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Chairman Sol Berman Reports on Qualifying Procedure

The New Jersey Association voted on a modification of the third type of qualifying.

The top 108 ringer percentage pitchers attending the World championship would be seeded and play a five game round robin. The first and second place winners would qualify for the 36 man finals.

The 18 groups of 6 men each could finish their 5 game round robins in two days. The finals could start on the third day. (Thus shortening the tournament by two days).

If you decide that 35 games are too many, than two groups of 18 players each could play a 17 game round robin. The top 8 men in each group would then play each other for a total of 25 games.

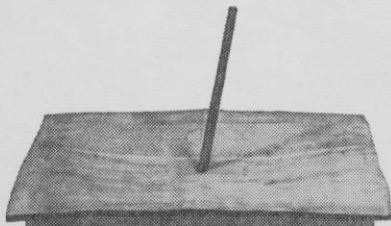
If thirty games are desired, then the top 13 of one group would play the top 13 of the other group.

The 72 non-qualifiers would make up Class B.

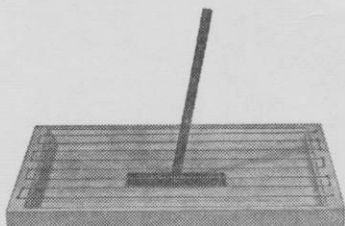
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1966 Membership Cards Now Available New State Secretaries Named

1966 NHPA membership cards are now in the hands of all State Secretaries and there is no better time to obtain your passport to sanctioned tournaments and a lot of pleasure on the horseshoe courts this summer.

NHPA membership dues are only \$1.00 PLUS THE STATE DUES OF YOUR STATE. The membership card is a combined State-National card which means you should obtain your card from your State Secretary. The amount of state dues vary, but in most cases the fee is \$1.50 in addition to the National portion of \$1.00.

Subscription to the "Digest" can be obtained at the same time for an additional \$2.50. If you are already a subscriber your subscription will automatically be extended 12 months when you resubscribe even though you do so in advance of your expiration date.

A number of new State Secretaries have been named for the year. Although the NHPA will miss the services of the old scribes who did such a good job the new ones have the qualifications to continue. Here is a list of the new State Secretaries:

Alex Gaudreau, Quebec, Canada. Alex attended the 1965 World Tourney in Keene where he was a hard and co-operative worker assisting NHPA officials in scorekeeping details and where he made a lot of friends.

Francis Winetrot, Washington. Here is another who appeared at Keene where he qualified for the 36 man championship division, but more than that he was a valuable contributor in helping the tournament officials. There is probably not a more willing or dedicated worker anywhere. He succeeds Ralph Taylor who has done an excellent job in Washington since the death of Phil Luoto.

George Buskey, New Hampshire. George is a worthy successor to Clyde Robinson who has guided the state to new membership totals and increased activities the last few years. Buskey is an official of the Keene Club which hosted the 1965 World Tournament and was one of those individuals in the local club who were always on hand when anything needed to be done.

H. P. Heidel, Missouri. Succeeding an old timer to the game, John Elkins, Mr. Heidel has done an excellent job with a local club and group which made him a natural selection when his state needed a new Secretary.

James Gibbs, New Mexico. He is a relative newcomer to the NHPA but being a member of the Morarity Club which has done such a good job with Junior players and having the confidence of all the New Mexico groups he should make an excellent Secretary.

W. C. Jones, Alabama. Here is another newcomer to the NHPA who is a real booster of the game and doing everything possible to get the game on its feet in the deep south.

All other State Secretaries are the same as last year. A complete list appears elsewhere in this issue. Get in touch and obtain your 1966 membership card now.

COVER PICTURE . . . Four horseshoe-bappy pitchers who won Class titles in the Minnesota state boys tournament at Duluth in 1965. They are (left to right) Jeff Hill of Tower, Class A; Shelly LaBrose of Hibbing, Class B; Larry Davis of Duluth, Class C and Steve West of St. Paul, Class D.

Baldwin Park — So. Calif. Championship "D"

GROUP ONE

	W	L	R	SP	%
Harold Carden, Baldwin Park	5	0	161	332	48.4
Mike Valarde, So. San Gabriel	2	3	147	332	44.2
Bill Van Sant, La Puente	2	3	135	310	43.5
Stan Dobson, La Mesa	2	3	139	320	43.4
James Paul, Covina	2	3	119	300	39.6
George Farrell, South Gate	2	3	102	262	38.9

GROUP TWO

	W	L	R	SP	%
Russ Hudgens, Lynwood	5	0	155	286	54.1
Willis Sims, Long Beach	3	2	136	302	45.0
Ray Faulkner, Fullerton	2	3	137	328	41.7
Sam Puopulo, Baldwin Park	2	3	109	282	38.6
Larry Hahn, Covina	2	3	94	262	35.8
Eldon Carrier, Downey	1	4	119	304	39.1

PLAYOFF

	W	L	R	SP	%
Russ Hudgens, Lynwood	3	0	88	162	54.3
Mike Valarde, San Gabriel	2	1	70	164	42.6
Willis Sims, Long Beach	1	2	86	186	46.2
Harold Carden, Baldwin Park	0	3	75	180	41.6

South Gate — So. Calif. Championship "AA"

GROUP ONE

	W	L	R	SP	%
Jim Weeks, Norwalk	5	0	241	306	78.7
Louie Dean, Pomona	4	1	174	258	67.4
Joras Sndver, Chula Vista	3	2	208	310	67.0
Pat Brady, Torrance	2	3	175	310	56.4
Henry Durr, Los Angeles	1	4	236	364	64.5
Wally Shipley, San Gabriel	0	5	178	312	57.0

GROUP TWO

	W	L	R	SP	%
Gerald Schneider, Bell	4	1	235	340	69.1
John Walker, Chula Vista	4	1	239	350	68.2
Ed McFarland, Hacienda Heights	3	2	211	328	64.3
Joe Dawsey, Oxnard	2	3	230	370	62.1
Don Shubert, Los Angeles	2	3	197	338	58.2
Ronnie Simmons, South Gate	0	5	238	382	62.3

PLAYOFF

	W	L	R	SP	%
John Walker, Chula Vista	3	0	185	256	72.2
Louie Dean, Pomona	2	1	143	214	66.8
Gerald Schneider, Bell	1	2	203	276	73.6
Jim Weeks, Norwalk	0	3	183	262	69.8

Travel Reflections of Your Editor

As we start another year, I will take a moment to reflect upon the past year, and on some of the new friends and contacts that I have made during that time.

Although I did not have a great deal of time to engage in pitching in any tournaments during the season, I did manage to play in two and was present at two other major tournaments.

It was my pleasure to attend the Michigan Water Wonderland tournament held at Battle Creek, Michigan, June 13th. It was a beautiful day and ideal for pitching. Although I was only able to stay for a couple of hours, I did meet some very nice Michigan folks, among whom were Mrs. Ruth Hammond, Phil Shively, Vern Fuller, Lee Jacobs, Hubert Gross and many others, all of whom were busy helping make that tournament a success.

Over the July 4th weekend I travelled to the Red River Valley Open at Fargo, North Dakota. I arrived just in time to qualify and was able to catch a place in the Class B section in which I later finished in a tie for first place with two fine Red River Valley players, Wally Rislov and Will Gullickson who won the play-off. I received a most cordial welcome by all present and after the tournament was over my wife and I spent a most delightful evening at dinner with Will Gullickson and his father. Will Gullickson is the energetic sports writer for the Fargo Forum, writing a column for all horseshoe enthusiasts in the Red River Valley area. While in the Northwest area, I made a stop on my return trip at the Cloquet, Minnesota courts but their tournament had been played at the same time as the Fargo event was being played. They have a wonderful court layout, much the same in quality as those at Fargo.

