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Kuchinski To Play At North Dakota Winter Show

Florida Winter Tournament Schedule

Strawberry Open — March 8-9, 1968 at Plant City Fairgrounds, write to John Rademacher, Box 1589, Plant City, Fla. 33566

Suncoast Open — March 12-16, 1968 at Bradenton Trailer Park, Bradenton, Fla. Write Horace N. Kemp, 4504 - 5th st. W. Bradenton, 33505

De Soto Open — March 20-23, 1968 at Bradenton Trailer Park. Write to Horace N. Kemp, 4504 - 5th st., W., Bradenton, Fla. 33505

Red Mill Pa., Horseshoe Club Winter Schedule

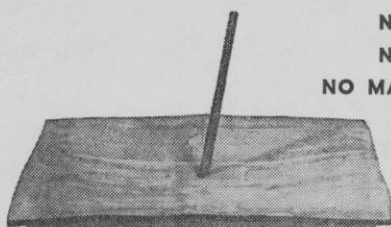
Place — North Main St. of Washington, Pa. opposite County Home and Trolley Museum.

Dates — Feb 17 & 18, March 16 & 17, April 20 & 21. Entries are to be in one week before tournament.

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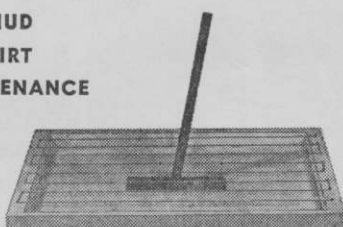
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Itinerary For Dan Kuchcinski, World Horseshoe Pitching Champion Winter Tour — 1968

DATE	PLACE	COORDINATOR
Feb. 25 (Sunday)	Chicago's Garfield Park	Ralph Dykes
Feb. 26 (Monday)	Cooperstown, N. D.	Wally Rislove
Feb. 27 (Tuesday)	Cooperstown, N. D. (Alternate)	Wally Rislove
	Wadena, Minn. (Alternate)	Dick Grewe
Feb. 28 (Wednesday)	*Kindred, N. D.	Rudy Lykken
Feb. 29 (Thursday)	Billings, Montana, YMCA	Red Roland
Mar. 1 (Friday)	*Bismarck and/or Minot, North Dakota.	
Mar. 2 (Saturday)	North Dakota Winter Show Tournament at Valley City, North Dakota.	
Mar. 3 (Sunday)	*Hibbing and/or Duluth, Minnesota	Andy Paglarini Hots Anderson
Mar. 4 (Monday)	*Minneapolis and/or St. Paul, Minn.	John Yernberg
Mar. 5 (Tuesday)	*Eau Claire, Wisconsin	Curt Bestul
Mar. 15-17	*Cleveland, Ohio Sportsmen Show	
Mar. 20-23	*DeSoto Open, Bradenton, Fla.	Hal Porter

*Tentative
 Exhibitions, appearances arranged through Will Gullickson, (NHPA Publicity Director), 1608 17th St. S., Moorhead, Minn. 56560

(Fee for exhibition \$100 unless other arrangements made)

Hall of Fame Nominations Close March 1

Every NHPA member has the privilege of making his own selections. If you are going to make a selection, DO IT NOW. Your selection should be in the hands of one or more of the Committee members by March 1. There is a lot of work that has to be done between the time of the new electees to the Hall of Fame are elected and then inducted at the World Tournament at Keene, New Hampshire next August.

Committee members are: Lee Jacobs, 11105 Quirk Road, Belleville, Michigan, 48111; Eino Tiilikainen, 314 West Ramona Street, Colorado Springs, Colorado, 80906; Elmer Beller, 9725 Beach Street, Belleflower, California, 90706; Arner Lindquist, 305 Sixth Street, Morgantown, West Virginia, 26505; and Carl Van den Lancken, 2 Manitou Trail, White Plains, New York, 10603; and James "Pop" Johnson of 8370 Pippin Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45239, as chairman.

1968 World Tourney Dates

Saturday, July 27 through Tuesday, August 6th will be the dates of the 1968 World Tournament to be held in Wheelock Park, Keene, New Hampshire. The first four and one half days will be devoted to qualifying.

Rademacher Tops 1968 Plant City Open — Plant City, Florida

CLASS A

	W	L	%
John Rademacher, Fla.	5	0	71.3
Franny Lewis, Mass.	3	2	58.8
Don Knotts, Ohio	3	2	57.2
William Keegan, Fla.	2	3	58.2
Allen Clingan, Pa.	2	3	51.2
Gene Rademacher, Fla.	0	5	49.4

CLASS B

	W	L	%
Alton Hodgman, Mich.	4	1	44.1
Marvin Richmond, Minn. ..	4	1	48.7
William Figy, Ohio	3	2	42.2
Albert Yount, Ind.	2	3	39.1
Waldo Hagy, Nev.	1	4	40.0
Frank Sumpter, Ohio	1	4	39.6

Hodgman won playoff game for 1st place in class B, over Richmond 51-43.

CLASS C — Ross Hitchcock, Ohio, 4-1-55.6; Henry Spiess, Florida, 3-2-44.6; Lester Peary, Florida, 3-2-49.4; Roy Gravink, N. Y., 2-3-43.4; Horace Kemp, Florida, 2-3-41.8; Jack Ellis, Florida, 1-4-41.6.

CLASS D — Ted Hinton, Florida, 4-1-43.5; Otto Autrey, Mich., 4-1-37.0; Joe Thonert, Florida, 4-1-41.9; S. D. Rogers, Mich., 2-3-30.4; Jay Gurnsey, Mich., 1-4-29.5; Opal Corbett, Pa., 0-5-20.6.

Hinton won 1st place in playoff between Thonert and Autrey

CLASS E — Levi Miller, Florida, 5-0-42.3; Clyde Hewett, Maine, 4-1-40.5; Harvey Hookway, Florida, 3-2-26.4; Barclay Webster, Florida, 2-3-24.7; Leo McGrath, Ohio, 1-4-11.4; Joe Kelly, Florida, 0-5-18.7.

CLASS F — H. Mullet, Florida, 4-1-30.3; Frank Statzer, Florida, 4-1-31.0; Hallie Ehmke, N. Y., 3-2-24.4; Dewey Toney, Florida, 2-3-24.1; Ted Corbett, Pa., 1-4-23.8; Hal Cook, Florida, 1-4-20.0.

