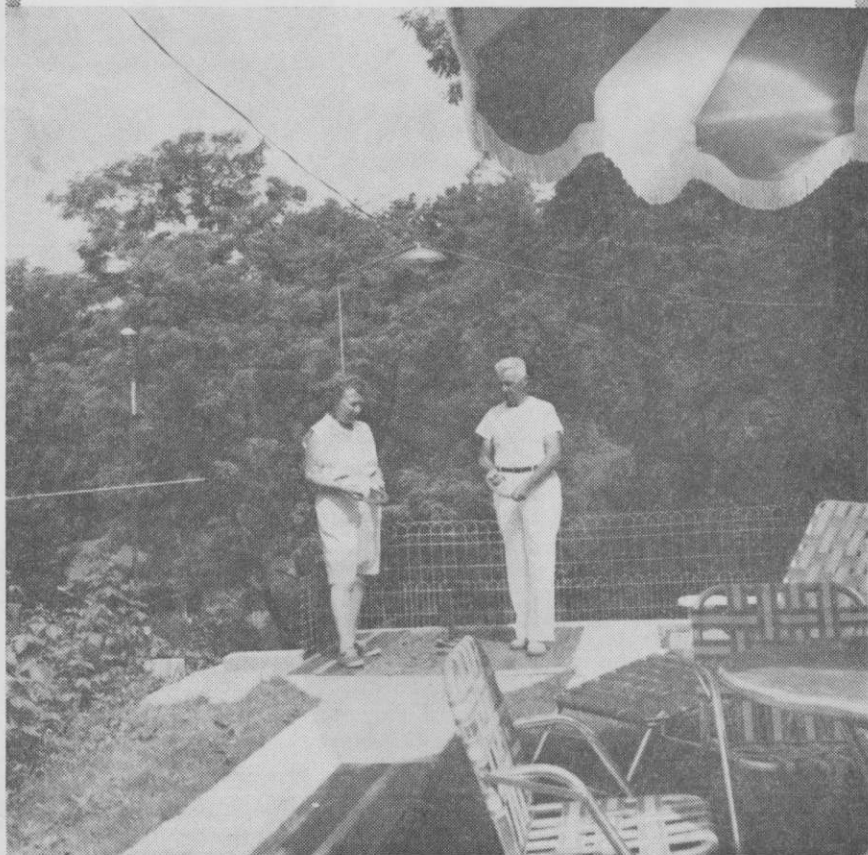


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New Membership Dues Now In Effect 1964 Cards Available

The new membership dues provisions passed at the NHPA convention last summer on a one year's trial basis are now in effect and the 1964 cards are now in the hands of all State Secretaries and representatives.

The new provisions separates membership dues proper from the "News Digest" subscription, making the latter optional. Membership dues are now only \$1.00 plus the states dues of your particular state and the "News Digest" subscription is \$2.50, but under the new setup one can be obtained without the other.

The purpose back of this change is to make it easier to sign up average and beginning players in local clubs who felt they should not be asked to pay the additional fee for the magazine.

The \$1.00 card, plus state dues, is all that is required for a player to enter any sanctioned tournament anywhere, not only in his own state but open events in other states including the World Tournament.

This new low fee should boost NHPA membership tremendously, especially in certain sections.

Some local clubs have already made NHPA membership mandatory for local membership. Most notable of these is the Mosswood club of Oakland, Calif., largest club in the Northern California Association. Indications are that the entire Northern California Association of local clubs will follow suit.

The officials of the Muncie, Ind. club, largest local club in the country, estimate that the NHPA will pick up at least 100 members in that club.

The NHPA has gained in membership every year since it was reorganized at the end of World War Two by Harvey Clear and Arch Stokes. The gains have not been large, but they have been steady. Now we have an opportunity to make a huge membership gain.

Let us make the most of it. First renew your own membership at once and then urge every unaffiliated horseshoe player and fan you know to contribute to the game and the NHPA by taking a \$1.00 membership card.

Send 1964 NHPA Dues To Secretaries Listed On Page 22

COVER PICTURE . . . The beautiful setting for a horseshoe court is portrayed on the cover of this month's Digest, is none other than that being demonstrated in the back yard of Mr. and Mrs. Arner Lindquist of Morgantown, West Virginia. These two fine folks have attended and played in many tournaments throughout the nation including the World tournaments wherever they have been played. Mrs. Lindquist is a former World's ladies champion while her husband has won many trophies both in the W. Va. championships and others. Both are ardent NHPA members. The picture was taken from a colored photo and depicts the court with a beautiful green background with the court platforms in blue and in the center of the clay area is a red stake with overhead light. To the left of Mrs. Lindquist is a small red birdhouse and in the foreground a set of blue and white lawn furniture with sun umbrella.

N O T I C E

The "Digest" has carried advance notices in recent issues of promotional ideas by Mr. Claude Benedict of Johnstown, Ohio, a life-long member and friend of the NHPA and promoter of the game. Some ideas seemingly conflict with certain provisions of the NHPA constitution and further information will be held up until these points are clarified or resolved.

Suncoast Open, Bradenton, Florida, Feb. 13-15

The annual Florida Suncoast Open tournament will be held on the Bradenton club courts at the Bradenton Trailer Park, Bradenton, Fla., on February 13-15. Many winter visitors take part and enjoy this annual affair.

Richardson Top Man in Twin County, Keene, N. H.

Charley Richardson of Orange, Mass., picked up his second consecutive league championship followed closely by Amos Whitaker also of Orange. This meet was one of the many meets held at the Wheelock park courts in Keene, N.H. One of the features of the annual banquet was the awarding of the trophies for the highest single game ringer percentages. Richardson and Castine in the Class A division each with 88.5 percent. Stone, Class B, 68.7 percent and Boyce, Class C, 64.3 percent. The league was composed of 10 teams in 1963 and will have 12 teams in the 1964 season schedule.

CLASS A

	W	L
C. Richardson, Sr.	7	0
A. Whitaker	6	1
R. Merritt	5	2
E. Jepson,	3	4
C. Walker	2	5
R. Hastings	2	5
W. Castine	2	5
L. Barnes	1	6

CLASS B

	W	L
W. Beacivair	5	0
R. Stone	4	1
W. Thompson	3	2
F. Judd	2	3
C. Richardson, Jr.	1	4
P. Aube	0	5

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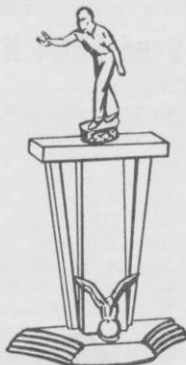
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Cavin Reports Two Tournament Successes at St. Joe, Mo.

Two very good and well attended tournaments were held in St. Joseph, Mo. this past season. The "St. Joe Open" found a new champion in Wellington Taylor, of Grand River, Iowa. Taylor took over the reins from Earl Wiges of Exira, Iowa, who placed 3rd. Marvin Rehies, Douglas Kaus placed 2nd. Rehies had the highest single percentage game of the day with 85.1. Taylor's lone defeat came at the hands of Alvin Dahlene, Lawrence, Kansas.

