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## N.H.P.A. MEMBERSHIP HISTORY

The NHPA can look back at 1963 with the satisfaction of having gained more than 125 members and look forward to 1964 with the prospects of establishing an all time membership record.

1963 membership totals were exceeded only twice in previous NHPA history, 1937 when the dues were only 15¢ and 1949 when annual dues were 50¢.

The dues were so low in 1937 when the highest total was registered that the NHPA was so weak financially it was ineffective during the next few years,

Arch Stokes, Harvey Clear, Archie Gregson and others did a yeoman job of rebuilding following the war. Dues were raised to 50¢ and the second highest membership total in history was attained in 1949.

Dues were again raised to \$1.00 in 1953 and this plus the fact the World Tourney was held in one location for many years began to kill off interest in other sections of the country combined to bring about a substantial loss in membership.

Under the leadership of Elmer Beller the NHPA began to build on a solid basis and regain membership. During these years there was no official NHPA publication, although Byron Jaskulek of New York City published a small monthly magazine independently until his death in 1956.

The NHPA took over and began publishing the present "Horseshoe Pitcher's New Digest" in 1957, making its subscription a part of the dues which were raised to \$3.50. This resulted in a loss the first year, but a huge gain in readers compared to Jake's magazine.

The monthly magazine under the editorship of Ellis Cobb, Illinois State Secretary, soon proved its effectiveness providing a means of communication, information and stimulation which has resulted in a steady gain in membership each year since.

Even more important than membership is the fact that today there are far more tournaments, both the big opens and the smaller local type. The entry lists are larger and come from a much wider geographic area. There are more strong local clubs with good weekly programs for the average player and the beginner. The NHPA now has members in states and areas it never touched in the past.

With the monthly magazine now established firmly the NHPA has made subscription optional and with the mandatory dues lowered to \$1.00 we have an excellent chance of signing up hundreds of new players.

## Illinois State Tournament Set for August 18-19

Word has just been received that the Illinois state tournament held in conjunction with the annual Illinois state fair will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, August 18 and 19. Boys' tournament will be held on Wednesday, August 19. For a time it was thought that the meet would conflict with the annual World tournament scheduled for Greenville, Ohio, August 1-11. More details will be issued in a later issue of the News Digest.

## SHADES OF THE PAST

A glance at the 1963 membership roster of the NHPA reveals that a number of outstanding figures of the past have reunited with the NHPA after a long absence. Included in this list are the following;

**Jim O'Shea** of Brocton, Mass., a former New England and State champ. O'Shea first appeared in the 1935 World Tournament, but his best mark was in the 1947 tourney at Murray when he posted a 29-6 record with 79.4% ringers to finish 5th, one notch above Guy Zimmerman.

**Andy Stolarik** of Canton, Ohio, former NHPA Vice-President and one of the top Buckeye players of the 30s and 40s. Andy made an excellent showing in the 1946 World Tournament at Des Moines, Iowa.

**Jim Leckey** of Phoenix, Arizona, one of the really great players of the 1930s. He finished 2nd with a 74% ringer average in the 1934 World Tourney in Los Angeles and has appeared on the Art Baker TV show "You Asked for It" in the role of a horseshoe pitcher doing trick shots.

**Hansford Jackson** of California, son of the famous World Champion Frank Jackson, and a great player in his own right who last appeared in the 1947 World Tournament.

**Frank Lundin** of New London, Ia. 1922 World Champion who also placed 2nd in 1923, has been a faithful member of NHPA, although he has not been an active player for many years.

## Southern California Association

A busy season of activities is scheduled for the Southern California association for 1964. Officers for the association are as follows: Daug Martindale, Fullerton, president; Gunnar Hansen, Baldwin Park, 1st vice-president; other vice-presidents are Norman Smith, Culver City; Eldon Carrier, Downey; Mrs. M. Oesterick, Glendora; Lary Geer, San Gabriel; Jim Weeks, secretary-treasurer, Norwalk. Schedule is listed below.

