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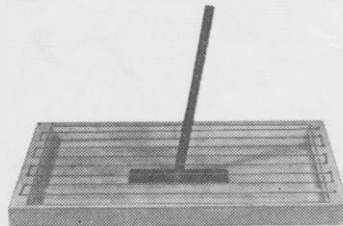
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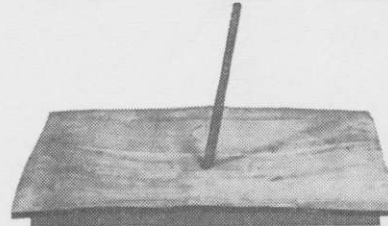
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**1965 World Tournament Schedule of Events**

The 1965 World Horseshoe Pitching tournament conducted by the National Horseshoe Pitchers' Association of America will be held in the city of Keene, New Hampshire on Saturday, July 31st through Tuesday, August 10th. Play will be held on the Wheelock park courts in Keene. The Keene, N.H. club assisted by the New England and New Hampshire state association will be the official hosts for this annual national event.

**Qualifying round: Men 200 shoes, Senior & Ladies 100 shoes, Juniors 50 shoes.**

Sat., July 31, 12 noon until 10 p.m. — Qualifying, all divisions.

Sun., Aug. 1, 9 a.m. until 10 p.m. — Qualifying, all divisions.

Mon., Aug. 2, 9 a.m. until 10 p.m. — Qualifying, all divisions.

Tues., Aug. 3, 9 a.m. until 10 p.m. — Qualifying, all divisions.

Wed., Aug. 4, 9 a.m. until 12 noon — End of qualifying, all divisions.

**Round robin championship play, all divisions:**

Wed., Aug. 4, 1 p.m. — Juniors, Seniors and Ladies, lower classes.

Wed., Aug. 4, 5:30 p.m. — Class "A" Ladies, Seniors & Juniors; Class "B"

**Seniors and Ladies:**

Thurs., Aug. 5, 5:30 p.m. — Start of 36-man Championship division, first six rounds.

Friday, Aug. 6, 10 a.m. — Class "B" round robins, four games of eight.  
 5:30 p.m. — 36-man championship round robin continued.

Sat., Aug. 7, 10 a.m. — Class "C" round robins, four groups of eight.  
 5:30 p.m. — 36-man championship round robin continued.

Sun., Aug. 8, 10 a.m. — Class "B" & Class "C" eight man playoffs.  
 1:00 p.m. — Any necessary playoffs in Ladies, Junior and Senior division.  
 5:30 p.m. — 36-man championship round robin continued.

Mon., Aug. 9, 5:30 p.m. — 36-man championship round robin continued.

Tues., Aug. 10, 5:30 p.m. — Conclusion of championship play, final 5 rounds.

**Special Events:**

Wed., Aug. 4, 8 p.m. — Opening ceremonies and introduction of the 36-man championship division.  
 11 p.m. — Annual N.H.P.A. party.

Thurs., Aug. 5, 9:00 a.m. — Annual N.H.P.A. convention & business meeting.  
 1:00 p.m. — Annual N.H.P.A. dinner.

Tues., Aug. 10, 10:30 p.m. — Closing ceremonies and awarding of trophies.

## Annual Waterland Open Tournament — Battle Creek, Michigan

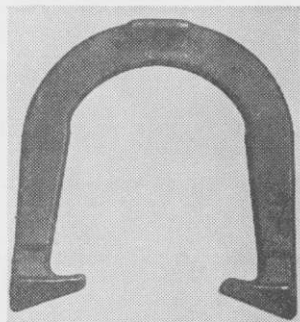
The third annual Waterland Open tournament will be held at Bailey park in Battle Creek, Michigan on June 12th and 13th. This is Michigan's premier NHPA event. Roger Vogel of Springfield, Illinois is the defending champion.

The championship class will be composed of the 15 highest qualifiers plus the defending champion. It will be divided into two groups with the top two in each group playing a final 4-man round robin for the championship. A 100 shoe qualifying round is mandatory for those desiring to make championship flight. Latest NHPA or Michigan state book percentage may be used in lieu of qualifying round in all EXCEPT the championship group. Qualifying will begin at 6 p.m., Friday, June 11, and will end at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 12. Play in the Boys' meet will start at 9 a.m. on Saturday. Lower classes will start at NOON on Saturday. Ladies will begin play at 4 p.m. on Saturday. The Championship flight will start play at 11 a.m. on Sunday, June 13. Class B will begin at 11 a.m. also on Sunday.

Entries will close at 10 a.m. SHARP on Saturday, June 12. Boys' entries close at 9:45 a.m. on Saturday. Entries in the Boys' division may be made in advance as there will not be any qualifying or entry fee required for this class. Entry fee for the men will be \$5.00 with no additional starting fee. Entry fee for the ladies will be \$3.00.

Bailey Park is located on M-78 (Capitol Ave.) in the northern part of Battle Creek, Michigan. For further information contact the tournament chairman, Mr. Carl Wood, 67 East Grand Circle, Battle Creek, Michigan.

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## **Indiana Association Drops All Qualifying Play Plans Schedule, Fund Raising Plan**

The Indiana Association held its annual meeting and election of officers at Muncie in March and planned its complete tournament schedule, dropped all qualifying play and adopted a fund raising program.

The fund raising program will be in the form of a "raffle" with all members acting as salesmen. Harold Craig is chairman of the committee in charge of the details. The proceeds will be used to increase the awards given in the annual state tournament and other events during the season and also to help send state champions, Curt Day and Sue Gillespie to the World Tournament at Keene, New Hampshire.

Adoption of a "no qualifying" plan is a new step in Indiana. Each tournament will find the entries placed in classes on the basis of their ringer percentage in their last three tournaments. A card file has been established on each individual player and will be kept up to date for this purpose.

A deadline for receiving entries will be established for each tourney and actual play will start at once. New members and players of no record will be required to pitch 100 shoes prior to deadline time in order to establish their initial ringer percentage.

A feature of the plan will be that any player who feels his ringer percentage record is too low compared to his present ability may pay an additional fee of \$1.00 or \$2.00 (depending on the tournament) and pitch 100 shoes prior to the deadline to establish a new rating for that tourney. In these cases a player can raise his rating but can not lower it.

Indiana expects a banner year in 1965. Tournaments were scheduled at three new locations: the Eastern Indiana at Richmond with 20 courts in Clear Creek Park, the Southern Indiana at the Johnson County Fairgrounds in Franklin with 12 courts, and the Northeast Indiana at Columbia City with seven courts. Tournament dates are listed in "Coming Events" column.

The Midwest "Ringer Round Up" was moved to Roberts Park in Connersville where 19 courts will be available. A feature of the schedule will be a Family Week end at Highland Park in Kokomo. Tournaments for the Women, Juniors, Lefthanders and Seniors will be held at this time in addition to special games for Father-Son and Husband-Wife combinations.

