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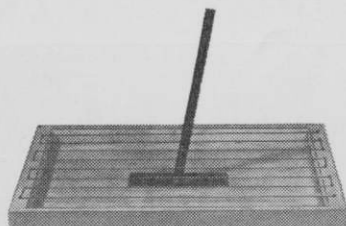
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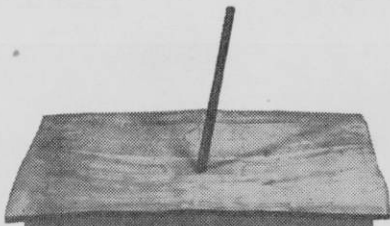
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## 1965 NHPA Regional Directors

1965 NHPA Regional Directors include four new appointees; Will Gullickson of North Dakota and Minnesota; P. D. Riley of New Mexico; Jim "Pop" Johnson of Ohio; and Randall Jones of North Carolina.

Will Gullickson succeeds Joe Anzaldi of Minnesota who was forced to resign because of the press of personal business. The new director, Will Gullickson, lives in Moorhead, Minn., but works as a sports writer on the Fargo Forum in North Dakota. He attended the 1964 World Tourney in Greenville and plays in the Red River Valley League of North Dakota.

P. D. Riley of Albuquerque, N. Mex. is a former Texas state champion who moved to New Mexico a few years ago and along with Parker Burns and Ralph Brandt helped form the present New Mexico State Association. His main efforts will be to try and build up the game in his old state of Texas where interest has dwindled. He succeeds Gerald Kahle of Oklahoma as NHPA Director for the Southwestern States.

Jim "Pop" Johnson of Cincinnati succeeds his old friend Stan Manker as the East Central States Director. "Pop" is a former Kentucky state champion and hopes to bring his old state back into the official NHPA fold.

Randall Jones of North Carolina succeeds Fred Childress in the Southeastern States, an appointment he held in former years. Randall heads the fine Winston-Salem club and the North Carolina State Association where there is an increasing amount of horseshoe activity. The Winston-Salem club plans a big year in 1966 when the city celebrates its 200th anniversary.

The complete list of NHPA Regional Directors who will serve as the right hand men for the National officers during 1965 are:

**Chairman** — Reinhard Backer, 1644 Wasatch Drive, Salt Lake City, Utah.  
**New England States** — Ralph Forsstrom, 88 Harmon Avenue, Springfield,

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**Pacific Coast States** — Capt. H. O. Hansen, 1325 Kimball Avenue, Seaside, Calif.

**Canada** — Major Jack Adams, 6565 Notre Dame St., Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

## Southern Calif. Association Elects Officers

At their annual meeting held in December, the following officers were elected: Gerald Schneider, president; Wally Shipley, 1st vice-president; Ross Faulkner, second vice-president; Norman Smith, third vice-president; Ronnie St. Thomas, fourth vice-president; Larry Geer, fifth vice-president and James Weeks, secretary-treasurer.

**COVER PICTURE . . .** From the Wolverine state we proudly present a group of ladies who are preeminent in horseshoe pitching for women in the state of Michigan. Mrs. Ruth Hammond, Michigan state secretary, was runner-up in the Ladies state meet. Catherine Vinkle was crowned 1964 Women's state champion. Shown in the picture, left to right: Front row: Ruth Hammond, runner-up, Marguerite Bubler, Catherine Vinkle, 1964 Ladies' state champion. Back row; Helen Jacobs, Isobel Surridge, Dorothy Smith, 1962 Ladies' state champion, and Carolyn Mitchell. Not present when picture was taken was Pearl Hanna.

## Curt Day Takes Crown At Bethel Open Tournament

Curt Day of Frankfort, Indiana made a clean sweep of Class 'A' in the annual Bethel Tournament which was conducted by Burl and Virgil Taylor and Floyd Fowler of the Bethel Club near Greencastle, Indiana. Mrs. Wilhoite and Earle Wilmore assisted them to make it a very successful tournament.

### CLASS A

	W	L	%
C. Day, Ind. ....	7	0	84.2
E. Sharp, Ind. ....	6	1	77.4
R. Martin, Ill. ....	4	3	78.6
F. Fowler, Ind. ....	4	3	73.0
G. McFatrige, Ind. ....	2	5	77.8
K. Van Sant, Ind. ....	2	5	72.8
D. Owens, Ind. ....	2	5	69.1
V. Taylor, Ind. ....	1	6	70.2

### CLASS B

	W	L	%
C. Bellman, Ind. ....	6	1	75.2
B. Shores, Ind. ....	6	1	70.4
Roy Billingsley, Ind. ....	4	3	66.0
G. Mendenhall, Ind. ....	4	3	65.5
E. Green, Ind. ....	4	3	59.3
W. Wilhoite, Ind. ....	2	5	58.0
P. Van Sickle, Ind. ....	2	5	49.4
L. Neal, Ind. ....	0	7	50.7

### CLASS C

	W	L	%
Bever, Ind. ....	6	1	55.2
R. Wilson, Ind. ....	6	1	50.0
L. Hill, Ind. ....	5	2	48.1
H. McFatrige, Ind. ....	4	3	52.4
Hollenbeck, Ill. ....	3	4	46.8
Starwalt, Ill. ....	2	5	46.6
Claypool, Ind. ....	1	6	44.4
S. Brooks, Ill. ....	1	6	42.2

### CLASS D

	W	L	%
Ray Billingsley, Ind. ....	6	1	48.1
M. Gillespie, Ind. ....	6	1	46.2
McClintock, Ind. ....	4	3	48.2
Lowry, Ill. ....	3	4	44.4
Bright, Ill. ....	3	4	37.2
Jenks, Ind. ....	2	5	40.5
Poyner, Ill. ....	2	5	38.3
Funkhouser, Ind. ....	2	5	32.6

## New Rome, Ohio Club To Sponsor Winter Open

Horseshoe pitching enthusiasts who feel their muscles, eyes and shoes are a bit rusty from the long winter lay-off should plan now to attend this "tune-up special" for 1965. Members of the New Rome, Ohio club are sponsoring an open indoor event on their courts located one block north of Route 40 on Pasadena Avenue in New Rome, 2 miles west of Columbus.

Qualifying dates are Fridays, March 19 and 26, 7 to 10 p.m.; Saturdays, March 20 and 27, 1 to 10 p.m. The finals will be played the first two weekends in April with the top 8 classes on Saturday and Sunday afternoons and evenings.

All classes will have 6 men with 2 trophies awarded per class. The top qualifier at the courts will be awarded a trophy. Entry fee is \$3 with \$1 extra for each additional try. Entries will be accepted by mail with fee and 100 shoe score from last event. Mail to Tom Pearce, W. Jefferson, Ohio.

Wilbur Kabel of New Madison, Ohio, is the defending 1964 champion. This tournament marks the sixth indoor event at Rome Recreation Center. Circle the qualifying dates now on your calendar for this 1965 "Tune-Up Special!"

## A note from the 1964 world champion...

*The 1964 World's tournament held at Greenville, Ohio was certainly one of the best tournaments in which I have ever participated. I love the game of horseshoe with its competition, its thrill of winning and losing, meeting new players and seeing old friends. It is always a privilege to compete in this tournament and more especially to be the winner of the World title. It is a great thrill and honor. I will do my best to represent the game of horseshoe and further its importance as an upcoming sport.*

Sincerely,

Harold Reno,

Sabina, Ohio

## New State Secretaries

The list of 1965 State Secretaries and NHPA representatives contains some new names. Members are urged to look the list over and contact their state's secretary or representative when renewing membership and/or "Digest" subscription. Sending them direct to the National Secretary Bob Pence or Digest editor Ellis Cobb entails extra handling and book work.

