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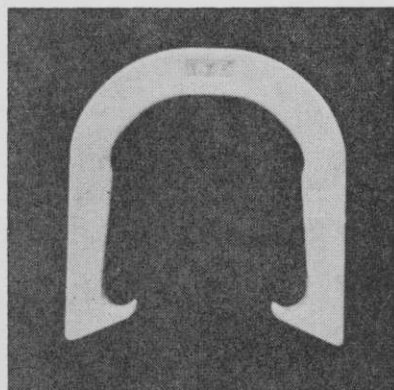
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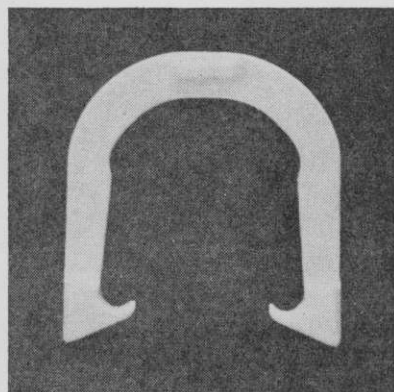
The demand for shoes this year has increased so much that we ran out twice, and had to reorder.



This takes time, and we have to wait our turn at the forging company. This winter we will have a larger supply of shoes made, hoping they will meet the demand.

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Solomon Cops New Rome, Ohio Fall Indoor Open Title

Jim Solomon of Uniontown, Pa., lost 2 of his first 4 games but finished strong to cop the 6th annual New Rome, Ohio fall indoor tourney. Sam Sutton, runnerup, and Carl Young, 1966 Ohio AAU Champ, had the longest game of the meet, 126 shoes. Young connected for 97 ringers and Sutton 95 in this contest.

Wilbur Kabel finished third and was the high qualifier with 88% and 274 points. Al Zadroga finished 4th and had the best overall ringer percentage of 77.1 and highest individual game, 87%.

CLASS A—GROUP 1—Semi-Finals			CLASS A—GROUP 2—Semi-Finals		
	W	L %		W	L %
A. Zadroga, Pa.	4	1 78.3	W. Kabel, New Madison ..	5	0 73.5
C. Young, Columbus	4	1 68.0	S. Sutton, Pa.	4	1 70.9
J. Solomon, Pa.	3	2 71.1	R. Redding, Kiousville	3	2 68.2
K. Dawes, Good Hope	3	2 65.2	J. Leach, Columbus	2	3 67.0
R. Miller, Springfield	1	4 64.8	S. Manker, Martinsville ..	1	4 63.9
H. Anthony, Arcanum	0	5 64.2	J. Knisley, Bremen	0	5 63.7

CLASS A — Finals

	W	L	R	SP	%
J. Solomon	5	1	419	532	78.8
S. Sutton	4	2	443	564	78.5
W. Kabel	3	2	322	424	75.9
A. Zadroga	2	3	337	442	76.2
C. Young	2	3	314	422	74.4
R. Redding	0	5	166	288	57.6

CLASS B

	W	L	%
C. Johnson, Lyndon	5	1	65.5
M. Montgomery, Columbus 4	2	64.7	
J. Pillion, Casstown	3	2	65.5
T. Harris, London	2	3	55.8
R. Bennett, (sub) London 2	3	54.5	
J. Boesch, (sub) Columbus 0	5	47.8	

CLASS C

	W	L	%
J. DeWeese, Wash. C.H.	4	1	65.0
H. Bryant, Wash. C.H.	3	2	62.7
R. Bennett, London	3	2	59.1
T. Pearce, W. Jefferson ..	3	2	58.8
L. Rose, Columbus	2	3	55.8
L. Mathews, Columbus	0	5	56.8

CLASS D

	W	L	%
H. Witter, Columbus	5	1	57.6
H. Anderson, New Rome ..	4	2	59.3
I. Butcher, Bloomingburg 3	2	50.4	
O. Blosser, Urbana	3	2	40.6
J. Boesch, Columbus	1	4	46.0
R. Hakes, Greenfield			Forfeit

CLASS E

	W	L	%
G. Hoddy, Galloway	4	1	43.6
R. Moore, Columbus	3	2	50.0
F. Bennett, Greenfield	3	2	44.6
C. Brickles, Columbus	3	2	44.5
P. Swartz, Marion	2	3	40.8
H. May, Dayton			Forfeit

New Rome Indoor — (Continued)

CLASS F

	W	L	%
F. Johnson, Bourneville ..	4	1	48.7
K. Wilson, Columbus	3	2	46.7
F. Dougherty, Columbus ..	3	2	44.3
V. Pyles, New Rome	3	2	39.8
H. Wipert, Chillicothe	2	3	43.5
G. Mitchell, Ostrander	0	5	40.5

CLASS H

	W	L	%
S. Conley, Columbus	6	0	50.8
L. Beach, Columbus	3	3	39.6
F. Park, Columbus	2	4	37.1
C. Hannah, Columbus	1	5	37.4

CLASS J

	W	L	%
J. Hodges, Delaware	5	0	40.9
R. Self, Mt. Sterling	4	1	32.6
E. Redding, Kiousville ...	3	2	27.5
C. Hurst, Columbus	2	3	25.0
D. Noland, Powell	1	4	21.0
A. Shavers, Columbus	0	5	7.4

CLASS L

	W	L	%
J. Clevenger, Ostrander ...	5	0	22.2
W. Grenell, Columbus	4	1	24.0
C. Noland, Delaware	3	2	25.1

CLASS G

	W	L	%
R. VonDach, Delaware	5	0	46.1
L. Waymire, Dayton	4	1	46.3
W. Daily, Chillicothe	3	2	45.5
E. Lomax, Columbus	1	4	40.1
N. Hageman, Ostrander	1	4	38.0
D. Stewart, Plain City ...	1	4	31.9

CLASS I

	W	L	%
M. Horner, Delaware	5	1	39.1
P. Beach, Junction City ...	4	2	38.7
E. Pratt, Columbus	3	2	44.2
N. Bennett, Sr., London ...	3	2	34.0
D. Peterson, London	1	4	33.6
J. Keller, Columbus	0	5	22.7

CLASS K

	W	L	%
C. Sims, Chillicothe	5	0	35.3
J. Dunkerly, Lancaster ...	3	2	29.2
J. Schultz, Chillicothe ...	3	2	26.3
J. Turner, Chillicothe	2	3	35.9
F. Boerner, Columbus	1	4	26.6
J. Howell, Bremen	1	4	21.6

	W	L	%
D. Rawlings, Circleville ...	2	3	23.3
R. Thatcher, Circleville	1	4	12.7
H. Reed, Maryville			Forfeit

Second Annual "Snowball Open" — February 18-19

The second annual indoor "Snowball Open" tournament, sponsored by the Darke County Horseshoe Club, will be held the weekends of February 18-19 and 25-26 in Greenville, Ohio. During the weekend of February 11-12 the courts will be open to those who wish to qualify for the tournament. Those not wishing to qualify will be placed in classes based in their results in the 1966 State Tournament in which they participated. Those who did not pitch in a State Tournament and who do not wish to come to Greenville to qualify may pitch 100 shoes at their home courts. Their score, attested to by a Club Officer, should be sent in with their entry. The deadline for entries is February 12, 1967. An entry fee of \$3.00 must accompany the application.

