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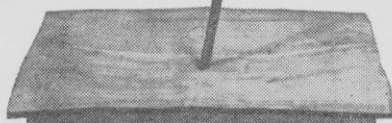
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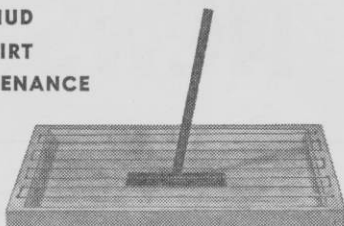
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1967 Memberships Rolling In — Iowa Starts The Ball Rolling

1967 membership cards are now in the hands of the various state secretaries and NHPA representatives and already memberships are rolling in to the office of Secretary Bob Pence.

The Iowa Hawkeye Association was the first state chapter to put names on the roster — the capable Iowa Secretary, Lucille Hopkins, operating in the same co-operative and efficient manner she has so many years in the past.

Next in the list came South Dakota which was first under the wire a year ago. The South Dakota totals are almost equal to the entire 1966 totals for the state.

Other states which have already turned in substantial numbers of 1967 members are Indiana, Ohio, Northern California, Southern California, New Jersey and Wisconsin.

All of the 1967 Wisconsin members came from the Eau Claire club. New Jersey is operating with a new Secretary-Treasurer, Ronald Vogel, after some eight years under the guidance of Bill Fournier.

Other states on the 1967 membership list include Canada, Minnesota, Michigan, North Dakota, Missouri, New York, Nevada and Tennessee.

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1967 NHPA Indoor Open — Dimondale, Mich., April 22-23

The officers of the N.H.P.A. have been greatly impressed and pleased with the great increase in indoor horseshoe pitching activities this winter and firmly believe this trend should be encouraged.

Therefore when Ray McGloughlin, owner and manager of the fine six court indoor setup near Dimondale, Mich. asked for NHPA aid in setting up a big indoor tourney the National Secretary Bob Pence agreed to manage the affair with the help of the Michigan Wolverene Assoc.

The tourney will be held Sat., April 22 and Sun., April 23. The entry fee will be \$5.00 and all entries must be mailed in to Bob Pence, 341 Polk St., Gary, Ind. 46402 by April 15.

Ray's Recreation, the tourney site, is located on U.S. 24 about 10 miles south of Lansing. It has six regulation clay courts sunk flush in a concrete floor with heating and excellent lights. The building has an excellent snack bar and other facilities.

It is hoped the entries will warrant three six man groups of Class A players who will play on Saturday evening with the top two in each group advancing to a six man finals Sunday afternoon. Players grouped in Class B will play Saturday afternoon with a playoff Sunday afternoon. Lower classed players will play Sunday morning starting at 10:00 A.M.

All entry fee money will go into prizes and trophies with the champion getting \$50.00.

To save time there will be no qualifying. Players will be grouped and classed on the basis of 1966 State and World Tournament averages and from results of late season opens during 1966.

Players will be notified by return mail when their group is scheduled to start play. If more entries are received than can be accommodated the excess entry fees will be refunded.

Annual Pickaway County (Ohio) Spring Tournament May 26-27-28

The Pickaway County Horseshoe club of Circleville, Ohio, will hold its annual Spring Ringer tournament on May 26-27 and 28 at its Circleville courts. Bob Redding of Kiousville, Ohio will be the defending champion.

Qualifying dates will be Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings, May 19, 20 and 21 at the club courts, 319 South Washington Street, Circleville, Ohio. Regular tournament round robin play will start on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 26, 27 and 28.

Ray R. Goodman is the club president and chairman, while Johnnie Wilkes will be the tournament manager.

A Salute to Elmer Beller of California

One of the best things that ever happened to horseshoe pitching was the day Elmer Beller decided to try his luck at it. This was 20 years ago in



1947 and two years after he retired from the garage business which he had successfully operated in Mojave, California. Elmer was 56 in 1947, having been born in Nebraska in 1890. He never became a top pitcher but he won quite a few tournaments and many exciting games against pitchers who were supposed to beat him.

After joining the horseshoe crowd, Elmer quickly realized that the sport would progress better if someone would work on the organization or promotion side of it. The Long Beach Club had the foresight to elect him President of their club in 1947 and he held this office until 1956. Other offices he has held in our great sport include: President of Southern California Horseshoe Pitchers Association from 1950 to 1960; 3rd Vice-President of National Association in 1953 and 1954; Secretary-Treasurer of National Association in 1955 and 1956; 1st Vice-President in 1956 and since 1960 to present time. He also holds a life membership in the NHPA.

Elmer designed the beautiful eight court set up that was built in 1958 in Long Beach and still exists in top condition today. The first 18 scoring devices designed and built by Elmer were used for nine consecutive years at Murray, Utah starting in 1951. Elmer has attended the last 18 World Tournaments and has complete game records of all contestants since 1946. In 1963 the World's Horseshoe Tournament was held at South Gate, California and Elmer worked tirelessly for its success. Photo shows Elmer seated beside scoring device of his design.

In 1963 at the State of California championship in San Jose, Elmer suffered a heart attack and since that time he has had to curtail a lot of his activities but he still has a lively interest in horseshoes. This fine Christian gentleman shows up at as many of the activities of the Southern California Association as he can to promote the continued success of the organization.

The players seek his counsel and advice on matters affecting the game and he gives of his time unselfishly for the best interests of the game. The game needs more men of his caliber.

Schilling Memorial Open, May 27-28

The Joe Schilling Memorial Tournament will be held May 27-28 on the Kingma courts of the Lafayette, Ind. club.

Entry fee is \$3.00 and the deadline for entries is May 22. All entries to be sent to Earle Wilmore, Secretary of the Indiana Association at 1350 Dearborn Street, Gary, Ind. 46403.

Entrants will be placed in classes on the basis of their previous records. Players without a record or who feel their record of late last season is too low can send in a 50 shoe qualifying score with their entry.