My next port of call was at Connersville, Indiana, July 17th, where I participated in the annual Mid-West Ringer Round-Up. Again I was tied for first place in Class B, only to emerge as second runner. Although the Indiana group conducting the meet was beset with heavy rain conditions, a fine tournament was the net result. Bob Clark, Harold Craig and Bob Pence handled most of the details in this outstanding ringer event.

Another important major tournament which I attended, but only as a spectator, due to limited time, was the highly rated Galesburg Open tournament held annually at Lincoln park in Galesburg, Illinois. Andy Horn, one of Galesburg's ranking insurance men, spends many hours arranging and promoting the midwestern ringer events, which draws players from all over the nation. It was here that I met many more fine players and others who enjoy the game of horseshoes.

And now in this final moment of reflection, I want to acknowledge all of the wonderful letters and notes that I have received from all areas in the United States and Canada, it is very gratifying to know that the News Digest is being received so well and I will endeavor to do my utmost in keeping the goodwill of all our members and friends. I would be remiss, if I did not say "thank you" for all the beautiful greeting cards that I received during the Holiday season. May God's richest blessings be yours in 1966 and years to come.

Blackman-Gould Combo Wins Brougham, Ontario Legion Event

Harold Blackman and Lorne Gould of Brougham, Ontario, Canada, representing the Woodbridge branch of the Legion, won the Ontario Legion Provincial doubles crown, winning all their games. About 50 players took part in this annual event. This is the seventh year that the Blackman-Gould combination has won the title. In the singles event, Blackman won all his games to retain the Ontario Legion championship. Blackman, in past years has had charge of horseshoes at the annual Markham fair. Another hobby of Blackman, is raising roller pigeons. He has some birds ready for the Royal and has taken prizes at the CNE.

Dahl, Percentage Victor Over Jones to Take British Columbia Open Championship

Stan Dahl of Richmond, B. C., winner of many B. C. Opens and also a participant in World Tournaments a few years ago, had to pull this tourney out of the fire with first place being decided by ringer percentage. Dahl and Jonny Jones both finished the tournament with 12 wins and 1 loss, with Dahl having the better ringer percentage. Dahl, also led the field of 14 players in qualifying with 70% ringers.

This year's B. C. Open can be marked up as one of the best tourneys in recent years, with players entering from all over British Columbia. Tournament was held at the Stanley park courts in Vancouver, British Columbia.

	W	L	SP	R	%
S. Dahl	12	1	413	670	61.6
J. Jones	12	1	390	748	52.1
E. Enefer	11	2	431	784	55.0
S. Pachota	9	4	397	794	50.0
S. Reynolds	8	5	373	786	47.4
B. Blunt	7	6	345	764	45.1
W. Adams	6	7	371	772	50.6
D. Doyle	6	7	313	782	40.0
T. Calder	5	8	336	770	43.0
R. Soucy	5	8	322	784	41.1
G. Philiger	4	9	320	770	41.4
I. Killey	4	9	299	766	39.0
A. Pattison	2	11	228	738	30.9
W. Dow	0	13	177	656	27.0

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Archie Gregson, Former NHPA Secretary Dies Suddenly

No message ever received by any individual has the finality as that which brings the summons of the sudden passing of a friend and associate.

Such was the case when news of the sudden death of Archie Gregson, former NHPA secretary, in his new home in San Antonio, Texas on Sunday, January 9, 1966, was received.

Word was conveyed to the News Digest by Elmer Beller, also a former NHPA secretary from his home in Bellflower, California, as the Digest was going to press. Full and complete details will be carried in the February issue, together with a memorial to Mr. Gregson.

Art Kamman Repeats as Arizona State Champion

Art Kamman, ringer artist from Mesa, Arizona, successfully defended his state title by corralling seven straight victories in the recent annual Copper State Tourney which saw a record number of entries participate. Crandell defeated Thompson in the playoff for second spot in Class A. Bill Van Zanten edged out Willard Phillips, who were top guns in Class B, for an exciting finish there. Al Noe made a clean sweep in Class C with Bill Hunt second and Two Gun Greer galloping close behind. Phelps beat Kid Newell to the draw and lassoed the Class D trophy.

CLASS A

	W	L	SP	R	%
Art Kamman	7	0	311	436	71.3
D. Crandell	5	2	353	536	65.9
G. Thompson	5	2	272	444	61.3
A. Holmquist	4	3	305	458	66.6
Pat Marino	4	3	253	414	61.2
W. Stearns	2	5	243	434	56.2
B. Adair	1	6	227	450	50.5
B. VanZanten	0	7	131	338	40.2

CLASS B

	W	L	%
Bill VanZanten	6	1	43.8
W. Phillips	5	2	49.0
N. Snell	5	2	41.7
Chas. Carson	4	3	35.6
D. Crandell	3	4	41.3
Bill Adair	2	5	40.2
T. Darrough	2	5	33.6
A. Reidhead	1	6	30.6

CLASS C

	W	L	%
Al Noe	7	0	40.3
Bill Hunt	6	1	43.1
Les Greer	5	2	41.4
B. Gardner	4	3	40.2
C. Adair	2	5	35.3
D. Peterson	2	5	30.6
J. Bean	1	6	29.2
M. Peterson	1	6	24.7

CLASS D

	W	L	%		W	L	%
Phelps	7	0	36.4	Hoff	3	4	27.7
Don Newell	6	1	35.8	Bollinger	2	5	24.8
Patschke	5	2	34.2	Moore	1	6	24.4
Shaffer	4	3	32.3	Geho	0	7	26.2

New NHPA Emblems Now Available

A newly designed NHPA emblem in the shape of a shield is now available through the National secretary, Robert Pence, 341 Polk Street, Gary, Indiana 64602. The size of the emblem is approximately six inches by six inches. They are made up in red, white and blue and sell for \$1.00 each.

Baldwin Park (Calif.) Open Set for January 23

The Baldwin Park California Open tournament will be held on January 23, 1965 (Sunday). This tournament is open to any horseshoe pitcher who has a national card. Qualifying will begin Saturday afternoon and until 11:00 a.m. Sunday. The tournament will start at 12:00 noon. Twelve high qualifiers will be paired evenly in two groups of six and they will play a round robin. The two top men in each group will be in the playoff, the four top men playing a round robin. Trophies for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th. Entry fee for successful qualifiers \$2.00. Qualifying fee \$1.00.

Southern California Association Hold Annual Meeting

The Southern California Horseshoe Pitchers Association held their annual meeting December 5, 1965 at Baldwin Park, California. Plans are being made to hold tournaments on 36 week-ends. Some weekends there will be tournaments for more than one class.

The California State tournament will be held in Southern California this year and we expect to have about 50 participants which will include Class A and B, Ladies and Juniors.

A great many California players plan to attend the world tournament which will be held in Murray, Utah, July 26 to August 10 and we are hoping that Don Titcomb who now lives in Crestline, California, and Fernando Isais, 542 W. Santa Barbara Avenue, Los Angeles, California, both former world champions, will participate in our tournaments and be in shape for the world tourney.

The 1966 membership cards may be purchased from Jim Weeks, 12133 East Graystone Avenue, Norwalk, California, or Jerry Schneider, 4628 East Florence Avenue, Bell, California.