There will be a lunchstand at the courts with motel and restaurant accommodations nearby. The tournament will be held at the Darke County Fairgrounds on U.S. 127 and Ohio 49 South. Make checks payable to the Darke County Horseshoe Club and mail entries to Harold Anthony, RR 2, Arcanum, Ohio.

COVER PICTURE . . . From up north of the border, comes this month's picture. Bert Snart, right, is shown receiving the coveted trophy from Lou Hill, of Carling's, as champion of the "Carling Masters" tournament sponsored by the Carling Company. Meet was conducted in Dauphin, Manitoba, Snart is rated as one of Canada's top pitchers.

Engle, Hot Winner In Red Mill (Pa.) Indoor Open Meet

Oscar Engle of Pittsburgh won the Class A Division of the Red Mill Open Tournament held recently at the indoor courts of the Red Mill Horseshoe Club. Engle had a ringer percentage of 83.6 and had high games of 89.4 per cent and 87.1 per cent; he also threw 47 out of 48 ringers against F. Kilinsky. Runner up was former state champ Jim Solomon of Uniontown.

Class B was won by Clyde Martz of Pittsburgh, who averaged 73.3 per cent and had a high game with 81.2 per cent ringers. Al Booth of Washington was runner up and he had a high game of 73.1 per cent.

Class C winner was Pete Sowa of Versailles. Pete had an average of 70.9 per cent and had second high game of 76 per cent ringers. Carl Nagode of Canonsburg took the runner up position and had the high game with a ringer percentage of 77.3. Class D was won by George Combs of Pittsburgh.

CLASS A

	W	L	%
O. Engle, Pittsburgh	4	0	83.6
J. Solomon, Uniontown ...	4	1	78.2
F. Kilinsky, Canonsburg ..	2	2	75.1
H. Shriver, Wadestown ...	1	3	74.9
S. Sutton, Washington	0	4	76.6

CLASS B

	W	L	%
C. Martz, Pittsburgh	4	0	73.3
A. Booth, Washington	2	2	64.5
V. Wellington, Wash.	2	2	63.1
F. Oliverio, Washington ...	1	3	58.0
J. Ruskin, Pittsburgh	1	3	52.7

CLASS C

	W	L	%
P. Sowa, Versailles	4	0	70.9
C. Nagode, Canonsburg ...	3	1	63.1
C. Falk, Pittsburgh	2	2	51.4
C. Sowa, Andara	1	3	54.5
N. Wohar, Daisytown	0	4	39.7

CLASS D

	W	L	%
G. Combs, Pittsburgh	4	0	45.1
E. Ealy, W. Finley	2	2	38.3
J. Wagner, Canonsburg ..	2	2	35.9
C. Ealy, W. Finley	1	3	31.5
C. Wright, Claysville	1	3	27.3

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Province of Saskatchewan — Canada

1966 Activity Results

The Provincial Horseshoe Pitching Tournament was held at Lake Waskesiu in Prince Albert National Park on Sept. 4, 1966.

1. Provincial Singles Tournament
 - Winner — Melvin Nessel — Sheho
 - Second — George Wingham — Melfort
 - B Event Winner — Harold Nessel — Sheho
 - Second — Gene Squires — Saskatoon
2. Provincial Doubles Tournament
 - Winner — Bruce Adams and Gene Squires — Saskatoon
 - Second — W. Mountenay and S. Laing — Bethune
3. Senior Citizens Event
 - Winner — W. Mountenay — Bethune
 - Second — J. E. Johnston — Prince Albert
4. Ringer Contest — 50 horseshoes thrown
 - Winner — Fred Sorenson — 32 ringers — Prince Albert
 - Second — Cliff Dobson — 28 ringers — Regina Beach
 - Third — Melvin Nessel — 26 ringers — Sheho

The 1967 Provincial Tournament will be held at Lake Waskesiu on June 10 and 11. Contact Mr. James C. Parres, Manager, Waskesiu Chamber of Commerce, Waskesiu Lake, Saskatchewan, Canada, for further details.

New Rome, Ohio Spring Open Begins in April

Place: New Rome, Columbus 28, Ohio, two miles west on Route 40, Pasadena Avenue.

Qualifying Dates:

Saturday, March 18th — 12:00 to 6:00 P.M.

Sunday, March 19th — 12:00 to 9:00 P.M.

Friday, March 24th — 7:00 to 10:00 P.M.

Saturday, March 25th — 1:00 to 9:00 P.M.

Sunday, March 26th — 1:00 to 9:00 P.M.

Tournament Dates: April 8-9, 1967, April 15-16, 1967, April 22-23, 1967. Top Class to play April 15-16, 1967.

Entry fee of \$5.00 must accompany each entry. Trophies plus cash awards. Qualifying score will be accepted by mail. Trophy to highest qualifying score on our courts. Defending Champion — Carl Young.

Mail your entry fee to: Lester Rose, 85 South Ogden Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43204. Rome Club Telephone Number — 878-8475, Area Code 614.

Valley City, N. D. Winter Show to Stage Horseshoe Meet

A horseshoe tournament will be held in conjunction with the Valley City, N. D. Winter Show Saturday, March 4. Valley City is located 50 miles west of Fargo, N. D., site of the 1967 World Tournament.

Members of the Red River Valley League are handling arrangements for the tournament which will be limited to the top 32 qualifiers based on percentage ringers of their last two tournaments.

Eight temporary courts will be installed in the spacious Winter Show Building, which is the site of a week-long activities.

Irv Koslofsky, manager of the Winter Show, said he was pleased to have the added attraction of a horseshoe tournament, especially since interest in the sport is certain to reach an all-time high in the area in 1967.

Interested players from the North Dakota area are asked to send their \$5. entry fee and the ringer percentage of their last two tourneys to Winter Horseshoe Tournament, 1608 17th St. S., Moorhead, Minn. Refunds will be made to those who do not qualify among the top 32.

