, Billings, Montana.
- August 16 — Annual Galesburg Open tournament, Lincoln park, Rt. 150, Galesburg, Illinois.
- August 18-19 — Annual Illinois State tournament, State fairgrounds, Springfield, Illinois.
- August 19 — Annual Illinois State Boys' tournament, State fairgrounds, Springfield, Illinois.
- August 30 — Virginia City Open, Virginia City, Montana.
- August 21-22 — Northwest Regional AAU, Helena, Montana.
- Aug. 23 — Annual Cornbelt Open tournament, Crapo park, Burlington, Iowa.
- Aug. 23 — Massachusetts State tournament, Moxies Grove, Holyoke, Mass.
- August 28 — Farmers Division tournament, State Fairgrounds, Des Moines, Iowa.
- August 29 — Iowa State Junior Boys' tournament, Iowa State Fairgrounds, Des Moines, Iowa.
- August 29-30 — Iowa State tournament, Iowa State fairgrounds, Des Moines, Iowa.
- Sept. 6-7 — 6th Annual Montana State (NHPA), Culbertson, Montana.
- Sept. 6-7 — Minnesota State Tournament, Ramsey County Fairgrounds, 2000 White Bear Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota.
- Sept. 5-6-7 — New England Championships, Moxies Grove, Hampden Ponds, Holyoke, Massachusetts. Women's and Boys' division, Sept. 5, Men's division, Sept. 6-7.
- Sept. 7 — South Dakota State tournament, McKennan park, Sioux Falls, South Dakota
- Sept. 13 — Annual Midland Empire Open tournament, Noyes Field, 28th and Edmund Sts., St. Joseph, Missouri.
- Sept. 20 — Annual Afton Open tournament, County fairgrounds, Afton, Iowa.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA SCHEDULE

- May 3 — Bay Area Class "C," Arroyo Viejo
- May 17 — Bay Area Class "D," Golden Gate
- May 30-31 — Memorial Classic, Golden Gate
- June 13-14 — Los Gatos OPEN, Los Gatos
- July 4 — Pleasanton "A," Pleasanton
- July 11 — Pleasanton "B," Pleasanton
- July 18-19 — Santa Rosa OPEN, Santa Rosa
- Aug. 2 — Bay Area Class "E," Arroyo Viejo
- Aug. 16 — Northern Class "D," Mosswood
- Aug. 29-30 — State Championship, South Gate L. A.
- Sept. 6-7 — Northern Class "A," Mosswood
- Sept. 19-20 — Pacific Coast OPEN, Santa Clara Fair
- Sept. 27 — Northern Class "C," Los Gatos
- Oct. 11 — Northern Class "B," Los Gatos
- Oct. 17-18 — Northern Class "A" Added, Mosswood

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Polish-American Veterans Club Conducts Indoor Matches In Indian Orchard, Massachusetts

The P.A.V. Horseshoe Club had a busy winter season on their four indoor courts located in the basement of the Polish-American Veterans Club in Indian Orchard, Mass. They played a number of team matches with clubs from within a 75 mile radius in addition to their weekly handicap league.

The Polish American Veteran Horseshoe Club Winter League Champ — Eagles: F. Wellspeak, P. Wellspeak, Captain, F. Pernice, W. Mackie, A. Hamel. A. Hamel.

ORANGE

	W	L	%
A. Whitaker	2	2	49.5
Carl Walker	4	0	56.
David Peets	2	2	39.9
Percy Howe	0	4	24.5

CONN.

	W	L	%
W. Doyle	2	3	34.4
A. Starmond	1	4	21.1
R. Burgess	3	4	26.5
E. Freeve	0	6	23.3
G. Tidd	3	1	30.
C. Gallagher	1	3	24.8

	W	L	%
W. Doyle	2	3	33.8
A. Starmond	1	4	23.5
R. Burgess	3	4	27.6
E. Freeve	0	6	22.9
C. Gallagher	1	4	24.8
G. Tidd	3	3	29.1

ORANGE, MASS.

	W	L	%
M. Merritt	2	2	53.4
C. Richardson	3	1	47.9
C. Walker	2	2	38.3
A. Whitaker	4	0	52.4
Danis Peets	3	1	32.
C. Richardson Jr.	2	2	30.
Donald Peets	2	2	27.5
P. Howe	1	1	17.0
D. Richardson	0	2	12.

KEENE, N.H.