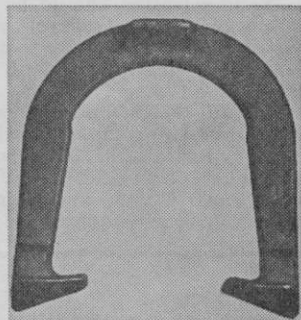
Mullet won playoff for 1st place over Statzer 52-40

JUNIORS

	W	L		W	L
Frankie Statzer, Plant City	7	0	Gary Gatliff, Plant City	3	4
Wayner, Warner, Plant City	5	2	Steve Warner, Plant City	2	5
Cecil Blanton, Plant City	5	2	Kenneth Cothron Plant City	1	6
Gary Cothron, Plant City	4	3	Johnnie Rademacher Plant City ..	1	6

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“From Out Of The Mail Bag”

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Dear Sir:

It was suggested by several of my fellow N. J. Horseshoe pitchers that I submit the following article for publication.

THE SINGLE POINT

“Only in horseshoe pitching does close count.” This is a famous old expression. Many horseshoe pitchers thru out the years have expressed the opinion that it shouldn't count in horseshoes either.

A close shoe is often a poorly thrown shoe. A shoe that didn't turn properly or didn't flatten out.

At the 1967 World championships Danny Kuchcinski and Ray Martin each had 49 points. Martin had one ringer. The other shoe was just short of a ringer. Danny's first shoe was a ringer, the second shoe fell about two feet short and rolled up close to win the game and as it turned out the World's Championship. If Danny's shoe didn't roll, Martin would have won the game and ended up the tournament with a 33-2 record and a tie with Danny. The loss gave him a 32-3 record to Danny's 34-1.

If only ringers counted a player would actually have to win by three points (using our present scoring system).

A system of scoring in which only ringers counted, one point could be awarded for a ringer. A close shoe would only decide the order of pitching as it does now. The game could be either 15 or 21 points. Games of 5, 7 or 11 points (using our present scoring system).

Scoring would be much easier. Scoring apparatus would be simple and easy to manipulate. Spectators could follow the games better.

The above scoring system should at least be adapted for the professional players.

The present scoring system could be retained for the amateur player. The only change that I would suggest is that one must win by 2 points.

I would like to see the above scoring systems tried in a few tournaments in order to get the player's reaction.

Sol Berman

Iowa Hawkeye Schedules First Outdoor Tournament

The Iowa Hawkeye association will hold its first outdoor Open tournament on Saturday and Sunday, May 4th and 5th on the Riverside park courts in Ottumwa, Iowa. It will be held in conjunction with the annual “Camping and Outdoor Living Show.”

Players may send in a qualifying score of 100 shoes together with an entry fee of \$3.00 or they may qualify on the park courts on Saturday evening, May 4. Men's finals start on Sunday morning at 10:30 A.M. There will be classes for the Juniors and also the ladies if there are enough to warrant it. Defending champion is John Paxton of Ottumwa. Trophies will be awarded in all classes. Mail qualifying scores and entry fee of \$3.00 to Mrs. Lucille Hopkins, 124 South Cherry Street, Ottumwa, Iowa. 52501

Wisconsin Reorganizes State Association

Nearly 100 Wisconsin NHPA members met last fall in Wautoma and effected a re-organization, elected officers and awarded the 1968 State Tournament to Eau Claire.

The meeting was a successful one in that every section of the state was represented with members coming from clubs and groups in Milwaukee, Kimberly, Combined Locks, Oshkosh, Green Bay, Fond du Lac, LaCrosse, Pulaski, Fort Atkinson, Shawano, Appleton, Omoro, Peshtigo, Watertown and Oconomowoc.

Ben Trolen of Ft. Atkinson, who served as NHPA representative last year, was elected President. Vice Presidents elected included Bob LaHa of the Combined Locks club, Curt Bestul of Eau Claire and Swen Bowman who pushes the game in the Green Bay area along with Bob Klement of Milwaukee who has had charge of the big State Fair Tournament in Milwaukee for many years.

The new Secretary-Treasurer is Robert Phelan, 215 South Walnut, Kimberly, Wis. 54136 who immediately started signing up 1968 members.

The 1968 state tournament was awarded to Eau Claire where 12 beautiful floodlighted courts were built in during the past year. This marks the first time Wisconsin has had a battery of courts big enough to accommodate a major tournament and the Eau Claire courts are of the picture type without a superior anywhere in the country.

NHPA Secretary Bob Pence attended the meeting and showed World tournament films. Afterwards the meeting adjourned to the courts of Henry Bartel in Wautoma where former World Champ, Curt Day of Indiana gave an exhibition and played a series of 50 shoe games with top Wisconsin players.

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By RON VOGEL, Secretary

The New Jersey Horseshoe Pitching Association is preparing a Horseshoe Directory. We need the cooperation of ALL State Secretaries in order to make it a success.

Please send us the names and addresses of all your members, their age, occupation and important tournaments that they have won. Offices held in the state association at present or in the past. Place the approximate average of each member after his name (A 80-85, B 75-80, C 70-75, D 65-70, E 60-65 etc).

We would also like to have the following information about horseshoe courts, located in your state. The total number of courts, including those located at individuals homes.

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- 4 — Site of Courts (excellent if North-South & protected from wind & sun)
- 5 — Area — around Courts (level, not swampy, accessible, fence around area — to be considered excellent)

Also mention if stands for seating are present.

The directory should have many uses.

- 1 — Locating courts when visiting other cities or states
- 2 — Locating NHPA members
- 3 — Planning tournaments in which you wish to eliminate qualifying
- 4 — Facts for publicity

Please cooperate and send the above material as soon as possible to: Sol Berman, M. D., 351 Rahway Ave., Elizabeth, N. J. 07202

If you have any cartoons about horseshoe pitching, please send them.

Jones Explodes Record 802 To Cop 3rd TV Pin Match

Casey Jones thundered an all-time high 802 series to beat Zigmund Guzowski of Iron River, Mich., on the Channel 2 Northeastern Wisconsin Championship Bowling show.

It was the highest series and the first 800 recorded in the show's 11 year history. It marked Jones' third straight win on the show. Previous to the 802, he won on scores of 724 and 711.

Jones recorded the 802 on games of 247, 276 and 279, throwing 30 strikes in the process and had a string of 16 in a row during the second and third games.

In the first game, Jones left the four pin in the third and fifth frames and spared while in the second game he left four pins in the third frame, spared, and then struck out with nine straight.

Jones opened the final game with seven straight, running his string to 16, then left the 10 pin. He converted it and struck out. Guzowski fashioned a 596 series in losing on games of 177, 222 and 197.