Eastern Ontario — 1966 Activity Results

- Ottawa and District Singles Tournament — Aug. 20, 1966
 Winner — H. Pilon — Ottawa
 Second — R. Gauthier — Hull, P.Q.
 Third — P. Latour — Hull, P.Q.
 45 players participated in the round robin tournament.
- Ottawa and District Doubles Tournament — Aug. 13, 1966
 Winner — J. Adams and R. Lebel — Ottawa
 Second — V. Saumure and H. Prince — Ottawa
- Two mens leagues and one ladies league operate in Ottawa from May 24 to Aug. 31 each year. One men's league is 'The Ottawa City Horseshoe Pitching League' with 8 teams and the other is the 'Ottawa Metro Horseshoe Pitching League' with 12 teams. These leagues are team competitions with each team consisting of six players. All games are doubles with four games making a match. Each league is divided into 3 divisions with play-offs at the end of the season. In the Ottawa City League, Riopelle Fabric Center won A Division, Glebe Electric won B Division and Laurentian Trading Post won C Division. In the Metro League, Westgate won the A Division, Lorcon won B Division and Bastien won C Division.
- A six team Ottawa City Ladies Horseshoe Pitching League concluded a successful season with Trojan Belles winning A Division, Fireflies winning B Division and Brewer Babes Winning C Division.
 Honored guest at the end of season banquet in the Metro league were Elmer and Hilda Hohl from Wellesley, Ontario. Elmer Hohl was the 1965 World Champion and his appearance together with horseshoe pitching demonstrations and discussions was the highlight of the occasion.
- Carlsbad Springs, Ontario Doubles Tournament July 9, 1966
 Winner — A. Lemire and H. Proulx — Ottawa
 Second — Y. Provost and P. Latour — Hull, P.Q.
 32 doubles teams participated in the tournament.
- Arnprior Ontario Doubles Tournament Sept. 10, 1966
 Winners — H. Pilon and A. Lemire — Ottawa
 Second — B. Mackie and H. Calder — Arnprior
 B Event winners — Y. Provost and P. Latour — Hull, P.Q.
 Second — J. Racicot and W. Chenier — Ottawa
 C Event winners — A. Labrie and C. Anctil — Hull, P.Q.
 Second — R. Laughlin and G. Hammill — Arnprior
 D Event winners — J. Cyr and R. Cyr — Hull
 Second — H. Pell and J. Daze — Arnprior
 50 doubles teams participated in the tournament.
- 1967 is Canada's Centennial year and the World's Fair (Expo 67) will be in Montreal, Province of Quebec, from April 28 to October 27. There will be several Horseshoe Pitching tournaments held in conjunction with Sports Days at many points throughout Canada. Plans for two major tournaments, one in Toronto, Ontario, and the other in Hull, Quebec, are under way and more details will be provided when finalized.

Ellis Griggs Wins Millstadt Ill. Invitational

Ellis Griggs, Illinois State Champion, won the ten man invitational Tournament held at Millstadt, Illinois on October 22, 1966. Griggs won nine games without a loss.

Harvey Kohlenberger of Millstadt was runner up with seven wins and two losses.

	W	L		W	L
Griggs, Illinois	9	0	Grady, Missouri	5	4
Kohlenberger, Illinois	7	2	McIntosh, Missouri	3	6
Carmack, Missouri	6	3	Schroeder, Missouri	2	7
Wamser, Missouri	6	3	Jarvis, Illinois	1	8
Lattray, Missouri	6	3	Saggon, Missouri	0	9

Province of Quebec — Canada — 1966 Activity Results

1. Provincial Singles Tournament at Granby — Aug. 21, 1966.
Champion — Y. Cloutier Windsor Mills — also 1965 champion
Second — F. Thibeault Sorel
Third — R. Cournoyer Sorel
Fourth — R. Gaudreau St. Michel, Montreal
Fifth — A. Gaudreau St. Michel, Montreal
28 players participated in the tournament.
2. Provincial Doubles Tournament at Granby, June 26, 1966
Champions — Y. Cloutier and L. Paradis, Windsor Mills
Second — R. Gaudreau and A. Gaudreau, St Michel, Montreal
3. Provincial Inter-City Team Doubles Tournament at St. Michel, Sept. 11, 1966
Champions — Sorel — R. Cournoyer and Y. Thibeault
G. Poirier and M. Millette
M. Lavelle and J. Chevalier
Second — St. Michel, Mtl. — A. Gaudreau and R. Gaudreau
J. Geoffrin and A. Geoffrin
R. Doddrige and W. Nadeau
4. Doubles Tournament at Brownsburg — July 17, 1966
Winners — R. Gaudreau and A. Gaudreau — St. Michel
Second — M. Loiselle and J. Paquette — Windsor Mills
B Event Winners — E. Periard and J. P. Maurice — Hull
C Event Winners — J. Dumorelin and C. Dumorelin — Lachute
70 teams participated in the knock-out tournament.
5. Doubles Tournament at Windsor Mill — July 24, 1966
Winners — Y. Cloutier and L. Paradis — Windsor Mills
6. Doubles Tournament at Hull — Aug. 7, 1966.
Winners — R. Gaudreau and A. Gaudreau — St Michel
Second — F. Thibeault and R. Cournoyer — Sorel
Third — R. Guillette and J. G. Lussier — Granby
Fourth — G. Poirier and F. Dutremble — Sorel
Fifth — Y. Cloutier and L. Paradis — Windsor Mills
64 doubles teams participated in a six group round robin tournament with the two top teams in each group meeting in a final round robin playoff.
7. Doubles Tournament at Sorel — Aug. 28, 1966
Winners — A. Gaudreau and R. Gaudreau — St. Michel
Second — R. Cournoyer and F. Thibeault — Sorel
Third — G. Poirier and J. L. Gendron — Sorel
8. Doubles Tournament at Pointe-Aux-Trembles — Sept. 4, 1966
Winners — A. Gaudreau and R. Gaudreau — St. Michel
Second — H. Lebeau and A. Brien — Pointe-Aux-Trembles
Third — R. Cournoyer and F. Thibeault — Sorel
9. Doubles Tournament at Gatineau — Sept. 5, 1966
Winners — H. Pilon and A. Lemire — Ottawa
Second — Y. Provost and J. Chenier — Hull
B Event Winners — M. Charett and R. Brousseau — Gatineau
Ladies Event Winners — Mrs. Prince and Mrs. Saumure — Ottawa
70 doubles teams participated in the mens tournament and 8 doubles teams participated in the ladies tournament.

Third Annual Hebron, Ohio Open, June 23-25

The third annual Hebron Open Horseshoe Tournament will be held on June 23-24-25, 1967, at The Hebron, Ohio's 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 Horseshoe Tournament assisted by The Ohio Buckeye Association. Other details in next Horseshoe Digest.

Second Annual Burlington (Ia.) Indoor Open—Feb. 12

The second annual Burlington, Iowa Indoor Open tournament will be held in the National Guard Armory (across from the Burlington airport) on Sunday, February 12. Qualifying will start at 8 A.M. and close at 12 noon, central standard time. Round robin play will start soon afterwards. Entry fee will be \$3.00. Trophies will be awarded to first and second place in each group. There will also be a free banquet for all those that enter.