1965 Activity Results — Province of Quebec, Canada

Major Jack Adams of Montreal reports a most successful season in the Province of Quebec with the following results: The Provincial singles title was won by Y. Cloutier of Windsor Mills, racking up 17 wins against 1 loss. J. Geoffreon of St. Michel was runner-up with 16 wins and 2 losses. Third position went to M. Loisele also of Windsor Mills with 15 wins and 3 losses. Major Jack Adams had 14 wins and 4 losses to take fourth spot. In the B division, F. Joyal of St. Michel had 24 wins and 4 losses to gain title honors while A. Dutremble of Sorel finished in second place with 23 wins and 5 losses. In the Provincial Doubles tournament held at Pointe Aux Trembles, the team of M. Loisele and J. C. Paquette were named the champions with A. Gaudreau and J. Geoffreon were runners-up. In the Class B section, C. Joyal and R. McGee took championship honors. 28 teams entered Class A and 10 teams took part in Class B. In the Provincial Inter-City club championship, the Hull club made up of R. Labrie, R. Lucas, R. Cyr, M. Lewis, E. Periard and L. Antil came up with the championship.

	W	L		
Hull	8	1	Pointe Aux Trembles	4 5
Windsor Mills	8	1	Pointe Gatineau	3 6
St. Michel	7	2	Montreal	3 6
Granby	5	4	St. Hyacinthe	1 8
Sorel	5	4	St. Joseph of St. Hyacinthe ..	1 8

The tournament was a doubles event with each club consisting of 3 teams. Each match consisted of 9 games with the 3 teams from one club playing each of the 3 teams from the other club. 3 Courts were used for each match and 15 Courts were required to complete each round at approximately the same time. This was a highly successful and very interesting type of tournament. The total entrants were 60.

Quebec— (Continued)

4. Season's Opener — Doubles Tournament at St. Joseph of St. Hyacinthe on 20 June 65.
Winners — H. Paquette and M. Loïselle — Windsor Mills. 18 teams entered this event.
5. Doubles Tournament at St. Hyacinthe — 15 Aug. 65. Winners — Y. Cloutier and R. Paradis — Windsor Mills. 20 teams entered this event.
6. Doubles Tournament at Brownsburg — 22 Aug. 65.
Winners — Y. Provost and J. Gauthier — Hull.
Second — A. Geoffreon and F. Boie — St. Michel.
B Event Winners — J. Plouffe and J. Mallette — Lachute, P. Q.
7. Doubles Tournament at Sorel — 29 Aug. 65.
Winners — Y. Cloutier and R. Paradis — Windsor Mills
Second — M. Loïselle and J. C. Paquette — Windsor Mills
Third — G. Lauzon and H. Lebeau — Pointe Aux Trembles
44 teams entered this event.
8. Doubles Tournament at Hull — 19 Sept. 65.
Winners — Alex Gaudreau and R. Gaudreau — St. Michel
Second — A. Geoffreon and J. Geoffreon — St. Michel
Third — Y. Provost and H. Simard — Hull
28 teams entered this event.
9. Final Event — Doubles Tournament — Granby — 26 Sept. 65.
Winners — Y. Cloutier and R. Paradis — Windsor Mills
Second — J. Chevalier and H. Lavelle — Sorel
Third — H. Labrie and G. Guilbeault — Hull
52 teams entered this event which was the largest turnout of the season. 12 new Courts were officially opened for this occasion with the Mayor of Granby taking an active interest in the sport.
10. One highlight for some of the Province of Quebec members was to attend and participate in the 1965 World Tournament at Keene, N. H. The only successful qualifier was Mr. Robert Gaudreau of the St. Michel Club who played in the Junior Class B Event winning 2 games while losing 4 with a 44.9 ringer percentage.
11. Mr. Leonard McGee, 905 St. Onge Street, St. Joseph of St. Hyacinthe, P. Q., Canada will again be President of the Quebec Association for the 1966 season.
Mr. Alex Gaudreau, 7983 — 21st Avenue, Apt. 7, St. Michel, Montreal, P. Q., Canada, was elected as Vice President.

New N.H.P.A. Regional Directors Appointed

Two new NHPA Regional Directors have been appointed to serve as liaison men in their areas with the National Association.

They are Herb Pinch of Sharon, Penna. in the Eastern States and Stan Mac Carty of Los Gatos, Calif. in the Pacific Coast States.

Herb is an active and well known player in eastern tournaments, taking in a great number of tourneys each year which will make him a valuable man.

Stan Mac Carty did an outstanding job as Secretary-Treasurer of the Northern California Association last year and is in an excellent position to aid the NHPA. His home club in Los Gatos is one of the best.

The retiring directors in these areas, Ole Hanson of Seaside, Calif. and Lee Davis of New Jersey will continue to contribute to the NHPA as they have so well in the past.

The Regional Director's post in the Rocky Mt. section is vacant due to the untimely death of Willson Hubbard. Fred Childress of Virginia who has alternated with Randall Jones of North Carolina in the Southeastern States will serve in 1966. Randall will be busy as ever with his North Carolina responsibilities and the fact that Winston-Salem will host the 1966 National A.A.U. Tourney. All other Regional Directors will be the same as last year.

Province of Saskatchewan, Canada

1965 Activity Results

This is Diamond Jubilee Year (1905 - 1965) in Saskatchewan and the Annual Northern Saskatchewan Tournament was held at beautiful Waskesiu Lake in Prince Albert National Park approximately 430 miles north of the USA — Canada border. In 1965 this event was held in August, but is normally held in mid July. Adverse weather conditions and other administrative details caused the postponement to August. 52 entrants from all parts of the province participated and the results are as follows:

1. Qualifying Event which is the Hudson Bay Company Ringer Event was won by Fred Sorenson of Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, with 30 Ringers out of 40 shoes pitched.
2. Singles Championship which is the Nu-Trend Furniture Event was won by Fred Sorenson, Prince Albert. Second place was won by Alex Fookes of Yorkton, Saskatchewan. A large crowd of tense spectators witnessed the final game.
3. Doubles Championship which is the Kapasiwin Cabin Event was won by Laurence Heistad of Foam Lake, Saskatchewan and Alex Fookes of Yorkton. Second place winners were Wilf Anderson and Alex Smith of Northside, Saskatchewan.
4. Seniors (Players over 65 years) Singles Championship which is the Chic Foulds Old Timers Event was won by Norm Evans of Prince Albert, Saskatchewan. Second place winner was Elmore Rayner of Paddockwood, Saskatchewan. This was a closely contested game.
5. B Event Singles which is the Nunn's Grocery Event was won by Curt Haubold of Rabbit Lake, Saskatchewan. Second place winner was Laurence Heistad of Foam Lake.
6. C Event Singles which is the Dale Yoos Event was won by Leslie Widemaier of Invermay, Saskatchewan.
7. D Event Singles which is the Preeceville Event was won by Richard Cook of Prince Albert.
8. B Event Doubles which is the Freddie's Cafe Event was won by Norm Evans and Chic Foulds of Prince Albert.
9. Plans are underway for a bigger and better event in 1966. Anyone interested in receiving information about horseshoe activity in Saskatchewan and other holiday information on Northern Saskatchewan, should contact: Mr. James C. Parres, Secretary, Waskesiu Chamber of Commerce, Waskesiu, Saskatchewan, Canada.

Fullerton Southern California — Fullerton Doubles

	W	L		W	L
C. Percy—R. St. Thomas	10	1	C. Siebert—E. Carrier	5	6
F. Percy—R. Hart	8	3	B. Jones—M. Lingenfelter	5	6
R. Hudgens—S. Davis	7	4	D. Peterson—J. McNamara	4	7
C. Dennis—O. Sandberg	7	4	E. Mang—J. Royster	3	8
C. Cummins—M. Oesterick	6	5	G. Farrell—F. Brown	3	8
A. Rogers—H. Slagg	6	5	W. Sims—R. Faulkner	2	9

From Here and There

Ernie "Four High" Danielson of Burlington, Iowa writes that his son, Ernie, Jr. is now stationed in Viet Nam. Son Ernie anticipates setting up a horseshoe court in that area if it is at all possible. He would appreciate a line or two from his many friends in the states. His address is as follows: PFC Ernie Danielson, U. S. 55798452, C Btry, 3rd BN., 18th Arty., APO 96490, San Francisco, California.