Ruby Christensen, Protege of Merle Robinson of Iowa, Comes To Front In Iowa Ladies' Ranks

Ruby Christensen, clerk at the Anita, Iowa post office, put her home town on the map this summer when she won the 1967 Iowa State Championship horseshoe pitching contest in the women's division held at the State grounds in Des Moines.

Her victory was made possible through the efforts of Rural Carrier Merle I. Robison also of the Anita Post Office. Mr. Robison is largely responsible for the interest and enthusiasm in horseshoe pitching in this Southwest Iowa community of 1200. He organized the ladies horseshoe pitching team and acted as their coach and mentor up to and including the Iowa State Fair Tournament.

Shamrock Open — San Antonio, Texas — March 16-17

The Annual Shamrock Open will be held in San Antonio, Texas on March 16-17.

The tournament will start at 11:00 a.m. both Saturday and Sunday. Members of the Association of Horseshoe Pitchers of Texas will be classed by past records. Out of state pitchers will be classed by number of ringers thrown in 100 shoes. Novice 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 9 March 1968.

The Shamrock opens the pitching season for Texas. Each year the tournament gets bigger and better. This year will be no exception. We will have BAR-B-QUE chickens, refreshments and a fine selection of trophies.

Direction to find the courts of the Lakeside Horseshoe Club follows: Take Loop 410 and turn north on Nacogdoches Road. Follow Nacogdoches for approximately 2 miles, then turn left on Carver Road which is just beyond Stull Chemical Plant. Carver Road will take you directly to the courts — and to one of the most enjoyable Tournaments you could hope to attend in 1968.

D. Roberts Retains Pike County, Ohio, Sanctioned Meet

The 1967 annual Pike County, Ohio Sanctioned Horseshoe Tournament was held at the outdoor courts in Waverly, Ohio. Donnie Roberts, the defending champion, won first place with a 79.6 ringer average. Gary Roberts won the runner-up spot with a 65.2 ringer average.

Janet Reno went undefeated to win the Women's title with a 28.9 per cent ringer average. Helen Roberts took second place and averaged 32.8 per cent ringers.

Trophies were awarded to first and second in each class. This was the tenth sanctioned county tournament in Pike County. The first one was in 1957.

Two weeks later the Pike County Fish and Game Farm held its ninth Annual Horseshoe Tournament in as many years. Donnie Roberts won first place. Gary Roberts was the runner-up.

Hemis-Fair — San Antonio, Texas

San Antonio will open the gates to its world's fair April 6, 1968. The world's fair will run through October 6, 1968.

This is an open invitation to all horseshoe pitchers visiting San Antonio in 1968 to pitch with San Antonio NHPA members. When you arrive in San Antonio call Jim Woodson, 235 Rainbow Dr., TA 4-8872 or Tom Haslett, OL 5-9866.

Clyde Martz Wins January Red Mill Open

Clyde Martz of Pittsburgh captured the first winter tournament sponsored by the Red Mill Horseshoe Club of Washington, Pa. His closest game was with Sam Sutton of Washington, going 118 shoes with a final score of 51 to 44. Oscar Engle of Pittsburgh threw the highest percentage game of the tournament, and 87.5%. At one time in this game, Oscar had a streak of 39 ringers out of 40 shoes.

The most pleasant surprise of the tournament was Albert Booth of Washington, Pa. Al won Class B with an overall average of 67.0% — at that time the highest ringer percentage he ever threw in tournament competition. Since the weather was extremely bad and several Class A pitchers were unable to make the competition, this earned him the right to pitch in Class A. Al then proceeded to have another good tournament, averaging a solid 69.0% (breaking his own personal record a few hours before) and defeating Sam Sutton, one of Pennsylvania's finest.

CLASS A				CLASS B			
	W	L	%		W	L	%
Clyde Martz	4	0	77.8	Albert Booth	4	0	67.0
Oscar Engle	3	1	80.6	Pete Sowa	2	2	62.9
Albert Booth	2	2	69.0	Frank Peluso	2	2	62.8
Sam Sutton	1	3	71.0	John Ruskin	1	3	58.1
Frank Peluso	0	4	58.1	Jack Rainbow	1	3	55.7
CLASS C							
	W	L	%		W	L	%
Walter Schirosky	4	0	57.6	Charles Sowa	1	3	45.0
Jake Fiore	3	1	52.8	Clyde Falk	0	4	49.1
Vernon Wellington	2	2	50.5				

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As Stan puts it “Guess I just like to pitch horseshoe, and possibly the most rewarding part is the host of friends made along the way.”

Ottumwa, Iowa, Indoor Open Tournament, March 16

The Ottumwa, Iowa, Open Indoor Horseshoe Tournament, will be held in the Coliseum Basement (use basement back door), across from Riverside Park Horseshoe Courts, in Greater Ottumwa Park, tournament on indoor portable horseshoe courts. Qualifying all day, March 16th, must be finished qualifying by 5:30 p.m., Finals at 6:00 p.m. Trophies in each class, Entry fee, \$3.00. 1968 NHPA cards available. Harold Darnold of Burlington, Iowa is the defending champion. Pitchers can send qualifying score with \$3 entry to: Mrs. Charley Hopkins, 124 S. Cherry St., Ottumwa, Iowa, 52501, to reach me by March 15th, 1968.

Paxton, Hawkeye Sharpie, Top Man In Ottumwa Indoor Meet

John Paxton, that invulnerable ringmaster from Ottumwa, Iowa, latched on to the annual Ottumwa Iowa Indoor championship held in the Ottumwa Coliseum on January 6-7. Bill Vandegriff of Fairfield had the highest single game ringer percentage of 71.4. There were entries from three states that took part. Byron Hafner took Class B honors while the Fairfield baker, Harold Shaw copped Class C in playoff over Joe Morgan of Indiana. Hollis Wainscott had a clean slate of 4 to win Class D. Elsewhere in this issue are details of the indoor meet to be played in March at the Coliseum.

CLASS A

W L

John Paxton, Iowa	5	1
Bill Vandegriff, Iowa	4	2
Ernie Danielson, Iowa	3	2
Charles Foxx, Iowa	2	3
John Law, Gladstone, Ill.	1	4
Harold Darnold, Iowa	1	4

CLASS B

W L

Byron Hafner, Iowa	5	0
Ralph Ritz, Iowa	4	1
Junior Waddle, Iowa	3	2
Madeleo Blake, Iowa	2	3
Charles Bennett, Indiana	1	4
Andy Jackson, Iowa	0	5

CLASS C — Harold Shaw, Iowa, 5-1; Joe Morgan, Indiana, 4-2; Jake Davis, Iowa, 3-2; Bill Burgess, Iowa, 2-3; Al Swinney, Iowa, 2-3; Neil Vandegriff, Iowa, 0-5.