Paxton Top Man in Ottumwa, Ia. Indoor Open Meet

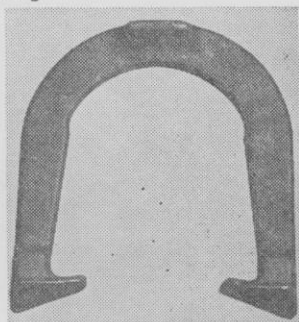
CLASS A			CLASS B		
	W	L		W	L
John Paxton, Iowa	5	1	Bernard Ricker, Iowa	5	1
Creighton Vandegriff, Iowa	4	2	Charles Foxx, Iowa	4	2
Harold Darnold, Iowa	2	3	Byron Hafner, Iowa	3	2
Ernie Danielson, Sr., Iowa	2	3	Phil Robertson, Iowa	2	3
Lewis B. Jeter, Iowa	2	3	Charley Hopkins, Iowa	2	3
Casey Bettisworth, Ill.	1	4	Darwin Wells, Missouri	Forfeit	

CLASS C			CLASS D		
	W	L		W	L
Harold Paxton, Iowa	4	1	Ralph Ritz, Iowa	5	0
Harold Shaw, Iowa	3	2	Howard Davis, Iowa	4	1
Bill Burgess, Iowa	3	2	Andy Jackson, Iowa	3	2
Junior Waddle, Iowa	2	3	Hollis Wainscott, Iowa	2	3
Carl Doud, Iowa	2	3	Cecil King, Iowa	1	4
Jack Cook, Iowa	1	4	Larry Waddle, Iowa	0	5

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PRICES HAVE CHANGED A LITTLE

1045 Linden Avenue

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Ed Sexton Writes From His Picturesque Setting In France, Overlooking Mediterranean

Mr. Ellis Cobb, Editor

Dear Sir:

For your information, I am an American permanently living in France. I came here three years ago for health reasons; this particular part of France has a year round climate that is most beneficial to my asthma and heart condition. Eleven years ago I visited France for six months to take treatments at a "spa" for my illness and it helped more than any treatment I had at home; so when my attacks began again three years ago I retired from business and came over here again and I am so much improved that my doctor recommended mild exercise, for weight control, circulation, etc.

I scrounged around this tiny village where my wife and I live and found 4 old horseshoes and I started to pitch for the first time in my 51 years. The pitching, bending and walking involved is just about the amount and type of exercise I need. I pitch shoes on a path of a terrace on the side of a hill with a beautiful view over a valley 500 feet below and from my play-spot I also have a view of the blue of the Mediterranean in one direction while in another I see the snow on the top of the high peaks of the Alps-Maritimes mountains.

I play alone in this beautiful setting but hope I can improve my game enough to impress some of the local natives so that I can get them interested and eventually form a little club, so maybe we can be the European branch of the N.H.P.A. With hopes of learning something about this game, which is new to me, I wrote to America and purchased a book titled "The Story of Horseshoes" by Ottie W. Reno and after receiving and reading it my enthusiasm for the game became even greater.

After studying Chapter IV of Mr. Reno's book I made a big improvement in my game; as a matter of fact, the first shoe I tossed after reading his book was a "ringer," and I feel my game is improving thanks to his book which is just the book I needed as a novice. I even sent to America and ordered 4 Ohio Horseshoe Company shoes. These official shoes, plus the instructions in the book "The Story of Horseshoes" will, I'm sure, help my game so I can throw enough "ringers" to interest the men here so they too will want to learn the game of horseshoes which is new to them.

This village of St. Paul-De-Vence (A.-M.) is in the Southern part of France, on the Riviera coast, and is one of the few remaining villages that still has intact the old walls or ramparts that completely encircle the town; the population is about 600 inside the old walls but there are a few hundred more residing around the adjoining part of this tranquil, old-fashioned part of the world. Our streets are narrow and cobble-stoned and run up and down and every which way. No auto traffic can fit our streets; the only auto traffic goes around the outside perimeter of the village on top of the ramparts which is just wide enough for one-way traffic.

I live in a tiny two-room apartment, in a building that is over 300 years old. Our apartment has been more or less "modernized" (that is, we have running water and a bathroom about the size of a phone booth) but we do have a glorious view of ocean, mountains and valleys of flowers which are grown commercially. There are no street cars or busses, so we also have real country quiet; we do not have TV nor telephone but I do have a tiny transistor radio and get an hours' news program daily from the "Voice of America" or "Armed Forces Radio."

Forgive me for writing at such length but thought you might like to hear from probably not only the "worst" horseshoe-player in the "N.H.P.A." but the one who, if he ever learns how to play, may forge a few friendships between our two countries through the game of horseshoes.

Looking forward to receiving the "N.H.P.A. Digest", I am

sincerely,

—Ed Sexton

Indiana Meeting, Sunday, March 12

The Indiana Association will hold its annual meeting, Sunday afternoon, March 12 at Lebanon, Indiana, in the Community Center of the 4-H Fairgrounds.

This will be a "covered dish", carry in dinner, with the members urged to bring their families.

Time of the dinner will be 1:00 P.M., Eastern time, and the meeting will follow the dinner. Plans for the coming season will be made and tournament dates assigned.

Last year's meeting at the same location was well attended and the officers hope this year's meeting will find even more members present with their families, and every club in the state represented.

Florida State Winter Tournament Schedule

Strawberry Festival Open — March 10-11, 1967 at Plant City Fairgrounds.

Write John Rademacher at the above address. **Deadline March 3rd.**

DeSoto Open — March 15-18, 1967 at Bradenton Trailer Park. **Deadline March 14th.** Write M. A. Bruce at above address.

Suncoast Open — March 21-25, 1967 at Bradenton Trailer Park — **Deadline March 20th.** Write M. A. Bruce at above address.

Orlando Open — April 1, 1967 at Sunshine Park, Orlando, Florida. **Deadline — March 27th** Write Bill Hoover, 907 Iron Oak Drive, Orlando, Florida.

1967 Arizona Valley of the Sun Open, February 25-26

Rendezvous Park in Mesa, Arizona will again be the site of The Valley of the Sun Open Horseshoe Tournament. This year there will be 4 classes with ten men playing round robins. All classes will play five games on Saturday and four games on Sunday. The B and C Classes will be played in the morning sessions beginning at 9:30 A.M. and the A and AA Classes will be playing in the afternoons.

The AA and A classes will be those over 55% averages and the B and C will be for those under. The entry fee will be \$5.00 for the top two classes and \$4.00 for the lower two. Cash prizes and trophies will be awarded for all classes.

The deadline will be Feb. 15, please send your 1966 percentage and entry fee as soon as possible so the secretary can notify you of your status. W. B. Stearns, 332 W. 9th St., Mesa, Arizona 85201

1967 World Tournament Order Form For Buttons, T-Shirts

Red, white and blue buttons are on sale for the 1967 World Tournament to be held in Fargo-Moorhead, July 30-Aug. 8. The purchaser will be admitted along with his entire family for the entire tournament. They are \$1.00 each.