Officers elected for the year are: President, Walt Wilhoite of Lebanon; Secretary-Treasurer, Earle Wilmore of Gary; and Vice-Presidents, Randy McKinnis of Lafayette, Enoch Edwards of Kouts, Morris Gillespie of Indianapolis, Harold Walker of Pennville and Chet Reel of Kokomo.

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## **New Brighton, Penna. Club To Stage Spring-Warm-Up Open**

The annual "Spring Warm-Up Open tournament" will be held at the New Brighton horseshoe courts on Sunday, May 23. This will be an NHPA sanctioned event, which means that all participants must be 1965 NHPA and State members. Qualifying will consist of throwing 100 shoes using the "Home Honor Club System." Each qualifier is required to have an officer of the club conduct the qualifying, sign the qualifying sheet, and mail in the qualifying sheet. The cost is \$3.00 for the first 100 shoes. If a second is desired, an additional \$2.00 is to be charged. All entry fees and scores must be sent in to Herman Boyer, R.D. No. 2, Beaver, Pa. 15009, and postmarked no later than May 16. Please include your return address, as you will be notified of your class and pitching time. A round robin will be played in all classes, with eight men in each class. The winner and runner-up will be awarded trophies in each class. James Soloman, our present State Champion, is the defending champion of the tournament.

### Massachusetts Club Changes Name

The name of the Forest Park Horseshoe Club has been changed to the West Side Horseshoe Club, and in the future all of the club tournaments will be held on the 20 new courts that the club is building in West Springfield on the Aschenbach farm, instead of at Moxie's Grove. This property is located on the main road (route 20) between Springfield and Westfield, just two blocks from Mittineague Park. The 1965 Mass. Open will be held on these courts.

Club officers for 1965: President, Henry Pietruszak; Vice President, Walter Kosiba; Secretary-Treasurer, Gilbert Brinkman; Publicity Director, Raymond Allard; Co-tournament directors, Ralph Forsstrom and Stanley Luke.

### Tulsa, Okla. Club Sets Date For Class B and C Tourney

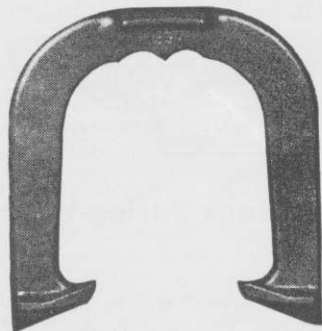
The Tulsa Horseshoe Club announces a B and C open tournament to be held June 12, 1965 at Central Park, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Qualifying ringer percentage will be 58 and under for the two classes. Three trophies will be given in each class. All pitchers must be N.H.P.A. members.

Previous tournament records will be acceptable. Mail in to tournament director, Willis Bettis, 16 N. 35th W. Avenue, Tulsa, Okla., as soon as possible.

\$2.00 entry fee may be mailed in or paid not later than 9:30 on the morning of the tournament. Class C will start at 10 a.m. and class B at 1:30 p.m.

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## Local Clubs

*Jefferson City, Tennessee*, although NHPA memberships will not be as great as the 1964 roster showed, the local club membership is anticipated on growing to four times that of 1964. If everything goes as is expected, the club hopes to have 200 NHPA members by 1966. Something new is being added to the club program this season and that is there will be a ladies group and a group for the junior boys and junior girls. A new group within the club has been formed known as the River View 10 club. It involves the top 10 members of the group who average 60 per cent in ringers. The Jefferson City club is financed by membership fees and donations. Courts for the club are furnished and supported by its president, John Walker.

*Decatur, Illinois*, thirty-two members comprise the roster of the newly chartered Soy City club here in Decatur. Organization started the first part of January and climaxed nine weeks later. Special tribute should be given to Terry Garrells, our president. The league will play using a 90 per cent handicap system and playing under an excellent lighting system. Scoring devices have been put together and blue clay, located locally by one of the members, has been put into the courts. Much has been accomplished but the board realizes that there is still much to be done. The outstanding feature of the project has been the interest shown during the winter. The club became a reality through the combined efforts of the president and its members who set a goal and worked to that end. The NHPA "How-To-Do-It" manual was a great asset together with films of the 1962 World tournament in bringing about the success of the club. An NHPA tournament is being discussed for the future. The club officers are as follows: Terry Garrells, president; Charles Felin, vice-president; Dewey Barr, treasurer, and Alex Klunick, secretary.

*Dimondale, Michigan* club is going to be a beehive of activity this season with preparation for the Michigan state tournament so any preliminary achievements that can be started now will help in future developments. Irene and Earl Grable have accumulated a vast amount of movies and other pictures that may prove interesting to club members. Perhaps with a little urging they may be persuaded to show them at a club meeting. The Dimondale club wants Berl Fields to know how proud they are of him and his Golden Glove group on receiving the team championship trophy. Neal Dolbee can hardly restrain his anxiety until Ray McLaughlin completes his recreation building. Bill Ullenbruch has signed up two more members. The Vic Bensons are enjoying the sunshine in Florida.

*The Bremen, Ohio, Horseshoe Club* has four lighted courts with cement walkways located on N. Broad Street. The club built a refreshment stand last year which is furnished with equipment needed for preparing food at the tournaments.

The club finances itself from \$3.00 per year dues, some donations and concession sales at the tournaments. The 1965 club officers are Pres. Wayne Church, Vice Pres. Leo Kunkler, Sec. Dwight Carpenter, Treas. Cappy Winland Jim Knisley was selected as tournament director. 1965 Tourney Schedule: May 21, 22, 23 — Spring Opener (open); June 19, 20, 21 — Club Roundup (members only); July 19-25 — 3rd Annual Bremen Open; Sept. 17, 18, 19 — Club Championships (members only). Above dates are playing dates only.

## Organization and Development Of The Dimondale, Michigan Horseshoe Club

By PAT SMITH, Director, Publicity

Along the Grand River about five miles southwest of Lansing, Michigan rests one of the most beautiful and typically small town communities in the state. Dimondale boasts approximately 800 people, many of whom are employed in Lansing, Charlotte and adjacent localities. Several major highways junction in this area such as 196, U.S. 127, M78, M43, and U.S. 27; this affords easy access to and from Lansing and Dimondale to most points of lower Michigan.

Dimondale is a very active community consisting of two churches, Presbyterian and Methodist. Two years ago the Dimondale school system merged with the Holt area to form a class B educational unit. It has an American Legion Post, Lions Club, a Golden Gloves group trained by Berl Fields, the local mortician. Last but not least, Dimondale has a local Horseshoe Pitchers Club.

About four years ago, Clint Hines, a local grocer, and a senior citizen, Burt Terrill, obtained permission from the village council to drive a couple of stakes on a vacant lot on the main street. This was the initial step that sparked the ever developing horseshoe pitching interest in Dimondale. Naturally in a short time several more fellows congregated here evenings and as the summer progressed this became quite an interesting ritual.

The next year Clint and Earl Grable with the cooperation of the village council built two regulation courts behind the firebarn. The installation of spotlights on the building corner enabled the pitching enthusiasts to enjoy many evenings that season, thus increasing the number of interested players.