CLASS D — Hollis Wainscott, Iowa, 4-0; Larry Waddle, Iowa, 3-1; Kenny Sproston, Iowa, 2-2; Arden Messer, Iowa, 1-3; Joe Haley Sr., Iowa, 0-4.

COMING EVENTS

Feb. 24-25 — 1968 Valley of the Sun Open Tournament, Mesa, Arizona.

May 5 — Junior A.A.U. Tournament (N.J. only), Branch Brook Park, Newark, N.J.

May 19 — Lois Kolb Memorial Tournament (Open) Mountain View Park, Middlesex, N. J.

June 2 — A.A.U. Open, Warinanco Park, Elizabeth, N. J.

June 16 — John Rosselet Memorial (Open), Warinanco Park, Elizabeth, N. J.

June 30 — New Jersey Open, Mountain View Park, Middlesex, N. J.

July 13 — Middle Atlantic States Tournament (New York, New Jersey & Pennsylvania Only), Mountain View Park, Middlesex, N. J.

July 20 — New Jersey Championships (16 yr. olds & under), Mountain View Park, Middlesex, N. J.

July 27 & 28 — National A.A.U. Championships (Open), Mountain View Park, Middlesex, N. J.

July 27-Aug. 6 — WORLD TOURNAMENT, Wheelock Park courts, Keene, New Hampshire. First four and one half days devoted to qualifying.

August 11 — Essex County Open, Branch Brook Park, Newark, N. J.

August 11 — Annual Galesburg Open tournament, Lincoln Park courts, (North on Rte. 150) Galesburg, Illinois.

August 13 & 14 — Annual Illinois State Tournament, State Fairgrounds, Springfield, Illinois.

August 14 — Annual Illinois State Boys' Tournament, State Fairgrounds, Springfield, Illinois.

August 17 & 18 — Annual Cornbelt Open tournament, Crapo Park courts (South Main Street), Burlington, Iowa.

August 25 — Senior A.A.U. Tournament (N.J. Only), Warinanco Park, Elizabeth, N. J.

Sept. 1 — New Jersey Singles Championships (N.J. Only), Mountain View Park, Middlesex, N. J.

Sept. 2 — New Jersey Doubles Championships (N.J. Only), Mountain View Park, Middlesex, N. J.

Sept. 2 — Annual Rock River Valley Open tournament, Lawrence Park courts (Midway between Rock Falls and Sterling, Illinois) Rock Falls, Illinois.

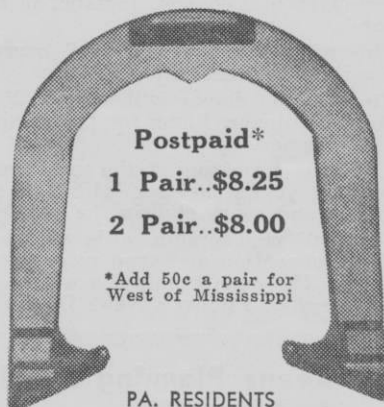
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North Dakota Winter Show To Be Held March 2

The second annual North Dakota Winter Show horseshoe tournament will be held Saturday, March 2 at the spacious arena in Valley City, North Dakota.

The event will be one of the highlights of the Winter Show which runs March 1-10. A 32-man limit of pitchers last year included some of the area's leading Tossers. — See cover picture.

Irv Koslofsky, manager of the Winter Show, is interested in having 1967 World Champion Dan Kuchcinski of Erie, Pa., either compete in the tourney or to make an exhibition performance.

Koslofsky is going to meet with Red River Valley League officials from Fargo-Moorhead about the possibility of inviting other top-flight pitchers for the event.

Valley City is located 50 miles west of Fargo, which was the site of the 1967 World Tournament.

Meanwhile, pitchers in Fargo-Moorhead, Kindred and Minot are keeping their eyes sharp by pitching indoors. F-M pitchers are using the Red River Valley Fairgrounds pavilion in West Fargo.

Anyone seeking information on the Valley City tournament is asked to write Will Gullickson, 1608 17th St. S., Moorhead, Minn., 56560.

Indiana Meeting, Sunday, March 17th

The Indiana Association will hold its annual meeting, Sunday afternoon, March 17th 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 should be represented.

The 1968 membership cards will be available and the delegates at the 1967 NHPA convention at Fargo voted to raise the NHPA annual dues from \$1.00 to \$1.50. The membership fee will be \$5.50 which includes the subscription to the Horseshoe Pitcher's News Digest and \$3.00 without the magazine.

Keene Planning For 1968 World Tournament

Members of the Keene Horseshoe Club are now working on the 1968 World Tournament souvenir program. Any Horseshoe Club wishing to place an advertisement in the program should contact Frank Washer, Co-Chairman, Brochure Committee, 447 Winchester Street, Keene, N. H., before March 31, 1968.

In Memoriam

*When death draws down the curtain of the night
And those we love in deep darkness hide,
We can but wait the coming of the light
And bless the memory that still abides.*

On December 22, 1967, the Corning Horseshoe Club was saddened to learn of the passing of one of their most ardent members, Elmer T. Smith of Clearwater, Florida. Mr. Smith was on his way from Clearwater to spend the Christmas holidays with the families of his wife Bessie, and his brother Elwin in Corning. As he was entering Fayetteville, N. C., his wife noticed the car slowing down, and when she asked him why he was slowing down, she discovered he had died at the wheel of the car. Her own resourcefulness in bringing the car under control undoubtedly prevented what could have been a serious accident.

He will be especially missed by the Corning Club since their season never "officially opened" until Elmer got up from Florida. While he never reached the 80% class, his faithfulness to the sport of horseshoes made him a formidable competitor for almost any percentage under 80%, on the Corning courts and those of Bradenton, St. Petersburg, and any on the western side of the state of Florida where he participated in a number of Winter tournaments.

The Corning Club, as well as those who knew him in Florida, and the many tournaments he participated in, as well as those who knew him in the 1960 World Tournament, express their deepest sympathy to his wife and family

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A second member of the Corning Club, John Paul Kennedy, 58, was also found dead by his son Paul on January 2, 1968. A widower for some 10 years, John lived alone, and it was several days after his death that he was discovered by his son when he became alarmed at not being able to contact him.

While John was not a tournament competitor, he spent a great deal of his spare time pitching with his son on the Corning Courts, and his presence will be missed by the members of the club.