Henry Wisness, President of the Red River Valley Horseshoe League, has taken over as the NHPA representative in North Dakota, succeeding Art Engebretsen. He announces the 1965 North Dakota State Tournament will be held in Bottineau, N. D. Sept. 4-5.

Frank Coleman of Bartlesville has been elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Oklahoma State Horseshoe Pitcher's Association and will handle all NHPA business in that state. He succeeds M. N. "Lefty" Smith of Vinita.

Minnesota State Association President Charles Strafaccia announces the appointment of Andy Paglarini as NHPA representative in the Gopher state. Andy hails from Hibbing, Minn. and has won the Minnesota state title for the past two years. He intends to use his buddy Frank Stinson as his assistant in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area. Other officers in the state association include Secretary-Treasurer Hartman Knutsen of St. Paul and Vice-President Stan Hill of Tower. The 1965 Minnesota state tournament is scheduled for the Labor Day week end at Cloquet, Minn.

Thomas Robertson is the new Secretary-Treasurer in Rhode Island in place of Thomas Whelan, and Paul Pauliot of South Burlington holds the same position in Vermont.

Arnold Hanners of the Ashland Horseshoe Club will serve as the temporary NHPA representative in Kentucky. A new NHPA State Chapter is in the process of being formed in the Bluegrass state. Oattie Reno is assisting in the organization.

Elmer Hohl is the NHPA representative in the Canadian province of Ontario for the time being.

## Minnesota Elects Strafaccia To Fourth Term Presidency

At the annual meeting of the Minnesota state association, Charley Strafaccia of Hibbing, Minnesota was re-elected as president for the fourth consecutive term. Stan "Bunker" Hill of Tower, Minnesota was elected vice-president. Hart Knutson, of St. Paul, Minnesota was elected as the new secretary-treasurer filling the vacancy left by Joseph Anzaldi of St. Paul when press of other duties caused him to have to give up the secretary post. The Gopher state association expects to conduct several outstanding meets this season. Details will be issued in a later edition of the News Digest.

## Wanted! Local Club News

The "Digest" will feature news items of local clubs in 1965 in an effort to build interest and give recognition to the activities of these groups and the affairs of the average players.

The articles will also serve to show other groups how the more successful clubs operate and formulate their programs.

The accounts should be concise and stress group activities, instead of long lists of individual records and ringer percentages.

Does your club competition consist of singles or doubles or team play? Count all or cancellation? Is a handicap system used? How many courts? Where located? Do you have any indoor play? Special events?

How does your club finance itself? By annual dues? Weekly participation fees? Concession sales? Raffles? Donations?

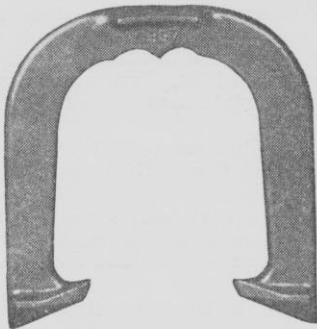
List your officers and club champions and any unusual features of your club.

Send these accounts directly to the editor, Ellis Cobb, 1307 Solfisburg Avenue, Aurora, Ill.

The N.H.P.A. sincerely believes every player should first of all join or help form a local club and see to it that the group is affiliated with the state and national associations.

The N.H.P.A. is in no position to do the promotional and organizational work for local groups. They must do this for themselves, but a local club affiliated with the state and national associations whereby its individual players mix with and meet players from other clubs in NHPA tournaments will grow and become more vigorous and successful.

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## 1964 State Champions

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CONNECTICUT — Dominic Majewski, Hartford, Connecticut.

IDAHO — Dean Curry, Lewiston, Idaho.

ILLINOIS — Raymond Martin, Philo, Illinois.

INDIANA — Curtis Day, Frankfort, Indiana.

IOWA — Glen Henton, Maquoketa, Iowa.

KANSAS — Merlin Potts, Leonardville, Kansas.

MASSACHUSETTS — Edgar Landry, Fall River, Massachusetts.

MICHIGAN — Roy Smith, Muskegon, Michigan.

MINNESOTA — Andrew Paglarini, Hibbing, Minnesota.

MISSOURI — Paul Lattray, Webster Groves, Missouri.

MONTANA — Walter McChesney, Jr. Sidney, Montana.

NEBRASKA — Don McCance, Lexington, Nebraska.

NEW HAMPSHIRE — Donald Pickering, Swazey, New Hampshire.

NEW MEXICO — Joseph Helms, Belen, New Mexico.

NEW YORK — Carl Steinfeldt, Rochester, New York.

NORTH CAROLINA — Melvin Howard, High Point, North Carolina.

NORTH DAKOTA — Arthur Engbretson, Fargo, North Dakota.

OHIO — Harold Reno, Sabina, Ohio.

OKLAHOMA — Andrew Mogus, Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

PENNSYLVANIA — James Solomon, Uniontown, Pennsylvania.

RHODE ISLAND — Albert Bourgeois, Riverside, Rhode Island.

TENNESSEE — Charles Fortenberry, Knoxville, Tennessee.

TEXAS — Marvin Burgess, Ballinger, Texas.

WISCONSIN — Wallace Saeger, Ixonia, Wisconsin.

WYOMING — Lee Laughlin, Cheyenne, Wyoming.

WEST VIRGINIA — Ralph Maddox, Poca, West Virginia.

SOUTH DAKOTA — Arnold Christianson.

## Two Tournaments Announced For Nebraska Area

By Don Koso, West Central Regional Director

The annual 4-State tournament conducted by the Falls City club and the Nebraska state association will be held on July 11 at the City park courts in Falls City, Nebraska. Meet will start at 9:00 A.M. sharp. Qualifying scores can be sent to Don Koso, 2124 Wilson Street, Falls City, Nebraska or player may qualify on courts on Saturday, July 10. Those sending in their scores should have them in not later than July 9th. If player can not be present please advise Don Koso, at above address. Trophies and cash prizes will be awarded. Special prize will be given to player having the highest ringer percentage in any one game. Also there will be a gift awarded to the pitcher coming from the farthest distance. Many door prizes will also be given away.

Because of its central location, this tournament has proved very popular. There are 12 lighted courts with bleachers. Also a fine swimming pool, tennis courts, ball park and plenty of picnic tables. Plan now to come to Falls City on July 11.

Another fine tournament will be the annual Falls City Open tournament to be held on the same courts on August 15. This meet is expected to draw many of the western pitchers returning from the World tournament being held at Keene, New Hampshire. Plan now to attend one or both of these fine tournaments.

## Andy Paglarini Ringer King Over Northwest (Minn.) Open

Following are the final standings of the 13th annual Northwest Horseshoe tournament held at Ramsey County Fairgrounds, St. Paul, Minn. There were 84 entries in this tournament with Andy Paglarini of Hibbing, Minn. winning in a playoff with Marion Lange of Bondurant, Iowa, both with 8-3 records.

Though the tournament results are somewhat delayed, we hope that all participating players will enjoy "rehashing" their experiences during the hot-stove sessions conducted at this time of the year when horseshoe is at an ebb.

### CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION

	W	L	%
A. Paglarini, Minn. ....	8	3	65.4
M. Lange, Iowa .....	8	3	65.3
H. Knutson, Minn. ....	7	4	64.9
C. West, Minn. ....	7	4	61.8
A. Kiekhoefer, Minn. ....	6	5	63.8
H. Ganz, Minn. ....	6	5	63.4
F. Stinson, Minn. ....	5	6	68.9
J. Yernberg, Minn. ....	5	6	60.3
J. Anzaldi, Minn. ....	4	7	60.9
G. Suess, Minn. ....	4	7	63.0
L. Reinhardt, Minn. ....	4	7	59.2
D. Olson, Minn. ....	2	9	54.5

#### A-1 Division

	W	L	%
D. West, Minn. ....	8	3	56.5
A. Holter, Minn. ....	8	3	54.5
J. Johnson, Minn. ....	8	3	54.7
H. Benson, Minn. ....	7	4	55.2
E. Peterson, Minn. ....	7	4	53.6
J. Kiekhoefer, Minn. ..	6	5	51.3
B. Lorenz, Minn. ....	5	6	46.1
B. Andrusko, Minn. ....	5	6	46.3
H. Smith, Minn. ....	4	7	47.9
E. Elsola, Minn. ....	4	7	46.4
F. Manske, Minn. ....	3	8	43.3
R. Lundberg, Minn. ....	1	10	46.6

#### B-1 Division

	W	L	%
D. Siebert, Minn. ....	5	2	47.4
B. Hill, Minn. ....	5	2	52.1
B. Kloet, Minn. ....	4	3	49.2
J. Johnson, Minn. ....	4	3	39.4
R. Holte, Minn. ....	4	3	43.8
C. Bestul, Wisc. ....	4	3	42.5
B. Winterhalter, Minn.	2	5	38.8
F. Schneider, Minn. ....	0	7	39.8

#### A-2 Division

	W	L	%
P. McElroy, Iowa ....	6	1	52.1
N. Lanes, Minn. ....	6	1	45.4
A. Peters, Minn. ....	5	2	46.3
C. Barkis, Minn. ....	3	4	44.5
E. Larson, Minn. ....	3	4	51.9
G. Mertz, Minn. ....	2	5	47.1
H. Nelson, Minn. ....	2	5	40.5
H. Filzen, Minn. ....	1	6	44.3

#### B-2 Division

	W	L	%
R. Simon, Wisc. ....	6	1	43.0
G. Thomason, Minn. ....	5	2	48.5
J. Zobitz, Minn. ....	5	2	45.1
B. Luhman, Minn. ....	4	3	38.9
V. Walker, Minn. ....	4	3	35.0
Carl Lofgren, Minn. ..	2	5	37.5
D. Benderup, Minn. ....	1	6	32.2
J. Stempfley, Minn. ....	1	6	36.2

#### A-3 Division

	W	L	%
A. Mischke, Minn. ....	6	1	48.8
Clint Lofgren, Minn. ....	5	2	41.6
L. Lenz, Minn. ....	4	3	43.7
W. Hill, Minn. ....	4	3	45.6
J. O'Conner, Minn. ....	4	3	46.0
C. Straffacia, Minn. ....	3	4	42.0
M. Johnson, Minn. ....	2	5	41.6
S. Ring, Minn. ....	0	7	34.8

#### B-3 Division

	W	L	%
A. Otterness, Minn. ....	5	2	43.9
R. W. Anderson, Minn. ....	5	2	44.4
R. D. Anderson, Wis. ....	5	2	40.5
S. Schulke, Minn. ....	4	3	38.9
T. Vesel, Minn. ....	3	4	38.1
T. Miller, Minn. ....	3	4	33.9
D. Ernster, Minn. ....	2	5	27.7
N. Morrison, Minn. ..	1	6	32.8



## 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.

A sanctioned tournament is one in which all players are NHPA members. Tournaments in which the top classes only require NHPA membership can be sanctioned and receive insignias for those classes.

The number of officially sanctioned tournaments has increased considerably in the past few years. Some tournament managers are reluctant to make NHPA membership mandatory, feeling that it will cut down the number of entries.

Experience has proven these fears unjustified by results. Tourneys which switched to sanctioned affairs such as the Indiana-Ohio open and Northern California events suffered no loss in entries. Many other tourneys which were not sanctioned ended up with large entry lists.

States with the greatest amount of horseshoe activity are also the states with the largest number of N.H.P.A. members and all events are sanctioned — Indiana, Ohio and California.

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*We hope to substantially increase both our list of members and our subscribers in 1965. If you know anyone who is interested in the game and does not fall into one of the above categories send us his name and address and we will mail a sample copy of the "Digest" along with other material.*

## 1964 Ringer Percentages for Erie County Pennsylvania

Following are tournament averages of all Erie County, Pennsylvania in the following tournaments: Eastern National, Northwest, Erie County Meet, Beaver County Spring Warm-Up, Pennsylvania State tournament and the Pennsylvania State Amateur meet.

	%		%
Abbott, Joe .....	32.3	Walter, Cliff .....	48.0
Adams, Arthur .....	39.5	Westfall, Harry .....	40.5
Ames, Ray .....	28.3	White, Francis .....	60.0
Ames, Richard .....	10.0	Wurst, Edward Sr. ....	53.0
Balogh, Joseph .....	33.0	Wurst, Irwin .....	45.2
Baumann, George .....	30.0		
Baumann, William .....	20.0		
Beer, Paul .....	45.4		
Bell, Cubby .....	37.7		
Bowes, Boyd .....	20.9		
Conrad, Robert .....	23.1		
Coover, Glen .....	35.0		
Czernek, Edward .....	35.1		
Discher, Bruce .....	34.0		
Hall, Frank .....	51.7		
Hughson, Willis .....	28.9		
Juchno, Joseph .....	12.5		
Konopka, Edward .....	28.3		
Kownacki, Tony .....	47.0		
Kuchcinski, Daniel .....	72.1		
Kuchcinski, Edward .....	38.2		
Kuchcinski, Joseph Sr. ....	64.1		
Kuchcinski, Joseph Jr. ....	51.9		
Kuchcinski, Richard .....	21.5		
Kuchcinski, Wesley .....	69.4		
Larson, Carl .....	45.0		
Lewis, Homer .....	35.3		
Lobaugh, Gene .....	43.2		
Perkowski, Albert .....	36.0		
Perkowski, Joseph .....	37.0		
Peters, Joseph .....	66.2		
Ploff, Raymond .....	35.0		
Potter, Jack .....	68.0		
Sebring, Glen .....	72.2		
Semock, Elmer .....	50.0		
Schuler, Edward .....	32.1		
Sirak, Frank .....	36.1		
Skibicki, Walter .....	35.8		
Smith, Cliff .....	35.0		
St. John, Fred .....	38.2		
Stankay, Joseph .....	21.0		



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If not you should be, for the NHPA's monthly magazine has proven itself a vital and necessary part of the world of horseshoe pitching.

It provides a means of communication and dissemination of information, a listing of coming events, a clearing house for the recording of tournaments and a sounding board for individual opinions and ideas.

The first issue back in 1956 was only eight pages. Now a 16 page issue is a small one and many contain 32 pages. Even so we often suffer from a lack of space to accommodate all the news we would like to print. Costs of both printing and mailing have risen considerably since that first issue, but so far subscription rates have remained the same.

The size, number and scope of tournaments have increased by leaps and bounds since the "Digest" came into being and NHPA membership has also increased. The magazine must receive major credit for this growth.

Considerable fear was expressed a year ago when NHPA membership and magazine subscriptions were separated with the magazine being optional to membership. Many felt that the number of subscribers would drop to a level too low for the magazine to be effective.

This was not the case for while membership increased, subscriptions had only a small decrease. Most of these were the result of only one magazine going to families where formerly two and three people were members and therefore had to be subscribers in order to be members.

If the magazine did not fill a vital need the number of our subscribers would have decreased considerably.

Keep yourself informed about the game and at the same time add to your enjoyment of horseshoe pitching by becoming not only an NHPA member but a "Digest" subscriber as well. Use the application blank and list of State Secretaries found elsewhere in this issue and join up now.