Participation of Earl Grable, Pat Smith, and Vic Benson in the Wolverine State Horseshoe Pitchers Association that same year, in 1963, further intensified interest locally. Their discussions and reminiscence of the tournaments results and staging of a tournament in Dimondale accelerated the activity considerably.

After the season was over, Earl, Vic, and Pat from time to time discussed the idea of forming a local club. They decided sufficient interest existed to justify this possibility.

On April 28, 1964, a meeting was held in Grable & Sons Metal Products office, attended by Earl Grable, Dean Taggart, Vic Benson, Clint Hines, Buck Bellon, Fred Smith, Beryl Woodman, Earl Goff, Keith St. Johns, Jim Ostrandner, Mel Culver and Pat Smith. The name of this organization was determined as "The Dimondale Horseshoe Pitchers Club." The elected officers were as follows: Earl Grable, President; Clint Hines, Secretary; Vic Benson, Treasurer, and Pat Smith, Director of Publicity. Dues were established as \$2.00 per member. Within a couple of months we boasted 20 members. With what dues money we possessed in addition to \$60.00 appropriated by the village council, our energetic members built four more regulation courts next to the previously mentioned two courts. Standard Block & Supply Co. donated the necessary redi-mix cement for the walks and pits. Each pit was filled with four inches of potters clay from the Grand Ledge Tile Co. These courts were built and equipped in less than a month, during the members spare time, evenings and weekends.

May 23rd saw our first Wolverine State Horseshoe Pitchers Association tournament of the season on our new courts with 41 contestants entered. The temperature was in the 90 plus area, clear and hot. We had appropriate opening ceremonies with flag raising, welcoming speech by the mayor and introduction of State Association officers and directors.

The only somber effect on the tournament festivities was the fact that president Grable's mother passed away in Indiana and Earl could not be present. I believe the fellows in the club worked unceasingly in spite of the heat to keep the courts conditioned to be the best possible hosts during Earl's absence which would prove their enthusiasm and ability to overcome any unexpected obstacles. I'm sure this impression was accurately taken when Earl



## Dimondale Club — (Continued)

returned and received the congratulations of the community and W.S.H.P.A. officials.

Incidentally, three of our club members entered the State Association at this tournament.

Three weeks later at least seven or eight of our club members entered the big two-day national open "Water Wonderland Tournament" at Battle Creek, Michigan. This certainly impressed the newer club members. They saw the best horseshoe pitchers in the country, to name a few: Paul Focht of Ohio, the Vogels from Illinois, and Van Sant of Indiana, competing against Michigan's best, Roy Smith, Ken Jensen and Don Kaiser, and many more.

About this time President Grable and Jim Ostrander, the two more veteran pitchers of our club, inaugurated as a feature of our Thursday evening weekly club tournaments, score keeping for every game in order that percentages of ringers for each member could be compiled. I am told that the W.S.H.P.A. incorporated this percentage idea into the State Association Tournament procedures.

The next improvement of our courts was achieved around the first of July. Our horseshoe pitching area was enclosed with posts of one inch pipe and 36 inch woven strand fence. This was considered almost a mandatory safety measure to prevent young and small children from being injured by errantly thrown horseshoes, to say nothing of contributing to the peace of mind of the spectators.

July 10th saw the Dimondale club hosting their second W.S.H.P.A. Tournament of the season. The weather again was hot and sunny. The temperature was in the nineties and over 50 pitchers entered.

It might be advisable to say concerning tournament play on an extremely hot day, probably the most important duty or obligation is to give almost constant attention to the clay in the pits. If they are dampened and turned over after each round of games is completed, you are assured of a successful tournament every time. Excellent courts will draw large entries more than any other facility.

We completed the overhead lighting of our courts during this period. We strung a line across the center of the courts with four large bulbs in reflectors from the standard atop the firebarn to a 50 foot pole with two flood lights mounted near the top.

We also held a small tournament on August 8th, a Saturday afternoon, as a side feature of the Dimondale Homecoming Celebration. This, incidentally, occurred during the World Championships at Greenville, Ohio; consequently, it didn't conflict with any State Association activities.

Labor Day weekend found nine of our club members competing in the various classes of the Michigan State Championships at Hartford, Michigan. This naturally was the climax of the season. Three of our boys reached the finals on the third day, and Earl Grable, after winning a thrilling playoff, brought the Dimondale Club its first State Championship in Class B with a 70 per cent plus game. This naturally increased horseshoe pitching interest to a fever height.

Clint Hines upon hearing of this epic achievement emblazoned across the front windows of the Grable business building in large letters, "Earl Grable State Class B Champion." Earl received among his more memorable plaudits a congratulatory commendation from the Dimondale Village Council.

September 12th found our club hosting the third W.S.H.P.A. tournament of the year. This is probably due, for the most part, to the two previously successful tournaments and may I emphasize again the excellent facilities our club offers.

The fact that some of our boys have pitched horseshoes the last two Thanksgiving Days and the day before New Years, will give you some idea of the interest our club enjoys.

January 24th on Sunday afternoon we held our first annual club meeting. We held election of officers with Earl Grable re-elected as President, who else? Clint Hines as Vice-President, and W. J. Ullenbruch, a new member as Secretary-Treasurer.

### Dimondale Club — (Continued)

I would like to digress at this point for a moment on a very important club development: a new and very complete constitution and bylaws. Fred Smith devised the original and preliminary context which revealed considerable thought and effort. W. J. Ullenbruch revised it and adopted it with appropriate explanations, presented it to the membership, which unqualifiedly accepted it. This is typical of the wholehearted cooperation which exists at all times in our club.

I would like to say that anyone desiring to form a horseshoe club, we will furnish a copy of our constitution on request with a self-addressed envelope and letter. We have established our club dues at \$3.00 per year payable within 30 days after our January annual meeting.

In summary, the essential requisites, we in our short year of existence have found, are: first, very adequate facilities, best possible courts, consisting of potters clay in the pits, good quality steel stakes imbedded in railroad ties, wood or cement walks to pitch on, decent lighting, water and rest room facilities.

Before you start to acquire these, unless they're already available such as parks, the interest and enthusiasm must exist. In the case of our club, considerable interest was manifested. In addition to the regular club officers, we appointed Pat Smith, the author of this rambling article, the Director of Publicity. Pat has had a horseshoe news column in the local "Dimondale News" almost without exception every week since last April. President Grable and the club members in general seem to consider this type of news media sufficiently important to the club's continuing success that they reappointed Pat as publicity director with a co-assistant for another year.

A recent development which another new member, Ray McLaughlin, divulged to our club at the annual meeting, is that he is building an indoor recreation center which will include 6 regulation horseshoe courts along with several other facilities such as archery range, pool tables, dancing area, and a lunch counter.

We realize that our club has had almost phenomenal development and success in its nine months of existence. We are humble enough to realize that we owe and are tremendously grateful to many people and organizations for what we are today.