Once again, the members of the Corning Club wish to express their sympathy to the Kennedy family and to say that you do not have to be a tournament competitor or a champion to be missed by friends who have so many times found you to be "on the courts in horseshoe season."

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Mose Sanderson, President of the Lakeside Horseshoe Club of San Antonio, Texas, passed away 27 December 1967.

His passing left a great void in the Association of Horseshoe Pitchers of Texas and the Lakeside Club in particular. His friendship was treasured throughout the State and his dedication to horseshoe pitching was one of the prime reasons for the current success of the San Antonio Lakeside Club.

To his family we extend our deepest sympathy.

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Arizona state association members were saddened with the passing of one of its former state champions, James O. Lecky of Phoenix, Maricopa County, Arizona.

"Jimmy" as he was popularly known, was county champion and later Arizona champion for 21 years. Later he won the Pacific Coast championship and placed second in the International tournament in 1934 in Los Angeles, California. He also was on the world's champion doubles team during that era. In recent years he pitched for benefits and charity groups and also coached softball for the Phoenix Parks and Recreation program.

He is survived by his wife, Sara, and three daughters. The sympathy of the Arizona state association and that of the NHPA and News Digest staff is extended to the bereaved family in the loss of their husband and father.

Dahlene of Kansas Still In Groove After 38 State Meets

Alvin (Pete) Dahlene is a throwback to another era. Only he refuses to acknowledge it.

Dahlene, 61, was the third high qualifier in the 1967 Kansas State horseshoe pitching championships with a score of 236.

Dahlene, a Lawrence, Kansas electrician, competed in his first state meet in 1929. He won the championship in 1941 and 1942 and tied for it in 1939, losing to Alvin Gandy in a pitchoff.

Still in Groove

Known for his rhythmic delivery, Dahlene recently hit 91 ringers in 100 shoes in a practice pitch in Lawrence. That's only four under his all-time best, set many years ago.

Dahlene, who has pitched in 12 world championships, holds the Kansas record for ringer percentage — 76.1 — in a state tournament.

When the pitchers reconvened after postponement, Dahlene competed in his 38th state meet — all in Class A, the championship division. He has been an NHPA member for 35 years.

Iowa Hawkeye Group Visits Ryner's Indoor Club

Ernie "Four High" Danielson, Harold Darnold, and Andy Jackson of Burlington, Iowa, journeyed to Gerlaw, Ill., three mi. N. E. of Monmouth, Ill., to usher in the New Year. They were at Earl Ryner's, who played host to a dozen pitchers. Earl has three nice clay courts in his barn there. The barn is heated by a furnace, which made it quite comfortable. They played a round robin of six men, fifty point games. Mrs. Ryner was a gracious lady, who brought out a large pot of coffee, and cookies. A good time was had by all.

Casey Bettisworth of Galesburg, was the winner, Harold Darnold, second, Ernie Danielson third, Ross Sornberger fourth Paul Jensen fifth, and Andy Jackson sixth. Casey had the highest percent game of 76%, while Danielson, and Darnold had the longest game of 76 shoes. Danielson winning 50 to 46.

Everyone left, wishing each a Happy New Year, and lots of ringers. Oh yes, Bob St. George was official score keeper. The club there is called The "Ringer Flingers."

Arizona Valley Of The Sun Open Feb. 24-25, 1968

Rendezvous Park in Mesa, Arizona, will be the spot for horseshoe pitchers to enjoy their winter vacation in February, so better start planning NOW. Four classes will play a 10-man round robin, playing five games on Saturday the 24th and four games on Sunday the 25th. Starting time will be 9:30 A.M. on both days. The entry fee will be \$5.00. Please send your 1967 average with your entry fee by Feb. 15, to W. B. Stearns, 332 W. 9th Street, Mesa, Arizona, 85201. You will be notified if you do NOT qualify. Tel. 964-6887

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NOTICE TO OHIO MEMBERS

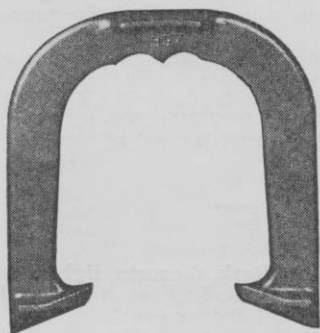
Sam B. Goodlander, Ohio Secretary-Treasurer, reminds Ohio members that the Ohio-NHPA membership cards for 1968 are \$5.50 (not \$5.00) due to the 50¢ increase in share National Dues. The total includes \$1.50 to Ohio, \$1.50 to National, and \$2.50 for The News Digest magazine. The cards are ready and remittance now will be appreciated.

Clintonville, Ohio Club To Play On New Courts This Season

When the Clintonville, Ohio Conservation Club League opens its season this year, they will be playing on a battery of four brand new courts. They were officially dedicated last year with Mayor M. E. Sensenbrenner and Recreation Chief, Mel Dodge pitching the first shoes. It was through the efforts of these two officials that the basic construction of the courts with the proper lighting was brought about.

However, it took the club members under the guidance of Bob Gay, to provide the right kind of clay and enough muscle to finish the job. The project had been underway for over a year.

It is expected that the same style of play will be resumed with a four-team league with eight men to a team with a trophy at the end of league play. Mel Montgomery, president, Fred Boerner, treasurer and Jane Davis, the official scorer were the officers at the dedication.



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Horseshoe Court Registrations

Registration of horseshoe courts which is a part of the NHPA publicity fund raising plan deserves serious consideration and co-operation by all NHPA members.

IF EVERY HORSESHOE COURT IN THE COUNTRY, BOTH PRIVATE AND THOSE IN PUBLIC PARKS, WERE REGISTERED AT \$1.00 EACH THE AMOUNT RAISED WOULD FINANCE ALMOST THE ENTIRE PROGRAM OF THE NHPA INCLUDING NOT ONLY THE PUBLICITY PROGRAM, BUT THE COST OF PRINTING AND IMPROVING THE MONTHLY MAGAZINE AND THE ROUTINE OFFICE EXPENSES OF THE ASSOCIATION AS WELL.

The fund raising potential of this plan is tremendous. NHPA Secretary Bob Pence can name as many as 500 courts in Indiana alone and admits there are many more of which he is unaware. Dale Dixon once said there were more than 100 courts in Des Moines public parks alone. How many are there in your area?

The NHPA and all members need a complete and comprehensive listing of all horseshoe courts together with their locations. Many inquiries are received from individuals going on a vacation trip and wanting to know the location of courts and clubs on their route. Other inquiries are constantly received from individuals wanting to know the location of clubs and courts nearest them.