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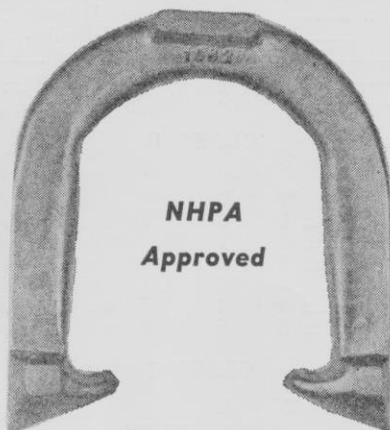
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## Hot Stove League Reflections . . . In The Rock River Valley

As the cold wintry blasts sweep across the fields and thru the lanes and we sit toasting our toes by the fire, it is with fond recollections that those ringer enthusiasts in northwestern Illinois and surrounding areas reflect on the results of the past season's great Rock River Valley Open tournament held on the Lawrence park courts on a warm, sunny Labor Day in early September, in Rock Falls, Illinois.

At the close of the day's strenuous pitching, the genial promoter, Les Long announced, the 1964 winner to be Ellis Griggs of Plainville, Illinois, many times an Illinois state champion. In the top 4 play-off round-robin Griggs won all 3 of his matches. He averaged a cool 82.3 in ringers for the play-off matches. Woodrow Martin of Pekin copped Class B while W. Limbaugh, a newcomer to the tournament, grabbed Class C. Still reflecting we recalled Art Dugle of Chicago and a former Illinois state champion, as he posted a qualifying score of 268 points for his 100 shoe round, taking high honors for the qualifiers. Reflecting further, we see John Taylor of Dover, Illinois as he won the Northwestern Illinois tournament, and Don Grove of Rock Falls as he returned triumphant from the Whiteside County meet and as our reflections fade slightly we see Francis McBride of Sterling as he enters the winner's circle in the Twin City tournament. Finally the total standings loom up in the closing reflection.

### CLASS A PLAY-OFF

	W	L		W	L
Ellis Griggs .....	3	0	Art Dugle .....	1	2
Eldon Damarin .....	2	1	Milton Tate .....	0	3

### CLASS A

Group One			Group Two		
	W	L		W	L
Damarin, Peoria, Ill. ....	5	0	Tate, Illinois .....	5	0
Griggs, Illinois .....	4	1	Dugle, Illinois .....	4	1
N. Vogel, Illinois .....	2	3	Long, Illinois .....	3	2
Taylor, Illinois .....	2	3	Lange, Iowa .....	2	3
Horn, Illinois .....	2	3	Dykes, Illinois .....	1	4
R. Anderson, Illinois .....	0	5	H. Anderson, Illinois .....	0	5

### CLASS B

Group One			Group Two		
	W	L		W	L
E. Cobb, Illinois .....	5	0	F. Thomas, Iowa .....	5	0
W. Martin, Illinois .....	4	1	W. Liddle, Illinois .....	4	1
A. Austin, Illinois .....	3	2	D. Grove, Illinois .....	3	2
D. Terry, Illinois .....	2	3	D. Campbell, Illinois .....	2	3
C. Chrisman, Illinois .....	1	4	F. Polka, Illinois .....	2	3
F. McBride, Illinois .....	0	5	E. Purcell, Illinois .....	0	5

### CLASS C

	W	L		W	L
W. Limbaugh, Illinois .....	6	1	H. Plautz, Illinois .....	3	4
C. Hanson, Iowa .....	5	2	J. Jonas, Illinois .....	3	4
M. Stewart, Illinois .....	4	3	R. Wuebben, Illinois .....	2	5
H. Winters, Illinois .....	3	4	V. Drager, Illinois .....	2	5

**Special Note** — The annual Spring-Warm-Up tournament always held on Memorial Day at Rock Falls, Illinois will be **DISCONTINUED** for this coming season. However, plans are going forward on the annual Rock River Valley Open tournament to be held on Labor Day on the Rock Falls courts.

## Butler Takes Vermont State Title For Seventh Time

Vermont state horseshoe pitching champion Fred Butler of Bennington has made it seven in a row.

In close play against Ted Sausville, a former champion, also of Bennington, Butler came out on top again at the 1964, state tournament.

Butler and Sausville each won six games and lost one in regular play to tie for first place; in a play-off game, Butler won 51-41.

Butler's only loss was to W. Chamberlain of Brattleboro; ironically it was also Chamberlain's only win, losing his six other games in the Class A competition.

Butler's seventh consecutive championship makes him the first man to do so since the state tournament play began in the early 1930s. Butler had been tied with Maynard Brown of Brattleboro, who had won six consecutive championships from 1950 through 1955. Butler's string began in 1958.

Winner of the Class B trophy was Frank Kamel of Springfield; winner of the Class C trophy was M. Belargen of Perkinsville.

## Attention All State Secretaries

1965 NHPA membership cards, report forms and instructions have been mailed to all state secretaries and NHPA representatives. If yours has not yet arrived notify National Secretary Bob Pence, 341 Polk Street, Gary, Indiana, 46402, at once.

Memberships and subscriptions are both to be sent to the National Secretary. Make sure each individual is listed fully and correctly with indications whether the individual is a member and subscriber or a member only, or a subscriber only.

Applications for N. H. P. A. Championship insignias must be handled through NHPA Vice President, Lucille Hopkins, 912 East 2nd Street, Ottumwa, Iowa.

Make sure someone in your state sends news items, tournament schedules and results directly to the editor of the Horseshoe Pitcher's News Digest, Ellis Cobb, 1307 Solfisburg Avenue, Aurora, Illinois.

## Renewing Your "News Digest" Subscription?

Those who renew their current subscriptions to "The Horseshoe Pitcher's News Digest" will automatically have their subscription extended a full 12 months from the date of expiration regardless of how early they sign up in 1965 or how late they signed in 1964.

The N. H. P. A. has all the necessary information in its files to make the extension of subscriptions and it will be done automatically.

Everyone should obtain their 1965 NHPA membership now before the season starts and at the same time renew their subscription. No need to wait until your current subscription expires.

This should be done through the State Secretaries and NHPA representatives. Memberships sent direct to the "News Digest" or the National Secretary Bob Pence require extra handling and book work.

## New York State Association Elects Steinfeldt As Prexy

At the annual meeting of the New York state association, Carl Steinfeldt, New York state champion was elevated to the presidency at the annual election of officers. Joe Pollack, 35 Hazel Street, Binghamton, New York was elected secretary-treasurer. He requests all new and old members of the New York association to send in for their 1965 NHPA cards as soon as possible. He also states that the 1965 New York state tournament will be held at Lockport, New York over the July 4th week-end.

## Spotlight on Local Clubs

We hope to make this section a regular feature of the "News Digest" to the extent space will permit in order to give recognition and credit to the activities of local clubs.

New items should be sent directly to the editor, Ellis Cobb, 1307 Solfisburg Ave., Aurora, Ill. Items sent directly to National Secretary Bob Pence tend to get lost in huge volume of mail on regular business which crosses his desk.

**The Lewis & Clark Horseshoe Club, Lewiston, Idaho** is entering its second year of existence with 52 members in weekly competition. Some of the players come from across the state line in Clarkson, Wash.

The club will be host to the 1965 Idaho State Tournament, Charles Workman, one of the organizers of the club is an officer in the State Association and Dean Curry is the new state champ. Capt. Dan Birks is Secretary-Treasurer of the Lewiston club.

**Muncie, Ind. Horseshoe Club** is planning another busy season on the 18 court layout in Heekin Park to be climaxed by the big Indiana-Ohio Open in September.

A team league employing a handicap system, a "King of the Hill" tourney and Junior play will feature the regular weekly program.

Club officers are: President Harrell Aldrich; Treasurer Irwin "Bud" Sampson; Secretary, F. G. Campbell; and Vice President, Bert Lykins. Retiring officers Ray Howell and Charlie McCammon were the workhorses of the club last year.