Gerry Labbe, Denver, Colo., and Harry Strohm of Kansas City, Mo. had to drop from the tourney. Lewis Jeter, Afton, Iowa, was B champion, Leo O'Brien, Stewartsville, Mo. 2nd and Wallace Uhlig, Anita, Iowa, 3rd.

C CLASS found Vicki Winston, LaMonte, Mo. sweeping the field with 5 straight wins and the trophy. Vicki also tossed an 80% game in the second round. Her 65.4% was tops in C class.

D CLASS went to Charles Cook, Corydon, Iowa, and E Class was won by Charlie Hopkins, Ottumwa, Iowa.

MIDLAND EMPIRE TO CAVIN

The "Midland Empire" Tourney held in Sept. found Ray Cavin of St. Joseph, successfully defending his title. Fighting an uphill battle after losing his first game to Leo Hammond, Peru, Iowa. Cavin posted 4 victories to set the stage for a showdown game with Wellington Taylor, Grand River, Iowa. Taylor had lost to Lillard Pinion, Stewartsville, Mo. Cavin won the championship match from Taylor 50-42 in a 104 shoe battle. Cavin hit 79 ringers, Taylor 77. Incidentally, Cavin shares the honors with Dale Dixon, Des Moines, Iowa, as being the only 2 men to win the "Midland" two times in a row.

Willard James, Underwood, Iowa, was declared B champion by total points collected in 6 games.

ST. JOE OPEN

CLASS A

	W	L	%
W. Taylor, Ia.	8	1	69.2
M. Rehies, Kan.	6	3	72.3
E. Wegis, Ia.	6	3	67.0
F. Knauff, Kan.	6	3	62.7
E. Winston, Mo.	5	4	73.6
L. Pinion, Mo.	5	4	60.4
A. Gandy, Kan.	4	5	59.1
A. Dahlene, Kan.	4	5	58.0
H. Gilmore, Mo.	1	8	58.1
G. Labbe, Colo.			Forfeit

CLASS B

	W	L	%
L. Jeter, Ia.	6	1	67.0
L. O'Brien, Mo.	5	2	56.5
W. Uhlig, Ia.	5	2	55.3
L. Garner, Kan.	4	3	59.7
J. Foster, Neb.	4	3	49.1
C. Kilgore, Mo.	3	4	52.1
H. Gardner, Mo.	3	4	59.9
H. Strohm, Mo.			Forfeit

CLASS C

	W	L	%
V. Winston, Mo.	5	0	65.4
W. Smith, Mo.	4	1	61.1
W. Gay, Mo.	2	3	49.9
W. Winston, Mo.	2	3	48.6
G. Neilson, Neb.	2	3	48.0
J. Kiper, Mo.	0	5	39.7

MIDLAND EMPIRE

CLASS A

	W	L	%
R. Cavin, Mo.	5	1	72.9
W. Taylor, Ia.	4	2	71.1
L. Pinion, Mo.	4	2	65.6
A. Dahlene, Kan.	3	3	59.3
L. Jeter, Iowa	2	4	61.2
H. Gilmore, Mo.	2	4	59.4
L. Hammond, Iowa	1	5	43.2

B CLASS

	W	L	%
W. James, Ia.	4	2	64.9
J. Foster, Neb.	4	2	62.6
L. O'Brien, Mo.	4	2	60.7
C. Kilgore, Mo.	4	2	56.6
H. Strohm, Mo.	3	3	60.4
W. Gay, Mo.	1	5	53.4
A. Brown, Ia.	1	5	53.5

CLASS C

	W	L
R. German, Neb.	4	1
B. Ricker, Ia.	3	2
L. Cain, Mo.	3	2
L. Kieper, Mo.	2	3
L. Tennant, Ia.	2	3
A. Williams, Ia.	1	4

World Tournament Films

All clubs whose members have not had an opportunity to see the NHPA World Tournament films should make arrangements to do so as soon as possible.

No official films of the 1963 tourney were taken, but considerable expense and effort was spent on the 1962 World Tourney at Greenville, where the 1964 Tourney will be held.

This film is a 16 mm in color equipped with sound and lasts one hour. It is an excellent birds eye view of the tournament showing all the top players in action including women and juniors and has some very good slow motion shots of Allen, Steinfeldt, Focht, Sue Gillespie, Nancy Henton and others.

Since the film is a year old the rental fee has been reduced to \$5.00. Place your order for the film with the nearest source — Glenn Sebring, 1431 West 42nd Street, Erie, Pennsylvania, or if you live in the west, with Donald Koso, 2124 Wilson Street, Falls City, Nebraska.

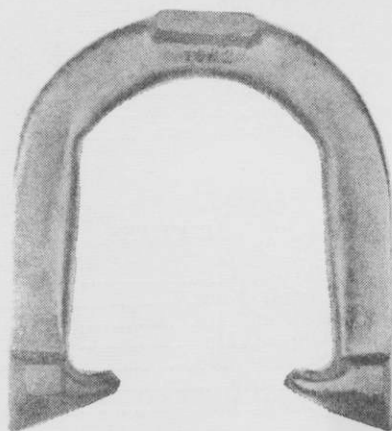
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The new NHPA policy of separating membership from the "Digest" subscriptions places our monthly magazine directly on the spot.

When the new membership-subscription provisions were passed on a one year trial basis at the NHPA convention last summer considerable fear was expressed that subscriptions would drop off to the point that it could no longer be published.

One thing is certain. This will not happen. If subscriptions do drop to a low level as a result of the new provisions the NHPA convention in Greenville next summer will undoubtedly reinstate the former policy of combining the two.

Responsible NHPA officials both on the national and state levels are convinced the organization cannot exist as a effective group without a monthly magazine providing a means of communication and information.

Figures back up this contention. The Horseshoe Pitchers' News Digest came into being in July of 1956 as a successor to the magazine published independently until his death by Byron Jaskulek in New York City. Jake had contributed much to the game by printing the magazine unofficially on his own.

Since that time the "Digest" as an official part of the NHPA has almost six times the number of subscribers it inherited from Jake, and even more significantly NHPA membership has almost doubled. The gains have not been sensational, but they have been steady.

Anyone familiar with the game 10 or 15 years ago knows that today there are far more tournaments held with a much wider geographic spread of participation than ever before. Tournament entry lists now often exceed 100 considerably, an unheard of figure 10 years ago. This gain has not been confined to World Tournament alone. The New England Tourney had 136 entries this year. The Keene, N.H. and Vermont Opens exceeded 100. Such events are commonplace in Ohio and Indiana, especially at Muncie and Greenville. The Eastern National has grown in size and scope. The number of outstanding open events from Florida and North Carolina to the Pacific N.W. has grown.

The NHPA now has active affiliated groups in places it never before touched — such as Tennessee, Virginia, North Carolina, New Mexico, Montana, British Columbia and even a few French speaking players in Quebec.

The cost of publishing the magazine has gone up considerably, and we cannot stand a big drop in subscriptions.