	W	L	%
G. Buskey	2	2	47.7
D. Pickering	2	2	51.8
A. Rockwood	0	4	34.6
R. Fish	0	4	34.
F. Melvin	0	4	10.9
L. Marden	2	2	41.2
A. Beaudreau	0	4	24.3
J. Roberts	0	4	.07

P. A. V.

	W	L	%
John Renfro	3	1	59.8
Duke Duquette	2	2	42.9
Charles Farnsworth	1	3	41.2
Al Hamel	2	2	43.5

P. A. V.

	W	L	%
G. Brinkman	2	0	67.1
T. Laurino	3	1	32.6
H. Sylvain	4	0	42.
C. Farnsworth	3	1	45.
E. Herzog	4	2	
H. Pietruszak	3	1	38.
A. Hamel	3	1	39.8
R.. St. Peter	0	4	18.1

	W	L	%
H. Sylvain	4	0	42.
T. Laurino	3	1	32.6
C. Farnsworth	3	1	41.7
A. Hamel	3	1	39.8
E. Herzog	4	2	29.3
H. Pietruszak	3	1	38.
G. Brinkman	2	0	67.
R. St. Peter	0	4	18.

P. A. V.

	W	L	%
G. Brinkman	2	2	54.8
H. Sylvain	3	1	48.4
D. Duquette	0	4	28.6
T. Laurino	0	4	37.6
C. Farnsworth	3	1	43.5
W. Mackie	1	3	25.0
J. Dunlavy	2	0	41.0
A. Hamel	2	0	41.0
W. Kosiba	0	2	
P. Barthelette	0	2	

P. A. V.

	W	L	%
G. Brinkman	4	0	55.4
C. Farnsworth	2	2	42.2
Duke Duquette	2	2	44.5
T. Laurino	4	0	52.4
H. Sylvain	4	0	56.2
A. Hamel	3	1	40.
W. Mackie	4	0	38.3
R. St. Peter	3	1	18.8

Polish-American Veterans — (Continued)

PROVIDENCE, R. I.			P. A. V.				
	W	L	%		W	L	%
H. Bourgeois	4	0	61.0	G. Brinkman	2	2	53.3
G. Colland	4	0	61.2	T. Laurino	1	1	44.8
T. Whelan	3	1	51.5	H. Sylvain	0	2	36.7
T. Frat	0	4	35.8	C. Farnsworth	1	3	46.5
T. Robertson	3	1	42.6	Duke Duquette	1	3	33.1
J. McHenry	2	2	29.	E. Herzog	2	0	37.5
J. Overton	3	1	42.1	R. St. Peter	1	1	28.
B. Maxwell	1	3	23.	W. Mackie	1	1	37.3
				H. Pietruszak	1	1	28.3
				G. Beals	0	2	29.
				Don Duquette	1	1	28.
				V. Perrault	0	2	7.
				L. Poulin	1	1	27.

KEENE, N.H.			P. A. V.				
	W	L	%		W	L	%
H. Winters	4	0	58.6	G. Brinkman	2	2	55.6
D. Pickering	4	0	49.2	H. Sylvain	2	2	52.5
D. Flagg	0	4	41.9	Duke Duquette	2	2	47.4
A. Rockwood	1	3	40.1	C. Farnsworth	1	3	37.2
R. Fish	0	4	31.3	W. Mackie	2	0	35.8
R. Pickering	0	4	26.3	G. Beals	2	0	30.
F. Melvin	0	4	11.5	T. Laurino	4	0	55.1
L. Christo	0	4	15.3	A. Hamel	4	0	46.
				H. Pietruszak	4	0	37.8

Word Story of Success in Ottawa, Ontario Senior League

If you have never visited the beautiful city of Ottawa, Ontario with a population of close to 300,000, your visit would not be complete without seeing the Ottawa Senior Horseshoe League in action. The league was formed in 1961 and since that time they have enjoyed 3 very successful seasons. They started out with 8 teams (6 men per team) and increased to 14 teams in 1962. Last season they had 12 teams, but inaugurated 4 ladies' teams with 8 ladies per team. The men play two nights a week and the ladies two nights. Since the beginning of the club they have been rained out only one night. They play from the middle of May to the end of August. The season is closed with a dinner and dance which draws 200 in attendance.

Ottawa is the capitol city of Canada and to the north is a range of beautiful mountains forming a wonderful background. The Ottawa River separates Ottawa from the city of Hull which is in the province of Quebec. They also have a well organized horseshoe league.