### South California Schedule

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

## Heart of Kansas Tournament — July 4-5

A brand new tournament, which should be a forerunner of future tournaments in Kansas, to be known as the "Heart of Kansas" tournament and open to all pitchers in Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Iowa, Oklahoma and Missouri ONLY, will be held in beautiful Gage park, Topeka, Kansas on July 4th and 5th. Alvin Gandy, veteran of many major tournaments including several World tournaments, will be the tournament director. He resides at 501 Gage Court, Topeka, Kansas. Complete details will be published in a later issue of the News Digest. Perl People handles the publicity for the Kansas association.

### John Clingan in Manatee County Florida Triumph

John Clingan of Apopka, Florida emerged triumphant in the third annual Manatee County, Florida tournament held at Palmetto, Florida. He averaged 62.3 percent in the ringer column while posting 6 wins against 1 loss. John Rademacher won the play-off for runnerup spot by defeating Bill Packard. Horace Kemp was best man in Class B with William Figy winning play-off position over Clyde Green, Roy McClure and Les Peary. Alton Hodgmen of Michilgan had a clean record to win Class C, Speiss coming in second. Jay Guernsey overpowered Abe Berdan in play-off for Class D ribbon.

#### CLASS A

	W	L	%
J. Clingan, Fla. ....	6	1	62.3
J. Rademacher, Fla. ....	5	2	51.5
W. Packard, Fla. ....	5	2	51.5
J. Hightower, Ill. ....	3	4	48.5
J. Ellis, Fla. ....	3	4	48.2
D. Hallock, Mich. ....	3	4	47.3
J. Kelly, Fla. ....	2	5	51.1
C. Lundgren, Mich. ....	1	6	46.3

#### CLASS C

	W	L
A. Hodgman, Mich. ....	7	0
H. Speiss, Fla. ....	5	2
J. Thonert, Fla. ....	4	3
H. Wells, Ind. ....	3	4
H. Garman, Ind. ....	3	4
B. Mulhern, Ohio ....	3	4
R. Phillabaum, Ohio ....	2	5
G. Burkland, N. Y. ....	1	6

#### CLASS B

	W	L	%
H. Kemp, Fla. ....	5	2	46.0
W. Figy, Ohio ....	4	3	45.3
C. Green, Ind. ....	4	3	42.7
R. McClure, Ohio ....	4	3	37.0
L. Peary, Fla. ....	4	3	48.4
H. Ehmke, N. Y. ....	3	4	37.2
R. Gravink, N. Y. ....	2	5	40.1
E. Smith, Fla. ....	2	5	34.1

#### CLASS D

	W	L
J. Guernsey, Ohio ....	6	1
A. Berdan, Mich. ....	6	1
T. Summers, Penn. ....	5	2
J. Pope, Fla. ....	4	3
D. Rogers, Mich. ....	3	4
R. Reidenbaugh, Ohio ....	3	4
A. Shaurbaugh, Ill. ....	1	6
L. Shanor, Mich. ....	Forfeit	

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## 1963 Northwest Tournament—St. Paul, Minnesota

Due to extenuating circumstances, the final standings of the 1963 Northwest Tournament held at Ramsey county fairgrounds in St. Paul, Minnesota have just been received from John Yernberg of St. Paul. There were many outstanding pitchers in attendance as the standings will indicate. Mr. Yernberg and his staff of assistants are to be commended on a very successful meet. Altho the meet was hampered by a severe rainstorm, it was played to a rousing conclusion, with Harry Page of Waterloo, Iowa, winning the title. Mrs. Lucille Hopkins, a vice-president of the National Association was in attendance. Also present was, F. Ellis Cobb, editor of the News Digest whose visit was cut short by the heavy downpour and train connections.

### CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION

	W	L	R	SP	%
Harry Page, Waterloo, Iowa .....	11	0	356	504	71.1
Leo Reinhardt, St. Paul .....	9	2	352	584	60.7
Frank Stinson, Minneapolis .....	7	4	375	590	63.5
Hart Knutson, St. Paul .....	7	4	271	496	54.6
Joe Anzaldi, St. Paul .....	7	4	308	524	59.1
Andy Paglarini, Hibbing .....	6	5	341	570	59.8
Hugh Rogers, Cedar Falls, Iowa .....	5	6	320	552	57.9
John Yernberg, St. Paul .....	5	6	276	500	55.2
Marion Lange, Bondurant, Iowa .....	4	7	310	560	55.3
Ben Trolen, Fort Atkinson, Wisc. ....	3	8	356	558	63.7
Julius Johnson, Minneapolis .....	2	9	282	542	52.0
Bye .....	0	11			

### A-1 DIVISION

	W	L	R	SP	%
George Suess, Mankato .....	11	0	345	546	63.1
Carl West, St. Paul .....	10	1	333	544	61.2
Ev. Peterson, Windom .....	7	4	295	520	56.7
Jerry Kiekhoefer, St. Paul .....	7	4	291	546	53.2
Bill Lorenz, St. Paul .....	6	5	284	558	50.8
Ralph Lundberg, Minneapolis .....	6	5	279	528	52.8
Dayle Olson, Storden .....	5	6	315	582	54.1
Arnold Otterness, Dennison .....	4	7	246	516	47.6
Art Holter, Minneapolis .....	3	8	247	532	46.4
Paul McElroy, Ottumwa, Iowa .....	3	8	305	586	52.4
Harry Benson, Hibbing .....	2	9	302	626	48.2
George Thomason, Minneapolis .....	2	9	229	514	44.5

A-2 DIVISION — 1. Harry Hard, Duluth; 2. H. Nelson, Cannon Falls; 3. Art Peters, Westbrook.

A-3 DIVISION — 1. Art Smith, Minneapolis; 2. Ernie Larson, Minneapolis; 3. Bob Kloet, Minneapolis.

B-1 DIVISION — 1. Charles Hopkins, Ottumwa, Iowa; 2. J. Zobitz, Chisholm; 3. Bunker Hill, Tower-Soudan.

B-2 DIVISION — 1. Alvin Mischke, Westbrook; 2. Bob Choinere, Stillwater; 3. Bob Winterhalter, Minneapolis.

B-3 DIVISION — 1. Norm Morrison, Minneapolis; 2. Wilson Luhman, Minneapolis; 3. Dave Johnson, St. Paul.

## 1964 WORLD TOURNAMENT DATES

Definite dates for the 1964 World Tournament have been set for August 1 through August 11, with the first five days devoted to qualifying. City Park, Greenville, Ohio.



## Plans Completed for Annual 4-State Tournament In Nebraska

Don Koso, Nebraska state secretary sends in the following announcement concerning the annual 4-State tournament to be held at the City park courts in Falls City, Nebraska, July 11th and 12th. Meet will start on Saturday evening with four classes of six men each, beginning at 7:30 under very fine lights. Meet will resume on Sunday morning at 9:00 A.M.

Everyone who plans to come must send in their score on 100 shoes, to me on or before July 3rd so I can write them as to when they pitch. I plan on putting 10 men in class A, 8 in B, and 6 in all other classes. I also plan on having a Boys Class — 17 years and under. So you Dads bring your sons, too.

There will be 4 and 5 trophies in each class with some cash too. We will have a door prize and one for highest percentage in any one game and a gas ticket for the player traveling the greatest distance.

Our 12 lighted courts are in City Park where there are picnic tables, 2 ball parks, swimming pool, and tennis courts. Our Falls City Club will furnish ICE TEA and COFFEE free. So bring your family or make up a car load of pitchers and come to the 4-state corner to meet lots of others from Neb., Kan., Mo., and Iowa. It makes no difference whether you are a 10 percent pitcher or a 90 percent pitcher, you are welcome, and there will be a class and a place for all. Do not forget to send in your score before July 3rd to Don Koso, 2124 Wilson Street, Falls City, Nebraska.

The annual All-States Open tournament will be held in Falls City on Saturday, August 16th and will be a one-day affair. Send in your score or come on Saturday and qualify.