COMING EVENTS

- April 15-16 — Red Mill Open tournament, indoor club courts, Washington, Pennsylvania.
- April 8 thru April 23 — New Rome Open tournament, courts located at New Rome, Columbus 28, Ohio, two miles west on Route 40, Pasadena, Avenue. Qualifying rounds start March 18th and continue each weekend in March.
- May 19-20-21 — Ohio-Penna. Open tournament, Jim Knisley's indoor courts, East Main Street, Bremen, Ohio.
- May 21 — Spring Warm-up tournament, Birdland Park courts, Des Moines, Iowa. For Iowa pitchers only.
- May 21 — Yakima Valley Tournament, Elks Memorial Park, Yakima, Wash.
- May 26, 27, 28 — Annual Pickaway County tournament, Circleville, Ohio. Qualifying on May 19-20-21. Circleville club courts.
- May 27 & 28 — Seattle Memorial Open, Woodland Park, Seattle, Wash.
- May 27-28 — Spring Warm-up tournament, Vanport, Pennsylvania.
- May 28 — Annual Carrollton Spring Warm-Up Open tournament, Carrollton, Illinois.
- June 10-11 — 8th Annual Kindred Open tournament, Mill Site park courts, Kindred, North Dakota.
- June 11 — Pasadena Park Horseshoe Club Warm-Up, Spokane, Wash.
- June 12 — Froid, Montana Open tournament, Froid, Montana.
- June 17-18 — NHPA Invitational tournament, Miller park courts, Lynchburg, Virginia.
- June 17 & 18 — Tacoma Open, Wright Park, Tacoma, Wash.
- June 18 — Crete Open tournament, Crete, Nebraska. Send qualifying score to Elmer Grage, Crete, Nebraska.
- June 18 — Lewis & Clark Open, Vernon Park, Clarkston, Wash.
- June 23-24-25 — Third annual Hebron Open tournament, courts located on Route 440, 25 miles east of Columbus, Ohio, north of new route 70. Take the Hebron and Newark exit, Hebron, Ohio.
- June 24 — Annual Jerseyville Open tournament, Jerseyville, Illinois.
- June 24-25 — Eastern National Open tournament, Glenwood Park, Erie, Penna.
- June 26 — Wibaux Open tournament, Wibaux, Montana.
- July 1 & 2 — Bremerton Open, Evergreen Park, Bremerton, Wash.
- July 2 — Montana A.A.U. Open tournament, Fort Peck, Montana.
- July 8-9 — NHPA Virginia State tournament, Miller park courts, Lynchburg, Virginia.
- July 4 — Mound City Open Territory tournament, Mound City, Missouri. Send qualifying scores to Stanley Brickey, RFD, Mound City, Missouri.
- July 9 — Annual 4-State tournament, City park courts, Falls City, Nebraska. Send qualifying scores to Don Koso, 803 East 12th Street, Falls City, Nebraska.
- July 15 & 16 — John Monasmith Open, Elks Memorial Park, Yakima, Wash.
- July 16 — Annual Culbertson Open tournament, Culbertson, Montana.
- July 22-23 — Annual Beaver County tournament.
- August 13 — Mound City Open tournament, Mound City, Missouri. Send qualifying scores to Stanley Brickey, RFD Mound City, Missouri.
- August 13 — Annual Galesburg Open tournament, Lincoln park courts, Galesburg, Illinois.
- August 15-16 — Annual Illinois state tournament, Illinois state fairgrounds, Springfield, Illinois.
- August 16 — Annual Illinois State Boys' tournament, Illinois State fairgrounds, Springfield, Illinois.
- August 19 & 20 — Bellingham International Open, Cornwall Park, Bellingham, Wash.
- August 19-20 — Hill City Open tournament, Miller park courts, Lynchburg, Virginia.
- August 19-20 — Van Buren Homes Open tournament, Vanport, Pennsylvania.
- August 19 & 20 — Fifth Annual West Virginia Open, City park courts, Parkersburg, West Va.
- August 20 — Inland Empire Invitational Handicap, Spokane, Wash.
- August 20 — Annual Falls City Open tournament, City park courts, Falls City, Nebraska. Send qualifying scores to Don Koso, 803 East 12th Street, Falls City, Nebraska.
- August 27 — Greater Seattle Championship, Woodland Park, Seattle, Wash.
- Sept. 2-3 — Annual Nebraska State tournament, Cozad, Nebraska. Members must qualify on Cozad courts, on Saturday, Sept. 2. Annual association banquet will be held on Saturday evening at 7 p.m. followed by annual meeting.
- Sept. 2-3 — Annual New York State tournament, Hornell, New York.
- Sept. 3 — Annual Rock River Valley Open tournament, Lawrence park courts, Rock Falls, Illinois.
- Sept. 2-3-4 — Annual Texas State tournament, Lakeside Club courts, San Antonio, Texas.
- Sept. 2, 3, 4 — Washington State Tournament, Wright Park, Tacoma, Wash.
- Sept. 10 — Pasadena Park Class "B" Handicap, Spokane, Wash.
- Sept. 16 & 17 — Northwest Open, Elks Memorial Park, Yakima, Wash.
- Sept. 24 — Pasadena Park Class "A" Handicap, Spokane, Wash.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA SCHEDULE

- April 16 — Modesto — C
- April 23 — Seaside — A
- May 7 — Arroyo — A
- May 21 — Santa Rosa — D
- May 27-28 — Golden Gate — A
- June 4 — Golden Gate — C
- June 10-11 — Los Gatos — C
- June 18 — Seaside — B
- June 25 — Northern Picnic
- July 9 — Pleasanton Fair
- July 16 — San Jose — D
- July 22-23 — Santa Rosa Fair — A
- July 30 — Vallejo — C
- August 6 — Arroyo — B
- August 19-20 — Santa Clara Fair State Championship
- August 27 — Vallejo — B
- Sept. 3-4 — Northern Championship Mosswood Park — A
- Sept. 17 — Grass Valley — A
- Sept. 24 — Seaside — D Championship
- Oct. 1 — Sacramento — A
- Oct. 8 — Arroyo — A
- Oct. 15 — Mosswood — B Championship
- Oct. 22 — Los Gatos — C Championship
- Classes from now on will be Class A-B-C-D with all classes raised by 5% Class A-54.9% and over Class B-44.9% to 54.9% Class C-34.9 to 44.9% Class D-34.9 and under.

Coming Events — Continued

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SCHEDULE

April 16 — Baldwin Park "C" Open, Baldwin Park	July 30 — *Pomona "F" Open, Pomona
April 22 — Baldwin Park Doubles (SAT), Baldwin Park	August 6 — Oxnard "B" and "E", Oxnard
April 23 — South Gate "E" and "B", South Gate	August 13 — *Pomona "G" Open, Pomona
April 30 — Oxnard "AA" and "C" Open, Oxnard	August 19 — Special Open (SAT), Baldwin Park
May 7 — Fullerton "F" Open, Fullerton	August 20 — *Long Beach "E", Long Beach
May 21 — San Diego Open and "D" Open, San Diego	August 26 — Fullerton Doubles (SAT), Fullerton
May 27 — Pomona Doubles (SAT), Pomona	August 27 — South Gate "D" and "F" Open, South Gate
May 28 — *South Gate "D" and "G" South Gate	Sept. 3-4 — Ringer Round Up, South Gate
June 4 — Long Beach Open, Long Beach	Sept. 10 — Champ "A" and "G", South Gate
June 10-11 — June Round Up, South Gate	Sept. 24 — Champ "B" and "F", South Gate
June 18 — *Fullerton "B" Open, Fullerton	October 1 — Baldwin Park "D" Open, Baldwin Park
June 25 — *Long Beach "C" Open, Long Beach	October 8 — San Diego "C" and "E" Open, San Diego
July 1 — Semana Nautica "B", Santa Barbara	October 15 — Champ "AA" and "E", South Gate
July 2 — Semana Nautica Open, Santa Barbara	October 22 — Champ "C", Baldwin Park
July 9 — Baldwin Park "E" Open, Baldwin Park	October 29 — *Fullerton "A" Open, Fullerton
July 15-16 — *Western Open, South Gate	November 5 — Champ "D", Pomona
July 23 — Oxnard "AA" and "C", Oxnard	November 12 — S. Gate Open and 60 Years, South Gate
July 29 — Barstow Open, Barstow	November 19 — South Gate Doubles, South Gate

*No qualifying for players in said class. Percentage will determine who enters.

Stan Manker Edges Young to Take "Snow-Ball" Open

Stanley Manker of Martinsville, Ohio, was the winner of the Second Annual "Snowball Open", the indoor tournament sponsored by the Darke County Horseshoe Club. Carl Young of Columbus, Ohio, finished second. Young defeated Richard Carpenter of Union City, Indiana, 52-48 in the longest game of the tournament, 114 shoes. The top percentage game of the tournament was in Class C as Jerome Boesch of Columbus, threw 81.2% in defeating Lester Rose, also of Columbus.