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### Delayed Report On New Jersey 1964 State Tournament Finals

By JOE McCRINK

Last fall, due to an oversight of one of the members or myself, we failed to send in the final results of the 1964 New Jersey state tournament.

The New Jersey state tournament was held at Branch Brook park in Newark and was won by Walter Haring of Middleville with 7 wins and one loss. His only defeat came at the hands of Dr. Sol Berman of Elizabeth. Asa Brown of Butler ran second with 5 wins and two losses. Lee Davis of Ridgefield came in third. Bill Kolb, a 9-time winner of the New Jersey crown and the defending champion, settled for fourth position.

In the Class B section, it was Frank Pluchino of Bergenfield with 6 wins and one loss to secure first place. He was followed by Jack Gidde of Middlesex and Warren Stokem of Hasbrouck Heights. Bill Fournier slipped in to take first place in Class C, closely followed by Don Eberhart and H. Hoodiman.

In the State Doubles championship Dr. Berman teamed with Joe McCrink, who have ruled the roost for many years, were upset by the team of Haring and Brown who came in with 7 wins and one loss to claim the 1964 title. Second spot went to Berman and McCrink; third, Kolb and French, and fourth, Gidde and Vogal.

## New Dixon Dry Horseshoe Court Given A Good Test In Valley Of The Sun Tournament

Through the joint effective cooperation of Dale Dixon and management of "Valley of the Sun" horseshoe tournament, the new dry (non-clay) Dixon horseshoe courts were given a gratifying test in the "A" division of their yearly sanctioned tournament in Mesa, Arizona, February 27-28.

It was a 16 man round-robin affair. Mr. Dixon installed a set of his courts at number 1 stake position. The other seven courts used in the tournament were the conventional clay courts. Incidentally, they had newly installed stakes and clay in fine condition.

The round-robin set-up allowed all 16 contestants to pitch two games each on every court except one. It so happened the two men to pitch only one game each on the Dixon court were those that finished in the No. 1 and No. 2 positions in the tournament standings, namely Mr. Tamboer and Mr. Allen.

Before start of the tournament Mr. Dixon stated he would present a set of his courts to the player pitching the highest percentage on the Dixon court during the tournament. Ted Allen then stated he would give a pair of his new horseshoes to the opponent defeated in this game.

Jerry Schneider, California, pitched an even 85 per cent to win the courts. His opponent in this game, G. Miller, Ohio, received the Allen shoes. Homer Moeffeld, California, was a close runner-up for the courts with a 84.2 per cent.

Each pitcher and each game on the Dixon court were designated on the Master record sheet in order to compare results at end of tournament.

Following are some interesting results:

Ten pitchers, of the 16 contestants, had a better percentage and six pitchers had less percentage on the Dixon court than on the clay courts.

	Ringers	S.P.	%
In the 15 games pitched on the Dixon courts .....	1336	2028	65.9
In the 105 games pitched on seven clay courts .....	8962	14002	64.0

It was quite noticeable in observing the players, that those pitching a flat level shoe had very good success on the rubber, especially a high soft shoe. The one or two pitchers experiencing the most trouble were those inclined to land shoe with heels (open end) striking rubber first on downward slant. Such shoes were inclined to roll out or refuse to stay in position sometimes.

All in all, the test showed great promise. Who knows, in a few years we may be pitching a World Tournament on this type court. Maybe in an indoor Sports Arena in view of many thousand spectators. No clay to turn in courts, no water to mess with, hands and clothes clean.

Dale states this is the first real test given the new courts in tournament play. It would be interesting to see at least four such courts set up for a complete 8 man round-robin.

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*COVER PICTURE . . . When the 1965 World Tournament gets underway at Keene, N. H. this summer one of those New England pitchers who will make his presence known by his ringer ability will be Michael Vecchitto of Middletown, Connecticut. This genial southpaw pitcher has been tossing horseshoes for over 30 years and has 33 trophies to prove his aptness. He is a three time winner of the Connecticut state crown and also among his collection one as the Class B champion of the outstanding New England States annual tournament which he received four years ago. "Mickey", as he is known, is a former Regional Director of the New England states and has contributed much to the game.*

### **Erie, Pa. Horseshoe Club Conducts Bowling Tournament**

In order to while away some of the time during the winter when it is rather unhandy to find the right facilities for horseshoe pitching, the members of the Erie, Pennsylvania Horseshoe club formed a bowling league within their own ranks. That is a rule that all who take part in the league MUST pitch horseshoes. It has even taken in several out of state pitchers, all within driving range of Erie. A good portion of the horseshoe-bowlers are NHPA members along with belonging to the Erie club. Among the top men Jack Potter of Erie came in with a big 630 pin series, while not far behind was Joe Kuchcinski with a 623 series. The winner of this unique tournament was John Leonardi of Erie holding high with a tremendous series of 676. Not being dismayed, however, and holding to the theory that "you can't win 'em all" is Glen Sebring of Erie and a Vice-President of the National Horseshoe Pitchers' association, who registered a 471 series. All in all, a lot of fun and good fellowship prevailed.

John Leonardi, Erie, Pa. ....	676	Kit Johnson, Erie .....	571
Ed Wurst, Sr., Erie .....	663	Bruce Baumann, Erie .....	571
Ed Leopold, Girard, Pa. ....	651	Tony Kownacki, Fairview, Pa. ....	570
Jack Potter, Erie .....	636	Steve Fenicchia, Rochester, N.Y. ..	569
Ed Konopka, Erie .....	630	Mel O'Neil, Erie .....	567
Ray Ames, Erie .....	628	Art Adams, Erie .....	567
Joe Kuchcinski, Wesleyville .....	623	Don Hillegas, Erie .....	565
Bob Conrad, Erie .....	615	Carl Simons, Erie .....	562
Elmer Semcock, Erie .....	614	Bucky Davis, Erie .....	554
Ralph Leopold, Girard .....	608	Dan Kuchcinski, Wesleyville .....	552
Cliff Walter, Erie .....	607	Joe Perkowski, Erie .....	545
Ed Kuchcinski, Wesleyville .....	602	Carleton Curtis, Union City .....	545
Joe Abbott, Wesleyville .....	602	Ray Ploof, Erie .....	545
Dick White, Erie .....	600	Joe Balogh, Erie .....	540
Ed Czernek, Erie .....	597	Matt Laskowski, Erie .....	539
Paul Beer, Erie .....	596	Rev. Karl Schneider, Erie .....	538
John Zdunski, Erie .....	595	Joe Peters, Erie .....	535
Jerry Peck, Erie .....	594	Bill Billig, Erie .....	525
Larry Morehouse, Erie .....	590	Dick Adams, Erie .....	515
Harry Westfall, Erie .....	584	Francie White, Erie .....	514
Joe Juchno, Erie .....	580	Joe Stankay, Girard .....	512
George Baumann, Erie .....	576	Wally Rice, Erie .....	491
Carl Larson, Erie .....	575	Walt Skibicki, Erie .....	488
Wes Kuchcinski, Erie .....	571	Glen Sebring, Erie .....	471

### **From Here And There**

The sympathy of the Iowa State association and that of the NHPA is extended to Harold Shaw of Fairfield in the passing of his father, Mr. Robert Shaw. Mr. Shaw was an ardent horseshoe fan and attended many tourneys.