Such a list compiled during the year and published in its entirety at the end of the year would have immense value.

Every horseshoe club should take steps to register the courts it uses and all the individual courts in its area. Every NHPA member should take it upon himself to get all the courts in his area and neighborhood registered.

The cost per individual would be very small. A club or group of a dozen members and three or four courts could register their courts at a cost of approximately 25¢ per individual. A private court where three or four individuals play neighborhood games could be registered at about the same cost per individual.

Each court registered will be published in the Digest when received and a complete listing published a year from now. No specified amount has been set, but \$1.00 per court has been suggested as standard. **MAKE THIS PLAN WORK. SEND REGISTRATIONS TO NHPA PRESIDENT RALPH DYKES, 433 WEST NORTH STREET, LOMBARD, ILLINOIS 60148.**

INDIANA

Gary, Earl Miller, 747 W. 44th Ave. — 1 court.

Gary, Bob Pence, 341 Polk St. — 1 court.

Hammond, Rudy Lundgren, 7021 Marshall — 1 court.

Kouts, Kouts Horseshoe Club, High School Park, 6 courts, lights.

Lafayette, Lafayette Horseshoe Club, State Rd. 39 East, 8 courts, lights.

Valparaiso, Barney Mohlke, 809 Brown St. 1 indoor court.

Wabash, City Park, 8 courts, lights.

ILLINOIS

Lombard, Ralph Dykes, 433 W. North Ave. 2 courts.

Melrose Pk., Jack Stout, 1946 N. 18th St. 1 court.

Franklin Park, Ace Metalcraft, 2 courts.

KANSAS

Russell, W. W. Webb, 3 courts.

COVER PICTURE . . . When the annual North Dakota Winter Show starts in March in Valley City, North Dakota, the Red River Valley league will conduct the annual Horseshoe Tournament in this spacious arena on March 2. (Photo by Olson Studio, Valley City, N.D.)

The Publicity Fund Raising Drive Court Registrations — Individual Donations

Announcement was made last month of the start of a drive for better publicity and public relations to bring about better press, radio and TV coverage and improve the general image of the game in the eyes of the general public. This fund is an idea sent in as a suggestion by Russell Sheetz of Davenport, Iowa.

Newspaper man and horseshoe pitcher Will Gullickson has been appointed NHPA Publicity Director charged with the responsibility of ramroding this program, which also includes World Tournament publicity.

Raising the necessary funds to implement the program is being handled by NHPA President Ralph Dykes. Funds will be raised by means of individual donations and by horseshoe court registrations. Both should be sent to NHPA President Ralph Dykes, 433 West North Avenue, Lombard, Ill. 60148.

All donations and court registrations will be listed in the News Digest when they are received and at the end of the year a complete listing of registered horseshoe courts will be made.

It is too early at this time to measure the response as this will be a continuing effort. However, some donations and court registrations have already been received as listed here.

DONATIONS: Francis Park, Columbus, Ohio, \$100.00. Willard West, Miami, Fla. \$50.00. Bob Pence, Gary, Ind. \$50.00. Lee Davis, New Jersey, \$20.00. Ralph Dykes, Lombard, Ill. \$10.00. Jack Stout, Melrose Park, Illinois, \$10.00.

We are most grateful to Francis Park of Columbus, Ohio for his contribution. He is a strong promoter of horseshoes in that area, conducting an annual Open Tournament each fall on a brand new battery of courts, which he played an important part in acquiring.

1967 Maine Crown Won By Rene Sirois

Rene Sirois, youthful ringer artist from Lewiston, became the new Maine state champion at the Marcotte Park Courts in Lewiston, Maine.

The new champion was breezing through all opposition and pitching well over 70% when heavy rains came.

At seventeen years of age, Sirois became Maine's youngest champion since 1926. Merrill Barnes of Bangor, one of Maine's all time winners participated after several years of inactivity.

Defending champ, Bill Libbey, had an outstanding game with 28 ringers out of 35 shoes, including 15 consecutive ringers.

Bob Sirois, father of Rene, captured the Class B crown. Ada Smith of Oxford took the Woman's State Title by besting defending champ Anita Paten-ade of South Paris. Mrs. Smith averaged 37%.

Junior champion Larry Roux of Alfred, Maine, successfully defended his crown with a fine 44.8% and no losses.

Classes E through I played in ideal weather conditions in comparison to the higher classes. Walter Joy of Ellsworth, long time horseshoe enthusiast presented trophies to the winners assisted by State President Roger Bolduc.

CLASS A				CLASS B			
	W	L	%		W	L	%
Rene Sirois	9	0	58.1	Bob Sirois	6	1	43.7
Albert Lord	8	1	60.2	M. Courtois	6	1	47.0
Paul Tobey	8	1	59.8	Dom Pepin	6	1	42.5
Porter Clark	6	3	54.3	Ray Roux	5	2	50.0
Phil Smith	6	3	50.5	Ike Davis	5	2	44.8
M. Barnes	5	4	44.2	Pat Gallant	3	4	42.9
Clint Simmons	4	5	48.2	Roy Whittemore			Forfeit
Rol. Beaudrealt	4	5	47.4	Irv Cushman			Forfeit
Joe Johnson	3	6	47.6				
William Libbey			Forfeit				

Maine State — (Continued)

CLASS C — Harry Reid, 7-0; Roger Bolduc, 5-2; Norm Bailey, 5-2; Albert Roux, 4-2; A. A. Puiia, 4-3; W. Wright, 2-5; W. Chase Jr., Fill-in; Stanley Allen, Forfeit.

CLASS D — Rosaire Tardiff, 6-1; Francis MacDonald, 6-1; Jim Smith, 5-2; Rene Doyon, 3-4; F. Beal, Forfeit; G. Bonnevie, Forfeit; O. Johnson, Forfeit, Leo Parady, Forfeit.

CLASS E — Clyde Hewett, 7-0; Del Mathieu, 5-2; Phil Johnson, 4-3; Dwight Webb, 4-3; Don Maillette, 3-4; D. MacVane, 3-4; B. MacKenzie, 2-5; Phil Daniels, 0-7.

CLASS F — Pete Poulin, 6-1; Bill Hood, 6-1; Ray Colford, 4-3; Francis Conant, 4-3; Roland Moulin, 3-4; Paul Pratt, 3-4; Don Gibbons, 2-5; Larry Roux.