*Members of the Lowerre Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post No. 3083 team in the Yonkers, New York city league which won the 1964 league championship are shown above, left to right: Guy Hart, Jerry Roberts, Bill George and Phil Leonard.*

**Yonkers, N. Y. Horseshoe Club** received a citation from the City Council for its contribution to the life of the community.

The club had a seven team league composed of four men to a team. The title was won by the V.F.W. Lowerre Post. Jerry Roberts, Phil Leonard, Guy Hart and Bill George made up the winning team.

The club was also entered in the West Chester County League and its team composed of Stan and Ben Piekarski, George Gibson, Lou Torreggiani, Jerry Roberts, Bill George and captained by Ted Piekarski won the Class "B" division. Bill George is the club Secretary.



## Spotlight — (Continued).



Keene, N. H. Horseshoe Club will be in the news often as host of the 1965 World Tournament on the 24 court Wheelock Park setup. The club's officers for 1965 are President Reggie Fish, Vice Presidents, Frank Washer and Don Pickering, Secretary, Darrell Flagg, Treasurer, Fred Melvin, Tournament Director, Zygmund Berdinka, Fund Raising, George Buskey.

Rio Grande Horseshoe Club, Belen, N. Mex. had a busy year. Two tournaments were held, one at the Rio Grande Estates and the other at the county fairgrounds.

The club loses its top player state champ Joe Helms who is moving to Indiana. He holds the club record of 136 points and 86 ringers in 100 shoes.

A club picnic was held last fall at Pat Hurley Park. Marion Henson was awarded a Mr. Horseshoe Trophy for his work. He was instrumental in getting horseshoe placed on the physical education program of Morarity High School.

Club officers for 1965 are President Otis Henson, Vice President Vernon Worden, Treasurer Jon Glanzier and Executive Secretary Ralph Brandt.

The Rio Grande Club along with the Albuquerque club are the nucleus of the New Mexico State Association, and Ralph Brandt was one of the original organizers.

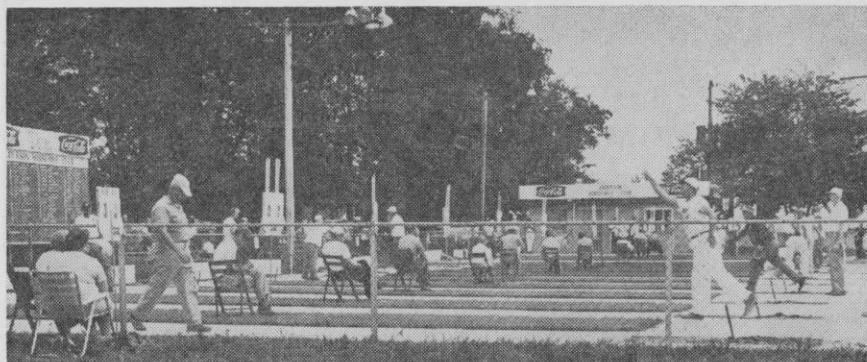
1965 plans call for a horseshoe tournament and barbeque on the 4th of July at Morarity high school, a tournament at Rio Grande Estates and one at the Valencia County Fair.

Lockport, N. Y. Horseshoe Club will be host to the 1965 New York State tournament. The club has a ten court setup and the largest Women's league in the country. Team play in both the men's and women's league use a handicap count-all system and all teams are sponsored. Officers for 1965 are President Maurice Clark, Vice President Joe Gagliardi, Secretary-Treasurer Vito Vizi, Tournament Chairman Paul Thomas.

Falconer Rod and Gun Club, N. Y. horseshoe league plans a busy season under the direction of President Virgil Williams who lives in Russell Pa. The club has 12 beautiful courts at the Rod and Gun club in the Jamestown, N. Y. area. Organized a few years ago by Larry Proudman, a junior horseshoe pitching program is being planned by Charles Dickinson in addition to the regular weekly program.

## Spotlight — (Continued)

Anderson, Ind. Horseshoe Club with the only air conditioned clubhouse in the country has 12 floodlighted courts in Fairview park. The club was host to the Midwest "Ringer Round Up" last summer and plans a busy 1965. Officers are President Jasper Pine, Vice President Bob Eutschler and Secretary Ron Anderson. Retiring officers included Don Owens, Lowell Hinkle and Russ Stone.



*Pictured above are the new horseshoe courts installed at Fairview park in Anderson, Indiana, scene of the 1964 Mid-West Ringer Round-Up. The Anderson club is probably the only club in the country that can boast of having an "air-conditioned" clubhouse, shown in the background of the above picture.*

## Attention Indiana Members

The Indiana Division of the NHPA will hold two important meetings during February and March.

The first will be a planning session for officers and official representatives of all local clubs in the state. This will be held at 1:30 PM Sunday afternoon February 21 at Anderson, Ind. The meeting will be held in the clubhouse of the Anderson club in Fairview Park.

On March 21 starting at one o'clock in the afternoon there will be a meeting of the general membership of the Indiana Association at the number 4 cabin in Muncie's Heekin Park near the horseshoe courts.

These are both important meetings. The planning session February 21 at Anderson will lay the groundwork for the general meeting at Muncie a month later. 1965 tournament dates and locations, qualifying procedures, and a new and comprehensive fund raising program will be the chief topics on the agenda of both meetings.

The general membership meeting of March 21 at Muncie will include a carry in lunch with members who bring their wives and families asked to bring one dish of their own choosing.

Officers of the Indiana Association are President Don Owens, Vice-presidents Harold Walker, Walter Wilhoite, Art Moore, Chet Reel and Ray Pitcher, and Secretary-Treasurer Earle Wilmore.

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## From Here and There

The Los Gatos club with courts in Oak Meadow park in Los Gatos, California publish a bi-monthly news bulletin called "The Ringer." It is filled with all sorts of news pertinent to the activities of the Los Gatos club.

## The State of Horseshoe and the N.H.P.A.

The N. H. P. A. gained more than 800 members during 1964 to reach the highest total in history, surpassing even the 1937 figure when annual dues were only 15c.

More tournaments including sanctioned events were held than ever before and the entry lists were larger coming from wider geographic areas. The NHPA handled an increasing volume of requests for information about the game from sources outside the NHPA. This is an important function which reflects a growing interest in the game.

The World Tournament at Greenville, Ohio had its largest entry list ever and the caliber of competition during the 11 day event was on the fantastic side.

The most pleasing development during the past year was the formation and affiliation with the NHPA of many vigorous and progressive local horseshoe clubs with many more in prospect during 1965.

Subscriptions to the monthly magazine held almost even with the previous year despite the fact that 1964 was the first year memberships and subscriptions were separated with magazine being optional.

Almost every state either equaled its 1963 membership totals or showed a gain. Most states showed substantial increases in membership. Members came from 46 states and two territories of the U. S., four Canadian provinces, Australia and one from the British Crown colony of Hong Kong. These members included the first ever from the Canal Zone.

Three new official N. H. P. A. State Chapters were formed during the year. Ottie Reno brought Alabama into the official fold, Waldo Hagy organized the Nevada chapter and Major Jack Adams qualified the Canadian Province of Quebec. We are greatly handicapped in the latter by the fact that most players are French speaking.

The states of Georgia, Nevada and Rhode Island were represented in World Tournament competition for the first time.

Prospects are excellent for the formation of official chapters in both Georgia and Kentucky during the coming season.

Top membership totals were posted once again by California, Indiana and Ohio.

Here are some of the more outstanding State Chapter performances.