CLASS A

	W	L	%
S. Manker, Martinsville, O.	4	1	70.7
C. Young, Columbus, O.	3	2	70.1
Kabel, New Madison, O.	3	2	69.8
Carpenter, Union City, Ind.	2	3	71.8
Anthony, Greenville, O.	2	3	70.7
Knisley, Bremen, O.	1	4	65.8

CLASS C

	W	L	%
Rose, Columbus, O.	4	1	54.9
Boesch, Columbus, O.	4	1	57.2
Mays, Dayton, O.	3	2	58.2
Hannah, Columbus, O.	2	3	46.9
Cridler, Greenville, O.	1	4	51.4
Fender, Greenville, O.	1	4	49.7

CLASS E

	W	L	%
Chrisman, C'nrsville, Ind.	4	1	50.0
Vandach, Delaware, O.	4	1	46.7
Mathews, Columbus, O.	3	2	46.4
Beach, Columbus, O.	2	3	43.1
Gibbons, Xenia, O.	2	3	40.9
Shoup, Xenia, O.	0	5	33.9

CLASS B

	W	L	%
Scholl, Greenville, O.	5	0	58.9
Shores, Wilkinson, Ind.	3	2	63.3
Pearce, W. Jefferson, O.	3	2	56.2
Roberts, Lucasville, O.	2	3	58.8
Pillion, Casstown, O.	2	3	58.4
Witters, Columbus, O.	0	5	49.6

CLASS D

	W	L	%
Napier, Jr., Hamilton, O.	4	1	51.3
Godfrey, Batavia, O.	4	1	49.8
Witschger, Cincinnati, O.	3	2	51.5
Swartz, Marion, O.	3	2	47.5
Futrell, Greenville, O.	1	4	40.6
Long, Antwerp, O.	0	5	38.3

CLASS F

	W	L	%
Kugler, Hamilton, O.	4	1	43.2
Brumbaugh, Greenville, O.	4	1	36.0
Anthony, Greenville, O.	4	1	35.9
Barnard, Xenia, O.	2	3	31.4
Warren, Winchester, Ind.	1	4	26.9
Collins, Winchester, Ind.	0	5	20.3

North Dakota Winter Show Crown Goes to G. Magnuson

Gus Magnuson of Moorhead, Minn., an accurate pitching right-hander with a 3/4 turn, captured the first North Dakota Winter Show horseshoe tournament here March 4.

Magnuson fired ringers at a 68.6 per cent clip to outdistance a surprisingly tough field which turned out for the event in the spacious and well-equipped Valley City arena.

Magnuson joined three other pitchers with 5-2 records in Class A, but won first place as well as the huge Allard Trophy Co. donated trophy on the basis of ringer percentage.

Harvey Peterson of Havana, N.D., was second with 62 per cent followed by Gene Lykken of Kindred, N.D., 60.8 and Lloyd Swartwout of Aberdeen, S. D., 57.2.

The field was limited to 32 pitchers for the tournament which was organized and run by the Red River Valley League of Fargo-Moorhead in conjunction with the Winter Show committee.

Andy Paglarini of Hibbing, Minn., who is recovering from a heart attack, drove here to watch the event. He is the 1966 Minnesota champion.

Many of the pitchers are convinced the tourney may grow into an outstanding winter attraction, and could draw top pitchers from across the nation.

Portable courts with a sand-clay mixture, boxes and wooden pitching pads were set up for the tournament the morning of the event. Play closed at 5 p.m., and the arena was cleared for the rodeo that night.

Valley City, an aggressive No. Dakota sports area, is located 60 miles west of Fargo on Interstate 94. The Winter Show attracts thousands of spectators each March and runs for eight days. The arena is the largest such indoor facility in the upper midwest.

CLASS A

CLASS B

	W	L		W	L
Gus Magnuson, Moorhead	5	2	Lee Sharff, Jamestown	7	0
Harvey Peterson, Havana	5	2	Bill Lybeck, Kindred	5	2
Gene Lykken, Kindred	5	2	W. Gullickson, Moorhead	5	2
Lloyd Swartwout, Aberdeen	5	2	Wally Arndt, Fargo	4	3
A. Christenson, Vermillion	4	3	Edwin Overboe, Kindred	3	4
Wally Rislov, Cooperstown	3	4	Reidar Haakenson, Hillsboro ..	2	5
Art Engebretson, Fargo	1	6	Herman Rensvold, Moorhead ..	1	6
Merlin Enderson, Aberdeen	0	7	T. Weshnewski, Tower City ..	1	6

CLASS C — 1-Milford Gronneberg, Hannaford, 5-2. 2-Erv Zimmerman, Elizabeth, Minn., 5-2. 3-Stenerson, Elizabeth, Minn., 5-2.

CLASS D — 1-Grant Magnuson, Moorhead, 6-1. 2-Norman Potter, Valley City, 5-2. 3-Harold McDonald, Moorhead, 5-2.

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“Operation Publicity”

(This is the third in a series of articles written by Will Gullickson of Moorhead, Minn., second vice president of the NHPA on “Operation Publicity” from 1967).

The first step in a horseshoe club's bid to increase publicity in the hometown newspaper is to select a club member to be the publicity director.

Many times this should be the secretary since he keeps tab on standings, averages, etc. However, in some instances, the secretary is overloaded with details and the publicity director should be another individual.

Before the season begins, the publicity director must make a point to meet the sports editor of the newspaper and the sports directors of the radio and television stations.

In a nutshell, the publicity director should inform the news media of the club's plans for the coming season, including league and tournament play. This way the sports editor can place these events in his season calendar.

The publicity director should inquire about the deadline of the newspaper and if he should hand carry or mail the weekly league standings and scores to the editor.

These weekly reports should be typewritten and neat, double or triple spaced. If you do not have a typewriter, make a special effort to carefully print the material, making sure all names are spelled correctly.

When one of your players or teams gets a big score it should be telephoned into the newspaper and radio stations immediately.

When making plans for an open or state tournament, have the publicity director contact all media about 10 days in advance. This will give the editor and sportscaster time to make plans for his coverage.

Point out the tournament schedule and suggest time which would be convenient for picture-taking at the courts. It is of utmost importance that horseshoe pitchers cooperate with photographers at courts side. Always realize they may have a tight schedule and any time you take pitching that extra shoe may make him less likely to show up another year.

Inquire at the newspaper office if they will give you information on where to send tournament material to the wire services — Associated Press and United Press. These wire services will give statewide coverage of your tournament.

It is a good policy to invite the sports writer to the opening league meeting or to an early-season league night. Here he will be able to view first-hand how the league operates.

In many cases the writer or broadcaster is probably not real familiar with the scoring and techniques of the game. He will appreciate getting an insider to explain the rules and scoring.

When the newspaper or station gives the sport coverage it is always a good policy to have one of the league officers to telephone or write them to thank them for their efforts.

Don't expect too much right away if you haven't received coverage previously. Make certain that league players do not downgrade the media in public and make them understand the long-range plans will net the sport increased publicity.

It is extra important to phone or bring the tournament results to the editor and sportscaster as soon as possible after completion of the tournament.

This is a challenge to tournament managers, who are tired from a full day's work handling the tournament. But it will pay you to be prompt and accurate in the reporting of results.

Hornell Club to Host 1967 New York State Tournament

Enthusiasm is at an all-time high in the ranks of the Hornell, New York Club in that they will be hosts to the 1967 New York state tournament to be held in that city over the Labor Day week-end, September 2-3. Tournament will be strictly for New York residents only.

At the 1966 annual state meeting rules for qualifying were modified some to allow participants to pitch their qualifying scores on their home courts or at some nearby court under the supervision of a competent scorer or club officer, who will verify scoresheet. Player will then mail scoresheet to Richard Schaumberg, New York state secretary at a date to be announced later.

In the past, many players that have come from a great distance, have oft-times been required to bring their families which causes them to incur extra expense, due to their having to stay overnight.

The schedule will be set up so that each player will be notified as to the day the events start and that will be the day he will be required to be present to start play. As time is of the essence, the days required for qualifying will have to be eliminated.

As the players themselves have requested the change, it is hoped and desired that honesty and sincerity will prevail to make this trial pattern one that can be used in all future New York state tournaments.

As the junior group has been steadily increasing, the new set-up will make more courts available to them for tournament competition.

Kamman in Hairline Finish over Dixon to Win Arizona Valley of The Sun Open

Mesa's Art Kamman and Iowa's Dale Dixon went right down to the wire in the Valley of the Sun Open AA Horseshoe playoffs with the Mesan finally winning the championship.

The two earlier finished the 10-man round robin each with eight wins and one loss to precipitate the playoff.

Kamman finished with the highest per cent average, 70.4, while Dixon had a 67.8 per cent for the nine games.

The Class B trophy and money was taken back to Nebraska by popular and free-swinging Ralph Fleeharty with eight wins and one loss. Second place went to M. A. McBride of Salt Lake City.

Willard Phillips of Tempe took the honors in Class C competition with eight wins against one loss. John Vitton of Michigan and 13-year-old Roger Branine of Mulvane, Kansas, tied for second place where Vitton got second place money for having the higher percentage.