## Quincy, Ill., Club Sponsors All-Trophy Tournament

O. C. Brown of the Quincy, Illinois club proposed an idea that the club conduct a tournament that would give every man that played an opportunity to go home with a trophy. In most all tournaments, the only winners of trophies are the top notch pitchers. As a result a man that was over 80 years of age and had played for many years but had never won a trophy together with several younger men who had been without a trophy were able to take home one as a prized possession. All trophies were different shapes and sizes and having the new figure and were made by a Quincy man who started making trophies as a hobby some years ago and now has a full time job of it. The tournament was a very successful venture. Following are the results of a Handicap League conducted by the Quincy Club.

CLASS A		CLASS C	
W	L	W	L
E. Griggs .....	5 0	C. Hess .....	4 1
H. Tooley .....	4 1	L. G. Pond .....	4 1
K. Irvin .....	3 2	H. Campbell .....	4 1
L. Lyman .....	2 3	W. Royalty .....	2 3
I. Eilers .....	1 4	O. C. Brown .....	1 4
J. Garner .....	0 5	D. Conners .....	0 5

CLASS B		CLASS D	
W	L	W	L
F. Hart .....	4 1	R. Rogers .....	4 1
N. Steinbaker .....	3 2	J. Markey .....	4 1
L. Ingersoll .....	3 2	C. Menke .....	3 2
J. Hightower .....	3 2	E. Biddle .....	3 2
S. Logsdon .....	1 4	F. Hammitt .....	1 4
R. Forner .....	1 2	W. Favrhov .....	0 5

## WE'RE OFF AND RUNNING!

NHPA memberships which came in during January were far heavier than ever before for the first month of the year — a time when horseshoe interest is usually at its lowest point.

This indicates that the NHPA is "off and running" towards a new all time membership record and the various state associations are in a position to have banner seasons.

Part of the reason is the new membership policy which separates the membership fee from the magazine subscription making the latter optional.

Already there has been a sizeable number of brand new members turned in from cities never before in the NHPA fold.

New Jersey which experienced a drop in NHPA membership last year has already exceeded its 1963 total. 15 of these were brand new from Middlesex, a town without previous NHPA members. A half dozen others were new members from other cities signed under the new provision. All this indicates New Jersey officials are on the ball and on the way to a big year.

Other new members signed under the new provision include groups from Northern California, Nevada, New Hampshire and Michigan.

In addition there has been the usual number of early renewals by old members from Indiana, Ohio, Southern California, New Jersey, Massachusetts, West Virginia, Florida, Michigan, New York, Tennessee and Washington.

There have been very few renewals of old members who dropped their "News Digest" subscription, the one element of the new provision about which some misgivings were expressed.

States and State Secretaries who do not take steps to increase their own and NHPA membership by means of the new setup will be missing out on a golden opportunity.

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## COMING EVENTS

- May 17 — Men and Junior Boys' tournament, (Iowa Hawkeye members only) Birdland park, Des Moines, Iowa.
- June 6-7 — Heart of America Tournament of Champions, Budd park, Kansas City, Missouri.
- June 14-15 — Minnehaha County Open, tournament, McKennan park, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.
- June 24 — Iowa-Hawkeye Association Members Trophy-Picnic, Men and Junior Boys, Birdland park, Des Moines, Iowa.
- June 13-14 — Michigan Water Wonderland Open Tournament, Bailey Park, Battle Creek, Michigan.
- June 28 — Annual St. Joe Open tournament, Noyes Field courts, 28th and Edmund Sts., St. Joseph, Missouri.
- July 4-5 — Heart of Kansas Tournament, Gage park, Topeka. (Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Iowa, Oklahoma and Missouri players only.)
- 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.
- July 25-26 — Annual Northwest Open tournament, Ramsey County fairgrounds, 2000 White Bear Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota.
- 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 18-19 — Annual Illinois State tournament, State fairgrounds, Springfield, Illinois.
- August 19 — Annual Illinois State Boys' tournament, State fairgrounds, Springfield, Illinois.
- 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. 4-5 — Annual Minnesota State tournament, Ramsey County fairgrounds, 2000 White Bear Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota.
- 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.