## COMING EVENTS

- April 17 — Georgia, NHPA Spring Open tournament, singles only, Sweetwater Inn courts, Austell, Georgia.
- April 24 — Jefferson City Club Men's tournament, Jefferson City, Tenn.
- May 1 — Open Class C tournament (34.9% and under) Squires park, Las Vegas, Nevada.
- May 8 — Sweetwater Open Doubles tournament, Sweetwater courts, Austell, Georgia.
- May 8 — Open Class B tournament, Squires park, Las Vegas, Nevada.
- May 16 — Iowa Hawkeye Association members tournament, Birdland Park, Des Moines, Iowa.
- May 23 — Annual Spring Warm-Up Open tournament, New Brighton, Pennsylvania.
- May 23 — Open tournament, McKinley park courts, Creston, Iowa.
- May 23 — Indiana-Open tournament, City park courts, Cayuga, Indiana.
- May 23 — Open tournament, McKinley park courts, Creston, Iowa. Mail scores and \$2 fee to Art Reed, 604 W. Mills, Creston, Iowa by May 21st.
- May 29-30 — Joe Schilling Memorial Open, Kingma Courts, Lafayette, Indiana.
- June 4-5-6 — Greenville Open tournament, City park courts, Greenville, Ohio.
- June 5 — Cobb County championships, singles only, Sweetwater courts, Austell, Georgia.
- June 5-6 — Northeast Indiana High School courts, Columbia City, Indiana.
- June 5-6 — Northwest Indiana, High School courts, Kouts, Indiana.
- June 6 — Tournament for Iowa pitchers ONLY, Riverside park courts, Ottumwa, Iowa.
- June 12 — Tulsa Okla. Band C Open tournament, Central park courts, Tulsa, Oklahoma.
- June 12-13 — Third Annual Waterland Open tournament, Bailey Park, Battle Creek, Mich.
- June 12-13 — Muncie Spring Open tournament, Heekin park courts, Muncie, Indiana.
- June 12-13-14 — Northwest Ohio District tournament, Fulton County fairgrounds, Wauseon, Ohio.
- June 18-19-20 — Eastern National Open tournament, Washington, Pennsylvania.
- June 19-20 — Three division tournament for Iowa pitchers ONLY, Birdland park courts, Des Moines, Iowa.
- June 19-20 — Eastern Indiana, Clear Creek park courts, Richmond, Indiana.
- June 20 — Massachusetts Open tournament (first division) Aschenbach farm courts, Rte. 20, West Springfield, Massachusetts.
- June 25-26-27 — Newark, Ohio Open tournament (replaces Lakeside Open) Hebron, Ohio. (on Rte 440—25 mi. east of Columbus, Ohio)
- June 26-27 — Western Indiana tournament, Dorner park courts, Frankfort, Indiana.
- June 27 — Massachusetts Open tournament (second division) Aschenbach farm courts, Rte. 20, West Springfield, Massachusetts.
- June 27 — Three division tournament for Iowa pitchers ONLY, Eastside park courts, Osceola, Iowa. Send scores to Maurice Clark, Rte. No. 2, Box 42, Osceola, Iowa, by June 21st.
- June 27 — Annual St. Joe Open tournament, Noyes Field courts, St. Joseph, Missouri.
- July 2-3-4 — Greenville Ringer Classic Open, City park courts, Greenville, Ohio.
- July 3-4 — Boone County Open tournament, Fairgrounds, Lebanon, Indiana.
- July 4 — Atkins, Iowa tournament for Iowa pitchers ONLY.
- July 4-5 — New York state tournament, Lockport, New York.
- July 10-11 — Northern Indiana tournament, City park courts, Wabash, Indiana.
- July 11 — Annual 4-State tournament, City park courts, Falls City, Nebraska.
- July 11 — Eighth Annual Kansas, Illinois Open tournament, Kansas, Illinois.
- July 17-18 — Iowa Open tournament (open for ALL) Birdland park courts, Des Moines, Iowa. Send \$3.00 entry fee and scores to Lucille Hopkins, 912 East 2nd St., Ottumwa, Iowa.
- July 17-18 — Annual Mid-West Ringer-Round-Up, Roberts park courts, Connersville, Indiana.
- July 24-25 — Central Indiana tournament, Fairview park courts, Anderson, Indiana.
- July 31 - Aug. 10 — WORLD TOURNAMENT, Wheelock park courts, Keene, New Hampshire.
- July 31 — Vermillion County Fair Open tournament, Dana, Indiana.
- August 8 — Valley Fair tournament, Davenport, Iowa. Details in later issue.
- August 15 — Galesburg Open tournament, Lincoln park courts, Galesburg, Illinois.
- August 15 — Falls City Open tournament, City park courts, Falls City, Nebraska.
- August 15 — Afton Open tournament, Fairgrounds courts, Afton, Iowa. Send scores and entry fee to Lewis Jeter, Afton, Iowa.
- August 15 — New Hampshire State tournament, Manchester, New Hampshire.
- August 17-18 — Illinois state tournament, Illinois state fairgrounds, Springfield, Ill.
- August 18 — Illinois state Boys' tournament, Illinois state fairgrounds, Springfield, Ill.
- Aug. 21-22 — Hobbs Open Tournament, Highland Park Courts, Kokomo, Ind.
- August 21-22 — Annual Cornbelt Open tournament, Crapo park courts, Burlington, Iowa.
- August 21-22 — Southern Indiana tournament, Fairgrounds, Franklin, Indiana.
- August 21-22 — Hobbs Open tournament, Highland park courts, Kokomo, Indiana.
- August 22 — Annual Massachusetts State tournament, Aschenbach courts, West Springfield, Mass.
- August 27 — Annual Farmers tournament, Iowa State Fair, Des Moines, Iowa.
- August 28-29 — Annual Iowa State tournament, Iowa State Fair, Des Moines, Iowa, also Iowa State Boys' tournament and Ladies' tournament and Senior Men's tournament.
- August 28-29 — Annual New Mexico State tournament, Los Altos park, Albuquerque, New Mexico.
- August ( ) — Annual Jefferson County Fair tournament, Fairgrounds, Jefferson City, Tennessee. Date to be announced in later issue.
- August 28 — Georgia NHPA Championship Doubles meet, Sept. 4. Singles tournament, Austell, Ga.
- Sept. 4-5 — Ottumwa Open tournament, Riverside park courts, Ottumwa, Iowa. Mail entry fee of \$3.00 and score to Mrs. Lucille Hopkins, 912 East 2nd Street, Ottumwa, Iowa.
- Sept. 4-5-6 — Michigan State tournament, Dimondale, Michigan.
- Sept. 4-5-6 — Annual Indiana State tournament, Heekin park courts, Muncie, Indiana.