In the Ottawa district there is a potential of 5000 pitchers covering an area of 75 miles. Promotional and organization work is being anticipated through Vern Morin, president of the Ottawa Senior Horseshoe League. He states that anyone can play the game, young or old, even the handicapped. The present district champion is one of these and averages better than 50 per cent ringers and higher at times.

From Here And There

The Jaycees of Tomah, Wis., are sponsoring a horseshoe league this summer.

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Paul Focht, former world champion, won the Sportsmanship Trophy for Greater Dayton Carling and Radio WONE for Horseshoe Pitching at a dinner held in Dayton recently. There were 14 who won awards for different sports. This was the second time Focht was chosen. Congratulations.



“From Out Of The Mail Bag”

West Warwick, Rhode Island

Mr. Ellis Cobb, Editor
Horseshoe Pitcher's News Digest
1307 Solfisburg Avenue
Aurora, Illinois

Dear Ellis:

I have had a lot of fun with this game for the past few seasons and want to pass it on for the “Old Timers.”

Just use horseshoes instead of bowling balls. Two 5-men teams alternating as in bowling, pitching 100 shoes per game. Each player pitching 20 shoes or 10 frames.

I used some old bowling score sheets to score the game and they worked out fine. Time for each game was not over 20 minutes.

We scored as follows: Team ringers 1% each. Individual players ringers, 5% each. Very easy to score.

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Heart of America Tournament of Champions

Plans for the "Heart of America Tournament of Champions" to be held at Kansas City, Missouri on June 6 and 7 have been completed.

Class AA consisting of 16 men and divided into two groups of 8 will start pitching at noon on Sunday, June 7. There will not be any qualifying round for this class as all pitchers in this group will be winners of various tournaments, such as National, State, Regional or Open tournaments.

Class A also consisting of 8 men will begin competition at noon on June 7. Classes B, C and D with 8 men each will start round robin play at noon on Saturday, June 6. Qualifying scores for 100 shoes will be done on players own courts. Players are asked to send in their tournament wins and qualifying scores before May 30 in order to be notified as to the time that they will play in the tournament, and to receive directions to the courts.

The Kansas City club have 12 new courts with addition of new lights by tournament time. Entry fee will be \$4.00. Trophies and cash prizes will be awarded. A cordial welcome is extended to all players and their families to come and see this new set-up. For further information contact Harry Strohm, 7730 Main St., Kansas City, Missouri.

News From Alabama Association

With one tournament already under its belt, the newly formed Alabama chapter of the NHPA is busy planning other things for its growing membership. At present it looks like Selma, Alabama, will be the site of the 1965 state tournament. Although the weather was perfect this year in February, rain is always a problem, so, with this in mind, it was suggested that perhaps a June date would be more appropriate, weather-wise. The group at Selma have already built 5 courts. The meeting to be held about June 15 may bring about a county tournament in the three counties where many of the charter members reside. The members are looking forward to the presentation of the official NHPA charter in the very near future.

Middlesex, N. J. Club To Incorporate

At a recent meeting of the Middlesex, N. J. Horseshoe club the members voted to secure a charter of incorporation from the state, and to organize operations under its provisions. Acting officers, Hal Hanania, Harold Jahnke, Ben Oliver and Tom Czado were chosen as trustees in filing for papers of incorporation.

The club held its first meeting last fall and under the guidance of Hal Hanania now has 49 charter members. At a meeting to be held in April at Cook field, the members will install six new courts on the site where the first spring tournament will be held. For more information concerning activities of the club contact Hal Hanania, 448 Runyon Avenue, Middlesex, N. J.

Miller High Life To Furnish World Tourney Trophies

The last issue of the "News Digest" showed the picture of the beautiful Miller Brewing Co. Trophies to be awarded the State Champions, but neglected to mention that once again the Miller Co. will furnish the trophies for the Men's divisions of the World Tournament.

Anyone who was not at either Greenville or South Gate the past two years can not visualize the wonderful group of 15 trophies Miller High Life sponsors for the World Tournament. While the state tournament trophy selected for this year is beautiful and far exceeds the ones given last year they do not approach the World Tournament trophies, 5 in the championship 36 man class, 4 in Class "B", 3 in Class "C" and 3 in the Senior Divisions for players over 60.