Kabel Winner of New Rome, Ohio Fall Open

Wilbur Kabel of New Madison, Ohio laid claim to the title in the New Rome, Ohio Fall Open Tournament with a 5-0 record gained with a ringer percentage of 77.5. Bob Redding was runner-up. Mike Gardner took Class B with 5-0, while Kenny Dawes did likewise in Class C. Howard Anderson came thru Class D with 5 wins and 1 loss. Other class winners are as follows: Ike Merriman, Class E; Jerry Boesch, Class F; Ted Harris, Class G; Luther Waymire, Class H; Kenny Wilson, Class I; Jim Rhymmer, Class J; Rudy Von Dach, Class K; Ernie Redding, Class I and Eddie Waters, Class M.

CLASS A

	W	L	%
W. Kabel, New Madison ..	5	0	77.5
R. Redding, Kiousville	4	1	67.9
J. Krisley, Bremen	3	2	71.1
C. Young, Columbus	2	3	65.9
H. Anthony, Arcanum	1	4	65.6
S. Manker, Martinsville	0	5	59.5

CLASS B

	W	L	%
M. Gardner, Urbana	5	0	70.9
D. Roberts, Lucasville	4	1	67.4
L. Lenigar, Plains	2	3	64.5
J. Leach, Columbus	2	3	62.4
J. Pillion, Casstown	1	4	59.9
J. Nicholl, Grove City	1	4	49.7

CLASS C

	W	L	%
K. Dawes, Good Hope	5	0	69.1
J. DeWeese, Wash., C. H.	4	1	59.6
H. Bryant, Wash. C. H. ..	3	2	64.5
L. Templeton, Columbus	2	3	63.4
J. D. Rhymmer, Stoutsville	1	4	50.0
T. Pearce, W. Jefferson	Forfeit		

CLASS D

	W	L	%
H. Anderson, New Rome	5	1	55.7
F. Redding, W. Jefferson	4	2	52.3
R. Miller, Springfield	3	2	55.8
M. Montgomery, Clmbs.	3	2	54.9
L. Mathews, Clmbs.	2	3	54.9
R. Bennett, London	Forfeit		

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The Michigan Report — A Success Story

The placid flowing Grand River that meanders serenely through south, central and western Michigan, witnessed another epochal year in horseshoe pitching.

The year 1965 is almost certain to be vividly remembered as the one whereby the W.S.H.P.A. attained its' greatest fulfillment in horseshoe pitching popularity and membership.

With the season recently terminated, outdoors, that is, it's appropriate and expedient to not only reminisce, but also inventory the factors relative to the associations' success in general, and the organization of local clubs in particular.

The W.S.H.P.A. has enthusiastically fostered and encouraged the development of local horseshoe clubs, with the realization that they are the real foundation of a state organization. Several localities, convinced by the phenomenal successful development of the Dimondale Horseshoe club, rolled up their sleeves, so to speak, and enthusiastically went to action. The Sturgis and Burr Oak communities under the tutelage of Claude West and Frank Borgert and ample assistance from Del Terhune, Bill Kehoe, Jack Gillan, Gordy Sites and the Thramm brothers, to name a few, organized clubs and working cohesively built regulation courts.

They conducted in coordination with the W.S.H.P.A. four excellent tournaments, excluding one at nearby Colon. This was a fine example of what interested and dedicated people can accomplish once a decision has been finalized and a definite goal determined.

The Lake Orion area, a few miles north of Pontiac, Michigan, is another fast developing horseshoe club. They overcame a very serious situation, the club had to completely relocate their courts, but they were not to be deterred by such adversity. The Lake Orion club proved their dedication to the horseshoe pitching sport, by moving and building more courts and enjoying a more superior site than they previously possessed. Their nine splendid, shaded courts hosted a very successful W.S.H.P.A. tournament in August. Joe Holland, John Vittner and Marion Collins deserve a lot of credit for the achievements at Lake Orion.

Special Note:

One of the main purposes for writing this extensive report is, if any clubs may be having problems in organizing local clubs or having difficulty in obtaining sufficient publicity in their promotions, we may be able to offer assistance in these areas, from our experiences.

You may send in any requests accompanied by a self addressed stamped envelope to the Dimondale Horseshoe Club or W.S.H.P.A. Dimondale, Michigan 48821 c/o Pat Smith, Director of Publicity.

The W.S.H.P.A. divided the secretary duties among three people. Ruth Hammond assumed the business secretary portion of the original office, Jim Ostrander took over the membership part and also entries for the State Championship tournament, Pat Smith was termed secretary to the N.H.P.A. or liaison between the National and State Associations. He also is Director of Publicity for the Dimondale Horseshoe Club and assists the W.S.H.P.A. in this category.

Joe Leonard of Detroit handles the horseshoe sales and Claude West of Sturgis took charge of Merchandise sales.

Greenville, Michigan under the capable tutelage of Al Mitchell, a W.S.H.P.A. director, ably assisted by his brother Walt, the Bissell brothers, Harry and Clarence, plus Sewells LaVerne and son Gary, put on two excellent tournaments in June and July. Al has even greater hopes and plans for 1966.

Dimondale hosted a nice tournament on May 29th, despite temperatures hovering around the freezing mark. The temperature slowly rose and resulted in a fairly pleasant day by afternoon. Fifty six entries were recorded, a very gratifying turn out.

Michigan Report—(Continued)

Earl Grable, Dimondale's Club president, missed his second consecutive opening seasonal tournament in his home town. Earl hadn't felt good all spring and finally at his wife's insistence, spent eight days at Lansing General Hospital. We were all relieved to learn that outside of acquiring some badly needed rest, the 1964 Class B Champion, was in good condition.

June 12th and 13th witnessed the big Water Wonderland Annual N.H.-P.A. tournament at Battle Creek. Carl Wood, chairman, and W.S.H.P.A. director, along with Jim Davis, Vern Fuller, Willie Preston and Vern Snyder, plus the McElraths, father and son performed a terrific job in making this meet one of the three most memorable events, competitively, in Michigan this season. Trophy wise, Dimondale picked up four at the Water Wonderland tournament, more than any other individual club.

July 10th saw the largest open W.S.H.P.A. tournament of the season at Dimondale. They were literally flooded with 75 entries, plus ladies and junior boys, to almost out rank the State Championship tournament. This tournament wound up at midnight, the longest one day tournament in recent history.

Additional publicity was the most contributory factor in this tournament's success. William J. Duchaine, Mid Michigan feature writer of the Lansing State Journal, wrote a terrific pre-tournament article, which was very instrumental in activating the mid-Michigan Area interest. Public announcements over two area radio stations, WILS in Lansing and WCER Charlotte, in close cooperation with the Dimondale Clubs' director of Publicity, was a new achievement in which results were obtained far beyond anyone's expectations. You will take note at this time, of the importance of adequate publicity, in assuring the guarantee of successful tournaments. Conclusive proof of this will be exemplified, when we arrive at the State Championship tournament on Labor Day weekend.