## Baldwin Park — Southern California Baldwin Park Open

## GROUP ONE

	W	L	R	SP	%
Gerald Schneider, Bell .....	5	0	226	300	75.3
Jim Weeks, Norwalk .....	4	1	238	322	73.9
Clarence Pearcy, La Habra .....	3	2	214	328	65.2
John Balzer, Santa Ana .....	2	3	159	264	60.2
Henry Durr, Los Angeles .....	1	4	186	308	60.1
Wally Shipley, W. Covina .....	0	5	110	250	44.0

## GROUP TWO

	W	L	R	SP	%
Louie Dean, Pomona .....	4	1	254	340	74.7
Don Peterson, Downey .....	4	1	229	334	68.6
Homer Moefield, Long Beach .....	3	2	252	364	68.9
Edgar Gruell, Inglewood .....	2	3	188	304	61.5
Henry Harper, Monterey Park .....	2	3	196	310	63.2
Walter Krowel, Manhattan Beach .....	0	5	128	254	50.4

## PLAYOFF

	W	L	R	SP	%
Jim Weeks, Norwalk .....	3	1	239	318	75.2
Louie Dean, Pomona .....	2	2	243	346	70.2
Gerald Schneider, Bell .....	1	2	173	240	72.1
Don Peterson, Downey .....	1	2	159	232	68.5

## John Fulton, Former Penna. State Champion Has Surgery

Of interest to Eastern area pitchers and also to many other pitchers who have competed against him, is this news item of his recent release from the hospital after undergoing surgery on his right leg. He is doing very nicely and hopes to be in good condition for the many tournaments this summer. In the meantime during his convalescence, drop him a card, he will be pleased to hear from all his friends. His address is, John Fulton, Rte Number 6, Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

## NEW STATE SECRETARIES TAKE OFFICE

A number of new secretaries have been installed this winter in various NHPA State Chapters.

**Northern California:** W. Ray Williams, Box 786, Gilroy, Calif. has replaced Dave Loucks who served for the past few years.

**Michigan:** Ruth Hammond, 9071 Bailey Drive, N.E. Ada, Mich. as the treasurer and record secretary of the Wolverine State Association will handle NHPA membership. Irwin Carlberg was the former Michigan secretary.

**New Hampshire:** Clyde Robinson, 14 Oak Street, Derry, N.H. succeeds Howard White of Portsmouth who held the office for many years. Clyde played at the 1960 World Tourney in Muncie. Lionel Cayer of the outstanding Manchester, N.H. Club is president of the New Hampshire Association and Reggie Fish of Keene, N.H. a vice-president under the new setup.

**Vermont:** Kenneth Wallace, South Barre, Vt. is the new secretary and succeeds Fred Butler of Bennington. Lester Georgina of Chesterfield, N.H. heads the Brattleboro, Vt. Club, is tournament manager for the Vermont Association and is also NHPA vice president.

## Afton, Iowa Tournament Dates Announced

Lewis Jeter of Afton, Iowa announces that there will be two tournaments in that area this season. The annual county fair meet will be held in conjunction with the fair on August 13th. The annual Afton Open meet will take place on September 20 and will be open to all players. County meet is open to all. There will be trophies and cash awards given at both tournaments. A cordial welcome is extended to all to come and enjoy the hospitality of the Afton community.

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## MICHIGAN'S WATER WONDERLAND TOURNAMENT, JUNE 13-14

The 2nd Annual Water Wonderland Tournament will be held at Bailey Park in Battle Creek, Michigan on the 13th and 14th of June.

This will be a 100 shoe qualifier. Karl Van Sant of Indiana was the 1963 winner. Among his victims were Bill Pentilla and former World champion, Paul Focht, both of Ohio, plus Michigan's great champ, Roy Smith of Muskegon. For more information on this event please contact Vern Fuller, Secretary — 1305 E. Michigan, Battle Creek, Michigan.

Winter horseshoe pitching was tried and was very successful by the Grand Rapids, Michigan club in 1963 at a high school field house. It was set up by the Wolverine State Horseshoe Association in conjunction with the recreational program offered by the Board of Education as a instructional course. Two big tournaments were featured and were well attended.