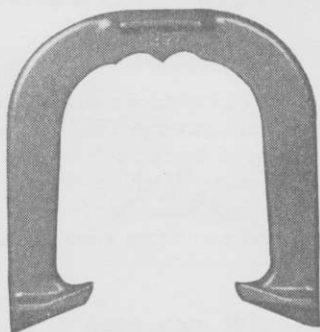
Southern California Association

South California Schedule

- April 19 — Class "E" Open, South Gate, Calif.
 April 26 — Long Beach Open, Long Beach, Calif.
 May 3 — Pomona Doubles, Pomona, Calif.
 May 9 — 60 Years & Over, Fullerton, Calif.
 May 17 — Added Class "F", Fullerton, Calif.
 May 24 — Added Class "G", South Gate, Calif.
 May 24 — Added Class "B", South Gate, Calif.
 May 31 — South Gate Doubles, South Gate, Calif.
 June 6 — Added Class "E", Baldwin park, Calif.
 June 7 — Added Class "A", Baldwin Park, Calif.
 June 14 — Added Class "C", Long Beach, Calif.
 June 21 — Added Class "D", Fullerton, Calif.
 June 28 — Pomona "F" Open, Pomona, Calif.
 July 5 — Special Tournaments.
 July 11 — Pomona "C" Open, Pomona, Calif.
 July 12 — South Gate "G" Open, South Gate, Calif.
 July 18-19 — Western Open (16 Man R.R.), South Gate, Calif.
 July 26 — Baldwin Park Doubles, Baldwin Park, Calif.
 Aug. 15 — South Gate "B" Open, South Gate, Calif.
 Aug. 22 — South Gate "E" Open, South Gate, Calif.
 Aug. 22 — Special "A" Open, South Gate, Calif.
 Aug. 29-30 — State Championship - A, Boys & Jr., South Gate, Calif.
 Sept. 5-6 — South Gate Ringer Round-up, South Gate, Calif.
 Sept. 12 — Class "D" Open, Pomona, Calif.
 Sept. 13 — Championship "F", Fullerton, Calif.
 Sept. 20 — Championship "G", Pomona, Calif.
 Sept. 27 — Championship "B", Baldwin Park, Calif.
 Oct. 4 — Championship "A", Fullerton, Calif.
 Oct. 11 — Championship "C", South Gate, Calif.
 Oct. 18 — Championship "AA", South Gate, Calif.
 Oct. 25 — Championship "E", Pomona, Calif.
 Nov. 1 — Championship "D", Baldwin Park, Calif.
 Nov. 8 — Fullerton "G" Open, Fullerton, Calif.
 Nov. 15 — Fullerton Doubles, Fullerton, Calif.

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John Clingan Winner of DeSoto Celebration Open Meet

With players from eleven states participating, John Clingan of Apopka, Florida, won the Class A title in the DeSoto Celebration Open tournament held at Bradenton, Florida. Trophies and ribbons were awarded to first and second place class winners.

CLASS A

	W	L	%
John Clingan, Fla.	6	1	55.5
John Rademacher, Fla.	5	2	60.6
John Davis, Fla.	5	2	57.5
Wm. Packard, Fla.	5	2	54.3
Earl Ridge, Fla.	4	3	47.5
Joe Foster, Nebr.	2	5	42.9
Joe Kelly, Fla.	1	6	43.3
John Ellis, Fla.	0	7	44.8

CLASS B

	W	L	%
Grover Anderson, W. Va. ..	7	0	55.0
Joe Hightower, Ill.	5	2	45.1
Lester Peary, Fla.	4	3	46.5
Roy Gravink, N. Y.	3	4	43.6
Henry Spiess, Fla.	3	4	40.9
Horace Kemp, Fla.	3	4	34.8
Wm. Figy, Ohio	2	5	38.2
C. Lundgren, Mich.	1	6	32.5

CLASS C

	W	L	%
Chas. Worsham, N. J.	7	0	40.5
Roy McClure, Ohio	5	2	43.9
Alton Hodgeman, Mich.	5	2	41.9
Hallie Ehmke, N. Y.	5	2	39.5
W. Bailey, Ohio	3	4	26.0
Willson Hubbard, Mont.	2	5	28.8
Carl Anderson, Minn.	1	6	36.6
Elmer Smith, Fla.			Forfeit

CLASS D

	W	L	%
Geo. Burkland, N. Y.	8	0	34.3
Lee Shanor, Mich.	7	1	29.8
Jay Guernsey, Mich.	6	2	33.8
Judd Pope, Fla.	4	4	28.9
Harry Garman, Ind.	4	4	28.1
Thomas Summers, Pa.	3	5	22.8
S. D. Rogers, Mich.	2	6	23.0
Ray Reidenbaugh, Ohio	2	6	20.0
Harold Porter, Fla.	0	8	13.5

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World Tournament Schedule

In response to requests here is a brief schedule of play for the 1964 World Tournament, Aug. 1-11 at City Park, Greenville, O. Complete details, tournament rules and prize lists will be carried in a later issue.