Nevertheless we believe the magazine is now an established part of the game and the NHPA and that almost all the present subscribers will be retained and many more gained in the future as a result of the new \$1.00 membership fee.

1963 NHPA members will continue to receive the magazine until one year has passed since they obtained their membership. 1964 subscribers will receive the magazine a full year from the date of subscription.

The "Digest" plans on extending and enlarging its coverage and content and all clubs and groups are urged to send news items directly to the editor at 1307 Solfisburg Avenue, Aurora, Ill.

It is your magazine. Make use of it and couple your 1964 NHPA membership with a "News Digest" subscription and do it now.

Leland Wiges Winner in Hawaii Service Meet

Leland Wiges, a member of the Iowa Hawkeye association, stationed in Hawaii, won the Intra-mural Horseshoe tournament held recently. He is in the radiology section of the U.S. Army Tripler Hospital in Hawaii. He defeated his colleague, Clarence Dunford for the title. He took the first game 21-15 and continued his winning ways by lifting the second with a count of 21-7. It was required that the champion must win the best two out of three to claim the title. The teams competing represented the headquarters-Personnel command. Supply and service, neuropsychiatric service, dental service and department of surgery.

South Gate — Southern California — Championship "A"**GROUP ONE**

	W	L	R	SP	%
Jim Weeks, Norwalk	5	0	201	236	85.2
Frank Esperanza, Oxnard	4	1	181	316	57.3
Walter Krowel, Manhattan Beach	3	2	194	320	60.2
Don Schubert, Los Angeles	2	3	160	300	53.3
Wally Shipley, W. Covina	1	4	148	298	49.7
Leo Percy, Anaheim	0	5	120	278	43.2

GROUP TWO

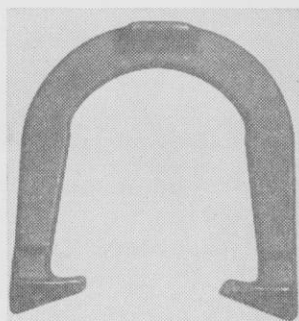
	W	L	R	SP	%
Gerald Schneider, Bell	5	0	222	290	76.6
Don Peterson, Downey	4	1	221	338	65.4
Glenn Brown, South Gate	3	2	220	360	61.1
Ronnie Simmons, Norwalk	2	3	204	334	61.1
Clarence Percy, La Habra	1	4	224	376	59.6
Fred Craven, Bellflower	0	5	184	282	47.9

PLAYOFF

	W	L	R	SP	%
Jim Weeks, Norwalk	3	0	159	200	79.5
Gerald Schneider, Bell	2	1	166	222	74.8
Frank Esperanza, Oxnard	1	2	111	172	64.5
Don Peterson, Downey	0	3	114	194	58.8

LATEST — TED ALLEN HORSESHOES

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Appreciation . . . and Moment of Meditation

I want to say "thank you" to all the many, many friends in the horseshoe pitching fraternity, for the many nice seasons greetings and well wishes that I received during the holidays. I sincerely appreciate each and everyone's thoughtfulness.

I sincerely hope that as we begin this new year that the NHPA will continue to grow through the cooperation of all its members. Also that each of you will continue to enjoy the horseshoe news of the entire nation and the Dominion of Canada as it comes to you through the pages of the News Digest. Through your continued support will the NHPA and the Digest be able to achieve success in their many projects. If we all bear in mind that "many hands make the job easier" I am sure that this will come to pass.

Again, I want to say "thank you" for all the many courtesies extended to me during my travels around to the various functions during the past year.

F. Ellis Cobb,
Editor

Rademacher Triumphant In Florida State Meet

John Rademacher of Plant City, Florida is the new champion of the state of Florida by virtue of having subdued all of his opponents in his triumphant march to the title. Tournament was played December 1 and many new faces were seen in attendance. Gusty winds kept all ringer percentages down. Harvey Clear, former NHPA secretary, conducted the meet ably assisted by Clyde Green and Merritt Bruce. The new champion is also the new state secretary-treasurer of the Florida association. He was elected to fill the vacancy left by the untimely passing of Charles A. Stephens. Other officers elected were John Ellis, pres.; Horace Kemp, Frank Wise, Willard West, Paul Backous, Al Pawela and Elmer Smith, all vice-presidents. John Rademacher, secretary-treasurer. John Clingan, defending champion, was runner-up. Joe Kelly copped the trophy for having the highest qualifying score. He hit 245 points out of 100 shoes pitched. Ten trophies were awarded the champs and runners-up with many new names among the winners. Tournament was held at the Bradenton Trailer Park courts in Bradenton, Florida.

CLASS A

	W	L	R	SP	%
J. Rademacher, Plant City	9	0	369	618	59.1
J. Clingan, Apopka	7	2	362	612	59.1
J. Kelly, Bradenton	7	2	324	560	57.9
A. Pawela, Howie	6	3	314	580	54.1
P. Backous, Ft. Lauderdale	5	4	333	606	55.0
W. Hoover, Orlando	3	6	281	564	50.0
S. Keegan, Ft. Lauderdale	3	6	297	608	48.9
W. Packard, Venice	2	7	292	598	48.9
J. Ellis, Bradenton	2	7	262	564	46.5
E. Ridge, Orlando	1	8	189	504	37.5

Class "B"

Class "C"

	W	L		W	L
E. Smith, Clearwater Beach ...	4	1	J. Thonert, Plant City	4	0
L. Peary, Bradenton	3	2	B. Mulhern, Bradenton	3	1
S. McKinney, Ft. Lauderdale	3	2	J. Pope, Bradenton	2	2
W. Crane, Leesburg	3	2	Grosh, Nokomis	1	3
D. Clingan, Orlando	1	4	H. Porter, Bradenton	0	4
H. Kemp, Bradenton	1	4			

Nebraska Tournament Dates Announced

Don Koso, secretary of the Cornhusker state association announces the following tournament dates as they are now set up for the state of Nebraska this season. County tournament, Falls City, Nebraska, June 14th. Annual 4-State tournament, Falls City, July 11th and 12th. Annual Trade Territory tournament (50 mile radius) Falls City, August 2nd. The annual All-States Open tournament, August 16th open to anyone. A cordial welcome is extended to all to take a part in their respective tournaments.