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Above picture was taken at 1966 World tournament at Murray, Utah. Left to right, eight-time world champ Fernando Isaia of Los Angeles; Henry Wisness of Fargo, N.D., NHPA state secretary and president of the Red River Valley League; Elmer Hohl of Wellesley, Ont., 1965 world champ, and Will Gullickson of Moorhead, Minn., second vice president of NHPA and coordinator of the 1967 world tournament.

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Indoor Tournament Lead Taken By Fargo-Moorhead Team

Fargo-Moorhead horseshoe pitchers edged tossers from Cooperstown, N.D., for first place in two divisions of the first indoor tournament of the winter season at the 4-H Building in Moorhead, Minnesota, Nov. 6.

Will Gullickson of Moorhead won Class A with a two-point margin over Wally Rislov of Cooperstown, the North Dakota state champion. Wes Myhre of Fargo took Class B with a seven-point spread over Jacob Jacobson.

1966 Erie County (Pa.) Ringer Percentages

	%		%
Abbott, Joe	42.3	Kuchcinski, Rich	58.6
Adams, Art	33.5	Kuchcinski, Wes	70.5
Adams, Richard	31.0	Larson, Carl	42.1
Ames, Ray	34.9	Lewis, Homer	47.6
Austin, Charles	31.0	Lobaugh, Gene	44.8
Aylesworth, Harry	21.0	McDonald, Roy	30.7
Balogh, Joe	35.1	Migdall, Robert	14.2
Baumann, George	30.3	Perkowski, Joe	34.6
Beer, Paul	51.4	Peters, Joe	65.5
Bobrowski, Babe	38.5	Potter, Jack	68.8
Bowes, Boyd	28.4	Rhea, George	29.4
Chesko, Michael	34.3	Schaefer, Bob	11.8
Cogswell, Leon	10.2	Sebring, Glen	65.6
Conrad, Robert	21.5	Schwab, Bob	39.0
Curtis, Carl	24.4	Semock Elmer	44.5
Czernek, Ed	46.0	Sirak, Frank	38.4
Dylewski, Len	30.0	Skibicki, Walter	43.8
Gangemi, Paul	47.9	Smith, Cliff	30.0
Grocutt, Paul	41.7	Thompson, Cliff	26.3
Johnson, Kit	29.5	Warding, John	17.1
Hall, Frank	61.7	Wargo, Wally	35.5
Juchno, Ed	24.0	Westfall, Harry	41.2
Juchno, Joe	25.0	White, Francis	56.6
Konopka, Ed	20.0	Wilhelm, James	51.7
Kownacki, Tony	38.1	Woddring, Charles	23.3
Kuchcinski, Dan	84.5	Wurst, Ed, Jr.	36.4
Kuchcinski, Ed	40.7	Wurst, Ed, Sr.	57.3
Kuchcinski, Joe, Jr.	30.0	Wurst, Irwin	42.6
Kuchcinski, Joe, Sr.	65.7	Zdunski, John	35.1

Red River Valley League Notes

Twenty Red River Valley Horseshoe League pitchers improved their averages during the past season at the Fargo Park District's Oak Grove Park courts.

Most improved pitcher is Willis Wiger of Fargo, a member of the Grandin Garage team. He hiked his 50-shoe average from 49 last year to 82.

Over-all, the league's averages surpassed past years during the longest season ever scheduled.

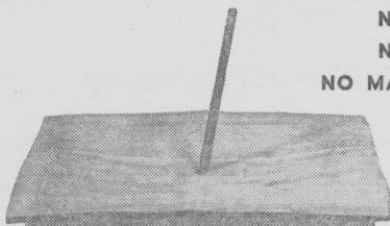
Erling (Red) Erickson of the Fritz Sporting Goods team played in more matches than any other pitcher, missing only three of the scheduled 54 games.

Gust Magnuson of Moorhead, a member of the Black Co., team, led the averages for the fourth successive year. He posted a 104 average, identical to his mark a year ago.

A record number of 48 pitchers participated in the league with 42 qualifying for the league handicap tournament.

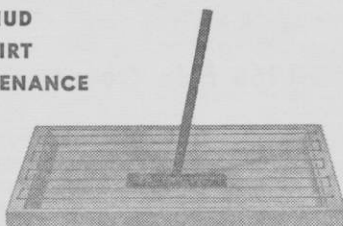
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Pennsylvania Beaver County Title Won By Larry Hineman

The 1966 Beaver County event was held at the Van Buren courts at Vanport with Larry Hineman of Aliquippa capturing the championship by defeating Frank Peluso in a play-off.

CLASS A

	W	L	%
L. Hineman, Aliquippa	5	1	58.0
F. Peluso, N. Brighton	4	2	56.9
R. Wilson, N. Brighton ...	3	2	48.9
B. Brobeck, N. Brighton ..	2	3	57.1
J. Rainbow, Monaca	2	3	50.0
T. Board, Rochester	0	5	47.9

CLASS B

E. Wright, N. Brighton ..	4	1	48.3
T. Ellis, N. Brighton	3	2	46.8
C. Enders, Beaver	3	2	44.4
E. Blum, Darlington	2	3	40.7
H. Funkhouser, Beaver ..	2	3	38.2
C. Black, Beaver	1	4	36.8

CLASS C

	W	L	%
P. Vlachos, Beaver	4	1	43.7
R. Hineman, Aliquippa ...	4	1	37.6
W. Carter, Monaca	4	1	36.3
J. Sochor, Monaca	2	3	34.1
A. Stahlbock, Aliquippa ..	1	4	31.7
J. Kuhn, Beaver	0	5	17.7

MAINE-ly HORSESHOES

The Maine Horseshoe Pitchers' Association held their annual meeting and election of officers for 1967 in Lewiston. Roger Bolduc of Auburn was re-elected President; Clarence Modery, Skowhegan, Vice-President; and Bill Hood of Lewiston Secretary-Treasurer. Hood succeeds Clarence Modery who served as secretary for over fourteen years. Clarence was awarded a lifetime membership in the State Association for his outstanding service. Elected to the Executive Committee were: Francis MacDonald, Bangor; Pat Gallant, Chilsholm; Roger Burns, Danville; Rosaire "Lefty" Tardif, Lewiston; and Willard Scribner of Westbrook. Bill Hood will again handle publicity for the State Association and the Lewiston-Auburn Club.

The Lewiston-Auburn Horseshoe Club has indicated that they would sponsor the Maine Invitational and Open Tournaments again in 1967. The Maine State Tournament will be held in mid August at the Lewiston Courts. The possibility of a "Senior Division" being added to the State Tourney is being considered.