Class D was garnered by Al Smith of Phoenix with 16-year-old Jim McKisack of Phoenix in the second place slot, and John Wood, also of Phoenix, in third position.

A total of \$300 in prizes and trophies were presented to the winners.

W. B. Stearns, tournament director, says it was a huge success. The weatherman cooperated beautifully and the out-of-state pitchers, especially, were delighted.

CLASS AA

CLASS A

	W	L	%		W	L	%
Kamman, Arizona	8	1	70.4	Wheeler, California	7	2	61.9
Dixon, Iowa	8	1	67.8	Pratt, California	7	2	57.6
Blexrude, California	7	2	68.8	Lavett, California	7	2	57.7
Hafner, Iowa	7	2	66.7	Brady, California	6	3	61.8
Holmquist, Arizona	4	5	65.0	Thompson Arizona	5	4	57.2
Tamboer, Kansas	4	5	64.6	Valdois, Kansas	4	5	58.5
Darnold, Iowa	3	6	60.7	Wold, North Dakota	3	6	56.0
Robertson, Iowa	3	6	54.4	Hagerman, California	3	6	54.5
Danielson, Iowa	1	8	58.1	Marino, Arizona	2	7	55.6
Reheis, Kansas	0	9	50.7	Laird, Arizona	1	8	53.2

Valley of The Sun — (Continued)

CLASS B				CLASS C			
	W	L	%		W	L	%
Fleeharty, Nebraska	8	1	50.6	Phillips, Arizona	8	1	42.5
McBride, Utah	7	2	55.7	Vitton, Michigan	6	3	40.9
Berg, California	7	2	55.5	Branine, Kansas	6	3	37.4
Morse, California	6	3	52.5	Greer, Arizona	5	4	41.9
Easterling, California	4	5	52.5	Branine, Kansas	5	4	39.7
Schmidt, Nebraska	3	6	48.4	McKissack, Arizona	4	5	40.6
Shipley, California	3	6	47.7	Patschke, Arizona	4	5	33.5
House, Idaho	3	6	47.4	Warrington, Montana	3	6	35.6
Tolley, Arizona	3	6	45.6	Palm, Wyoming	2	7	35.4
Cauchon, California	1	8	40.9	Graves, Kansas	1	8	30.5

CLASS D

	W	L	%		W	L	%
Smith, Arizona	7	0	42.5	Wermuth, California	2	5	30.9
McKissack, Arizona	6	1	43.6	Shaffer, Arizona	2	5	30.1
Wood, Arizona	5	2	41.2	Noe, Arizona	2	5	28.4
Brewer, Arizona	3	4	27.5	Moore, Arizona	1	6	27.9

Red Mill "February Open" Winners Named

Sam Sutton, of Washington, won the Class "A" Division of the Red Mill February Open Tournament held February 18th and 19th with a ringer percentage of 81.4. Sutton had to beat Howard Shriver, of Wadestown, West Virginia, in a playoff game to win. Sutton accumulated 99 ringers out of 120 shoes and Shriver tossed 95 out of the 120 shoes. Howard finished second with an 80.4 ringer percentage.

Class "B" winner was Pete Sowa with a ringer percentage of 72.3. Runner-up was John Ruskin with a 64.8 ringer percentage. Carl Nagode took the Class "C" honors winning four straight games and compiling a ringer percentage of 63.2. Nagode's roughest game was with Clyde Falk, who pitched a game of 60.3 per cent ringers. Second place was taken by Dean Mayes, with a 55.4 ringer percentage. Bob Bird clinched the Class D spot by pitching an average of 52.1 percent ringers. Charles Sowa of Ardara was runner-up. Class E winner was Clyde Sprows, with John Barnhardt as runner-up. Nelson Ealy won the Class "F" Division and runner-up was John Wagner.

CLASS A				CLASS B			
	W	L	%		W	L	%
S. Sutton	4	1	81.4	P. Sowa	4	0	72.3
H. Shriver	3	2	80.4	J. Ruskin	3	1	64.8
C. Martz	2	2	73.5	V. Wellington	2	2	60.3
J. Solomon	1	3	75.3	A. Booth	1	3	56.2
F. Kilinsky	1	3	71.6	R. Werner	0	4	42.1

CLASS C				CLASS D			
	W	L	%		W	L	%
C. Nagode	4	0	63.2	R. Bird	3	0	52.1
D. Mayes	2	2	55.4	C. Sowa	2	1	49.2
A. Ponick	2	2	48.7	G. Combs	0	3	48.6
C. Falk	1	3	49.6	N. Wohar	0	3	45.0
J. Chernay	1	3	42.4				

CLASS E				CLASS F			
	W	L	%		W	L	%
C. Sprows	4	1	44.7	N. Ealy	3	0	45.9
J. Barnhardt	2	2	45.9	J. Wagner	2	1	33.8
R. Lehman	2	2	35.5	C. Ealy	1	2	23.6
M. Edmiston	0	3	40.5	C. Wright	0	3	23.3

Cover Picture . . . Ray's Recreation, the tourney site for the Dimondale, Michigan, NHPA indoor open, April 22-23, is located on U.S. 24 about 10 miles south of Lansing, Michigan. It has six regulation clay courts sunk flush in a concrete floor with heating and excellent lights. The building has an excellent snack bar and other facilities.

Horseshoe Pitching To Be Feature of North Dakota Mouse River Wagon Train

Horseshoe pitching will receive prime attention in western North Dakota just prior to the opening of the World Tournament in Fargo this summer.

The Mouse River Wagon Train, under the direction of Harold Grondahl, will feature horseshoe pitching at each of four stops. The wagon train will arrive at Minot, N. D., July 16 for the first day of the North Dakota State Fair. The fair runs July 16-22.

The overnight stops include Maxbass, Glenburn and Ruthville. Arrangements for the horseshoe pitching at each of the stops are being made by the Minot Horseshoe Club.

The horse-drawn wagons will make the 60-mile trek to Minot. Grondahl assured promoters at Fargo that the World Tournament will be given additional publicity throughout the trip. He met with Will Gullickson of Moorhead, Minn., to arrange for a World Tournament tie-in at the fair. Miles Johnson, State Fair manager, has a close interest in horseshoe, having figured in the build-up of the annual open tournament held at the Sioux Falls, S. D. Fair many years before moving to Minot.

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Washington State Shows The Way!

PART 1

by Ralph Gilbo, President
Washington State Horseshoe Pitcher's Assoc.

During the year of 1966 the State of Washington gained 190 new members over the previous year, which in one short year raised the state from 25th to 3rd nationally. In number of members per capita we are first! Not since the reorganization of the NHPA shortly after World War II has any state in the Union made such an increase!

The State of Washington was represented by more pitchers at the World Tournament last year than other state. This was despite the fact that much of the State is as far from Salt Lake City as is Kansas City and further than any other western state except Alaska or Hawaii.

We have many pitchers of top national caliber including the 1963 World Champion, John Monasmith, who pitched the second highest ringer percentage in the finals last year at the World Tournament. Our present State Champion, Henry Knauff (pronounce the K), placed 3rd in the World Tournament last year. Others who have pitched in the select class A division from this state are Ed Fishel, another 80% plus average pitcher, our widely known and traveled secretary-treas. Francis Winetrou, and Howard Shatto. Many others have competed in the other classes including the senior and ladies divisions.

The WSHPA was organized in 1925 and the first State Tournament was held in Tacoma. Floyd Sayre who threw a floating 3/4 shoe won the State Championship and was awarded a gold medal and \$40.00 in GOLD! Vic Bertoldi of Seattle, a teenager then, pitched in this first tournament and is still pitching a 60% average in tournaments.

Except for the war years of 1942-1945 the organization was always relatively small but continuous — until we hit the big boom last year. New courts have been built, more courts added, and fine new lights installed in several cities in the state.

Basically our success was simple, and perhaps your state might benefit in some way by knowing the story and adopting a part for your own use.