Southern California — South Gate "E" Open

GROUP ONE

	W	L	R	SP	%
Ernest Durr, La Puente	4	0	99	242	40.9
Glenn Vosler, South Gate	2	2	86	254	33.9
Mel Lingenfelter	2	2	92	282	32.6
Jim Marengo, Fullerton	1	3	80	262	30.8
Joe McNamara, Los Angeles	1	3	46	228	20.2

GROUP TWO

	W	L	R	SP	%
Larry Ford, San Diego	4	0	99	246	40.2
Carl Dennis, Lynwood	3	1	96	254	37.8
Ray Faulkner, Fullerton	2	2	111	274	40.5
Marshall Oesterick, Glendora	1	3	87	262	33.7
Ronald Thomas, Bell Gardens	0	4	70	240	29.2

PLAYOFF

	W	L	R	SP	%
Larry Ford, San Diego	3	0	87	186	46.8
Ernest Durr, La Puente	2	1	80	168	47.6
Carl Dennis, Lynwood	1	2	74	176	42.0
Glenn Vosler, South Gate	0	3	42	150	28.0

Southern California — Championship "B"

GROUP ONE

	W	L	R	SP	%
Norman Smith, Culver City	4	1	180	292	61.6
Tom Wheeler, Fullerton	4	1	193	348	55.5
Harry Morse, Beaumont	3	2	159	292	54.5
Fred Craven, Bellflower	3	2	140	316	44.3
Sam Puopulo, Baldwin Park	1	4	120	276	43.5
Marshall Jones, Long Beach	0	5	108	298	36.2

GROUP TWO

	W	L	R	SP	%
John Walker, Chula Vista	5	0	168	260	64.6
Clarence Cummins, Orcutt	4	1	150	268	56.3
Buster Parker, Norwalk	3	2	126	274	46.0
Don Shubert, Los Angeles	2	3	137	286	47.9
Wally Shipley, W. Covina	1	4	129	318	40.6
Sam Faulkner, Fullerton	0	5	77	266	28.9

PLAYOFF

	W	L	R	SP	%
Tom Wheeler, Fullerton	3	0	115	178	64.6
Norman Smith, Culver City	2	1	121	202	59.9
Clarence Cummins, Orcutt	1	2	140	226	61.9
John Walker, Chula Vista	0	3	122	214	57.0

The Horseshoe Pitcher's Manual

The Game's "How-To-Do-It" Book

This brand new attractive and informative 40 page book is a "must" for all players and NHPA members, especially those who have the responsibility of conducting tournaments and the affairs of local clubs and groups.

"How To Do It" aptly describes the publication. Complete with pictures, illustrations, diagrams, charts and written articles it covers all technical phases of the game.

The number of inquiries and requests for information about the game which the NHPA receives and processes would astonish most members. These come not only from our own ranks but also from recreation directors in public parks, schools, the armed services, industrial employee groups, social clubs and from individuals who have heard of the NHPA program of public relations and results in many worthwhile contacts. The book was designed to answer these needs.

The cover picture of the Manual is of the Greenville, Ohio courts where the 1964 World Tournament will be held. Other pictures include the courts at South Gate, California where the 1963 tourney was held, the Rendezvous Park courts in Mesa, Arizona and a night scene of the 1960 World Tourney in Muncie, Indiana.

A feature is the article Proper Pitching Techniques by Roy Smith, author of "Science at the Stake" a number of years ago. This article is illustrated by action shots of Ted Allen, Fernando Isais, the late Guy Zimmerman, Paul Focht and Sue Gillespie.

Other articles include: Basic Rules and Fundamental Requirements; The Official Playing Rules, revised in 1963; How To Organize a Horseshoe Club; How To Construct a Horseshoe Court; How To Conduct Tournaments, League Play, Team Matches and Handicap Systems; How To Score Properly; Cancellation and Count All Scoring Systems; Horseshoe Sportsmanship; Pitching Psychology; and Accessories Available Through the NHPA.

Ellis Cobb, editor of the "News Digest" and Bob Pence, NHPA Secretary, are co-editors of the Manual, but it is really an accumulation of NHPA "know how" for articles and ideas were contributed by Elmer Beller, Stan Manker, Lee Davis, Ottie Reno and many others. Many of the pictures were contributed by E. C. Swarigen.

Price of the Manual is 50¢ for NHPA members and 75-cents for non-members, or five copies for 35¢ each from either Bob Pence, 341 Polk St., Gary, Indiana, or Elmer Beller, 15316-B, Cabell Avenue, Bellflower, California.

Hobbs Open Won By Van Natter

This is an annual tournament held in honor of Bill Hobbs who was the moving spirit behind the building of the fine battery of 18 courts in Kokomo.

Class A	W	L	%	Class B	W	L
E. Van Natter Kokomo	6	1	71.7	R. Feller, Amboy	7	0
C. Cummings, Sweetser	6	1	69.8	W. Wilhoite, Lebanon	6	1
D. Salsbery, Sharpsville 5	2	65.2	J. Shuck, Sharpsville	5	2	
H. Walker, Pennville	4	3	66.7	C. Hanson, Russiaville	4	3
G. Mendenhall, Noblesville 3	4	65.5	J. Wark, Valparaiso	2	5	
C. Reel, Kokomo	2	5	61.8	F. Croddy, Kokomo	2	5
G. Cummings, Sheridan	1	6	59.0	P. Gross, Kokomo	1	6
R. Davis, Kokomo	1	6	49.2	C. Nelson, Jonesboro	1	6
Class C	W	L			W	L
R. McKinnis, Lafayette	6	1		J. Gillen, Kokomo	3	4
A. Skinner, Fairmount	5	2		W. Salsbery, Kokomo	3	4
J. Pine, Anderson	4	3		B. Heathcote, Gas City	2	5
K. Pendergast, Kolomo	3	4		C. Dennigan, Gas City	2	5

Random Reflections On The 1963 Season

By BOB PENCE, NHPA Secretary

Starting the year in a hospital bed which really put me behind the eight ball when NHPA correspondence piled up . . . and how! . . . Disappointed at not being able to take in a winter tournament in Arizona or Florida . . . Hope to make one in 1964 . . . Enjoyment of reading Ottie Reno's "The Story of Horseshoes" and hoping all NHPA members get a copy . . . Satisfaction at signing up members from British Columbia in Canada . . . A new NHPA Chapter . . .

Pitching my best horseshoe of the year in the opening tournament by averaging better than 62% ringers in the Spring Opener at Frankfort . . . Never seeming to get time to practice or concentrate on playing once the season started . . . Couldn't attend the Red River Valley Open in Fargo, N. D., as planned because of work schedule in the steel mills.

The trip to Erie, Pa. and the Eastern National . . . The efficient manner in which Glen Sebring, Joe Peters, Casey Pluta, Clyde Martz and the Erie club conducted this fine event . . . The work of the ladies, wives of Erie club officials and players, who did the charts and office work . . . Sue Gillespie's appearance on TV at Erie . . . The hospitality of Jack Potter and others during my stay in Erie . . .

Meeting Reggie Fish, President of the Keene, New Hampshire club at the Eastern National . . . Hearing from Reggie about the enthusiasm of the Keene Club, the New Hampshire Association and the New England area for landing the 1965 World Tournament . . .

Meeting Paul and Lorraine Thomas and Linda Lupa of the up and coming Lockport, N. Y. club and hearing about the Women's horseshoe league of 55 players . . . Hoping to go back to Erie again next year . . .

The Central Indiana Tournament . . . Almost rained out . . . Spending the night at Jim Little's house and the steak dinner he had . . .

The trip to California and the World Tournament . . . Wishing I could stop off and see NHPA members in almost every city we went through . . . Time schedule not allowing these stops . . . Trying to call Al Smith on the way through Springfield, Mo., but not getting an answer . . . Driving on the Oklahoma turnpike within a few miles of where the Oklahoma Open was being played, but not having time to stop . . . Besides who would want to pitch horseshoe with the temperature standing at 107!