**Northern California** deserves first place in any review of 1965 NHPA membership, for this chapter was the author of the present system of NHPA dues which separates membership from magazine subscriptions by making the latter optional. Earl Davis, Czar Marcevich and others from Northern California pushed this plan and promised their group would be 100% NHPA with a big increase in membership.

The promise was kept in a sensational manner for Secretary-Treasurer W. Ray Williams and the other officers increased membership sevenfold and at the same time increased the number of "Digest" subscribers.

Northern California has now jumped to third place in membership behind Indiana and Ohio, and together with Southern California the Golden State now has more members than the two leaders.

**New England States.** Under the guidance of Regional Director Ralph Forsstrom and stimulated by prospects of being host to the 1965 World Tournament, everyone of the six New England States showed a membership increase and the total of these six small states was tremendous.

Tournaments in the area had huge entry lists. A Junior program has been started and three states had players in the Women's division of the annual New England Tournament.

Massachusetts jumped to 4th place in NHPA membership.

Connecticut led by Ervin Van Dine had a big increase in members.

New Hampshire where the Keene club has a battery of 24 courts also increased membership. The Manchester club is one of the most active in the country and 20 courts are being built at Nashua.

Vermont increased membership and the 16 court Brattleboro club is located only 20 miles from Keene.

Rhode Island increased membership and was represented in the World Tournament for the first time.

## State of Horseshoe — (Continued).

**Maine** went 100% NHPA in its state tournament with a big increase in members and much indoor activity with Dixon portables is reported there.

**British Columbia.** Secretary Bernie Lepper turned in the largest membership ever given the NHPA by a Canadian Province and our only regret is that we haven't had more detailed news of their activities, particularly their fine indoor program.

**Southern California.** Jim Weeks and his cohorts always turn in a fine record and 1964 was no exception. Already high on the membership list Southern California actually increased NHPA membership slightly.

**Illinois.** Turned in the largest gain ever in both memberships and magazine subscriptions.

**Indiana.** The Hoosier state retained its rank as the largest NHPA chapter which means it is harder to show an increase in membership. Nevertheless Indiana showed one of the largest of all increases.

**Johnson County (Franklin) and Richmond** with large and well organized local clubs came into the NHPA fold for the first time and will be important assets in 1965. Richmond has 20 courts and Franklin eight. Porter County with six fine courts at Kouts and a progressive and active group was another fine addition. New clubs have been formed at Batesville, Jeffersonville and Columbia City and others are in prospect. All Indiana tournaments are NHPA events except purely local and county affairs.

**Iowa.** There is always a lot of activity in the Hawkeye state and both membership and subscriptions showed an increase.

**Idaho.** The addition of the fine Lewiston club where the 1965 State tourney will be held augurs well for the future.

**Kansas.** Showed a membership increase and held a number of fine tournaments.

**Michigan.** One of the brightest spots in the NHPA picture, the Wolverine Association headed by Ruth Hammond, Vern Fuller and Roy Smith, made progress on the excellent base established by its former head, Irv Carlberg. The result was a huge increase in memberships and subscriptions and the group has voted to go completely NHPA in all tournaments in 1965. The annual Michigan Water Wonderland Open will again be an outstanding event.

**Muskegon** has started construction of 16 courts. Vern Kinzer and Detroit players have a fine indoor program which "Digest" readers would be interested in reading about.

**Montana.** This fine group continued to make progress started only a few years ago by Roger Barnaby and the Wibaux club. There are now many fine clubs and groups in the state and interest is on the increase with more activity in 1964 than ever before. A new slate of officers consisting of President Bing Burns of Ft. Peck, Secretary-Treasurer Mel Chadwick of Culbertson and Vice-Presidents Earl Brown of Miles City, Morris Wold of Billings and Ira Jensen of Culbertson. Willson Hubbard of Baker is the retiring president. Roger Barnaby will continue as NHPA Regional Director.

**New Jersey.** The state had a big revival in activity and a huge membership and subscription increase after a letdown in 1963. The group played host to a successful National A. A. U. tournament under the guidance of Doc Beriman. The newly formed Middlesex club headed by Hal Hannia turned out to be one of the most valuable additions to the NHPA during the year. We look forward to hearing more from this local club in the future.

**New Mexico.** Interest increased during its first full year as an NHPA chapter. Still in the formative stage this association has a bright future with excellent leadership.

**New York.** The state showed another big increase which has largely been generated by fine local clubs in Corning, Westchester County, Yonkers, Falconer Rod and Gun, Buffalo, Hornell, and above all the Lockport club headed by Paul Thomas. This club with the largest Women's league in the country will be host to the 1965 state meet. There are a number of smaller clubs in the process of formation in Plattsburg, Rome, Montrose and other points.

## State of Horseshoe — (Continued).

**Ohio.** The Buckeye association always has an active season and 1964 was no exception with both memberships and subscriptions showing an increase. A special issue could well be devoted to the activities of the many fine local clubs in Greenville, Wauseon, Norwood, Columbus, Pike County, Youngstown, Clinton County, Bremen and many others.

**Oregon.** Showed an increase in NHPA membership but State Secretary Gil Hamman expects a much better record in 1965.

**Pennsylvania.** The Quaker state had another busy year and increased its membership. With many fine players and clubs in the western section the state would probably rank first if the eastern end could be organized.

**Tennessee.** The state jumped into the ranks of the leaders in NHPA membership in 1964 and several of its players made excellent records in the World Tourney. Ben Raskopf has done an excellent job in the state, and Knoxville held the largest state tournament in history. John Walker's Jefferson City club is still active. The Greenlee family of Rutledge is the largest single family from a membership standpoint with enough to form their own local club. The Tri County group in eastern Tennessee centered around Elizabethton, Bristol, Johnson City and Piney Flats supplied the impetus for the membership increase.

**Utah.** Maurine Cook and Reiny Backer have the Utah association on the way back towards their former prominence in NHPA circles and hope to host the 1966 World Tournament. Roger Parsons took the state title from Clive Wahlin with an 80% plus average giving the state another nationally ranked player.

**West Virginia.** Activity and membership both increased during the year. Logan is scheduled to host the 1965 State Tournament.

**Washington.** One of only three states to show a loss of NHPA members. The state more than made up for it with an outstanding group of representatives in the World Tournament in Greenville, O., placing three, Monasmith, Krauft and Fishel in the top 15.

**Wisconsin.** Showed only a small membership increase but had the biggest state tournament in many years and has excellent prospects for 1965.

## Nevada Division (NHPA) Schedule

By Waldo Hagy

Activities in the Nevada state association will start on March 13. All competition will take place on the Squires park courts, three blocks north of Fremont street, at the corner of Mesquite and 2nd streets in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Open Class C — 34.9 and under .....	March 13
Open Class B — 49.9 and under .....	March 20
Open Class A .....	March 27
Open Class C — 34.9 and under .....	May 1
Open Class B — 49.9 and under .....	May 8
Open Class C — 34.9 and under .....	Sept. 25
Open Class A .....	Oct. 2
Open Class B — 49.9 and under .....	Oct. 9
STATE — All Classes .....	Oct. 16

All tournaments are open to all NHPA members with the exception of the Nevada state tournament which is for residents of Nevada only. All tournaments will start at 2:00 P.M. All meets will be 6-man round robin style, excepting the state tournament. Trophies will be awarded to first and second places. Entry fee will be \$1.00 and qualifying fee will be \$2.00. Hagy requests that all who plan to come to Las Vegas should have their 1965 NHPA cards with them.



## 1965 World Tournament Note

Scheduled for July 31 through August 10 at Wheelock Park in Keene, New Hampshire, this will mark the first time the World Tournament has been held in the east, let alone New England.