Prior to 1966 we functioned similar to many other State Associations. We had an official State Association meeting and election of officers once a year at our State Tournament. Included in the State Tournament entry fee was \$1.00 for the State membership and \$1.00 more (optional except for class A) for the NHPA membership. The only members were those who pitched in the State Tournament as there was no membership drive, interim meetings, State or Nationally sanctioned tournaments. We had several unsanctioned open tourneys all operating independently (even on conflicting dates) throughout the state, but only in summer.

But worst of all, communication was horrible. Many times you didn't know of a tournament until it was over. A host official would send a card to another local official who often would only inform those he happened to meet at the horseshoe courts the last few days before the tournament. You were lucky if you could find out the starting time and how to qualify. Those not notified, and I know because I had that feeling more than once, became soured and felt slighted.

In 1964 at the annual meeting of the State Tournament much discussion was given to what to do about securing a fair method of qualifying for the State Tournament. The officers at that time, Rudy Allones, President and Ralph Taylor, Sec-Treas. appointed a committee of three to study and make recommendations at the next annual State Tournament regarding qualifying and the format for the State Tournament. Committees had been appointed before with little success. As a matter of fact in searching the old records of the minutes of the meetings I find that such a committee was appointed in 1933. This new committee however studied for months to work out a new program and their recommendations went far beyond what was requested.

We adopted the following at the 1965 State meeting. A monthly newsletter

Washington State Shows the Way — (Continued)

to all State members including a method of financing it. A qualification system based on a pitcher's actual ringer percentage pitched in tournaments. A new lineup of classes in the State Tournament. More emphasis on ladies' pitching.

Then to top that off our esteemed secretary-treasurer Francis Winetrouth started a new series of 10 tournaments to be played from January to May, approximately every two weeks, missing Easter and Mother's Day. This highly successful effort is called the Winter Open Classic and has gained many new members, some only beginners.

Easterners (those living east of Horseshoe Bend, Idaho) apparently have the impression that because Seattle is the gateway to Alaska and is close to Canada that we have severe winters. The truth is that during the entire calendar year 1966 not once did it freeze in Seattle and snow is very rare. Many people never use anti-freeze in their car. The all-time record low temperature for Seattle which occurred many years ago is 8 degrees above zero. Therefore while much of the nation is hibernating we can pitch horseshoes — and do! By Feb. 1st we already had over 100 members and had completed two tournaments.

In our state every one of our record number of members is also an NHPA member. All of our tournaments except an occasional city or county championship or local league affair are Nationally sanctioned. This means we have about two dozen large sanctioned tournaments each year hosted by various local clubs in various cities throughout the state.

A unique and forceful feature is the fact that all of these tournaments are also State sanctioned. A tournament must meet certain conditions to become State sanctioned. All pitchers except juniors must be State and National members. Scores must be accurately kept by third party scorekeepers. All scoresheets must be mailed immediately after the tournament to the state statistician for computing.

Our state performs several very important services for each member at a very modest fee. Largely because of this we can make hard and fast rules and the members are totally in favor of the program. The members have voted in favor of our strong system and the better they have understood it the more enthusiastic they have become.

We charge a \$4.00 annual membership fee which includes the \$1.00 for the NHPA membership fee. For their \$4.00 each member receives a very comprehensive and informative monthly newsletter and the State Association keeps an accurate and up to the minute record of their individual pitching percentages. We have eliminated the 50-100-200 shoe qualifying system and instead class a pitcher in a tourney by his actual pitching percentage. It is necessary that tournaments cooperate with the state both for the newsletter publicity and because all pitchers prefer to pitch in State sanctioned tournaments to have their performance recorded by the State Association.

Without doubt the greatest asset our State Association has is the monthly "newsletter" which is sent to each member. It typically contains from 5 to 10 typewritten and mimeographed pages each month. It is crammed with important news and information. Originally we thought we wouldn't have enough news and information to warrant publishing it monthly but we found out there is always plenty to write about to keep all members informed about all phases of the State's activities at all times.

We credit the circulation of information in this newsletter with generating a tremendous interest among hundreds in the state. After the original interest was created we obtained more than 5 times the number of members as before.

For the first six months we sent the newsletter free to every horseshoe pitcher or prospective horseshoe pitcher whose name and address could be obtained. We continuously had a message in the newsletter asking nonmembers to join the organization and enter tournaments.

Hebron, Ohio Open Tournament

The third annual Hebron Open tournament will be held on June 23-24-25, 1967, at the Hebron, Ohio courts, located on Route 440, 25 miles east of Columbus, Ohio, north of new Route 70, take the Hebron and Newark exit.

The Hebron Club will conduct the tournament and assisted by the Ohio Buckeye Horseshoe Association. This will be an N.H.P.A. sanctioned tournament, with trophies and certificates being awarded to first place winners in each class. The defending champion is Paul Focht, Dayton, Ohio.

Qualifying will begin on Friday evening, June 23, at 6 P.M. until 10 P.M., resuming on Saturday at 8 A.M. till 12 noon, June 24th. 100 Shoes to qualify and the entry fee will be \$6.00.

The Hebron and Newark Clubs extend a cordial invitation to all players to participate in this annual event. There are motels and restaurants nearby.

Mid-Eastern Wisconsin Crown Goes to Veteran Badger State Ringerman, Ed Schimek

In recent correspondence with the Wisconsin state association, the following delayed report was received by Robert Pence, NHPA secretary. He reports that interest in the Badger state is increasing by leaps and bounds.



Ed Schimek

In the Mid-Eastern title romp, we find the veteran of many ringer encounters, Ed Schimek of Milwaukee coming out on top after being tied with Carl Joppe of Green Bay, and another ringer veteran, Tommy Bartlen of West Allis, all of whom were tied for the top slot with 7 and 2 records. Positions were decided by using the ringer rule applying to 3-way ties. Wes Taylor of West Bend was winner in the Class B section. We also note that Al Spang of Shawano, a long-time NHPA member, played well. Class C honors went to Herb Stiles of Milwaukee. Bob Phelan of Kimberly won play-off over LaHa to take Class D. In Class E, another player of many years standing, Al Seeman of Appleton, won play-off for title in his class, followed by Chet LeNoble in second and

NHPA member, Ted Stearns of Eau Claire picking up third place.

CLASS A

	W	L	S.P.	R	%
E. Schimek, Milwaukee	7	2	496	292	59.0
C. Joppe, Green Bay	7	2	502	287	57.1
T. Bartlen, West Allis	7	2	570	304	53.7
W. Saeger, Ixonia	6	3	548	305	56.0
M. Olson, Appleton	5	4	560	322	57.9
M. Cooper, Shawano	5	4	496	253	51.0
A. Van Iten, Green Bay	4	5	572	271	47.5
B. Schlaak, Fond du Lac	3	6	508	228	45.0
J. Kapolin, Green Bay	1	8	506	226	44.5
W. Michaels, Fredonia	0	9	376	125	33.0

CLASS B

	W	L	%
W. Taylor, W. Bend	2	1	49.0
B. Lamers, Little Chute ..	2	1	48.2
G. Mason, Appleton	2	1	45.8
J. Olson, Green Bay	2	1	38.2
B. Wilke, Berlin	2	1	37.3
A. Johnson, Milwaukee	1	2	38.9
A. Spang, Shawano	1	2	36.5
G. Shroeder, Appleton	0	3	37.7

CLASS C

	W	L	%
H. Stiles, Milwaukee	3	0	43.2
R. Snowberger, Kimberly	3	0	37.3
J. Dollovoet, Little Chute	2	1	52.0
H. Pint, Milwaukee	1	2	41.2
Van Boxtel, Little Chute	1	2	41.1
R. Wrucke, Horicon	1	2	35.3
D. Anderson, Shawano	1	2	34.8
H. Wendt, Milwaukee	0	3	33.7

Mid-Eastern — (Continued)

CLASS D				CLASS E			
	W	L	%		W	L	%
B. Phelan, Kimberly	3	0	41.3	A. Seeman, Appleton	3	0	30.4
B. LaHa, Combined Locks	3	0	42.2	C. Le Noble, Little Chute	3	0	44.8
Wildenberg, Little Chute	2	1	40.8	T. Stearns, Eau Claire	2	1	37.5
L. McKeefry, Pulaski	1	2	38.0	C. Polczynski, Pulaski	1	2	37.5
B. Stepanski, Freedom	1	2	32.7	H. Johnson, Neenah	1	2	28.2
C. Kuehl, Appleton	1	2	30.8	S. Bowman, Green Bay	1	2	24.6
M. Tonn, Pulaski	1	2	29.6	G. Nelson, Green Bay	1	2	20.0
L. Krueger, Oshkosh	0	3	31.0	B. Johnson, Appleton	0	3	29.4

Les Long Wins Strawberry Festival Tournament

A record field of entries from 9 states participated in the Fourth annual Strawberry tournament held at the Plant City Fairgrounds on March 13th and 14th. Les Long of Sterling, Illinois retained his title and became the first repeat victor in this event, after an exciting playoff victory over John Rademacher of Plant City. Rademacher defeated Long in an earlier round to necessitate a playoff.