The world tournament at Keene, N. H. caused a two week adjournment in seasonal play. Michigan representatives of the W.S.H.P.A. at Keene were the Hammonds, Earl and Ruth, Roy Smith (our State champ four times consecutively), Lee and Helen Jacobs. Lee is a former State Champ three times. The Joe Leonards, Frank Gyorkas, Vernon Kinser and the Irwin Carlbergs. Irwin also is a former State Champion. The Vern Fullers plus Earl and Irene Grable. Earl is the 1964 State Class B champion who tied for third place in the men's senior division of Class A.

Ruth Hammond of Ada, Michigan proved her horseshoe pitching prowess by winning the ladies World Class B Championship.

Irwin Carlberg received the highly valued Stokes Award and deservedly so, in the opinion of the entire W.S.H.P.A. The Michigan delegation certainly gave the W.S.H.P.A. the excellent representation it deserves. The association now enjoys full delegate membership to the N.H.P.A.

This is the first year that Michigan has sent its' State Champion to the Worlds' tournament with expenses paid by the association. This undoubtedly will be continued from now on.

The Dimondale club, due to the fact that no one had placed a bid for the state championships, was prevailed upon by the association to host it. The Dimondale boys had planned to bid for the championship state tournament in 1966. They decided to accept it, despite the fact that it would mean a tremendous amount of preparational labor on their part.

The Dimondale club held another meeting. The previous one being mainly an acceptance meeting for the state tournament.

Certain work committees were formed. The first committee for example was one consisting of Vic Benson and Bob Marsh. They undertook the task of constructing three temporary courts. These were boxes consisting of a sheet of 3/16 inch sheet steel for the bottom, the sides were 2 by 6s attached to the bottom by lag screws. A strip of boiler plate thru the center anchored the stake. These were set in the ground on a vacant lot adjacent to the fire station. These two fellows performed a very professional achievement, being expert welders in their own right.

(To be continued).

Indiana-Ohio Open at Heekin Park, Muncie, Indiana

Curt Day of Indiana swept the field to win the Indiana-Ohio Open at Muncie, Ind. The Muncie Horseshoe Club was the host of the tournament and were pleased with the large attendance — 109 entries.

CLASS A

	W	L	%
C. Day, Ind.	13	0	84.5
P. Focht, Ohio	11	2	82.8
W. Kabel, Ohio	10	3	76.4
F. Fowler, Ind.	10	3	75.2
B. Shores, Ind.	9	4	71.4
H. Anthony, Ohio	6	7	70.5
G. Riffle, Ohio	5	8	73.3
M. Craig, Ind.	5	8	72.2
L. Linigar, Ohio	5	8	71.5
E. Sharp, Ind.	4	9	70.4
S. Manker, Ohio	4	9	65.4
J. Knisley, Ohio	4	9	63.9
C. Reel, Ind.	2	11	68.8
H. Tuttle, Ohio	1	12	59.1

CLASS B

	W	L	%
L. Mullins, Ind.	13	0	65.6
C. Seibold, Ind.	9	4	65.2
H. McCloskey, Ind.	9	4	64.3
O. Hollandbeck, Ind.	9	4	63.3
R. Rambo, Ind.	9	4	63.0
B. Taylor, Ind.	8	5	61.6
R. Boyer, Ind.	6	7	61.5
C. Laird, Ind.	5	8	54.8
C. Hanson, Ind.	5	8	51.3
R. Miller, Ohio	4	9	58.2
J. Shuck, Ind.	4	9	57.7
E. Mendenhall, Ind.	4	9	54.3
D. Hancock, Ind.	3	10	54.2
S. Haltom, Ind.	3	10	53.0

CLASS C

	W	L	%
K. Demaree, Ind.	5	2	57.9
H. Holland, Ind.	4	3	58.9
C. Schmidt, Ind.	4	3	57.6
A. Yount, Ind.	4	3	56.3
M. Chrisman, Ind.	4	3	55.7
C. Bennett, Ind.	4	3	52.3
G. Mendenhall, Ind.	2	5	50.0
E. Myers, Ind.	1	6	44.5

CLASS D

	W	L	%
K. Day, Ind.	6	1	58.0
B. Flaughner, Ind.	5	2	57.5
Z. Campbell, Ohio	5	2	51.8
R. Hoff, Ohio	4	3	47.3
E. Stein, Ohio	3	4	54.1
L. Overholser, Ind.	3	4	47.6
F. Campbell, Ind.	1	6	47.0
L. Hill, Ind.	1	6	45.8

CLASS E

	W	L	%
M. Gillespie, Ind.	7	1	50.6
P. Van Sickle, Ind.	6	2	49.4
R. Coors, Ohio	5	2	53.0
R. Wilson, Ind.	5	2	49.4
C. Nelson, Ind.	3	4	46.6
H. Godfrey, Ohio	2	5	39.6
J. Witschger, Ohio	1	6	36.0
V. Huffman, Ind.			Forfeit

CLASS F

	W	L	%
R. Harrold, Ind.	6	1	52.7
L. Thompson, Ind.	5	2	52.3
H. Roshon, Ohio	5	2	50.5
H. Hudson, Ind.	4	3	45.2
E. Bussard, Ind.	4	3	43.8
R. Howell, Ind.	3	4	49.1
C. Nelson, Ind.	1	6	37.1
C. Fruitt, Ind.	0	7	37.8

CLASS G

	W	L	%
G. Boehinger, Ohio	5	0	58.4
G. Stifel, Ohio	3	2	45.7
R. Imhoff, Ohio	3	2	45.3
F. Karacia, Ohio	2	3	44.4
C. Estelle, Ind.	2	3	37.6
R. McKinniss, Ind.	0	5	40.2

CLASS HH

	W	L	%
L. Meeks, Ind.	3	0	53.1
E. Burns, Ohio	2	1	39.6
R. Nelson, Ind.	1	2	25.9
E. Troll, Ind.	0	3	22.2

CLASS H

	W	L	%
H. Hollandbeck, Ind.	2	0	48.1
R. Mc Mullen, Ohio	1	1	38.1
C. Birdwell, Ind.	0	2	32.8

CLASS I

	W	L	%
R. Mc Clure, Ohio	5	1	38.4
S. Lockridge, Ind.	2	4	43.6
L. Dearing, Ind.	3	2	36.8
J. Hammons, Ind.	3	2	35.7
W. Burris, Ind.	1	4	32.6
E. Richardson, Ind.	0	5	24.2

CLASS J

	W	L	%
P. Cunningham, Ind.	4	1	42.1
K. Holloway, Ind.	3	2	43.6
A. Skinner, Ind.	3	2	39.2
E. Jamison, Ind.	3	2	35.6
J. Pine, Ind.	2	3	34.2
L. Dexter, Ohio	0	5	39.1

Indiana Open— (Continued)

CLASS K				LADIES			
	W	L	%		W	L	%
N. Maywhoor, Ind.	4	0	46.3	W. Ditmer, Ind.	5	0	48.9
M. Pattee, Ind.	3	1	40.4	B. Seibold, Ind.	4	1	37.3
T. Eader, Ind.	2	2	34.9	M. Coors, Ohio	3	2	16.4
C. Clevenger, Ind.	1	3	28.4	B. Seibold, Ind.	2	3	9.9
R. Bechdolt, Ind.	0	4	6.0	W. Bechdolt, Ind.	1	4	13.0
				R. Holland, Ind.	0	5	5.6

Juniors — CLASS A

	W	L	%
J. Campbell, Ohio	4	1	55.3
D. Riffle, Ohio	3	2	52.1
M. Seibold, Ind.	3	2	50.8
D. Lykins, Ind.	2	3	50.3
P. Day, Ind.	2	3	47.2
P. Seibold, Ind.	1	4	34.1

Juniors — CLASS B

	W	L	%
Coors, Ohio	3	0	41.2
Anthony, Ohio	2	1	36.6
D. Holland, Ind.	1	2	34.8
Thornburg, Ind.	0	3	31.7

Juniors — CLASS C

	W	L	%
W. Holland, Ind.	2	0	41.7
Stinott, Ohio	1	1	27.1
Woodward, Ohio	0	2	25.7

1966 Valley of the Sun Open — February 26-27

Mesa, Arizona will again host the annual Valley of the Sun Open Horseshoe Tournament the last week end in February. The event will be held in Rendezvous Park. The starting time will be 12:00 noon on both days. There will be four classes with twelve men in each Class.