The stopover in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and meeting a swell bunch of fellows . . . Renewing friendship with P. D. Riley in Albuquerque . . . Pitching on his fine backyard court . . . even winning a couple of games . . . seeing the 12 new courts the Albuquerque Park Board was building for the New Mexico Association . . . The meeting at P. D. Riley's house and the organizing of the brand new New Mexico State NHPA Chapter . . . The fine impression made on me by Parker Burns and Bill Sweatman who organized and built the Albuquerque club . . . and the elected officers of the new NHPA State Chapter; Tom Towne, President; Lloyd Jones, Vice President; and Fred Grey, Secretary-Treasurer . . . Ralph Brandt of Belen, who has acted as NHPA representative for the past two years . . . Meeting a horseshoe enthusiast at the Ice Caves near Grants, N. Mex. . .

Arriving at South Gate . . . Red Henton of Iowa and Ralph Maddox of West Virginia the first players I saw at the tourney . . . That double fence the South Gate courts have and the excellent lighting system . . . The magnificent array of trophies sent by the Miller Brewing Co. . . The chilly nights . . .

Meeting so many NHPA members I had corresponded with in the past but had never met previously . . . Ralph Taylor (Wash.), Red Smith (Okla.), Joe Robertson (N. Mex.), Gil Hamman (Oreg.), Ray Lambeth (Calif.), Jack Ellis (Fla.) and many others . . . All those California players I had known about but never met . . . and, of course, seeing so many of my old friends from back in the midwest and east . . . The excellent turnout of California players for the event . . . The terrific qualifying rounds of Elmer Hohl and John Monasmith . . . Meeting Roy Smith, author of Science at the Stake . . .

Random Reflections — (Continued)

Ed DeVanney coming all the way from Lowell, Mass. to see the tourney . . . The story of the trip across the desert enroute by Stan Manker and Harold Wolfe . . . The hard work and fine cooperation by Glenn Brown, Jim Weeks, Elmer Beller, Norm Smith and others . . . How many qualifiers and games did Ole Hanson of North Calif. score? Couldn't have operated without him . . .

That demonstration of Dale Dixon's portable court . . . A half inflated innertube under a four inch thick crude rubber mat substituting for the clay . . . The result was unbelievable — not a ringer bounced off and plenty were thrown on it by Floyd Toole, Ralph Maddox and Elmer Hohl . . .

Seeing Hanford Jackson, son of former World Champ Frank Jackson again for the first time in 30 years . . . also Merle Stoner, former Calif. champ whom I knew in Indiana more than 30 years ago . . . Don Tierney of Indiana visiting the tourney — first I had seen him in 25 years . . . Surprised at how early we finished play every night, especially the final night — the earliest finish in history . . . Harold Craig calling home in Indiana every night to check on his wife who was expecting and waited until he got home to deliver little Penny Sue — a cute red head! . . . Eddie Packham's presenting of his own special awards at the tournament's end . . .

Leaving L. A. in a sprinkle of rain the morning after . . . Meeting John Rademacher of Florida at Sequoia National Park on the way home . . . First saw John at a tournament in Chesterton, Ind., 15 years ago and the next time was at South Gate.

Arriving home after more than a month and OOOH the mail which had piled up . . . When will I ever get out from under? Hope too many people aren't too mad at me, but that bushel basket of mail to be answered . . . well, Rome wasn't built in a day . . .

The Indiana State Tournament . . . largest entry list in history . . . nights so cold we had to cut the schedule short at night at a time of year we generally are fighting the heat . . .

Disappointment in not getting to attend the Open tournament at Wauseon, Ohio — a new Ohio club — because of illness. Three sad blows in a row that really saddened me — the deaths of Charlie Stephens of Florida and Phil Luoto of Washington and the heart attack of Elmer Beller while attending the California State Tourney at San Jose . . . Glad to hear Elmer is back in shape again, but the NHPA can ill afford the loss of men of the caliber of Charlie Stephens and Phil Luoto . . .

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Delayed Indiana Reports

Records lost but since found have delayed the following Indiana tournament reports.

CENTRAL INDIANA, HIGHLAND PARK, KOKOMO

CLASS A			CLASS B				
	W	L	%		W	L	%
Curt Day	7	0	80.0	Bob Boyer	7	1	58.3
Bill Hobbs	5	2	70.2	Russ Stone	6	2	56.6
Don Owens	4	3	64.9	Lon Mullins	5	2	
Earl Billingsley	4	3	64.3	Dale Salsbery	4	3	
Earl Van Natter	4	3	60.0	Claude Fewell	4	3	
Ben Shores	3	4	64.9	Bob Pence	2	5	
Gene Mendenhall	2	5	57.7	Ken Pendergast	1	6	
Al Quebe	0	7	60.4	Charles Nelson	Forfeit		

Class C won by Chet Reel, seven straight wins. Frank Croddy and Lloyd Neal tied for second. Other classes were rained out.

SOUTHERN INDIANA, GARFIELD PARK, INDIANAPOLIS

CLASS A			CLASS B				
	W	L	%		W	L	%
Gray. McFatrige	5	1	73.8	Mac Denton	5	1	59.8
Bob May	5	2	69.8	Harry Holland	4	2	55.0
Bob Davids	4	2	71.1	Ray Pitcher	3	2	50.9
Gene Weber	2	3	63.7	Morris Gillespie	2	3	46.5
Walt Wilhoite	1	4	56.5	Ray Wood	2	3	42.0
Earl Green	0	5	55.2	Harold McFatrige	Forfeit		

Graydon McFatrige, Bob May and Bob Davids tied for first place in Class A, McFatrige winning the playoff. Mac Denton and Harry Holland tied for Class B with Denton winning playoff.

Class C — Ed Foster won pitchoff from Joe Robinson. Pete Schaubhaut 3rd and Dick Greenway 4th.

New Mexico News And Activities

In early October, 1963, the following were elected officers of the Albuquerque, New Mexico Horseshoe Club, Bill Sweatman, president; P. D. Riley, vice president; Roland Trottier, secretary-treasurer.

Two doubles tournaments were held. The first being on October 13th and 14th. The results were as follows:

CLASS A — Five teams were entered in Class A and the highest ringer percentage player was teamed with the lowest ringer percentage player, etc. Individual trophies were given for the first 3 teams. Tom Town and Parker Burns, 1st place; Richard Murry and Leo Horne, 2nd place; P. D. Riley and Ed Gonzales, 3rd place.

CLASS B — Six teams were entered with the highest ringer percentage player being teamed with the lowest percentage player, etc. Trophies were given for the first 3 places (each such player who placed got a trophy. Jim Wade and C. M. Kelly, 1st place; Otis Henson and Howard LaMuska, 2nd place; Les Cole and M. Henson, 3rd place.

The second tournament was held on Nov. 2nd. Eight teams were entered. Cash prizes were given to each team placing. Again the teams were made up of the highest ringer percentage player being partners with the lowest percentage player, etc. The results were as follows: Richard Murry and C. Tayler; Parker Burns and Fred Grey; Bill Sweatman and C. M. Kelly.