Joe Foster won Class B without a defeat and was in excellent form.

Roy Gravink of Mayville, N. Y. won by virtue of a playoff victory over Roy Whittemore of Auburn, Maine in Class C competition. Class D went to Elmer Sample of Michigan a first year entrant in the tourney.

Hookway of Florida won Class E after playoff victories over Davidson of Michigan and Ehnke of New York. Trophies were awarded by the Fair Manager Mr. C. D. Swingley to First Place and runner-up victors.

M. A. Bruce and Leo McGrath assisted the local club in keeping the tournament operating smoothly.

CLASS A

	W	L	SP	R	%
Les Long, Illinois	*6	1	388	231	59.5
John Rademacher, Florida	*6	1	490	288	58.8
Harold Tuttle, Ohio	4	3	456	245	53.7
Gene Rademacher, Florida	4	3	452	241	53.3
William Keegan, Florida	3	4	420	230	54.7
Allen Clingan, Florida	3	4	358	167	46.6
Chris Hansen, Florida	2	5	408	197	46.3
John Clingan, Florida	0	7	438	206	47.0

CLASS B

	W	L	%
J. Foster, Neb.	7	0	55.4
Wm. Figy, Ohio	5	2	48.7
E. Grable, Mich.	4	3	43.7
J. Wilkinson, Ohio	4	3	40.4
F. Sumpter, Ohio	3	4	42.3
I. Eilers, Ill.	3	4	34.2
A. Hodgman, Mich.	2	5	36.2
Peters, Minn.	0	7	28.5

CLASS C

	W	L	%
R. Gravink, N.Y.	6	1	42.2
R. Whittemore, Maine	6	1	33.4
H. Ehnke, N.Y.	5	2	26.8
R. Hitchcock, Ohio	4	3	34.2
L. Peary, Fla.	3	4	34.5
J. Thonert, Fla.	3	4	33.7
P. Callahan, Fla.	1	6	28.2
L. McGrath, Ohio	0	7	16.8

CLASS D

	W	L	%
E. Sample, Mich.	6	1	34.2
J. Ellis, Fla.	5	2	43.3
A. Berdan, Mich.	5	2	30.7
D. Rogers, Mich.	5	2	29.2
A. Figy, Ohio	3	4	28.8
J. Kelly, Fla.	2	5	20.5
S. Rathburn, N.Y.	1	6	25.7
C. Lundgren, Mich.			Forfeit

CLASS E

	W	L	%
H. Hookway, Fla.	5	2	22.3
Davidson, Mich.	5	2	20.3
H. Ehnke, N.Y.	5	2	26.8
T. Corbett, Pa.	4	3	17.4
D. Toney, Fla.	4	3	14.4
B. Webster, Fla.	3	4	19.3
A. Drinkwater, Fla.	2	5	9.8
H. Cook, Fla.	0	7	10.7

Kindred, N. D. Open Set for June 10-11

Home-court qualifying will be permitted for the first time at the eighth annual Kindred Open tournament. The tourney will be held June 10 and 11, at Mill Site Park in Kindred, North Dakota.

The 100-shoe qualifying will also be permitted at Kindred's Mill Site Park courts for nearby pitchers.

Rudy Lykken, long-time horseshoe booster in the state and manager of the Kindred tourney, expects one of the largest turnouts.

Lykken has been active in promoting the 1967 World Tournament in the Kindred area. He sold \$330 of advertising for the World Tournament souvenir program in the Kindred area.

Lykken is also making plans for a 100-shoe pitchoff to be held on the Kindred courts during the first few days of the World Tournament. Kindred is expanding its layout. Kindred is located 27 miles southwest of Fargo-Moorhead.

Minot, N. D. Club Planning Open Tournament

The aggressive Minot, N.D., Horseshoe Club is making plans to hold its first open tournament in June with the definite date to be set later.

Once a horseshoe-pitching hotbed, Minot is making a strong comeback. Ken Newman is the president. Kermit Nestegard and Sid Hohman are staunch helpers.

Last year the club had 98 members, largest in the state. The club voted at its Feb. 16 meeting to require all members to join the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association.

Will Gullickson, second vice president of the NHPA and coordinator for the 1967 World Tournament at Fargo, explained tourney plans and showed a film at the Feb. 16 meeting.

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Washington Winter Open Classic Second Series

Statistics and Summary by Ken Elvig — Sports Editor of the New and Ringer Review — Washington States official Horseshoe Magazine.

Extremely high winds swept over Puget Sound, cracked the Worlds largest floating bridge in Seattle and lowered the boom on the horseshoe pitchers at Seattle's Woodland Park. Averages fell for most of the pitchers. R. Brumfield, H. Pidde and F. Winetrout ended in a threeway tie for first place in A. Brumfield won on a ringer percent basis. B. Van Egdom, perennial winner in B continued his winning ways.

CLASS A

	W	L	%
R. Brumfield, Edmonds	4	2	57.0
E. Winetrout, Lummi Is. ..	4	2	54.3
H. Pidde, Seattle	4	2	54.0
J. Juracich, Tacoma	3	3	42.6
E. West, Seattle	3	3	42.6
B. Hansen, Lynnwood	2	3	47.6
J. Malvern, Seattle	1	5	42.0

CLASS B

	W	L	%
B. Van Egdom, Lynden	4	0	46.0
E. Bartlett, Everett	3	1	38.0
A. Alexander, Lynnwood ..	2	2	30.5
E. Shidler, Seattle	1	3	26.5
M. Alvord, Seattle	0	4	35.5

CLASS C

	W	L	%
G. Alexander, Seattle	5	0	40.8
E. Andersen, Lynden	4	1	34.0
J. Lockert, Bellingham ...	3	2	34.8
R. Oard, Seattle	2	3	32.4
M. Miller, Seattle	1	4	24.8
L. Alvord, Seattle	0	5	18.8

CLASS D

	W	L	%
M. Smith, Seattle	4	0	38.5
O. Selstad, Bellingham ...	2	2	37.5
E. Stansell, Seattle	2	2	31.0
J. Palmer, Seattle.....	1	3	34.0
E. Torrence, Tacoma	1	3	27.5

CLASS E

	W	L	%
F. Kuhn, Seattle	4	0	19.5
W. Fox, Seattle	2	2	18.0
J. Pemble, Seattle	0	4	12.5

Jim Woodson Retains Shamrock Championship

Texas has a couple of "giant killers", namely Archie Roach, who defeated the champion, Jim Woodson in the only game that Woodson lost, and Jim Woodson, who defeated Marvin Burgess, not once but twice in the playoff, to determine the championship.

All this transpired at the Shamrock Open, which was held at the Lakeside Horseshoe Club courts in San Antonio, Texas, on Saturday and Sunday, March 18 and 19. This tournament broke all records for an open tournament held so early in the year. Windy and cold weather held down the ringer averages, but every one of the eight trophies were very hotly contested for, as evidenced by the fact that play-off games were held in every bracket, to determine the winners, or second place winners.