Located in the historic Connecticut river valley Keene is only a short drive from the scenic Green and White mountains of Vermont and New Hampshire, and only a three hour hop, skip and jump by auto to New York City and the World's Fair. There are several lakes, within a dozen miles of courts, which are fishermen's paradise spots with cabins and housing available. Motel and housing accommodations will present no problem at Keene and detailed information will be published in a later issue.

New England Regional Director Ralph Forsstrom reports the Keene club is working diligently to make the tournament a success. Plan now to spend your 1965 vacation at the World Tournament in Keene, New Hampshire.

## South Dakota Leads in 1965 Memberships

South Dakota leads the early returns of 1965 NHPA memberships having almost doubled their 1964 totals and increased the number of magazine subscribers. State Secretary Leigh Dunker signed these early members at the state tournament last fall.

Lucille Hopkins, Secretary of the Iowa Hawkeye Association, functioning in her cooperative and efficient manner was again the first to turn in a list of 1965 members.

The Michigan Wolverine Association accounts for a large number of the early 1965 members. The Secretary of this state chapter is another lady, Ruth Hammond assisted by her husband Earl. All Michigan tournaments will be completely NHPA sanctioned in 1965 and the state's membership which jumped in the past year is expected to show another big increase.

The top membership states, California, Indiana and Ohio have also contributed to the early membership totals. Massachusetts is another early contributor and Illinois has exceeded its usual total for this early date.

All in all 24 different states had contributed to the 1965 membership list by the middle of January.

## Activity of Women Players Increases

One of the bright spots of the current horseshoe picture is the increase in activities by and for women players.

A few years ago the only women's tournament was at the annual World Championships and the entry list of ladies was very small.

Last year 12 different states had some competition for women including a number with women's divisions in their state tournament.

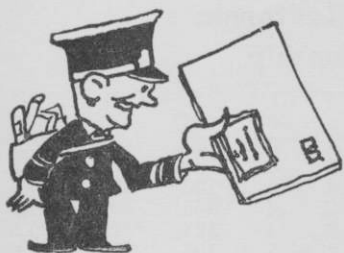
The 1964 World Tournament had more women entries than any other with three classes. Sue Gillespie, our present champion, is a wonderful representative of the game and along with Vicki Winston who has won five World titles certainly ranks among the greatest women players of all time. Only Caroline Schultz, Esther James and Ruth Allen of former years could challenge their supremacy.

Sue Gillespie recently made an appearance on the nationwide TV panel show "To Tell The Truth."

## From Here and There

All tournament managers in the state of Iowa are requested to send in their dates as soon as possible to Mrs. Lucille Hopkins, Iowa Hawkeye secretary, 912 East 2nd Street, Ottumwa, Iowa. Also all other state secretaries should send in for their NHPA sanction certificates for 1965.






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## “From Out Of The Mail Bag”

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### “Try To Top This One”

The following article was sent into the News Digest by Mr. J. B. Lowe of Logan, West Virginia. It should alert all tournament managers to the pitfalls of conducting tournaments.

We were preparing for our annual County Tournament one time. We had three Classes, A, B and C. We purchased 32 trophies and, had a trophy for each of eight pitchers in each class in the round robin whether a pitcher won a game or not. We also had eight trophies for the eight highest qualifiers. There were three expensive trophies for the three highest qualifiers in the “A” Class.

We took two weeks to qualify all who wanted to pitch. Three of the Club officials were on hand at the courts four hours every evening for two weeks to qualify the pitchers. All pitchers who intended to pitch came and tried several 100 shoe rounds, except one “A” pitcher. On Saturday, the last day to qualify, this man came out and looked the highest scores over, which were listed on the bulletin board, and then pitched 100 shoes keeping his own score, as no one was there to keep it for him. Yes, you guessed it; he made a higher score than any other pitcher who had pitched with an official keeping the score. When the officials appeared this man told them that so and so, one of our pitchers, had kept his score and since it was raining and time was running out no one questioned his score. But, since any pitcher could pitch as many 100 shoes as he desired, so long as he paid a small fee for it, one of the highest qualifiers tried again and made the same number of points, 232, as the “Self-Scorer” had made, but made two ringers more so the club officials followed the County, State and National policy giving the highest qualifying trophy to the pitcher who had made the same number of points but two ringers more. The man who had kept his own score argued that he tied and that he was due a trophy the same as the other pitcher but the club refused and, guess what; this man purchased a trophy like the one awarded the highest qualifier and presented it to himself.

But, it was not known that he had kept his own score until a week after the tournament when he admitted that he had kept his own score. But, that is not all. This same “Self-Scorer” went on fussing and stalling on the courts while pitching, and froze every “A” pitcher cold and won the County Tournament as no one reported his wrong doing until after the games had been pitched. The County, State and National authorities claim that this man didn't win anything because he had never been qualified as his score sheet had no signature on it. This man won two other titles also: “SELF-SCORER,” and “STALLING TOM,” as the pitchers called him.

STALLING is the UNPARDONABLE SIN IN HORSESHOE PITCHING. And our Club regards it and treats it as such ever after the foregoing incident. Our Club now checks and double-checks every score sheet looking for the signature of the score keeper.

## Pomona — Southern California Class "G" Championship

	W	L	R	SP	%
Jerald Royster, Ontario .....	7	0	166	440	37.7
Ronnie St. Thomas, Bell Gardens .....	4	3	130	468	27.7
Sam Davis, Downey .....	4	3	129	468	27.6
Joe Holder, Pico Rivera .....	4	3	133	486	27.4
Lyle Augspurger, Torrance .....	3	4	155	496	31.3
Floyd Brown, Exeter .....	3	4	123	446	27.6
Joe McNamara, Los Angeles .....	2	5	105	486	21.6
Clifford Vannoster, South Gate .....	1	6	94	426	22.1

## Baldwin Park-Southern California Class "D" Championship

	W	L	R	SP	%
Harold Carden, Baldwin Park .....	9	0	283	450	62.7
Larry Hahn, Glendora .....	7	2	260	538	48.3
Carl Dennis, Lynwood .....	6	3	224	518	43.2
Ross Faulkner, Huntington Park .....	6	3	216	562	38.4
Earl Mang, Buena Park .....	4	5	234	604	38.4
George Farrell, South Gate .....	3	6	221	544	40.6
Eldon Carrier, Downey .....	3	6	218	576	37.8
Lum Francis, La Habra .....	3	6	205	550	37.4
Wilford Andelin, Orange .....	2	7	174	556	30.7
Milton Corbett, Covina .....	2	7	166	542	30.6

## Fullerton-Southern California Fullerton "G" Open

	W	L	R	SP	%
W. A. Webb, Fullerton .....	7	0	162	416	38.9
Bob Schneider, Fullerton .....	5	2	153	486	31.4
Ronnie St. Thomas, Bell Gardens .....	5	2	157	424	37.0
John Charlie, Los Angeles .....	3	4	130	414	31.4
Lyle Augspurger, Torrance .....	2	2	83	264	31.4
Joe Holder, Pico Rivera .....	2	2	65	246	26.4
Floyd Brown, Exeter .....	1	3	57	240	23.7
Sam Davis, South Gate .....	1	3	49	248	19.7
Ben Hubbard, Duarte .....	0	4	40	232	17.2
Ron Smith, Downey .....	0	4	20	218	9.1

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## Delayed Indiana Reports

### INDIANA WOMEN'S, JUNIOR, SENIOR & LEFTHANDERS

Sue Gillespie averaged 75.5% ringers to win the Women's title in Indiana before a crowd of more than 600 on the courts of the Pennville club. Bonnie Seibold averaged 54.8 and Dixie Crawley 54.4 in the 2nd and 3rd spots.

Frank Elliott of Muncie defeated Gary Craig in a playoff for the Junior title at the Heekin Park courts in Muncie. He averaged 50% in the playoff. Toby Wood of Alpine placed 3rd and Dennis Bales of Kouts 4th.