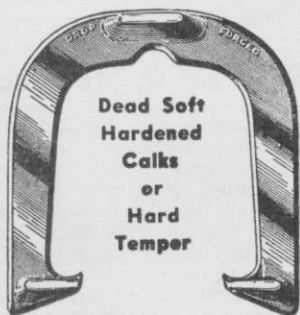
Send In For Those Championship Insignias Now!

Mrs. Lucile Hopkins, vice-president in charge of Championship Awards of the NHPA, makes a special request to all state secretaries to send in for their different championship insignias and State champion insignias at the same time as they send for their NHPA sanction certificates. In this way there will not be any delay in getting them. It seems that some secretaries and representatives wait until the last of the year to do this, which makes a lot of extra work in getting them sent out. It is also stated that all winners entitled to insignias must hold a 1964 state and National card, including all Junior classes. If additional insignias are needed they may be secured from Mrs. Lucile Hopkins, 912 East 2nd Street, Ottumwa, Iowa 52501.

St. Paul, Minn. Ramsey County Club, Year-End Report

A complete run-down of the various club activities of the St. Paul, Minnesota Ramsey County club shows Noel Lanes taking first in the Spring tournament followed by Leo Reinhardt and Carl West. In the four leagues operating in St. Paul, Leo Reinhardt was first in the A League and city champion. B League champ was Vito Palmitessa. Ed Elsola copped the C League title and Don Meyer took the D League ribbon. In the annual Fall tournament, Leo Reinhardt was top man followed by John Yernberg and Augie Kiekhoefer, Jerry Kiekhoefer and Carl West, all in Class A. The B division was dominated by Dave Johnson, first; Frank Schneider, Stan Ring, Elmer Vadnais, Carl Gaetke and Mike Anzaldi. Rating first in Class C was Stan Schulke, second, Don Allen followed by Jim Waters, Harry Taylor, Roland Heining and T. E. Kangas. Class D winners were George Manerud, first, Wayne Reinhardt, Don Meyer, Jack Fish, Carl Pangborn and Fred Siefert.

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Rehard is Honor Man in Washington Inland Empire

	W	L		W	L
Wally Rehard, Pasadena Park	7	0	John Lafferty, Omak	3	4
Howard Shatto, Okanogan	5	2	Nels Ashmore, Rockford	3	4
Henry Knauft, Spokane	4	3	H. Baumgartner, Dishman	2	5
Denny Miller, Rockford	4	3	Perle, Stratton, Chewelah	Forfeit	

Barney Hampton Sweeps Bremerton, Wash. Open

CLASS A			CLASS B		
	W	L		W	L
Barney Hampton, Portland	11	0	Harvey Robbins, Lilliwaup	9	0
Howard Peterson, Portland	9	2	Bill Foss, Tacoma	8	1
Cletus Chapelle, Portland	8	3	John Jurasich, Tacoma	7	2
Herb Pidde, Seattle	7	4	John Reedy, Edmonds	4	5
Glen Morris, Portland	7	4	Heinie Gilbo, Tacoma	4	5
Vic Bertoldi, Seattle	6	5	Ham Fraley, Bremerton	3	6
Waldo Hagy, Salem	5	6	Ed Bartlett, Everett	3	6
Kelly Laraway, Bremerton	5	6	Ralph Taylor, Seattle	3	6
Ken Canady, Seattle	3	8	Harry Jones, Bremerton	3	6
Ray Brumfield, Seattle	2	9	Don Tysver, Bremerton	1	8
Burl Matteson, Bremerton	2	9			
Bob Burt, Hillsboro	1	10			

Novak Memorial Title Goes to Bertoldi

CLASS A			CLASS B		
	W	L		W	L
Vic Bertoldi, Seattle	6	1	Wagner, Bremerton	5	2
Paul Snow, Seattle	5	2	Heleker, Seattle	4	3
Sig Pederson, Seattle	5	2	Brucker, Port Angeles	4	3
Herb Pidde, Seattle	4	3	Wasson, Seattle	4	3
Dan Graham, Seattle	4	3	Matteson, Bremerton	3	4
Herb Criss, Bremerton	2	5	Taylor, Seattle	3	4
Rudy Allones, Bremerton	1	6	Ertsgaard, Bremerton	3	4
Jim Malvern, Seattle	1	6	Alexander, Seattle	2	5

Nebraska All-States Crown Won by D. McCance

One of this past season's most exciting tournaments was that held at Falls City, Nebraska. To start the festivities, Wellington Taylor of Grand River, Iowa set up a record qualifying score of 284 points and 92 ringers out of 100 shoes. 34 of those were in succession. Don McCance, Nebraska state champ over-powered Taylor in one of the long games of the tournament, 54-42 in 92 shoes averaging 77.1 against Taylor's 71.1 in ringer percentage. McCance averaged 76.5 percent ringers for the tournament in gaining the crown. Willard James of Iowa took Class B with a 7-0 record. Class C was won by Ernie Tegtmiere of Nebraska. Class D went to Geo. Kuchinski of Missouri. Other class winners were Paul Grotian, Kint Custard and Elmer Grage, all of Neb.

CLASS A			CLASS B		
	W	L		W	L
D. McCance, Nebr.	7	0	W. James, Iowa	7	0
W. Taylor, Iowa	5	2	L. Jeter, Iowa	5	2
R. Cavin, Mo.	5	2	H. Strohm, Mo.	4	3
M. Reheis, Kan.	5	2	R. Bauman, Kan.	4	3
F. Knauft, Kan.	2	5	J. Kiper, Mo.	3	4
A. Gandy, Kan.	2	5	W. Gay, Mo.	3	4
H. Robinson, Neb.	1	6	J. Foster, Nebr.	2	5
O. Monasmith, Kan.	1	6	C. Cook, Iowa	0	7

McDaniel Top Man in Jefferson City, Tenn. Club

The final report of the 1963 season in the Jefferson City, Tenn. club found George McDaniel on top. The season was a complete success and much bigger things are planned for the 1964 season. Officers elected for the coming year are as follows: Geo. McDaniel, pres.; Jess Williams, vice-pres.; Claude Love, vice-pres.; Harold Greenlee, sec.-treas., assisted by Bernard Horner. Winners in the Jefferson County Fair were Harold Greenlee, Jack Welch, group singles champions; Greenlee-Williams, doubles champs.

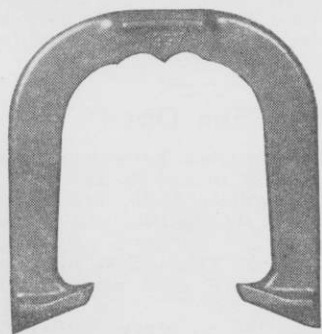
NHPA members of the club with their season's records are as follows: McDaniel, 44-5; Walker, 38-11; H. Greenlee, 35-14; Williams, 29-20; Horner, 29-20; Welch, 14-35; Carr, 18-2; Huskey, 15-5; Ladd, 13-7; Cox, 13-7; Talley, 13-7; Leonard, 12-8; Webb, 9-11; Vasser, 7-13; Thomas, forfeited.