CLASS G — Conrad Roux, 6-1; W. Chase Sr., 6-1; S. Kaladas, 4-3; Bob Griffin, 4-3; Edgar Poulin, 4-3; Dick Thompson, 2-5; W. Patenaude, 2-5; E. Parsons, Forfeit.

CLASS H — John Grenier, 5-0; Wil Scribner, 4-1; Bob Mennealy, 3-2; W. Chase Jr., 2-3; A. St. Ours, 1-4; Ken Libby, 0-5.

CLASS I — A. Ouellette, 5-0; Al Pepin, 4-1; F. Beaulieu, 3-2; Mike Theriault, 2-3; Dave Pratt, 1-4; O. Gilpatrick Jr., 0-5.

LADIES — CLASS A — Ada Smith, 3-0; Anita Patenaude, 2-1; Kay Daniels, 1-2; Nedra Gilpatrick, 0-3.

LADIES — CLASS B — Ona Pratt, 2-1; Shirley Roux, 2-1; Margaret Reid, 1-2; Wanda Hood, 1-2.

JUNIOR — CLASS A — Larry Roux, 3-0; Roger Guilmette, 2-1; Bruce Spencer, 1-2; Ron Giroux, 0-3.

JUNIOR — CLASS B — Leroy Barrows, 3-0; Mike Moreau, 2-1; Jim Hood, 1-2; Norm Collins, 0-3.

1967 New England Championship Goes To Sherm Green

(Returns Of This Meet Just Received)

CLASS A

	W	L	%		W	L	%
S. Green, Conn.	13	2	70.0	C. Richardson, Mass.	7	8	64.9
M. Merritt, Mass.	12	3	70.0	D. Pickering, N.H.	7	8	62.7
D. Kaddy, Mass.	12	3	69.4	P. Smith, Maine	6	9	60.3
D. Weik, Conn.	10	5	67.2	W. Piletz, N.H.	6	9	59.9
P. Tobey, Maine	10	5	66.0	A. Rousseau, Mass.	4	11	59.2
A. Lord, Maine	10	5	64.9	L. Prouty, Vt.	4	11	62.6
H. Bourgeois, R. I.	8	7	65.3	M. Tessier, Mass.	3	12	58.9
R. Sirois, Maine	8	7	64.5	B. Herfurth, Mass.			Forfeit

Other class winners and runners-up listed below:

CLASS B — P. Clark, Maine, 7-0-62.1; N. Cerritani, Conn., 5-2-58.1.

CLASS BB — C. Simmons, Maine, 5-2-64.8; N. Rioux, Conn., 5-2-61.2.

CLASS C — D. MacDonell, Conn., 7-0-64.5; G. Sylvain, N.H., 6-1-57.2.

CLASS CC — V. Allain, Mass., 6-1-55.3; I. Cushman, Maine, 5-2-54.0.

CLASS D — A. LaFlamme, Conn., 6-1-54.9; T. Kerivan, Mass., 6-1-51.2.

CLASS DD — R. Ahlstrom, Mass., 6-1-47.0; D. Pepin, Maine, 5-2-41.8.

CLASS E — H. Reid, Maine, 7-0-50.0; F. McDonald, Maine, 6-1-53.9.

CLASS EE — M. Balargeon, Vt., 7-0-45.8; R. Bolduc, Maine, 6-1-45.8.

CLASS F — L. Davis, N.H., 6-1-45.4; M. Moniz, N.H., 6-1-42.3.

CLASS FF — W. Burton, Vt., 6-1-44.9; R. Gariepy, N.H., 6-1-37.5.

CLASS G — E. Aubin, Mass., 6-1-41.9; S. Raymond, N.H., 6-1-39.0.

New England — (Continued)

CLASS GG — No Results Submitted

CLASS H — R. St. Thomas, Mass., 7-0-45.9; D. Bourgeois, R.I., 6-1-42.5.

CLASS HH — P. Sylvia, Mass., 5-2-41.8; D. Brown, Vt., 5-2-40.5.

CLASS I — A. Puiia, Maine, 7-0-32.0; F. Washer, N.H., 5-2-29.9.

CLASS II — A. DeLuca, Mass., 6-1-38.4; M. Secord, N.H., 6-1-37.0.

CLASS J — W. Ellsworth, 7-0-37.6; R. Davis, N.H., 6-1-32.5.

CLASS JJ — R. Griffin, 7-0-32.3; E. Boulin, Mass., 6-1-33.0.

CLASS K — P. Pratt, Maine, 7-0-35.7; F. Beaulia, 5-2-20.4.

CLASS KK — A. Hood, N.H., 5-2-20.2; N. Graham, N.H., 5-2-17.1.

LADIES

CLASS A — B. Jacques, N.H., 6-1-55.6; R. Ducharme, Mass., 6-1-42.6.

CLASS B — M. Moss, N.H., 4-1-30.6; K. Daniels, 4-1-30.0.

CLASS C — D. Pickering, N.H., 5-0-21.2; O. Pratt, Maine, 4-1-18.0.

JUNIORS

CLASS A — M. Pickering, N.H., 5-0-46.0; L. Roux, Maine, 4-1-40.1.

CLASS B — C. Flag, N.H., 5-0-23.6; B. Lampron, N.H., 4-1-40.7.

CLASS C — D. Putnam, N.H., 5-0-15.7; R. Progen, Mass., 4-1-19.7.

CLASS D — D. Wellington, N.H., 3-0-33.0; M. Harris, N.H., 3-1-17.0.

Mississippi Has New NHPA Chapter

The state of Mississippi is the newest state to hold an NHPA charter, marking the first time the Magnolia state has officially been a part of the NHPA.

Organized recently as the Mississippi Gulf Coast Horseshoe Pitchers' Association, the group through its Secretary Bob Currie asked the NHPA for information and help in getting started. The result has been 30 charter members to qualify for a NHPA chapter which gives the new club jurisdiction over organized horseshoe in the state. The members come from Gulfport, Longbeach, Handsboro and West Point. Initial contact with the NHPA was made by Ed Bush of Longbeach who became a Digest subscriber last year.

The NHPA welcomes its newest addition, wishes it success and hopes the relationship will be a long beneficial one. At this time nothing is known about the new chapter's officers, top players and program, but we all look forward to reading of its activities from time to time in the Digest. The club's 1967 season was concluded last November.

The address of the Secretary-Treasurer is Robert Currie, 1201 Washington St., Handsboro, Miss. 39554.

Washington Supports N.H.P.A.

Washington was inadvertently left out of the state by state summary carried in last month's Digest and this oversight should be corrected at once.