The Detroit club has a winter set-up at the Harper Y.M.C.A.

Some of the Lansing players have a portable court in a heated building on the Michigan State University campus.

### Leigh Dunker Victor in Sioux Valley Invitational

Leigh Dunker, veteran ringerman from Warner, South Dakota, was victorious in the Sioux Valley Invitational tournament which was one of South Dakota's most successful 1963 tournaments. It was under the direction of Lloyd Rowland assisted by Don Whitman and Lemuel Dobson. Dunker posted a 10-1 record for the course. Dunham was king in the Class B section with an 8-1 total. V. Rollag was tops in Class C with 6-1. C. Neilson scored a shut-out with a clean slate of 7-0.

#### CLASS A

	W	L	R	SP	%
Leigh Dunker .....	10	1	327	534	61.2
D. Schaunaman .....	9	2	312	602	51.8
W. Fickbohm .....	9	2	304	542	56.1
H. Brown .....	8	3	267	500	53.4
D. Coy .....	6	5	311	640	47.0
L. Fickbohm .....	6	5	270	582	46.7
E. Peterson .....	5	6	257	592	43.8
H. Hallickson .....	5	6	311	674	46.1
E. Anderson .....	3	8	259	540	49.8
C. Skovly .....	4	7	299	626	47.7
G. Isenberg .....	Forfeit				
D. Carlson .....	Forfeit				

#### CLASS B

	W	L
P. Dunham .....	8	1
E. Ehrsham .....	7	2
A. Johnson .....	6	3
B. Peiper .....	5	4
O. Hove .....	5	4
H. Schaunaman .....	5	4
P. Whitmore .....	4	5
H. Rassmussen .....	3	6
R. Dunham .....	1	8
L. Carnes .....	1	8

#### CLASS C

	W	L
V. Rollag .....	6	1
E. Juul .....	6	1
M. Larson .....	6	1
K. Eastman .....	4	3
E. Larson .....	3	4
A. Dunham .....	2	5
L. Dobson .....	1	6
A. Newhardt .....	0	7

#### CLASS D

	W	L		W	L
C. Neilson .....	7	0	C. Benson .....	3	4
S. Nelson .....	6	1	L. Schiferl .....	2	5
H. Dornatl .....	5	2	S. Lovro .....	1	6
H. Benson .....	4	3	O. Parsons .....	0	7

## Muncie, Indiana Club Activities Include Winter Handicap League

As one of the many activities of the hustling Muncie, Indiana club, the Handicap League attracted at least 30 members every Monday evening. The league ran for 10 weeks.

Club night tournaments on Thursday of each week attracted twenty to thirty members weekly, several of the members traveling 15 to 25 miles to compete with us.

Several ladies who love to pitch, travel to our courts to compete or practice with us and we invite all ladies in this area to come, hoping to start a womens league in the future.

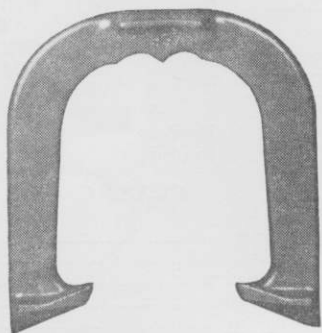
A Jr. boys league attracted about a dozen of the small fry. Some of them will be hard to get along with in a year or so.

"King of the Hill" pitching was a success in 1963, all members were eligible and blind draw determined who was to pitch current title holder. At the end of the season the "King of the Hill" was Ben Royer, Parker, Ind., and to prove it, he owns a 2 ft. high Trophy.

The newly elected officers of the club wish to extend their thanks to the National, State and City officials and out-going local club officers for the cooperation given to make the past season a most successful year and hope they will continue with their assistance in the future. Officers are as follows: Charles McCammon, president; Bert Lykins, vice-president; Harold Craig, vice-president; Harrell Aldrich, recording secretary; Raymond Howell, financial secretary and treasurer; Trustees: Marvin Craig, Robert Boyer and Ben Royer; Tournament Manager, Calvin Fruitt.