South Gate — Southern California — Championship "F"

	W	L	R	SP	%
Bill Harrison, Bell	8	1	206	488	42.2
Wilford Andelin, Orange	7	2	205	506	40.5
Jim Marengo, Fullerton	7	2	169	444	38.1
Al Kertner, Fullerton	7	2	184	492	37.9
Joe McNamara, Los Angeles	5	4	153	612	24.6
Lyle Augspurger, Torrance	5	4	148	546	27.1
Marshall Oesterick, Glendora	3	6	135	598	22.6
Ronald Thomas, Bell Gardens	2	7	126	560	22.5
Raymond Victor, Huntington Park	1	8	105	500	21.0
Al Beezer, South Gate	0	9	87	520	16.7

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OFFICIAL RULES:

Our reference will be the HORSESHOE PITCHING MANUAL compiled for the National Horseshoe Pitcher's Association of America.

NUMBER OF CLASSES:

A, B, C, and D for men; A & B for women; A for youth under 16*.

*Advanced Youth Pitchers may elect to enter any of the classes for men.

NUMBER OF PRIZES:

First and Second in each class.

ENTRY FEE: \$2.00 for any class.

QUALIFICATION RECORDS:

Entry fee and three HUNDRED-SHOE point records to be in the hands of R. H. Burns, Tourney Chairman, by January 25, midnight, 1964. HUNDRED-SHOE Point Records should be dated and be in recent months insofar as possible*. Tri-State and Wyoming State Qualifying Records acceptable.

BRACKETS: Brackets for each class can then be made up from the Qualifying Sheets dividing up the four classes according to number of contestants and their qualifying scores which will be the average of the three submitted 100-shoe scores.

SCHEDULE OF PLAY:

The first round of play will take place Saturday afternoon, Feb. 1, beginning at 1:00 P.M. and will consist of a double-round robin of play in Classes C & D.

The second round of play will take place Sunday morning, Feb. 2, beginning at 9:00 A.M. This will consist of double-round robins for Classes A & B.

The third round of play will take place Sunday afternoon beginning at 1:00 P.M. This will consist of double-round robins for Women and Youth.

PRACTICE SESSIONS IN JANUARY:

The "Half-Acre" Armory at the University is open for our practice sessions every weekend in January. Come on over and practice Saturdays and Sundays from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. (South Door Entrance of Armory at Half Acre Gym). You can practice, and if you desire, make up your Qualifications Sheets and leave them with Bob Burns along with your entry fee.

Arizona Valley Of The Sun Open

Mesa will again host the Valley of the Sun Open horseshoe tournament in February. The Class "B" will be held February 15 and 16. This will include pitchers under 54% averages. The entry fee will be \$3.00. Trophies will be awarded the winner and runnerup and the top six finalists will receive cash prizes of: \$25, \$20, \$15, \$10, \$5 and \$3.

Class "A" will be held on February 22 and 23. This will be for those with 55% averages and over. The entry fee will be \$5.00. Cash prizes for the top six finishers will be: \$60, \$40, \$25, \$15, \$10 and \$5.

Your average and entry fee should reach the secretary, Walter Stearns, 332 W. 9th St., Mesa, Arizona, by Feb. 10. Telephone 964-6887.

From Here And There

We have learned that Mrs. Marion Lange of Bondurant, Iowa lost her mother December 11, in Des Moines, Iowa. She had been ill for many months. The sympathy of the Iowa state association and that of the NHPA is extended to her and her husband, an active player in Iowa and elsewhere.

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Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hopkins of Ottumwa, Iowa, celebrated their 29th wedding anniversary on Christmas. Many happy returns.

Curt Day Wins Bethel Open

Curt Day won the annual Bethel Open held on the Bethel Courts near Greencastle, Ind. A classy field of Indiana and Illinois players competed.

Class A	W	L	%	Class B	W	L	%
Curt Day	7	0	80.0	Gray. McFatrige	5	2	72.5
Floyd Fowler	6	1	78.0	Merle Tirey	5	2	70.9
Ray Martin	5	2	76.3	Gene Mendenhall	5	2	65.9
Carl Van Sant	4	3	76.6	Bill Ferguson	3	4	61.3
Gilbert Bancroft	3	4	65.6	Roy Billingsley	3	4	64.7
John Stimac	2	5	67.1	Virgil Taylor	3	4	69.3
Ed Sharp	1	6	69.8	Earl Green	2	5	61.7
Geo. Johnson Sr.	0	7	54.5	Ben Shores	2	5	55.9

Class C — Schlosser won playoff from Starwalt, Klunick taking 3rd.

Class D — Won by Bright, Baker and Brown tying for 2nd.

Baldwin Park — Southern California Championship "E"

	W	L	R	SP	%
Earl Mang, Buena Park	7	0	224	430	52.1
Oscar Sandberg, Covina	6	1	204	438	46.6
Ray Faulkner, Fullerton	4	3	221	482	45.9
Lyman Bailey, No. Hollywood	4	3	193	486	39.7
Mel Lingenfelter, Conoga Park	3	4	184	456	40.4
Mike Valarde, So. San Gabriel	3	4	167	430	38.8
Glenn Vosler, South Gate	1	6	169	458	36.9
Joe McNamara, Los Angeles	0	7	150	428	35.0

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GROUP ONE

	W	L	R	SP	%
Don Shubert, Los Angeles	5	0	180	308	58.4
Fred Brown, Huntington Park	4	1	161	308	52.3
Wally Shipley, W. Covina	3	2	141	288	49.0
Eldon Carrier, Downey	2	3	158	386	40.9
Lyman Bailey, No. Hollywood	1	4	108	300	36.0
Marshall Oesterick, Glendora	0	5	91	302	31.0

GROUP TWO

	W	L	R	SP	%
Ole Chard, Lawndale	4	1	155	296	52.4
Al Cauchon, Pasadena	4	1	172	340	50.6
Carl Dennis, Lynwood	3	2	153	332	46.1
Fred Craven, Bellflower	2	3	142	340	41.8
Earl Mang, Beuna Park	2	3	132	342	38.6
Sam Faulkner, Fullerton	0	5	128	334	38.3

CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYOFF

	W	L	R	SP	%
Don Shubert, Los Angeles	3	0	118	206	57.3
Ole Chard, Lawndale	2	1	115	204	56.4
Al Cauchon, Pasadena	1	2	96	186	51.6
Fred Brown, Huntington Park	0	3	101	208	48.2

New Grant Co. Indiana Champ

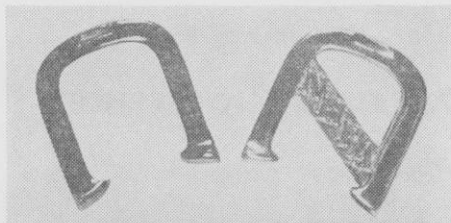
Jim Dickson of Marion is the new Grant County Indiana champ. Veteran Charlie Cummings finished second after having won the event for the past five years. Jim Shively, Gil Lee, Virgil Holloway, Fred Burton, Dick Burnsworth and Neil Farr finished in that order.