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## Darke County Ohio Club Sets Tournament Dates

The Darke County Ohio club has announced plans for two open tournaments to be held on the City park courts in Greenville, Ohio, scene of last year's world tournament.

The Greenville Open will be held on June 4, 5 & 6. Entry fee will be \$5.00 with qualifying from 6 to 9 p.m. on Friday, June 4th and from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, June 5th. 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 6th.

The Greenville Ringer Classic will be held on July 2, 3 & 4, conducted by the Ohio Buckeye Association. Qualifying from 6 to 9 p.m. on Friday, July 2nd and from 8 to 11 a.m. on July 3rd. All entrants must be registered before 11 a.m., July 3rd. Tournament pitching will start at approximately 2 p.m. on July 3rd and continue through Sunday, July 4th. Entry fee of \$5.00.

There will be a ladies tournament on July 3rd. All entrants must be registered by 11 a.m. on that day. No qualification. Entry fee \$3.00.

## Kansas, Illinois Club To Sponsor 8th Annual Open Tourney

The Kansas, Illinois horseshoe club will stage its eighth annual Open Tournament on the club courts in Kansas, Illinois midway between Mattoon, Illinois and Terre Haute, Indiana, on Rts. 16 and 49. Tournament is open to all and will be held on Sunday, July 11. Entry fee will be \$1.50 and qualifying will be held Saturday, July 10 and until 12 noon, Sunday, July 11. There will be four classes and round robin play will get underway promptly at 12:30 p.m. Daylight Savings Time, Sunday, July 11.

## COMING EVENTS

(Continued from Previous Page)

- Sept. 11-12 — Valencia County Fair tournament, Fairgrounds, Belen, New Mexico.
- Sept. 11-12 — Family Week-end, Highland park, Kokomo, Indiana.
- Sept. 12 — Midland Empire Open tournament, Noyes Field courts, St. Joseph, Mo.
- Sept. 18-19 — Indiana-Ohio Open tournament, Heekin park courts, Muncie, Indiana.
- Sept. 19 — Afton, Iowa Open tournament (open to ALL) Fairgrounds, Afton, Iowa.

### NORTHERN CALIFORNIA SCHEDULE

- May 9 — Northern "E" Championship, Golden Gate.
- May 23 — Sacramento "B" Added, Sacramento.
- May 30-31 — Golden Gate Memorial Classic Golden Gate.
- June 12-13 — Los Gatos "Open", Los Gatos.
- June 20 — Northern "D" Championship, Arroyo Viejo.
- July 5 — Alameda County Fair "A", Pleasanton.
- July 10 — Alameda County Fair "B", Pleasanton.
- July 24-25 — Sonoma County Fair "Open", Santa Rosa.
- August 1 — Northern "B" Championship, Mosswood.
- August 29 — Northern "C" Championship, Seaside.
- August 14-15 — Arroyo Viejo "Open", Arroyo Viejo.
- Sept. 5-6 — Northern "A" Championship, Mosswood.
- Sept. 12 — Los Gatos "D" Added, Los Gatos.
- Sept. 18-19 — California State Championship, San Jose.



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### New Jersey State Association 1965 Schedule

- May 16 (Sunday 12:30 P.M.) Rain date following Sunday.  
Junior A. A. U. Tournament — Middlesex Horseshoe Club (10 courts).  
Cooke Field, just off Marlboro Road, Middlesex, N. J. Travel directions below.
- June 6 (Sunday 12:30) Rain date following Sunday.  
A. A. U. Open Tournament. — Warninoco Park (12 new courts) Elizabeth, N. J.
- June 27 (Sunday 12:30) Rain date following Sunday.  
John Rosselt Memorial Tournament — Warninoco Park.  
Elizabeth, N. J., Sponsored by the Union Co. Park Commission.
- July 11 (Sunday 12:30) Rain date following Sunday.  
Essex County Open Tournament, Branch Brook Park, Newark, N. J.  
NOTICE — this is the only tournament being held in Newark.
- July 25 (Sunday 12:30) Rain date following Sunday.  
New Jersey Open Tournament — Middlesex Horseshoe Club.  
Cooke Field, Middlesex, N. J.
- Aug. 15 (Sunday 12:30) Rain date following Sunday.  
Senior A. A. U. Tournament — Englewood Courts. Englewood. N. J. Opposite Englewood High School Stadium.
- Aug. 29 (Sunday 12:30) Rain date following Sunday.  
New Jersey State Singles Championship — Closed tournament. Classes A—B — C and D if we get enough entries. Warninoco Park, Elizabeth, N. J.
- Sept. 5 (Sunday 12:30) Rain date following Sunday.  
New Jersey State Doubles Tournament — Closed tournament. Weasel Brook Park, Clifton, N. J. Classes A — B and C according to entries.

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## World Tourney Housing Reservations

Those wishing to make reservations for rooms during the World tournament in Keene, N. H. July 31 through Augusta 10 may do so by writing to Freddie Melvin, Route 8, Keene, N. H.

Freddie, one of the workhorses of the Keene Horseshoe Club, is chairman of the Housing Committee and the NHPA is sure he will do the same fine job Mrs. Dwight Brown did at Greenville, O. last year.

The city has been host to the finals of the Annual American Legion boys baseball World Series in the past years so it knows how to handle a large influx of visitors.

## N.H.P.A. Championship Insignias

1965 NHPA Championship shoulder insignias will again be awarded to the winners of all classes in sanctioned NHPA events.

These awards can be obtained after a tournament is played or in advance for presentation at the tournament itself.

Applications must be made by State Secretaries through our NHPA Vice President, Lucille Hopkins who is in charge of these awards. A letter from a State Secretary listing the name, date and location of the tournament and the number of classes played or expected to be contested is all that is necessary. The letter will serve both as a request and as a certification that the tournament is officially sanctioned.

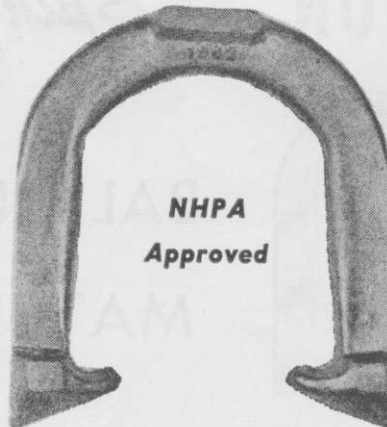
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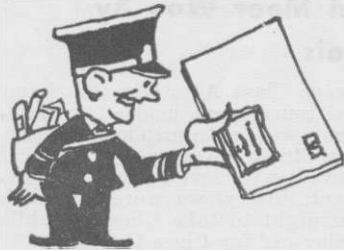
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## “From Out Of The Mail Bag”

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Eau Claire, Wis.

Ellis Cobb  
1307 Solfisburg Ave.  
Aurora, Ill.