Class AA will play two six-man round robin, with the winner in each group meeting in a play-off in the best two out of three games. \$60.00 will go to the winner and \$40.00 to the runnerup. The entry fee will be \$5.00.

Class A will also be two six-man groups with the winner of each group to meet in a one game play-off. The winner will receive \$35.00 and the runner-up \$25.00. The above two classes (AA and A) will be made up of pitchers with averages of 60% and up. The entry fee will be \$5.00.

Class B will be also two six-man groups with the winner of each group in a one game play-off. The winner will receive \$20.00 and the runnerup \$15.00. The entry fee will be \$3.00. This class will be for pitchers with 50 to 59% averages.

Class C will be for pitchers with averages under 50%. They too, will play in two six-man groups with the winners of each group in a one game play-off. The winner will receive \$10.00 and the runner up \$5.00. The entry fee will be \$2.00.

A 1966 NHPA card will be required and each contestant is asked to have a shirt with his name and city inscribed on it. Please send your percentage and entry fee in before February 7, to Walter Stearns, 332 W. 9th St., Mesa, Arizona 85201.

Pomona — So. Calif. Championship "B"

	W	L	R	SP	%
Pat Brady, Torrance	7	0	245	426	57.5
Wally Shipley, San Gabriel	5	2	217	404	53.7
Don Shubert, Los Angeles	4	3	243	402	60.4
Carl Dennis, Lynwood	4	3	251	464	54.0
Bill Jones, South Gate	4	3	250	472	52.9
Larry Hahn, Covina	2	5	207	454	45.5
Earl Mang, Buena Park	1	6	174	436	39.9
Harold Slagg, Ontario	1	6	115	358	32.1

Monasmith Winner of Annual Northwest Tournament Held at Yakima, Washington

After many years of having only 16 pitchers in the Annual Northwest Horseshoe Tournament, which was called Class A even though the competition varied with men who pitched from 40% to 80%, this year we had 44 pitchers. These included pitchers in Class A, B, C, D and E. We had 16 pitchers more evenly matched in Class A since there were other classes for the men to enter.

This tournament had previously been held in conjunction with the Central Washington Fair. Since there was only room for eight courts at the fairgrounds, it was impossible to have more than 16 pitchers in Class A.

Last spring the Yakima Horseshoe Club, being only reorganized in late 1964, met with the Yakima Park Board and it was agreed that the Park Board would install eight new courts and the Yakima Club would also install eight courts at their own expense. These courts to be installed in the new Elks Memorial Park. Since there was very little money in the Yakima treasury, they signed up many new members, who along with the old members, contributed generously of their time and money. Within one month, just working week-ends, we had 16 beautiful new courts ready to pitch on.

CLASS A	%	CLASS B	%
John Monasmith	85.0	Dayton Martindale	59.4
Henry Knauff	79.4	Don Reese	53.1
Cletus Chapelle	68.3	Burl Matteson	53.9
Herb Pidde	67.9	E. N. West	51.5
Lloyd Monasmith	63.8	Walt Hastings	49.3
Joe Krug	64.2	Al Miller	47.5
Howard Shatto	62.8	Barry Chapelle	46.7
Howard Peterson	59.4	Don Tysver	49.3
Francis Winetroust	62.4		
Ron Miller	64.4	CLASS C	%
Jean Howard	61.2	Loy Withrow	48.4
Perle Stratton	63.0	Chick Sale	46.4
Ray Brumfield	61.5	Erwin Brucker	46.3
Lauren Hill	65.0	John Nichols	42.9
Herb Criss	56.1	Kelly Laraway	47.5
John Reedy	52.5	Al Dye	45.1
		Vera Miller	40.9
		Randall Oard	37.6

Bill Moerman was victorious over Ralph Gilbo in the play-off for Class D title, while George Clark won Class E with Carl Turnquist finishing in runner-up spot.

My Heartfelt Thanks . . .

to all my friends and N.H.P.A. members who deluged me with so many beautiful Christmas cards and messages during the Holiday season. Coming from every corner and section of the country, they filled me with a warm glow of happiness.

They also made me realize that the N.H.P.A. has been instrumental in bringing many people together and creating bonds of fellowship and friendship through a common interest.

I can not answer each of you individually, but I wish to express the sincere hope that 1966 brings each of you fulfillment and happiness.

Robert G. Pence
N. H. P. A. Secretary

An interesting horseshoe personality . . .

Frank Stinson of Minnesota

After a 24-year lapse between state championships, Frank Stinson of Minneapolis, Minnesota, believes that the situation is now corrected. Stinson won the 1965 state title at the Cloquet, Minnesota courts. His last claim to state title honors was back in 1941. It was not through any lack of endeavor, because he has been pitching horseshoes regularly with the exception of the World War II years.



Stinson draws a "bead" on the stake.

He completed the regular season in the Minneapolis club major league with a clean slate of 40 straight victories. He came through with flying colors to win Northwest Open tournament at Ramsey fairgrounds in St. Paul, competing against players from five states.

In commenting on the reason for the long lapse between titles, Stinson had this to say, "I have been playing in the state meet all through the years, but I guess this year I was really determined to do something about it, so I changed my delivery from a 1 3/4 turn to a 1 1/4 turn. I just felt that this was the year."

Stinson keeps in trim by pitching during the wintertime by using a court in the basement of a local school in Minneapolis. He competed in the 1965 World tournament at Keene, New Hampshire where he compiled a 77.3 ringer percentage — the best he ever had in world tournament competition.

After 40 years of pitching horseshoes, he has visions of lifting his ringer percentage up to the 80 mark or better during the coming season.

Engebretson, Winner of Duluth Portorama Tournament

Art Engebretson, veteran ringerman from Fargo, North Dakota hit a 68.3 ringer percentage to win 7 straight games and claimed title honors in the 1965 Duluth Portorama Open tournament that was held at Wheeler field in Duluth, Minnesota.