Other champs were Class "E," Bob Heathcote; Class "D," Bill Beck; Class "C," Russ Mitchell; Class "B," Bob Harrold.

Hunter Is Wabash Co. Indiana Champ

Roland Hunter won the annual Wabash, Indiana County tournament, finishing ahead of former titleholder Elbert Boone, Kenny Eltzroth and Art Moore. It was his first county crown, and he posted a 6-1 record. Dick Quinn won Class "B" honors.

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A brand new big tournament is being planned for the southwestern states with the site to be on the finest black-topped courts in the middle and southwest, the beautiful courts, in Gage park in Topeka, Kansas. It is hoped that a July date can be definitely agreed upon. Secretaries of state associations in that area are being contacted so as to avoid any conflicting dates already set. Alvin Gandy, veteran of many horseshoe tournaments including several sessions in the World tournaments together with Perl "Pep" Pepple, a prominent promoter of horseshoe pitching, are organizing this gigantic affair. A fine array of the talent in the ringer division are expected to be in attendance when this event gets underway. Watch for further developments in forthcoming issues of the Digest.

Schrum Key Man in Bartlesville, Okla. Tourney

Charles Schrum of Bartlesville, Oklahoma was the key man in their annual club meet held this past season. He won by virtue of a higher ringer percentage, being tied with Andy Mogus and Gerald Kahle with 5 games won for each against 1 loss. Don Long was victor in Class B. Dale Anderson had a clean slate to win Class C, racking up 6 straight.

CLASS A			CLASS B		
	W	L		W	L
Schrum	5	1	D. Long	7	0
Mogus	5	1	J. Seybert	5	2
Kahle	5	1	C. Moody	4	3
J. Moody	3	3	A. Graham	4	3
Barrett	2	4	E. Coleman	4	3
V. Holm	1	5	M. Henderson	3	4
Chidester	0	6	E. Reiger	2	5
			E. Strickler	0	7

South Gate — Southern California — Added "E" Class

PLAYOFF

	W	L	R	SP	%
Sam Faulkner, Fullerton	5	0	122	270	46.7
Lee Wade, Downey	3	2	107	314	34.1
Joe McNamara, Los Angeles	3	2	86	304	28.3
Carl Dennis, Lynwood	2	3	108	304	35.5
Clyde Cannon, Covina	2	3	116	354	32.8
Carl Hovey, Inglewood	0	5	53	306	17.3

GROUP TWO

	W	L	R	SP	%
Wally Persinger, Anaheim	4	1	124	302	41.6
Ray Faulkner, Fullerton	4	1	125	312	40.1
Earl Mang, Buena Park	3	2	107	300	35.7
Ross Faulkner, Huntington Park	3	2	88	274	32.0
Mike Valaroe, So. San Gabriel	1	4	110	314	35.0
Marshall Oesterick, Glendora	0	5	58	262	22.1

PLAYOFF

	W	L	R	SP	%
Wally Persinger, Anaheim	3	0	88	188	46.9
Ray Faulkner, Fullerton	2	1	100	234	42.7
Sam Faulkner, Fullerton	1	2	75	180	41.7
Lee Wade, Downey	0	3	58	182	31.9

Burlington, Iowa Indoor Courts Scene of Match Game

A team of Iowa Hawkeye pitchers inaugurated the New Year with a victory over a team from Monmouth, Illinois on New Year's day on their brand new indoor courts in Burlington, Iowa. Andy Jackson, Harold Darnold, Frank Jay and Ernie Danielson of Iowa took the measure of Bob St. George, Paul Jensen, Earl Ryner and Walter Kilip of Monmouth to the tune of 717 to 470. The visitors had many nice comments to make about the new courts. January 5, the Burlington team were hosts to a team from Ottumwa, Iowa.

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A Suggestion

Horseshoe is an intriguing game. The eternal pursuit of perfection seems to secure a hold on individuals and it is not uncommon for addicts to pitch far into the night to improve their delivery.

This is good as far as it goes. What I am thinking about not only applies to the player himself but the spectator as well. The grueling course of present-day standards is not only extremely tiring to the player but more so on the spectators (bless their souls) who face endless repetition at the stakes often on bleachers in the broiling sun.

With these thoughts in mind I suggest that the standard game be upped to sixty points. (I can hear a chorus of howls exploding in the gallery. “Oh, no! It’s bad enough already.”) But, wait a second; I’m not through yet.

I also propose as a companionate feature that each cancelled ringer count one point. This means that if each contestant has one ringer on the stake each would add one point to his score. If one wins closest shoe point, he would count two. With four ringers on the stake each player would tally two for the inning. If both topped the 60-point game limit at the same time, the first to break the tie would win the game. Ringer percentages would be figured to the point of 60 but not beyond.

It becomes readily apparent that this would speed up the game. Often games go on for extended periods. This would be eliminated. It also would balance out time periods in tournament and inter-city league games when players experience long waits for opponents, thus reducing the argument that “they had to stand around until they were cold.”

The number 60 is a better number than 50 for several reasons. Just glance at your watch. Each hour is divided into 60 minutes, each minute into 60 seconds and there are 12 hours on the face. There is a reason why it is made that way. It can be halved, quartered and luckily it is divisible by three, the same as one ringer. The number not only lends itself to easier ringer percentage calculations but opens up possible future interpretations of the game such as quarters and “at the half.”

It’s just one man’s opinion.

Yours sincerely,

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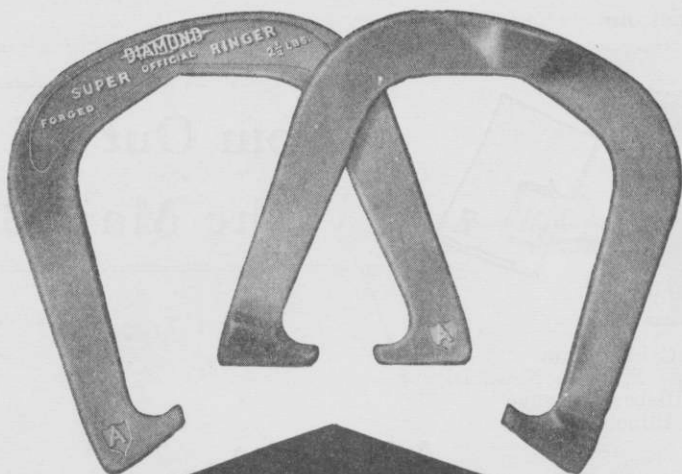
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Funny - Bone Ticklers

A little girl at a church wedding in Hattiesburg exclaimed in a stage whisper: “Mother, has the lady changed her mind?”

“What do you mean, dear?”

“Well, mother, we saw her march up the aisle with one man, and here she comes back with another!”



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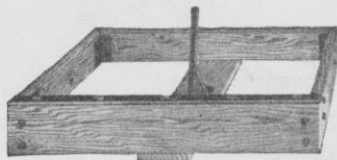
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