CHAMPIONSHIP

	W	L
J. Woodson, San Antonio	10	1
M. Burgess, Ballinger	9	2
A. Roach, Denton	7	3
V. Jamison, Houston	6	4
M. Bowers, Houston	5	5
B. Graham, Houston	4	6
R. Kiser, San Antonio	4	6
B. Sipple, Houston	3	7
C. Zarnicki, Houston	3	7
T. McGowen, San Antonio	2	8
C. Dapson, San Antonio	2	8

CLASS B

	W	L
B. Warriner, Houston	7	0
D. Byrd, San Antonio	6	2
R. McCartney, San Antonio	5	3
V. Callow, San Antonio	4	3
J. Geer, San Antonio	3	4
O. Eccles, Houston	3	4
M. Sanderson, San Antonio ...	1	6
R. Johnson, San Antonio	0	7

Shamrock Open — (Continued)

CLASS C			CLASS D		
	W	L		W	L
M. Sanderson, San Antonio	8	1	J. Splitgerber, San Antonio	11	0
C. Lutz, San Antonio	7	2	V. Costantino, San Antonio	11	1
H. Burnett, San Antonio	6	3	J. Prevost, San Antonio	10	2
B. Procter, San Antonio	3	4	H. Hunter, San Antonio	7	4
T. Haslett, San Antonio	2	5	R. Costantino, San Antonio	6	5
J. Bradley, San Antonio	2	5	J. Brannon, San Antonio	6	5
E. Carr, San Antonio	2	5	L. Milligan, Denton	4	7
D. Foy, San Antonio	2	5	J. Johnston, San Antonio	3	8
			N. Hawes, San Antonio	3	8
			R. Belcher, San Antonio	2	9
			B. Castle, San Antonio	2	9
			M. Kiser, San Antonio	1	10

Washington Winter Open Classic Third Series

Francis Winetrout of Lummi Island won the Class A trophy at Seattle's Woodland Park with four games in the 70's. Ralph Gilbo, State President, playing in his first series of the year bested Bill Van Egdom in Class B. J. Lockert of Bellingham, who tosses his shoes end over end, came through with his second trophy of the year.

CLASS A				CLASS B			
	W	L	%		W	L	%
F. Winetrout, Lummi Is. ..	6	0	66.0	R. Gilbo, Seattle	5	1	50.3
H. Pidde, Seattle	4	2	54.6	B. Van Egdom, Lynden ...	4	2	52.3
R. Brumfield, Seattle	3	3	54.0	E. West, Seattle	4	2	52.0
J. Juracich, Tacoma	3	3	48.0	M. Alvord, Seattle	3	3	43.6
J. Malvern, Seattle	2	4	56.0	B. Lee, Seattle	2	4	44.0
V. Bertoldi, Seattle	2	4	53.0	E. Bartlett, Everett	2	2	42.6
B. Hansen, Seattle	1	5	50.0	R. Taylor, Seattle	1	5	39.0

CLASS C				CLASS E			
	W	L	%		W	L	%
J. Lockert, Bellingham ...	6	0	44.3	G. Alexander, Lynnwood ..	2	4	34.6
E. Andersen, Wisner Lake ..	5	1	41.3	R. Oard, Seattle	2	4	31.6
A. Hostak, Seattle	3	3	33.5	L. Alvord, Seattle	1	5	30.0
M. Miller, Seattle	2	4	37.0				

CLASS D				CLASS E			
	W	L	%		W	L	%
E. Stansell, Seattle	4	0	35.0	W. Fox, Seattle	5	0	19.2
J. Palmer, Seattle	2	2	33.5	J. Hoy, Seattle	4	1	29.6
F. Kuhn, Seattle	2	2	29.0	J. Doud, Seattle	3	2	24.8
D. Isaacson, Seattle	2	2	27.0	J. Saari, Seattle	2	3	18.8
E. Torrence, Tacoma	0	4	24.0	J. Pemble, Seattle	1	4	11.2
				H. Allen, Seattle	0	5	10.0

New Jersey State Association 1967 Schedule of Events

May 7 — JUNIOR A.A.U. TOURNAMENT (for New Jersey players only). Middlesex — Thomas P. Simchock Recreation Field, Play begins at 12:30 P.M. sharp.

May 21 — LOIS E. KOLB MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT (Open tournament) Middlesex — Thomas P. Simchock Field. Classes C & D (under 40%) start at 10:00 A.M. sharp. Classes A & B start at 1:00 P.M.

June 4 — A.A.U. OPEN TOURNAMENT (Open to all players). Newark — Branch Brook Park. Classes C & D (under 40%) start at 10:00 A.M. sharp. Classes A & B start at 1:00 P.M.



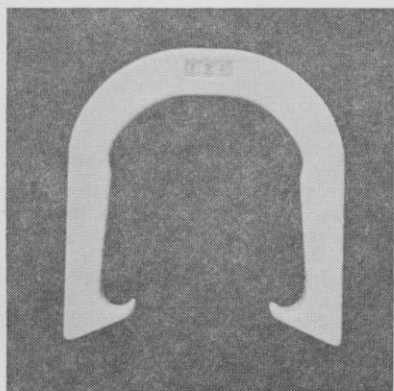
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Local Clubs

The Connersville, Indiana club, organized in 1923 is now on the upswing after a two year span of expanding its facilities, by adding eight new courts to increase the number to 19. All the courts have the same type of clay as that at Greenville, Ohio. A chain link fence encloses the court layout. A temporary concession stand has been erected. Also plans are being made to erect a new club house and also to put in cement walkways on eight of the old courts.

Under the guidance of Bill Harrison as manager, Ray Wood, president, Jim Pitcher, vice-president and Ray Pitcher as treasurer, the Connersville club hopes to hold some of the major tournaments as time goes by. Many well known horseshoe pitching personalities are members of the Connersville club. They include Bob May, Graydon and Harold McFatridge, Jim Kemple, Marv Chrisman, George Noe, Russ and Danny Showalter, Dick Pitcher and many others. The members extend a cordial welcome to all to stop and visit and enjoy the facilities of the Connersville club when in the vicinity.



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World Tournament Bids

Clubs which desire to become a host to future World Tournaments should start preparing a bid to place before the NHPA convention this summer at Fargo.

Provisions of the NHPA constitution give the delegates to the convention the power to accept, reject or defer bids for the 1969 World Tournament. The convention will be held the morning of August 2 during the 1967 World Tournament at Fargo.

Last year in Utah there were five bids for the 1967 tournament with the Fargo bid being successful, and Keene, New Hampshire bid \$5,000.00 for the 1968 World Tournament which was accepted by the delegates.

The acceptance of the Keene bid for 1968 marked the first time the tournament had been awarded two years in advance. This gives the Keene club two years to prepare for hosting a good tournament.

The NHPA officers hope that there will be bids for the 1969 Tournament placed before the convention in Fargo. Any club which desires further information on this subject should contact NHPA President Harold Craig.

Indiana — Illinois Open, May 21 — Cayuga, Indiana

The annual Indiana-Illinois Open will be held Sunday, May 21 on the 12 court layout in Cayuga, Ind., play starting at 9:30 AM for the lower classes.

There will be no qualifying necessary. Entries both from Indiana and Illinois will be placed in classes on the basis of their previous records. The entry fee is \$2.00 and the deadline for entries is May 14, one week prior to the tourney. Entries should be sent to Karl Van Sant, Box 415, Cayuga, Ind. 47928.

Players without a previous record in NHPA play or feel their late season record of last year is too low can send in a 50 shoe qualifying score with their entry.

Ohio-Pennsylvania Open — May 19, 20,21

This new event will be held at James Knisley's new indoor courts on East Main Street in Bremen, Ohio. He recently purchased a Bremen movie theatre, that went out of business a few years back and is converting it into a fine three court layout. The four nearby outdoor courts will also be available for some classes.

All Ohio and Penna. players must qualify on the Bremen courts. Qualifying rounds will be from 6 to 10 p.m. on Friday, May 19, and from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 20. Classes will then be drawn up and start as soon as possible. Entry fee will be \$5.00.