CLASS A			CLASS B		
	W	L		W	L
A. Engebretson, Fargo	7	0	J. Anzaldi, St. Paul	7	0
A. Kiekhoefer, St. Paul	6	1	H. Hard, Duluth	6	1
J. Yernberg, St. Paul	5	2	W. Hill, Cloquet	4	3
E. Peterson, Windom	4	3	G. Moe, Duluth	4	3
W. Gullickson, Moorhead	3	4	B. Lorenz, St. Paul	4	3
J. O'Connor, Duluth	2	5	C. Baski, Superior, Wis.	2	5
L. Reinhardt, St. Paul	1	6	L. Renick, Duluth	1	6
B. Hill, Tower	0	7	S. Johnson, Duluth	0	7

CLASS C			CLASS D		
	W	L		W	L
N. Morrison, Cloquet	5	2	V. Tissek, Mpls.	7	0
C. Oswald, Hibbing	5	2	V. Walker, Hibbing	5	2
W. Peterson, Duluth	4	3	S. Albertson, Duluth	4	3
B. Winterhalter, Mpls.	3	4	C. Forbort, Duluth	4	3
D. Johnson, St. Paul	3	4	K. Jevne, EauClaire, Wis.	4	3
I. Kjellman, Duluth	3	4	B. Velandar, Duluth	3	4
J. LeGarde, Duluth	3	4	D. Granley, Duluth	1	6
S. Andrews, Montevideo	2	5	B. Morrison, Duluth	0	7

Portorama— (Continued)

CLASS E			CLASS F		
	W	L		W	L
R. Simon, EauClaire, Wis.	7	0	R. Tiili, Duluth	7	0
B. Anderson, EauClaire, Wis.	6	1	T. Vessel, Soudan	6	1
J. Holman, Cloquet	5	2	D. Holte, Duluth	5	2
D. Granley, Duluth	3	4	A. Lahti, Cloquet	3	4
C. Gaetke, St. Paul	2	5	W. Bruley, Duluth	3	4
B. Johnson, Duluth	2	5	D. Johnson, Hibbing	2	5
H. Cole, Hibbing	2	5	A. Laine, Duluth	1	6
D. Behning, Duluth	1	6	R. Antonson, Duluth	1	6

Central Indiana at Anderson, Indiana

CLASS AA			CLASS A				
	W	L	%		W	L	%
Day, Frankfort	7	0	85.6	Mullins, Muncie	7	1	64.7
Fowler, Greencastle	6	1	76.5	Boyer, Muncie	7	2	63.9
G. Mc Fatridge, Rushville	5	2	72.2	Rookstool, Syracuse	6	2	62.0
Van Sant, Cayuga	4	3	76.0	Weber, Lebanon	4	3	62.2
May, Glenwood	2	5	74.2	Mendenhall, Noblesville ..	2	5	57.4
Sharp, Mulberry	2	5	69.2	Taylor, Greencastle	2	5	54.7
Reel, Kokomo	2	5	68.8	Salsbery, Sharpesville ...	2	5	52.6
Owens, Summittville	Forfeit			Quebe, Kirklm	0	7	51.5

CLASS B			CLASS C				
	W	L	%		W	L	%
Wilhoite, Lebanon	5	1	61.2	Davis, Fort Wayne	4	1	53.6
Thornburgh, Union City ..	4	3	54.0	Hinshaw, Indpls.	3	2	55.1
Baker, Crawfordsville	3	3	55.6	Van Sickle, Valpariso	3	2	50.7
Craig, Anderson	2	3	60.4	H. Mc Fatridge, Arlington	2	3	53.8
Hinshaw, Modoc	2	3	56.5	Armentrout, Indpls.	2	3	53.3
Stone, Anderson	2	3	55.7	Estelle, Indpls.	1	4	46.6

CLASS D			CLASS E				
	W	L	%		W	L	%
Flaucher, Lebanon	4	2	56.2	O. Stewart, Pendleton	5	1	43.2
Frazier, Millersberg	4	3	49.7	Wolfinger, Elkhart	4	2	41.5
Wilson, Wilkinson	4	3	49.0	Ashbaugh, Valpariso	2	3	45.2
Chas. Nelson, Jonesboro ..	3	3	50.0	Davis, Russianville	2	3	40.4
Gillispie, Indpls.	3	3	46.3	Hudson, Charlottsville ...	2	3	40.2
Harrold, Marion	0	5	36.3	Apple, Morristown	1	4	36.4

CLASS F			CLASS G				
	W	L	%		W	L	%
Moore, Wabash	5	1	45.5	R. Nelson, Jonesboro	5	1	41.1
Sampson, Muncie	4	2	42.5	Bussard, Marion	4	2	30.9
Cast, Frankfort	3	2	41.9	Hammons, Crawfordsville	3	2	34.7
Mc Kinniss, Lafayette ...	2	3	43.0	White, Lafayette	3	2	30.9
Hinkle, Middletown	2	3	33.5	Maywhoor, Fort Wayne ..	1	4	26.3
Dearinger, North Vernon ..	0	5	29.0	Sharpnack, Marion	0	5	21.8

NHPA Offers New Item to Its Members

Through the efforts of Bob Pence, National secretary, he was able to secure a supply of "Bolo Ties." It is a black cord interwoven with a metallic thread, and set off by a closing slide of plastic with a horseshoe setting. It can be had by sending \$1.00 to Robert G. Pence, 341 Polk Street, Gary, Indiana 64602. Also available is the newly designed NHPA emblem in the shape of a shield. The size of the emblem is approximately 6 inches by six inches. They are made up in red, white and blue and sell for \$1.00.

Oregon Horseshoe Brochure is Outstanding

Each year the NHPA receives numerous horseshoe brochures, programs and summaries from various local and state groups which are interesting, well done and worthy of mention, but never have we seen the equal of the 1965 Oregon State Tournament publication.

It was an attractive eight page tabloid chock full of articles, news pictures and information along with the official tournament summary. The pages were 11" x 18" and by actual count contained 26 pictures.

The Hillsboro Horseshoe Club and its director Ernie LaVoie, the hosts of the state tournament published the tabloid with the help of the local newspaper, the Hillsboro Argus and local merchants footed the bill.

In addition to Ernie LaVoie others who contributed much to the success were Oregon State Association officers Gil Hamman and Bill Hulshoff, former NHPA President Cletus Chapelle, Hillsboro Club Secretary Ted Christianson, Tony Seeley of the Hillsboro club and Oregon Association members Henry McGrew and Carl Schaumberg. Gil, the sports editor of the Argus and its photographer Verne Lewis added their professional know how.

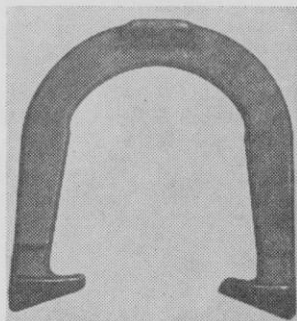
Starting in the spring Ernie LaVoie will have a weekly column in the paper on the game horseshoe.

Indiana Member is Top Ranking Bowler

Curt Schmidt of Fort Wayne, Indiana NHPA member who won a class in the 1965 State Tournament, transfers his activities to the bowling lanes each fall where he has been a "name" bowler for a number of years.

Curt recently registered an official 739 series with games of 245, 268 and 226. His team also finished 9th in National Men's Team Match Championships in another event.

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N.H.P.A. and A.A.U. Officials Hold Meeting Discuss Future Relationships

The nebulous relationship between the A.A.U. and the N.H.P.A. may soon change to a more concrete understanding which will result in benefits to the game of horseshoes as a result of recent meeting in Chicago between NHPA Secretary Bob Pence and AAU Vice President David Riveness of Montana.

Whereas the NHPA is the only national organization devoted solely to horseshoe and makes no distinction between amateurs and professionals, the AAU (Amateur Athletic Union) is the governing body of amateur sports of all types and is also in charge of the Olympic Games program in this country. The AAU's main concern is with swimming, track and field and other Olympic sports where it does an exceptionally good job, but it is also interested in other amateur sports including horseshoes.

The AAU does have an amateur horseshoe pitching program and conducts a number of tournaments each year including a National Amateur championship. In those areas where it is active the AAU is a real asset to the game.

Practically all entrants in AAU tourneys are also NHPA members. This is particularly true in New Jersey, North Carolina and Virginia and to some extent in Montana. In these areas AAU officials and NHPA clubs generally work together.

NHPA members who head the horseshoe committee of the various AAU geographic divisions include Dr. Sol Bertram and Paul Puglisle of New Jersey, Randall Jones and Joe White of North Carolina, John Snyder of California, Clarence Giles of Utah and Cecil Monday of Virginia.