Dear Mr. Cobb:

Being a brand new member of the N.H.P.A., I really do not feel qualified to be sending in a news item. We are just now in the process of organizing a horseshoe club and Mr. Pence thought it was interesting so he asked that I write you about it.

We have had a horseshoe league conducted by the city recreation dept. for the past five years. In the last year or so we became aware of the N.H.P.A. and now have at least five members. Since becoming members we are very much enthused and starting to realize what can be done.

The promptness, encouragement and genuine interest in all the correspondence we have received from yourself, Mr. Pence and Mr. Beller have been most gratifying.

The information we have received has been shared with our recreation dept. and they are very much in favor of us organizing a horseshoe club. In fact, they are putting clay in our four courts this year for the first time and have already mentioned the possibility of building a new 8 court layout next year.

Their help has always been good but it seems that after the literature from the N.H.P.A. was studied they suddenly realized that horseshoe pitching could be a more important part of their program.

We had over 40 active pitchers last year and have hopes of making it 50 or more this year.

Last night a meeting was held by the team captains and most active members. The foundation was laid for organizing a club at the next meeting, April 13. The World Tournament film will be shown at that time.

We have had only one league with five or six teams playing singles and doubles. The ringer percentage varies from 13 to 50 per cent and has been discouraging beginners. It seems our first step should be to form an A and B league.

The teams have also been uneven. The best solution we seem to have come up with is to start over and make new teams strictly by ringer percentage so they will all be as equal as possible. Whether this will be the end result or not is still a question.

Sincerely,

Curt Bestul

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### From Here and There

A new feature of the Iowa State tournament this year will be the addition of a Senior Men's class for men over 60 years of age. Also a tournament as well as the Junior Boys' class and the regular State tournament of four classes. Trophy and prize awards will depend on the membership for 1965. Mrs. Lucille Hopkins advises all state secretaries to send in for their 1965 sanctions and championship insignias now.

## Florida Strawberry Festival Meet Won By Austin Of Illinois

A. I. "Abe" Austin of Hinsdale, Illinois swept Class A to win the championship in the first annual Strawberry Festival tournament held at the fairgrounds in Plant City, Florida. The tournament was a tremendous success having 24 pitchers from nine states taking part. Radio coverage by the local station WPLA in Plant City added color to the event with seven 5-minute pickups at various times throughout the tournament. Interviews were had with many of the pitchers. G. L. Anderson won 7 straight to take Class B, while George Kuhn was winner over Joe Thonert in play-off for Class C title.

Even though a heavy downpour occurred during the Class A meet, it failed to stop the contest. Players were obliged to detour the regular path between courts. It is believed that this was the first time that players pitched across water without being rained out. The pool of water was the result of a water runoff from an adjoining building, the courts being protected overhead by the upper stadium section.

Clyde Green of Indiana kept the tournament moving from 9:30 am. until the last contest was over. The four courts installed for this event will probably be enlarged for future use. Trophies were awarded in each class to the winners and runners-up by the Strawberry Festival Association. The Plant City Recreation department and the Plant City club were the sponsors of the tournament.

### CLASS A

	W	L	R	SP	%
A. L. Austin, Ill. ....	7	0	245	404	60.6
Walter Horner, Ind. ....	6	1	202	340	59.4
Wm. Hoover, Fla. ....	4	3	186	334	55.7
John Rademacher, Fla. ....	4	3	212	398	53.3
Lloyd Neal, Ind. ....	3	4	159	378	42.1
J. Wilkinson, Ohio ....	2	5	143	392	36.5
Paul Backous, Fla. ....	1	6	151	352	42.9
Joe Foster, Neb. ....	0	7	117	306	38.2

### CLASS B

	W	L	R	SP	%
G. F. Anderson, W. Va. ....	7	0	208	360	57.8
S. Brozovich, Mich. ....	5	2	206	448	46.0
Wm. Figy, Ohio ....	4	3	217	460	47.2
Wm. Keegan, Fla. ....	4	3	207	440	47.1
Dale Clingan, Fla. ....	4	3	196	422	46.4
John Hinkson, Fla. ....	2	5	197	444	44.3
J. F. Ellis, Fla. ....	1	6	198	454	43.6
Roy Gravink, N.Y. ....	1	6	177	424	41.8

### CLASS C

Group One		Group Two	
W	L	W	L
3	0	3	0
2	1	2	1
1	2	1	2
0	3	0	3

Joe Thonert, Fla. ....	3	0	Geo. Kuhn, Fla. ....	3	0
Opal Corbett, Pa. ....	2	1	C. Lundgren, Mich. ....	2	1
Ted Corbett, Pa. ....	1	2	B. Webster, Fla. ....	1	2
Dewey Toney, Fla. ....	0	3	H. Hookway, Fla. ....	0	3

## N O T I C E

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### Kansan Wins 1965 Valley Of The Sun Tournament

Marines Tamboer of Wichita, Kansas tossed his shoes around the stake at a fast clip to win the annual Valley of the Sun Open tournament held at Mesa, Arizona., winning 13 and dropping two with a ringer percentage of 74.2. Ted Allen of Boulder, Colorado, and many times World champion, was second with 12 and three and 72.9 in the ringer percentage. Dale Dixon, veteran Iowa Hawkeye ringerman, was third. Art Kamman of Mesa was fourth. By virtue of having an 85 percent ringer game on the Dixon portable court which was used as the No. 1 court in the tournament, Jerry Schneider of California was awarded the court by Mr. Dixon. Gordon Miller, Schneider's opponent, was awarded a pair of Allen shoes presented by Ted Allen. E. Robinson of Utah won the play-off for the Class B title. Al Wermuth of California copped Class C with a 6 and 1 record.

#### CLASS A

	W	L	R	SP	%
M. Tamboer, Kansas .....	13	2	681	918	74.2
Ted Allen, Colorado .....	12	3	766	1050	72.9
Dale Dixon, Iowa .....	12	3	741	1058	70.0
Art Kamman, Arizona .....	11	4	769	1084	70.9
John Snyder, California .....	11	4	681	1000	68.1
H. Moefield, California .....	10	5	710	1078	65.9
J. Schneider, California .....	9	6	746	1060	70.4
V. Valdois, Kansas .....	9	6	784	1130	69.4
Bill Blexrude, California .....	8	7	681	1028	66.2
John Walker, California .....	5	10	622	1020	61.0
Henry Durr, California .....	5	10	566	930	60.9
H. Darnold, Iowa .....	4	11	598	1024	58.5
J. Hagerman, California .....	3	12	454	842	53.9
G. Miller, Ohio .....	3	12	480	950	50.5
W. Berg, Colorado .....	3	12	425	856	49.6
W. Hagy, Nevada .....	2	13	594	1002	59.3