Class A will consist of 12 or 14 players, while all other classes will have 6 or 8 men. Outstanding trophies, plus cash awards, will be given in all classes.

Harold Anthony of Greenville, Ohio will be the defending champion having won the event that this one replaces. Gary Roberts and Jim Knisley will be tourney directors.

Nation's Capital To Be Scene Of Spring Warm-Up Tournament

The Washington, D. C. Recreation department will sponsor a Spring Warm-Up tournament on Sunday, April 23 starting at 1:00 p.m. at the courts in the National Capital Park Recreation area. Rain date will be the following Sunday.

All participants will pitch 50 shoes for qualifying score for placement in the round robin singles competition. If a sufficient number of players are available, there will be a doubles meet.

Courts are located at 15th and Constitution Avenue, S. W. Washington, D. C. Chairman for this event is Allen W. Bertschy, and acting for the Recreation Department is Mayo A. Pittman.

Iowa Hawkeye Association To Hold Open Tournament In Conjunction With Outdoor Living Show, May 27-28

The Iowa Hawkeye Association will hold an open tournament in conjunction with the 1967 Outdoor Living and Family Camping Show.

Qualifying on Saturday, May 27, continuing until 10 a.m. Sunday, May 28, finals at 11:30 a.m. Trophies in each class. This will be at Riverside Park Horseshoe Courts, across Market Street bridge, across from the Coliseum & just off Hwy. 34 and Hwy. 63, to the right (north). Entry fee \$3.00.

We are to be listed having a horseshoe tournament in future advertising, but we didn't know of it before this was in. There are concessions for dealers to show their campers, etc. and the like; also there will be an area for campers to come and stay for the Show. This Show was previously at Iowa City annually but due to some reason they gave it up and are going to have it here this year, maybe and probably will be an annual affair.

The above tournament will be open, 1967 NHPA Card required. 1967 NHPA State & National Cards will be available, also the 1967 World Tournament, Fargo, North Dakota buttons, \$1.00 each.

St. Cloud, Florida Has Active Ringer Group

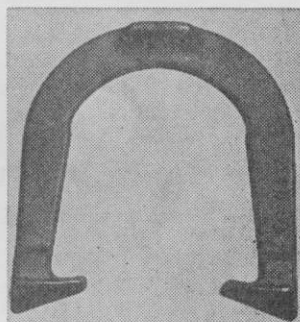
Each morning about 8:30, a group of residents of Brown's Trailer Park, in St. Cloud, Florida, head for the horseshoe courts, which adjoin the shuffleboard area. Many of these horseshoe enthusiasts have become so proficient that they are extending a challenge to all area clubs of the same type.

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Spring Warm-Up Tournament—Van Port, Pa., May 27-28

The sixth annual Spring Warm-up Tournament will be held at Van Burn Homes, Vanport, Pa., on May 27 and 28. This tournament is a sanctioned event and open to any NHPA member.

No qualifying. Send in your highest ringer percentage of any sanctioned tournament of 1966 or 1967 excepting the Spring Warm-up of 1966. State which tournament you are using and which month it appears in the Digest. Any county tournament can be used if it appears in the Digest.

There will be eight classes with six men in a class resulting in a total of forty-eight contestants. Class A, B, C, and D will pitch on Sunday, May 28, 1967, and Class E, F, G, and H will pitch on Saturday, May 27, 1967. Entry fee is \$3.00 and will be returned if a player fails to class in the tournament. Trophies will be awarded to the winner and runner-up of each class. Deadline to get in tournament is May 15, 1967. Send your entry fee and ringer percentage to Herman Boyer, R. D. 2, Beaver, Pa., 15009. Defending champ is James Solomon.

BEAVER COUNTY TOURNAMENT

The Beaver County Tournament will be held July 22 and 23, 1967.

VAN BURN HOMES, VANPORT, OPEN

The Van Burn Homes, Vanport, Pa. open is a sanctioned tournament. This is a new tournament and will be held each year the third weekend of August. This year it will be held on August 19 and 20. Deadline to enter will be August 7, 1967.

This tournament will be run the same as the Spring Warm-up except the highest ringer percentage of a sanctioned tournament in 1967 only should be used. Do not use 1966 tournaments. The classes will be set up the same as in the Spring Warm-up. Entry fee will be \$3.00 to be sent to Herman Boyer.

EASTERN NATIONAL

The Eastern National Tournament will be held at Erie, Pa., on June 24 and 25. More details later.

Two Southern Illinois Open Tournament Dates Announced

Lee Bader of Jerseyville, Illinois, who has done much to promote the game in the southern Illinois area, has scheduled two open tournaments to be played on the following dates.

The annual Carrollton Spring Warm-Up Open tournament is set for Sunday, May 28, in Carrollton, Ill. Qualifying will start at 8:30 A.M. and close at 12 noon sharp. Anyone who wants to send in their qualifying scores ahead of time may do so by mailing them to Charles Rhoades, Whitehall, Ill., or Ed Weber, Carrollton, Ill., together with entry fee of \$3.00. There will be three division trophies in each division. Tournament will be played on the 12 new courts in Carrollton. Rain date the following Sunday.

The annual Jerseyville Open Tournament will be held on Saturday, June 24, on the new courts in Jerseyville. Three division trophies will be awarded in each division. Rain date, the following Saturday. For further details, write Lee Bader, 204 East Exchange Street, Jerseyville, Illinois 62052.

Rev. Anthony Brennan To Return From Far East



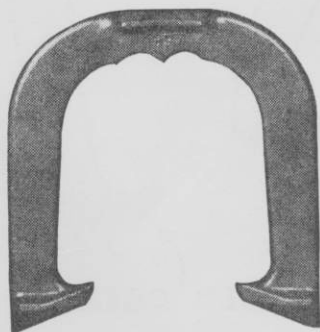
In a recent letter to the News Digest, the New York state association will be interested to know that one of their group, Rev. Anthony Brennan, of Brooklyn, N. Y., will arrive in the states for a six months stay, the latter part of April. Rev. Brennan has been in the service of his faith, as a missionary in the British Colony, Hong Kong for the past several years. He hopes to renew old acquaintances and resume his horseshoe pitching, during his furlough at home.

Fifth Annual West Virginia Open Slated for Aug. 19-20

The fifth annual West Virginia Open tournament will be held on Saturday and Sunday, August 19 and 20, on the City park courts in Parkersburg, West Virginia.

The Wood County Association will again be the hosts and conduct the tournament. Danny Kuchcinski of Erie, Pennsylvania, will be the defending champion.

Further details will appear in later issues of the News Digest. Bernard Hull is the secretary of the West Virginia state association and extends a cordial invitation to all to remember this date as a place to spend a few days and enjoy the fellowship and hospitality in the beautiful West Virginia surroundings.



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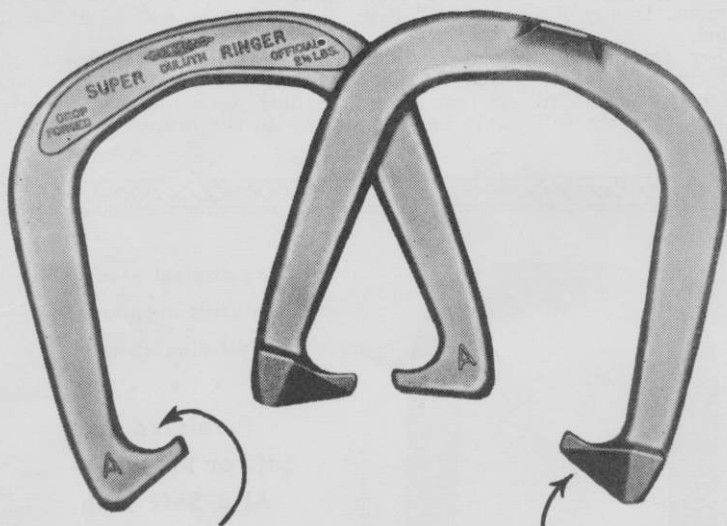
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