Poles for new lights were installed at the Lewiston courts, through the courtesy of New England Telephone Company employees and local horseshoe enthusiasts Dick Brousseau and Jack Hand. Lights will be mounted by early spring. (See photograph)

Many pitchers from Maine participated in out-of-state tournaments the past year and brought home numerous trophies. Among those were Rene Sirois of Lewiston who retained his New England Junior Division crown. Sirois has never lost a game in New England Junior Play.

The L & T Club Summer leagues were won by Porter Clark, Bob Sirois and Roger Bolduc. A special league tournament closed out the local season with Porter Clark copping the Class A title. Sixty players participated in the three leagues.

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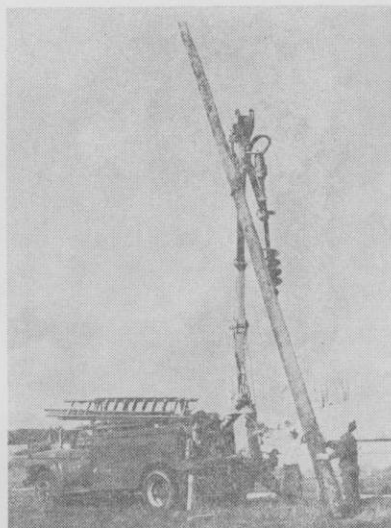
	W	L	%
G. Schneider	4	1	77.0
J. Walker	4	1	76.2
J. Dawsey	4	1	72.6
E. McFarland	2	3	64.5
J. Weeks	1	4	65.4
W. Berg	0	5	49.6

GROUP TWO

	W	L	%
J. Snyder	5	0	74.6
N. Shaver	4	1	71.1
R. Simmons	3	2	68.9
J. Balzer	2	3	63.2
F. Esperanza	1	4	56.6
D. Shubert	0	5	54.5

PLAYOFF

	W	L	%
J. Snyder	3	0	75.1
J. Walker	2	1	73.6
N. Shaver	1	2	72.8
G. Schneider	0	3	73.0



**Auburn-Lewiston Club raise
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Shamrock Open — San Antonio, Texas — March 18-19

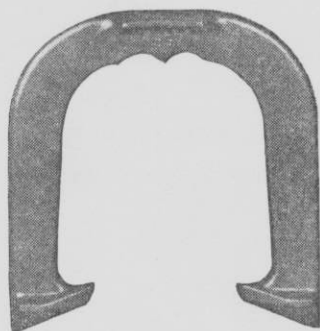
The Lakeside Horseshoe Pitching Club of San Antonio, Texas, has set the weekend of March 18-19 for the annual Shamrock Open.

This is a real fun tournament which offers an enjoyable week-end under the South Texas sun for novice as well as expert horseshoe pitchers. Bar-B-Que chicken for participants and their families will be available both days.

The Lakeside Horseshoe Pitching Club sponsors the Shamrock in the early part of the year as a spring board for NHPA members to start off a successful pitching season. We also have found that the Shamrock is an ideal tournament to introduce novice horseshoe pitchers to our fine sport and to the enjoyable competitive spirit experienced in Tournament pitching.

The tournament will be held on the courts of the Lakeside Horseshoe Club. To get there, take Loop 410 and turn north on Nacogdoches Road, follow Nacogdoches for approximately 2 miles, then turn left on Carver Road just opposite Stull Chemical Plant, which road takes you direct to the Lakeside Horseshoe Club.

The tournament will start at 11:00 AM both Saturday and Sunday. Pitchers will be classed by number of ringers thrown in 100 shoes. Novice horseshoe pitchers will be in a special class and need not qualify. Entry fee is \$2.00. Two trophies will be awarded for each class. Qualifying scores or request for further information should be sent to Jim Woodson, 235 Rainbow Dr., San Antonio, Texas. Out of state qualifying scores should be forwarded by 11 March 1967.



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Eau Claire, Wisconsin Club Summarizes Season's Activities

Our leagues had a successful season, pitching a fifteen-week schedule. One new sponsor, Consumer's Co-op was welcomed into the B League. All A League teams and H & L Men's Shop in B League again threw in sponsor's team shirts. Our system of playing round robin matches with 50 shoes pitched per games (cancellation) remained the same as last year and was very satisfactory.

Our system of scorekeepers and keeping track of the substitutes seemed to work efficiently. Our statisticians did a superb job. Statistics tend to make organized horseshoe grow and flourish. Ringer percentages are a universal standard for judging a players skill and they compare with the batting average in baseball or the pin average of a bowler.

The statistics show that our overall average dropped slightly from last year, due perhaps to the addition of ten or fifteen new players. If we blamed the veterans, we would try to be tactful and say it was due to being "over-trained." Individual averages in most of the higher brackets dropped slightly or stayed the same. Curt Bestul improved his average five points to 51.2% to take high individual honors. Tilmer Rustad of C League was probably the most improved player of the year, finished very strong. Others who made great improvement in play were Lyle Bergerson, Jerry Ambers, Lou Checko, Gary Olson and many others.

We had more members enter tournaments this year than ever before and they also won more awards than before.

The World's Junior Class C Championship was won at Murray, Utah, at the World's Tournament by Don Bestul, son of Mr. and Mrs. Curt Bestul. Don pitched 40% ringers to go undefeated in his class.

Eau Claire members also did well in outside tournaments. Last year they won 8 trophies. This year they more than doubled that, taking home 5 trophies out of 6 players from Eau Claire entered in one tournament alone. This is the first year in which anyone from our club managed to make the championship flight in any open tournament.

Don Kaddy Cops Third Title in Twin Co. (Mass.) League

Don Kaddy won his third class A match in his four years of pitching in the leagues single tournament. Amos Whitaker, 1965 champion won his first five games, and took fourth place. Don Kaddy won the play off against Mel Tessier. Charles Richardson, who lost his first game went on to win seven games out of eight.

Bedford Kaddy was re-elected president; Bernard Barnes, vice pres; Percy D. Howe, secretary; Amos Whitaker, treasurer.