The meeting in Chicago between Mr. Riveness of the AAU and NHPA Secretary Bob Pence brought out a number of areas where the two groups can join forces. Increasing horseshoe participation by youngsters in the junior age brackets is one area. The NHPA has the know how and the contacts in the game of horseshoe while the AAU has the outside contacts with Park and Recreation departments, schools etc. There is a possibility that horseshoe can gain a place on the Junior Olympics program under the sponsorship of the Quaker Oats Co.

Another possibility is the joint sponsorship of a comprehensive Horseshoe Handbook which would find its way into the hands of athletic and recreation directors in the armed services, schools, parks and industry.

A working agreement between the AAU and the NHPA could possibly result in horseshoes gaining a place on the Olympic Games program the next time the event is held in the United States.

The host country of the Olympic Games may if it chooses add one new sport to the program in the form of a game native to that country. Japan added Judo in the 1964 games under this provision.

Mr. Riveness of the AAU feels that Horseshoes is a possible choice the next time the games come to the U. S. Towards this end the NHPA is working with Canadian players and clubs in an effort to have Horseshoe placed on the program of the 1967 Pan American Games to be held in Winnipeg, Canada. These games will be a prelude to the 1968 Olympics.

Karl Van Sant Tops Field in Vermillion Co. (Ind.) Open

CLASS A				CLASS B			
	W	L	%		W	L	%
K. Van Sant, Ind.	6	1	79.2	J. Wilson, Ill.	7	0	65.6
F. Fowler, Ind.	6	1	75.0	D. Claypool, Ind.	5	2	57.0
E. Sharp, Ind.	4	3	70.2	D. Maroon, Ill.	4	3	60.0
G. Farnsworth, Ill.	4	3	74.9	S. Brooks, Ill.	4	3	48.8
M. Tirey, Ill.	3	4	63.7	J. Kolaiser, Ind.	3	4	57.2
J. Kemple, Ind.	3	4	62.8	B. Baker, Ind.	3	4	55.6
B. Flaughner, Ind.	2	5	60.6	H. Cook, Ill.	2	5	52.0
E. Green, Ind.	0	7	57.4	E. Sisk, Ill.	0	7	44.3

1965 N.H.P.A. Membership Highest Ever

Thanks to Michigan and Minnesota

The N.H.P.A. established a new membership record in 1965 breaking the old record established in 1964, but the increase was due primarily to the outstanding efforts of two states, Michigan and Minnesota.

The Wolverine State Horseshoe Pitchers' Association of Michigan is probably the best organized group in the country today on a state wide basis and have proven what effective leadership can accomplish.

An important factor of which other states should take note of — Michigan is completely NHPA with all events sanctioned. This completely disproves the idea held in some areas that sanctioned tournaments lowers the entry list.

Michigan officers to whom credit must be given include President Roy Smith, the hard working Secretary-Treasurer team of Earl and Ruth Smith, and Jim Ostrander who handled the membership duties.

Credit must also be given to the Dimondale Club and the state wide publicity director Pat Smith. The Michigan effort was a team effort and all the clubs and members in the state gave 100% co-operation to lift them to 3rd place in the NHPA membership totals behind Indiana and Ohio.

1966 Michigan officers include Earl Grable of Dimondale who will be the new President with his wife Irene the Treasurer. Vic Benson of Dimondale is Vice President while the new Secretary and membership director is Marguerite Buhler of Bryon City.

Minnesota's jump in the membership is due primarily to the dedicated work of Andy Paglarini of Hibbing. His big boost came from the Hibbing and Duluth clubs, both becoming 100% NHPA. Duluth with a big Municipal League is led by Jim Newland and Hots Anderson. The Hibbing club is guided by Charles Strafaccia and Will Charles.

Indiana again led the NHPA in membership, breaking its previous high, and was followed by the Ohio Buckeye Association. Others in the top ten besides Michigan and Minnesota were Northern and Southern California, Massachusetts led by Ralph Forsstrom, Pennsylvania with more top players than any other state, Illinois and Iowa.

Subscriptions to the "News Digest" held even with the previous year during 1965. Overall there were losses in some states and gains in others.

The following states showed gains in both memberships and subscriptions and deserve a place on the Honor Roll:

Arizona, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Quebec.

The following additional states gained in membership only:

Alabama, Colorado, Missouri, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, Virginia, Washington and Wyoming.

The states which gained in subscriptions but not in membership are: Northern California, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, North Dakota, Maine and Vermont.

Special mention should be given to the officers of the State Associations in Oklahoma, Texas, Oregon and South Dakota.

1966 Illinois State Tournament Date Announced

For those Illinois association players who are desirous of setting up their vacation schedules in advance and are planning on participating in the annual Illinois State tournament at Springfield, Illinois may set aside the dates of August 16-17. Further details will be announced in a later issue of the Digest. All players MUST have an NHPA card which costs \$5.00 and includes NHPA membership of \$1.00, Illinois State membership fee of \$1.50 and the News Digest for one year for \$2.50. The secretary has the 1966 cards and awaits your check for \$5.00. His address is F. Ellis Cobb, 1307 Solfisburg Avenue, Aurora, Illinois 60505.

South Gate — Southern California — South Gate Open**GROUP ONE**

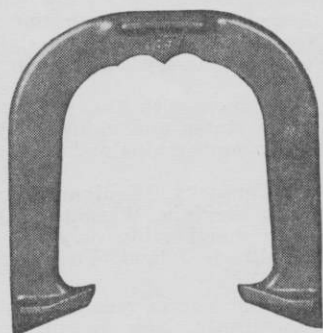
	W	L	SP	R	%
J. Weeks, Norwalk	5	0	261	346	75.4
Don Peterson, Downey	4	1	207	300	69.0
Don Shubert, Los Angeles	3	2	234	354	66.1
John Walker, Chula Vista	2	3	223	346	64.4
Louie Dean, Pomona	1	4	198	324	61.1
Fred Dunn, South Gate	0	5	115	254	45.6

GROUP TWO

	W	L	SP	R	%
Gerald Schneider, Bell	4	1	228	316	72.1
Henry Durr, Los Angeles	4	1	230	342	67.2
Jonas Snyder, Chula Vista	3	2	265	382	69.3
Ed McFarland, Hacienda Heights	2	3	233	352	66.1
Ronnie Simmons, South Gate	1	4	210	348	60.3
Waldo Hagy, Las Vegas	1	4	139	276	50.3

PLAYOFF

	W	L	SP	R	%
Jim Weeks, Norwalk	4	1	157	216	73.1
Gerald Schneider, Bell	3	2	186	252	73.8
Henry Durr, Los Angeles	2	3	171	242	70.6
Don Peterson, Downey	0	3	144	218	66.0



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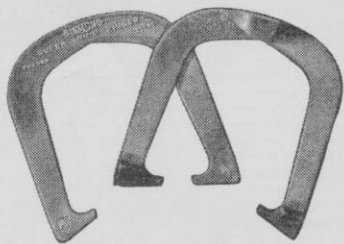
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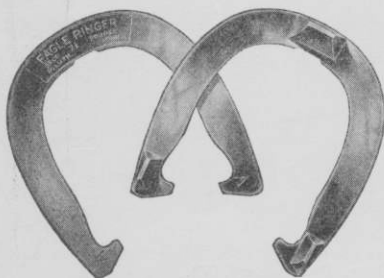
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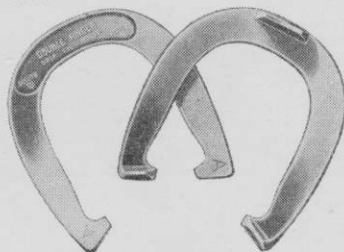


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