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## In Memoriam

Chester L. Hefner

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*"Through some open window in the sky, we fondly hope that there may come a glimpse of the Golden Roll of Honor that the angels keep, for we know that the name of our beloved is written there, but until the mists have cleared away and we shall meet again, we mourn our loss and cherish as a priceless treasure the memory of our departed . . ."*

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After spending an evening visiting with his son and contemplating a very enjoyable Thanksgiving day, Chester Hefner returned home where he was stricken with a sudden heart attack and succumbed at 11:45 P.M. on November 27, 1963.

"Chet", as he was affectionately known, was employed by the Caterpillar Tractor Company in Peoria, Illinois, as a plate layout man.

He was active in the Peoria Horseshoe club for many years, competing in club tournaments as well as in many major tournaments held in that area. He participated in the Company horseshoe pitching league regularly. He was a top contender for title honors in any tournament he entered. He was a former Mid-West champion when the meet was held at Rock Island, Illinois. He played many times in the annual Illinois state tournament at Springfield, where he was always in the top bracket. He competed in many World tournaments. In short, he was one of the most formidable pitchers in horseshoe pitching in the last 25 years.

He was a true sportsman in victory or defeat and a fine gentleman. He will be sadly missed by those of his fellows in Peoria and throughout Illinois and elsewhere. He was a member of the Illinois State Horseshoe Pitchers Association and also a long time member of the National Horseshoe Pitchers' Association.

He is survived by his wife, one daughter, one son, and one grandchild. He was laid to rest in Fondulac Cemetery, in East Peoria. The sympathy of the officers and members of the Illinois State Horseshoe Pitchers' Association and also that of the National Horseshoe Pitchers' Association of America, is extended to his bereaved family.

## Wedding Bells Ring for Vogel Brothers

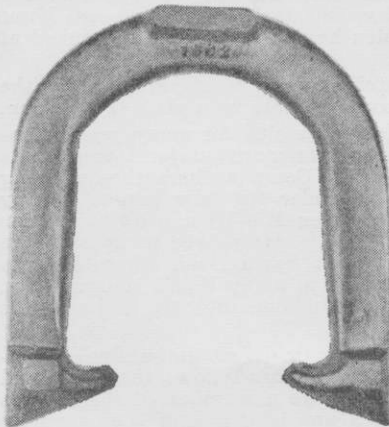
In the spring a young man's fancy turns to thoughts of love. Even though spring is sometime hence, Roger Vogel of Manito, Illinois, and one of the top pitchers in the nation, decided to jump the gun a little bit. As a result, on January 18, 1964 at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Bloomington, Illinois he was united in marriage with Miss Judith Ann Born, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Born of Peru, Illinois. The happy couple are at home at 610½ North Prairie, Bloomington, Illinois. Roger is a senior at Illinois State University while his wife is employed by the State Farm Insurance Company in Bloomington.

Not to be out-done by his brother, in this business of matrimony, Ronald Vogel decided that he to would join forces, with another young lady in Peru, Illinois, believing the theory that there is strength in numbers. So on February 8, 1964, Ronald was married to Miss Shirley Saj of Peru. Our congratulations to these two fine couples for a happy and joyous life together.

## Ramsey County, Minn. Club Elect Officers

The Ramsey County and St. Paul, Minnesota club elected the following officers for the ensuing year. They are as follows: Carl Gaetke, president; Frank Schneider, vice-president; Edward Eleola, treasurer; League secretaries, Hart Knutson and Jerry Kiekhoefer. They also announce the dates for the annual Northwest tournament at the Ramsey county fairgrounds, St. Paul for July 25 and 26. Minnesota state tournament at the same location, September 6th and 7th. All league secretaries in Minn., Wisconsin and North and South Dakota are requested to advise the News Digest editor of all possible tournament dates so that players in the area can make vacation plans to include the tournaments.

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## WALDO HAGY STARTS NEVADA NHPA CHAPTER

Waldo Hagy, former Oregon and California player, for many years an NHPA booster and now living in Las Vegas, has signed up a number of brand new members.