CLASS A

			W	L	%				W	L	%
D. Kaddy	8	1	56.9	N. Merritt	3	6	50.4				
M. Tessier	8	1	55.9	J. Salo, Sr.	3	6	50.2				
C. Richardson	7	2	53.0	B. Barnes	3	6	41.6				
A. Whitaker	6	3	54.1	A. Dodge	1	8	38.5				
R. Lozier	5	4	52.2	R. Hastings	1	8	38.2				

CLASS B

	W	L	%
P. Aube	4	1	53.4
J. Depasquale	3	2	44.7
B. Kaddy	2	3	47.0
R. Ahlstrom	2	3	46.0
E. Mathieu	2	3	43.7
L. Barnes	2	3	42.0

CLASS C

	W	L	%
J. Salo, Jr.	4	1	35.5
Z. Kangas	4	1	37.0
A. Blaser	4	1	32.3
C. Walker	2	3	25.6
W. Yurewicz	1	4	26.2
F. Leger	0	5	26.7

Twin County — (Continued)

CLASS D				CLASS E			
	W	L	%		W	L	%
F. Klockars	5	0	34.5	H. Goodwin	5	0	30.7
W. Beauvais	3	2	28.2	H. Jodrey	4	1	27.8
R. Chalifoux	3	2	28.0	R. Maki	3	2	25.1
F. Judd	2	3	28.4	A. Mathieu	2	3	24.2
J. Danowicz	2	3	25.0	P. Howe	1	4	19.3
R. Coates	0	5	22.4	B. Porn	0	5	6.8

COMING EVENTS

- February 12 — Burlington, Iowa Indoor Open tournament, courts located in Iowa across from Burlington airport, Burlington, Iowa.
- February 25-26 — **Arizona Valley** of the Sun Open tournament, Rendezvous park courts, Mesa, Arizona.
- February 11 — **Plant City** Open tournament, Sansome park courts, Plant City, Florida.
- February 18-19 — **Red Mill** Open tournament, indoor club courts, Washington, Pennsylvania, for details contact Frank Kilinsky, Rte 2, Canonsburg, Penna. 15317.
- 18-19 — **Second Annual "Snowball Open"** tournament, Drake County Fairgrounds indoor courts, U.S. 127 and Ohio 49 south, in Greenville, Ohio. Entry deadline, Feb. 12.
- March 10-11 — **Strawberry Festival** Open tournament, Plant City fairgrounds courts, Plant City, Florida. Entry deadline, March 3rd.
- March 15-18 — **DeSoto** Open tournament, Bradenton Trailer Park courts, Bradenton, Florida.
- March 18-19 — **Red Mill** Open tournament, indoor club courts, Washington, Pennsylvania.
- March 18-19 — **Annual Shamrock** Open tournament, Lakeside Club courts, San Antonio, Texas.
- March 20-25 — **Suncoast** Open tournament, Bradenton Trailer park courts, Bradenton, Florida. Entry deadline, March 20.
- April 1 — **Orlando** Open tournament, Sunshine park courts, Orlando, Florida. Entry deadline, March 27.
- 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.
- June 12 — **Froid, Montana** Open tournament. Froid, Montana.
- June 18 — **Annual Crete** Open tournament, Tuxedo park courts, Crete, Nebraska.
- June 26 — **Wibaux** Open tournament, Wibaux, Montana.
- 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.
- July 2 — **Montana A.A.U.** Open tournament, Fort Peck, Montana.
- July 9 — **Annual 4-State** tournament, City park courts, Falls City, Nebraska.
- July 16 — **Annual Culbertson** Open tournament, Culbertson, Montana.
- 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 20 — **Annual Falls City** Open tournament, City park courts, Falls City, Nebraska.
- Sept. 2-3 — **Annual Nebraska State** tournament, Cozad, Nebraska.
- 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.

Francis Park Top Man In Linden Park Handicapper

In one of the Linden Park (Ohio) club's main events of last season, Francis Park, who has given much in the promotion of horseshoes in and around Columbus, Ohio, wrapped up the annual Linden Park Handicap tournament. The Tournament was a series of 10 games using the count-all system with accumulation points. In this system games were cut down to 30 shoes which allowed all 24 players in the league to play on the same evening. Handicap was based on 80 percent up to 65 point average. There were 3-man teams playing 6 games which constituted a match. Following is the order in which the players finished: Francis Park, E. Miller, L. C. Hill, Mel Montgomery (top 4 received trophies) J. Boesch, R. Palmer, C. Hurst, H. Witter, R. Nutter, L. Rose, C. Brickles, H. Messer, R. Gay, F. Boerner, J. Haley, W. K. Beaver, and R. Belcher.

“Operation Publicity”

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

Keep The Digest Informed With Stories and Pictures

It is of prime importance that horseshoe pitchers across the nation keep The Horseshoe Pitcher's News Digest up to date on your league and tournament information as well as other information pertaining to the game. The league secretary or publicity director should be responsible for mailing articles to Ellis Cobb, 1307 Solfisburg Ave., Aurora, Ill. 60505.

Horseshoe pitchers use the Digest as their "bible" to keep informed on activities across the nation. They are able to "keep track" of pitchers who they may otherwise have contact with once or twice a year at tournaments. The Digest is published monthly and is packed with readable material.

It's important to send your Digest news when it is news, don't put it aside and then mail it later. Your league and tournament pitchers will appreciate earliest possible printing of the stories and results.

Anyone sending articles to the Digest or to local newspapers should make certain that the material is typed double spaced. It is difficult to decipher hand writing many times, especially names.

Many times a story written in long hand to the editor of a newspaper will receive less attention or even become overlooked whereas the same article typewritten will be given fair treatment.

NHPA officials point out that some sections of the nation are never heard from by the News Digest. These areas should make an effort to assign someone to publicity duties for the coming year. Membership in the NHPA is likely to come about much easier if these areas have proper publicity.

It is also important to be on the look out for possible pictures for the Digest. If at all possible, attempt to have those pictures taken to be action pictures instead of someone standing looking at the camera. Too often pictures are taken of trophy presentations or with three players looking down at a shoe near the stake.

The game of horseshoe does not lend itself to many different types of action pictures. But with efforts on your part and cooperation from your photographer, there are possibilities.

For instance, an amateur photographer snapped Mr. Cobb pitching at the Red River Valley Open tournament in Fargo in 1965. It was snapped just as the shoe started its downward flight to the stake and as a result outlined Mr. Cobb's head. It was an unusual shot and was used in The Forum in Fargo, N. D., and in the Digest.

Each club and state association should appoint one man to take care of the Digest and newspaper publicity. Bob Pence, NHPA executive secretary and World Tournament manager, points out the man appointed should not be the tournament manager or director. He already has too many details to take care of.

A breakdown in communication often results in no publicity of some tournaments at all. One officer depends on another to handle the publicity and as a result when the gripes start coming in they find out no one took care of this all-important duty.

The next article will deal with selecting a publicity director — and his duties. It will be a follow-up to the information included here.

Northern California Association Elects Officers

At a recent meeting of the Northern California Association the following officers were elected to guide the association for the ensuing year: President Czar Marceovich, 622 Blvd. Way, Oakland, Calif., 94610; Vice-president, Brad Bourland, 236 Frisbie Ave., Oakland, California 94611; 2nd Vice-president, Russell Melton, 560 Arnolet Drive, Gilroy, California and Secretary, Earl Davis, 6603 Bancroft Ave., Oakland, California.

Washington Winter Classic Opens With Five Classes

Washington States second annual Winter Open Classic in Seattle's Woodland Park opened Jan. 15 with five classes playing a 25 Inning 50 Pitch game. Average playing time was 20 min. The sunny but nippy weather brought the ringer percentage down about 10% notably in class A.