Delbert Lykins of Muncie won the Boy's title for the 30 foot distance with Mark Seibold of Huntington 2nd, Ray Wood of Indianapolis 3rd and Paris Seibold 4th.

Charlie Cummings won the state Senior title for players over 60 with a 66.7% average. Fay Emery of Frankfort placed 2nd, George Johnson of Indianapolis 3rd, Virgil Huffman 4th and Doc Haffner 5th. Emery's average was 59.2. Lebanon's Boone County courts was the tourney site.

John Shuck of Kokomo annexed the Lefthander's crown with 54.1% ringers followed by Bob Moit of Indianapolis, Morris Briney of Frankfort, Lionel Stewart of Anderson and John Kolaiser of Hammond.

Bob McNutt of Kokomo won a playoff from Roger Adams of Kouts for the Class "B" Lefthanders title.

## Hobbs Open, Highland Park, Kokomo, Ind.

### CLASS "AA"

	W	L	%
Curt Day, Frankfort .....	5	0	76.7
Ben Shores, Wilkinson .....	4	1	67.8
Dale Salsbery, Sharpsville .....	2	3	65.2
Earl Van Natter, Kokomo .....	2	3	63.2
Chet Reel, Kokomo .....	1	4	68.3
Lon Mullins, Muncie .....	1	4	60.3

### CLASS "A"

	W	L	%
Wilhoite, Lebanon .....	5	0	59.8
Baker, Craw'sville .....	4	2	56.6
Coy, Kokomo .....	3	3	56.8
Shuck, Sharpsville .....	2	3	56.8
Holland, Ind'polis .....	1	4	52.1
Wilson, Wilkinson .....	1	4	44.4

### CLASS "B"

	W	L	%
Flaugher, Lebanon ....	4	1	50.0
Hudson, Anderson ....	4	2	47.6
Nelson, Jonesboro .....	4	3	45.4
Moore, Wabash .....	3	3	46.3
Miller, Kokomo .....	1	4	44.3
Gillespie, Ind'polis ....	1	4	42.6

Class "C" — won by John Leedy, Kokomo, 5-0-36.7. Class "D" — won by Joe Pier, Kokomo, 5-1-27.7.

## South Gate — Southern California Class "C" Championship

	W	L	R	SP	%
George Hughey, Baldwin Park .....	9	1	341	588	57.9
Don Shubert, Los Angeles .....	8	2	330	578	57.1
Larry Geer, So. San Gabriel .....	6	3	286	540	52.6
Eldon Carrier, Downey .....	6	3	248	556	44.6
Al Cauchon, Pasadena .....	5	4	246	468	52.6
Fred Percy, La Habra .....	5	4	281	590	47.6
Wally Shipley, W. Covina .....	3	6	287	614	46.7
Sam Puopulo, Baldwin Park .....	2	7	273	600	45.5
Lum Francis, La Habra .....	1	8	243	592	41.0
Mike Velarde, So. San Gabriel .....	1	8	167	468	35.8

### From Here and There

Earl Wilmore, that genial secretary of the Indiana state association, who recently underwent surgery, has returned home. During his convalescent period, send him a get-well card. His address is Earl Wilmore, 1350 Dearborn Street, Gary, Indiana.

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D. J. Donahue of Los Angeles, California, a member of the Bel-Air Bay club has returned recently from a trip, where he and his wife visited in Germany, Austria, Spain and England. He reports a very fine time was enjoyed. He also is the Class A champion of the Bel Air Bay club at Pacific Palisades, California.

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It is with sadness that we learn of the passing of three staunch members of the Massachusetts state association. We extend the sympathy of the NHPA to the bereaved families of Ernest Boyce, Fred Neal and Ernest Friberg.

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Word has been received of the sudden passing of the mother of Mrs. John Paxton of Ottumwa, Iowa. The sympathy of the Iowa state association is extended to the bereaved family.

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Ringers which score points — that is, "live ringers" — are indicated by a 0 in the ringer column of the player who threw the ringer.

Cancelled ringers are indicated by an X in the ringer column. For each X registered in the ringer column of one player there must be an X in the ringer column of his opponent.

No count is indicated by a dash (—).

Points scored in a frame are listed in the point column of the player scoring the points, and a running total is kept in the score column. Horizontal type scoresheets usually do not have a point column, having only the column for the running score.

It is possible to score 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 6 points in any given frame.

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Reproduced here is the scoresheet of a game in the 1963 World Tournament at South Gate, Calif., between Bill Blexrude of San Francisco and Frank Stinson of St. Paul, Minn.

Ringers	Points	Score	Shoes	Ringers	Points	Score
XX	—	—	2	XX	—	—
XX	—	—	4	XO	3	3
XX	—	—	6	—	—	—
X	—	—	8	XO	3	6
—	—	—	10	OO	6	12
XO	3	3	12	—	—	—
X	1	4	14	—	—	—
—	1	5	16	—	—	—
XX	—	—	18	XO	3	15
XX	—	—	20	—	—	—
XX	—	—	22	XX	—	—
XX	—	—	24	XX	—	—
XX	—	—	26	XO	3	18
XO	3	8	28	—	—	—
XX	—	—	30	XO	3	21
XX	1	9	32	XX	1	22
—	—	—	34	—	—	—
OO	6	15	36	—	—	—
XX	—	—	38	XX	—	—
XX	—	—	40	XO	3	25
XX	—	—	42	—	—	—
X	1	16	44	X	—	—
XO	3	19	46	—	—	—
XX	—	—	48	XX	—	—
OO	6	25	50	—	—	—
—	—	—	52	XO	4	29
XO	3	28	54	XX	—	—
—	—	—	56	XX	—	—
XO	3	31	58	—	—	—
—	—	—	60	XO	3	32
XX	—	—	62	XX	—	—
XX	—	—	64	XX	—	—
XX	—	—	66	XX	—	—
—	—	—	68	OO	6	38
—	2	33	70	—	—	—
XX	—	—	72	XX	—	—
XX	—	—	74	XX	—	—
XX	—	—	76	XX	—	—
XX	—	—	78	XO	3	41
XX	—	—	80	—	—	—
XO	3	36	82	XX	—	—
OO	6	42	84	—	—	—
OO	3	45	86	—	—	—
—	—	—	88	XX	—	—
—	—	—	90	XO	3	44
XX	—	—	92	—	—	—
XX	—	—	94	XX	—	—
XO	3	48	96	—	—	—
XO	3	51	98	X	—	—
—	—	—	100	—	—	—

SUMMARY	
51	Points 44
74	Ringers 73
30	Doubles 30
98	Shoes Pitched 98
75.5	Percent Ringers 74.5



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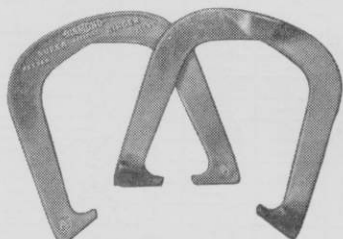
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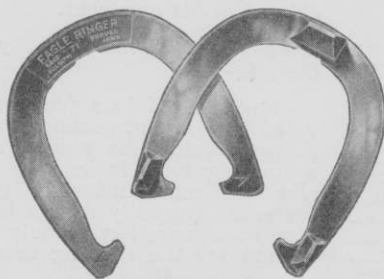
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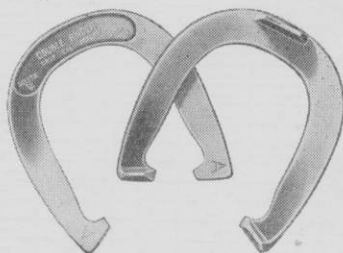


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