#### CLASS B

W	L	W	L		
E. Robinson, Utah .....	12	3	C. Jenison, Mich. ....	8	7
F. Lavett, Calif. ....	12	3	A. Holmquist, Ariz. ....	7	8
W. Stearns, Ariz. ....	11	4	S. Warrington, Mont. ....	7	8
R. Page, Calif. ....	11	4	J. Regouby, Ariz. ....	6	9
C. Spier, Iowa .....	10	5	B. VanZenten, Ariz. ....	3	12
R. Fleharty, Neb. ....	10	5	E. Carrier, Calif. ....	3	12
Al Cauchon, Calif. ....	9	6	O. Funk, Utah .....	2	13
W. Shipley, Calif. ....	9	6	O. Sandberg, Calif. ....	0	15

#### CLASS C

W	L	W	L		
Al Wermuth, Calif. ....	6	1	Hosick, Neb. ....	4	3
R. Squires, Calif. ....	5	2	G. Patschke, Ariz. ....	2	5
D. Newell, Ariz. ....	5	2	T. Darrough, Ariz. ....	2	5
C. Palm, Wyo. ....	4	3	Shaffer, Ariz. ....	0	7

### St. Joe, Missouri Club Announce Two Tournaments

The St. Joe Open will be held on June 27th, with the Midland Empire Open tournament being held on September 12. There will be 100 shoe qualifying with scores being mailed in to Ray Cavin, 1824 Holman Street, St. Joseph, Missouri, accompanied with an entry fee of \$3.00. There will not be any qualifying on the days of the tournaments. However, pitchers may qualify on the courts on the day before the tournaments. Round robin play will start promptly at 9 A.M. Central Standard Time on each tournament date. Providing the new courts are completed in time, Classes A, B and C will consist of 8-man classes and will start at 12:30 P.M.

## Eastern National Tournament To Be Held at Washington, Pa. June 18-19-20

The Eastern National Horseshoe Tournament will be held near Washington, Pa. at "Scotty's Store" located approximately 2 miles south on route 18 from the business section of Washington. The owner has installed eight perfectly level lighted courts. For promotional aspects, he has also installed a ladies court. Washington has an abundance of facilities for the pitcher and his family. Tourist homes, motels, and hotels are generously located throughout this historic town. Excellent dining facilities are also available in and around Washington. Of particular interest, the proprietor that has constructed the horseshoe courts has a small restaurant adjacent to the courts (no alcoholic beverages) such that small lunches and rest rooms are readily available.

### QUALIFYING

Qualifying will be conducted on site all day Friday, June 25 until 11:00 A. M., June 26. To qualify, 100 shoes will be thrown. A maximum of two attempts will be allowed. The fee for the first attempt will be \$6.00 and \$4.00 for the second. Since there are only eight courts, it may be necessary to qualify 2 men at a time on each court.

### TOURNAMENT

Class A — 16 man round robin.  
 Class B — 16 men (two groups of 8 men).  
 Class C — 6 men  
 Class D — 6 men  
44 (total men)

### TIME SCHEDULE

#### Saturday, June 26

Afternoon: Class A, 1:00 - 6:00, 8 games - 8 courts.  
 Evening: Class B, 6:00 - 10:00, 7 games - 2 groups - 8 courts

#### Sunday, June 27

Morning: Class B Playoff, 9:00 - 12:00, 2 games - 2 courts.  
 Class C, 9:00 - 12:00, 5 games - 3 courts.  
 Class D, 9:00 - 12:00, 5 games - 3 courts.  
 Afternoon: Class A, 12:00 to finish, 7 games - 8 courts.

## Californian Tops Class A In Las Vegas, Nevada Open, Class C Honors Go To W. G. Rash, Sr.

Waldo Hagy, that genial promoter of horseshoe in Nevada reports the following results in two open tournaments held in Las Vegas, Nevada.

### CLASS A

	W	L	R	SP	%
R. E. Randall, California .....	5	0	175	302	57.9
William Blexrude, California .....	4	1	180	290	62.1
John Hagerman, California .....	3	2	143	274	52.2
Henry Durr, California .....	2	3	171	320	53.4
Fred Lavett, California .....	1	4	171	322	53.1
B. L. Robb, California .....	0	5	63	218	28.9

### CLASS C

	W	L	R	SP	%
W. G. Rash, Nevada .....	3	0	71	176	40.3
W. G. Rash, Jr., Nevada .....	2	1	61	172	35.4
G. L. Hamman, Oregon .....	1	2	48	202	23.7
A. L. Addington, Nevada .....	0	3	30	174	18.3

### Newark (Ohio) Club To Hold Open Tournament At Hebron, Ohio, June 25, 26, 27

Due to the cancellation, by the Lakeside, Ohio, management, of part of its usual sports program, there will *not* be an open tournament there this year; however, instead, the Newark, Ohio Horseshoe Club will stage an Open Tournament on the above dates on their new courts at Hebron, Ohio, which are located on Route 440, 25 miles east of Columbus, Ohio.

The Newark Club has 10 fine well lighted courts, and there are motels and restaurants nearby. As an NHPA sanctioned meet, trophies and certificates will be awarded first place winners in each Class. Qualifying: Friday night, June 25, 6 to 10 p.m., and Saturday morning, June 26, up until 12 noon.

The tournament will be conducted by the Newark Club and The Ohio Buckeye State Association will assist. This being the first big open tournament for the Newark Club they cordially invite all NHPA players. Further details will follow in the next issue of the News Digest.

### Fulton County Ohio Club Announces Tournaments

The Fulton County club of Wauseon, Ohio have scheduled three tournaments so far, the first of which will be the Northwest District tournament to be held at the Fulton County Fairgrounds, Wauseon, Ohio, on June 12, 13 and 14. It will be a sanctioned tournament and NHPA membership card will be required. Tournament is for pitchers in the northwest section of Ohio.

The second meet will be held during the National Threshers Convention at the same location on July 25, 26 and 27. There will be an Old-Timers (65 and over) tournament Friday afternoon and evening, July 23. On Saturday and Sunday, July 24 and 25. This will be open to all and will not be a sanctioned meet.

The annual Fulton County Open tournament will be held during the running of the fair and is open to the world. Along with the fair tournament the regular County tournament will be conducted and will be for residents of Fulton county only. Trophies and prizes will be awarded at ALL of these tournaments.

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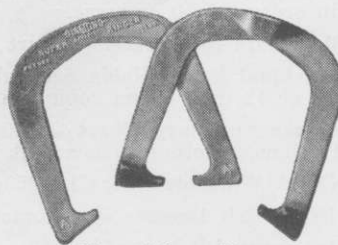
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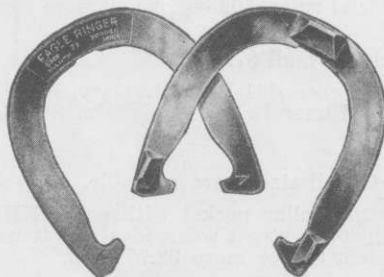
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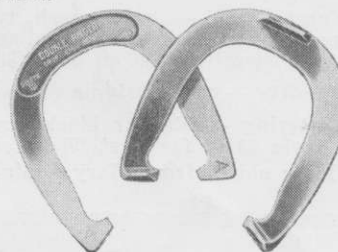


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