Herb Criss, of Bremerton, took Class A with 58.66 and lead the percentages. John Lockert of Bellingham, an "end over end" pitcher in his seventies, playing in his first sanctioned tournament, came up with a 55% average. Al Hostak, former World's Champion boxer, who turned to horseshoe pitching late last summer, came up with a 41% in class D.

CLASS A				CLASS B			
	W	L	%		W	L	%
Herb Criss	6	0	58.6	Bill Van Egdome	6	0	53.6
Herb Pidde	5	1	58.3	Bob Lee	5	1	47.0
Bob Hansen	3	3	48.3	Al Alexander	3	3	41.6
Jim Malvern	2	4	49.6	Ed Bartlett	2	4	44.3
Kelly Caraway	2	4	48.3	Bill Moerman	2	4	42.6
Burl Matteson	2	4	48.0	Mark Alvord	2	4	35.6
Ken Elvig	1	5	41.6	Forest Reed	1	5	31.3

CLASS C				CLASS D			
	W	L	%		W	L	%
John Lockert	6	1	55.0	Marion Smith	6	1	34.0
Gary Alexander	5	2	42.3	Rudy Allones	5	2	38.3
Les Alvord	3	3	37.6	Al Hostak	3	3	41.3
Mike Miller	3	3	36.6	John Palmer	3	3	40.0
Oliver Hartzell	2	4	32.0	Otto Selstad	2	4	33.6
Randy Oard	2	4	30.6	Dick Wasson	2	4	28.3
Elmer Andersen	1	5	34.5	Frank Kuhn	1	5	24.6

CLASS E — Emmett Torrance, 4-0-24.5; Pop Hansen, 2-2-25.5; Jack Doud, 2-2-18.5; Don Isaacson, 1-3-20.5; Jim Pemble, 1-3-13.0.

With the weather permitting, 8 more series are planned. They will be played on every other Sunday. There were twice as many players this year as there were last year when it was tried for the first time.

Dimondale, Michigan Club Indoor Activities

The Dimondale, Michigan club holds a regular weekly indoor league with activity taking place at Ray's Recreation courts at nearby Windsor, Michigan. In spite of the inclement weather that has been prevailing in Michigan's "horseshoe pitching capital" the attendance has been very good. There are generally 10 teams that see action regularly. League director is Fred Smith, who indicates that the handicap style is still showing sufficient interest to continue further pursuance.

Some representative observations included high games of 116 points by J. Ostrander, Sr., of Lansing, Michigan, while Willy Preston, of Battle Creek, had 111 points for his high game total. They all play 50 shoe games.

Third Annual Ottumwa Indoor Open — March 18

The third annual Ottumwa Indoor Open tournament will be held on Saturday, March 18, in the Coliseum basement in Ottumwa, Iowa. Coliseum is located immediately across from the Riverside park. Players should use the basement entrance at the rear of the building. Qualifying will be from 12 noon, with all qualifying to be completed by 5:30 p.m. Finals will start at 6 p.m. Dixon portable courts will be used. Entry fee will be \$2.50. 1967 NHPA cards will be available to those who want them. All those planning to attend, are asked to write to the Iowa Hawkeye state association secretary, Mrs. Lucille Hopkins, 124 South Cherry Street, Ottumwa, Iowa 52501.



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Local Clubs

In 1962 a few horseshoe pitching enthusiasts with the cooperation of the Edison Park Community Council, petitioned the Chicago Park District for horseshoe courts with lights, and as a result three lighted courts were constructed. In 1963 these enthusiasts with news items in the local publication and nine trophies donated by the Community Council promoted a tournament with fifty five entrants in three classes, (Seniors, Intermediates and Juniors.) As a result the Brooks Park Horseshoe Pitchers Club was organized on June 13, 1964 with 12 members.

The Club sponsors a handicap league each summer, annual Club tournaments, Boys Invitational tournaments and an annual Banquet with wives invited. Our membership has doubled in two years and next spring we will have six fine courts under lights.

Although our members are all "rank amateurs" with ringer averages from 15 up to 40%, we have lots of fun trying to make those ringers.

On Wednesday evening, Jan. 18, forty-six members and guests attended our banquet, where the 1966 winners were presented with trophies obtained from Mr. Pence, with N.H.P.A. figures.

Weston, Michigan Pitcher Builds Battery of New Courts

The tiny community of Weston, Michigan, boasts the second largest battery of horseshoe pitching courts in the United States. Through the untiring efforts of one of its citizens, namely, Gerald Cowell, the project of 22 courts has become a reality. They conform in every detail to the official rules and dimensions. Being built of concrete with clay fill and joined together with a ribbon of asphalt. The only thing remaining is for seeding and paving of the pit area, which will be done when the spring weather permits. Four of the courts are 30 feet long and are for use of the ladies and junior boys' competition.

With the coming of warm weather, the courts will be opened to the public. Cowell, has indicated that instructors will be available for those that want them. There will be a nominal fee charged. He hopes to conduct handicap tournaments so that everyone will have a chance to win, which should give them the incentive to keep on pitching, thereby bettering themselves.

Cowell, started pitching about 30 years ago and has contributed much to the game since. It is his hope that he may be granted the Michigan State tournament at a future date as well as being given a bid for the annual "Midwest Ringer-Round-Up", which is one of the major tournaments in the country.

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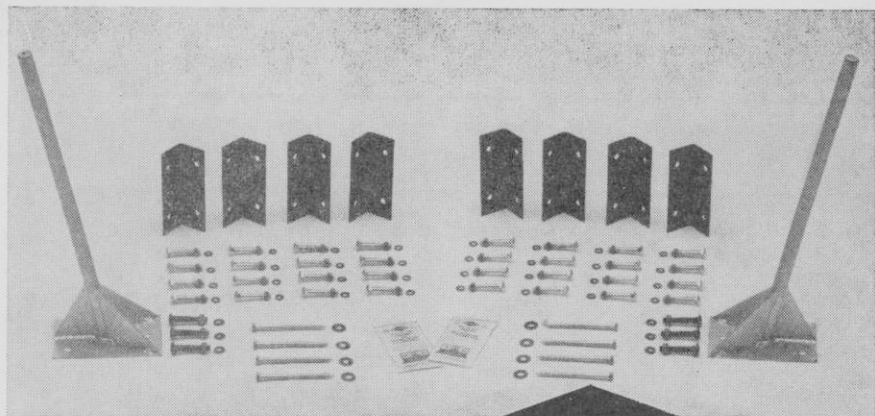
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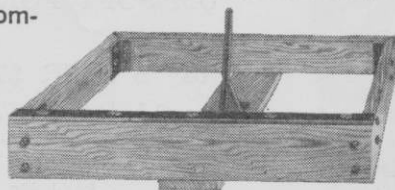
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