Ladies: 100 shoe qualifying round starting at noon, Sat., Aug. 1 and ending at 11:00 P.M. Wed., Aug. 5. Lower classes to play Wed. afternoon, Aug 5 and the championship class Wed. evening, Aug. 5.

Juniors (players under 17): Same schedule as the Ladies, except that the qualifying round will be 50 shoes.

Seniors (players over 60): Same schedule as the Ladies except that the qualifying round will be 200 shoes for those wishing to attempt to make one of the other Men's divisions. There will be two classes of Seniors, "A" and "B" with finals Wed. afternoon and evening, Aug. 5.

Classes "B" of the Men's division will play round robins in groups, Fri., Aug. 7 and Sat., Aug. 8 with the top players advancing to a championship playoff Sunday afternoon, Aug. 9.

Class "C" of the Men's division will play group round robins Saturday, Aug. 8, with top players advancing to championship playoff, Sun., Aug. 9.

The 36 man Championship Class will start play Thurs. evening, Aug. 6 and continue each evening through Aug. 11.

Opening Ceremonies will be held Wed. evening, Aug. 5, and the NHPA convention and dinner will be held Thurs. morning and afternoon, Aug. 6.

'FOUR HIGH'

By Ernie Danielson

I was hanging around town
Not a thing to lose,
When up steps a fellow
With his old horseshoes.

He said to me,
"How about a game?"
I said to him,
"I am hard to tame."

I steps up to the court
And let'er fly,
It went to the peg
As straight as a die.

I knew by the twinkle
That was in his eye
He was counting on "four high."

But then at the other end
He let out a "snort"
When he seen his last shoe
Was short.

It was in the twenty-first frame
He found a man
That he couldn't tame.

Now that game went round and round
And that old peg we did pound.
The game was forty-nine all
When he threw up his hands
And said, "That's all."

He picked up his shoes
And started on his way
And said to me,
"I'll see you another day."

My wife says, "All you do
Is sit around and talk horseshoe."
But she really doesn't mind
When I come from behind.

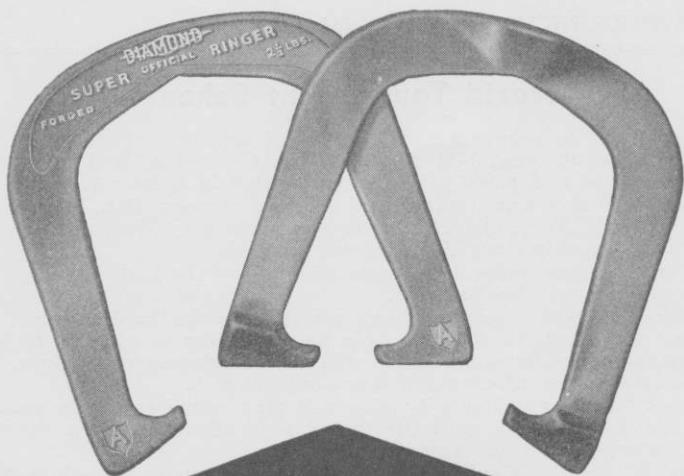
When tournament time comes
She comes out chewing her gums,
But she lets out a cry
When I call out "four high."

But you can't keep her from the game
When I have a player to tame.
You should see the gleam in her eye
When I call out "four high."

Now the thing I like best of all
Is to see those trophies on the wall.
It reminds me of days gone by
When I used to call out "four high."

When I no longer pay my dues
I will hang up my old horseshoes
Now that is in the past
My shoes are hanging up at last.

When I reach that home
Up in the sky,
I wonder if I'll hear
That old call "four high?"



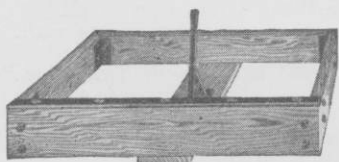
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