This marks the first time the NHPA has ever had members in Nevada. An official state charter will soon be granted to the new group.

The new chapter has set the following three tournament dates; May 24-25, the Helverda Class "A" Open; Oct. 24-25, Nevada State, all Classes; Oct. 31-Nov. 1, Centennial Class "A" Open. Anyone wishing details write Waldo Hagy, 245 W. Philadelphia St., Apt. 1, Las Vegas, Nev.

## Heart of America Tournament of Champions

The Heart of America Horseshoe club guided by Harry Strohm of Kansas City, Missouri is progressing rapidly. The club will sponsor "The Heart of America Tournament of Champions" on a new 12-court lay-out in Budd park, Kansas City, Missouri on June 6th and 7th. This meet is a combination of last year's heart of America tournament and that of Al Smith's Tournament of Champions which Mr. Smith has relinquished to the Kansas City club. Forty-eight pitchers will make up the tournament. All former participants plus the addition of many new players are expected to take part. For further information contact Harry Strohm, 7730 Main Street, Kansas City, Missouri, 64114.

## Midland Empire and St. Joe Open Dates Set

Plans for two Open tournaments to be held at Noyes Field, 28th and Edmund Streets, St. Joseph, Missouri are completed and will be held as follows: the St. Joe Open tournament date is June 28th and the Midland Empire date is September 13th. Qualifying methods will be the same for both tournaments. There will be 8 men each in the championship and Class B brackets. 6 men in each of the remaining classes. 12 trophies will be awarded to the winners. Classes C, D, and E will start playing promptly at 9 A.M. on each tournament date. The entry fee will be \$3.00 and MUST be sent with the 100 shoe qualifying score. Scores alone will not be accepted due to the fact that some pitchers will send in a score and then fail to show up for tournament play. Because of this, the entire schedule must then be rearranged which causes further delay in starting the tournament. All pitchers who send in their scores and entry fee will be GUARANTEED their positions.

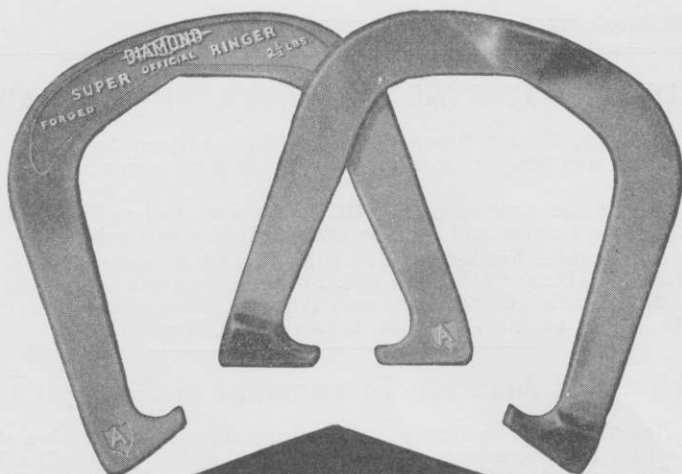
All entries must be in the hands of the tournament manager by 6 P.M. on the Saturday evening preceding the tournament date. Pitchers may qualify on the courts up until this time. Send all scores and entry fee to Ray Cavin, 1824 Holman Street, St. Joseph, Missouri. Make sure that your name and address are on the scoresheet.

## From Here and There

The sympathy of the Eastern Iowa Association together with that of the NHPA is extended to Harold Hughes, president of the Eastern Iowa Association in the loss of his mother, December 20, 1963.

It has been rumored that Les Long, that congenial promoter at Sterling, Illinois is planning big things, tournament-wise, for this season. Watch News Digest for further developments.

The cement for the 12 new courts in Riverside Park, Ottumwa, Iowa has been poured. Hawkeye association members are looking forward to a wonderful season on these new courts this season.



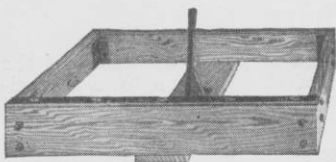
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