The state ranks 3rd in NHPA membership only a shade behind Indiana and Ohio and had an increase in magazine subscriptions in 1967. Under the guidance of Secretary Francis Winetrout plus excellent cooperation by all the state has become one of horseshoe's hotbeds. It had a very large representation at the last two World Tournaments including a half dozen high ranking players.

This year Washington will be headed by a new Secretary-Treasurer, young and energetic Gary Alexander, who was one of those who lent a helping hand to NHPA officials in the 1967 World Tourney at Fargo.

The new Secretary-Treasurer of the state has a new address in place of the one listed in the January issue — Gary Alexander, Rte 1, Box 51 A, Granite Falls, Wash. 98252.

A. Wayne In Clean Sweep of 1967 New Hampshire State Meet

(Returns Of This Meet Just Received)

CLASS A				CLASS B			
	W	L	%		W	L	%
A. Wayne	9	0	65.5	L. Croteau	6	1	60.7
D. Pickering	8	1	58.9	B. Burke	5	2	54.2
R. Cote	6	3	61.4	L. Marden	5	2	51.3
W. Piletz	5	4	61.5	D. Sawyer	4	3	49.1
C. Godzyk	5	4	57.3	L. Flagg	4	3	48.1
G. Donovan	4	5	55.4	D. Putnam	2	5	47.9
H. Winter	3	6	57.4	P. Brassard	2	5	43.0
Z. Berdinka	3	6	54.9	M. Moniz	0	7	44.1
G. Sylvain	2	7	54.5				
G. Buskey	0	9	46.2				

CLASS C — A. Neidzeila, 7-0-47.7; W. Bates, 5-2-45.9; A. Rockwood, 4-3-41.1; S. Raymond, 4-3-40.7; L. Davis, 3-4-45.3; V. Brodeur, 3-4-39.5; N. Durand, 2-5-41.5; D. Lesieur, 0-7-22.6.

CLASS D — G. Quinn, 7-0-38.3; C. Walters, 5-2-33.8; R. Tedford, 4-3-33.6; J. Zabeilski Sr., 3-4-35.7; R. Garipey, 3-4-34.0; V. True, 3-4-30.2; F. Lapin, 3-4-31.0; W. Fox, 0-7-27.5.

CLASS E — R. Rhodes, 5-2-34.3; A. Chickering, 4-3-33.1; Al. DeLuca, 4-3-31.2; J. Roberts, 4-3-29.9; F. Washer, 3-4-34.3; E. Firman, 3-4-30.5; L. Zabielski, 3-4-29.3; R. Brodeur, 2-5-27.3.

CLASS F — M. Secord, 6-1-30.4; C. Small, 5-2-28.9; D. Fales, 5-2-28.4; J. Zabielski Jr., 4-3-29.1; R. Lafave, 3-4-22.7; Bill Blanchard, 2-5-25.2; R. Putnam, 2-5-19.7; M. Georgina, 1-6-20.5.

CLASS G — R. Davis, 4-1-26.5; D. McIlvene, 4-1-21.1; D. Witham, 4-1-16.6; A. Hood, 2-3-17.8; R. Hilton, 1-4-10.3; A. Olivo, 0-5-6.8.

CLASS A JUNIORS — R. McIlvene, 5-0-31.3; M. Pickering, 4-1-41.5; J. Marden, 2-3-23.7; J. Graf, 2-3-18.5; F. Grover, 1-4-21.1; C. Flagg, 1-4-18.2.

CLASS B JUNIORS — K. Croteau, 7-0-25.7; G. Putnam, 6-1-18.6; M. Jacques, 4-3-16.8; D. Putnam, 4-3-11.7; J. Sutton, 3-4-14.6; Brian Lampron, 3-4-4.0; B. Pickering, 1-6-3.4.

CLASS A LADIES — C. Lankhorst, 5-1-46.1; B. Jacques, 4-2-48.8; G. Robinson, 2-4-36.7; V. Cote, 1-5-27.1.

CLASS B LADIES — H. Cote, 5-1-33.3; Mary Moss, 5-1-28.8; P. Croteau, 2-4-13.0; T. Lucuis, 0-6-9.8.

Dimondale, Michigan Club Sets Up Two Tournaments

The Dimondale Horseshoe club has voted for 2 preferred tournament dates for Dimondale during the 1968 outdoor season. The action was taken at a meeting at Ray's Recreation, Dimondale, Michigan.

It was determined that the dates of May 25 and July 20, both on a Saturday, were the most desirable. In addition, a tournament date for the Potter Park courts in Lansing was approved for Sunday, July 21. These tournaments will all be sanctioned by the Wolverine State Horseshoe Pitcher's association, according to Victor Benson, president of the Dimondale club and vice president of the state association.

Considerable speculative discussion was devoted to some type of pitching program for the present indoor season. President Benson urged the club's forty plus members to extend reasonable effort to participate in whatever type program is adopted by the club.

The Dimondale club selected Fred Smith, Sr., Dimondale; Oscar Hope, Lansing, and re-elected W. J. Ullenbruch, Dimondale, as president, vice-president and secretary-treasurer respectively at its annual meeting.

Tribute to**Perl "Pep" Pepple of Kansas****by Alvin Dahlene**

Perl "Pep" Pepple of Topeka, Kansas who reached the age of 75 last May 1st is a man of many accomplishments. In his youth he was a fine baseball pitcher and boxer — later a veteran of World War I. To make his daily bread he was an expert typist and short hand wizard. He also took up Spencerian Penmanship as a young man — and today is one of the few individuals who still follows this art of fine hand writing. In a world that is traveling so fast it's nice to know that at least one man — takes the time to write a beautiful hand. His hobby is raising beautiful flowers, he has also written much poetry and a book on the Philosophy of Life.

In his later years, around age of 55, he became interested in horseshoe pitching and displayed the same zest he did for other things that he liked to do. He became a good average pitcher and won a few local titles. But it was in the field of promotion that this fine gentleman really sparkled. In the past 20 years he has done much for Kansas horseshoe pitching and you could really say he was one of the best we have ever had. At times the game could have "died on the vine" if it had not been for continual prodding.

At the 1967 State Meet, Gage Park, Topeka, Kansas, "Pep" was honored by his many Kansas friends with a beautiful plaque inscribed as follows:

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Will's Ringer Mill

By WILL GULLICKSON

Tackling the job of playing host to the World Horseshoe Tournament is no easy task.

A challenge from the time the bid is accepted, it's a job which requires many man hours. Teamwork is needed at all turns, especially among those responsible for making the tourney a success.

The job of hosting the tourney is doubly tough if it's the first time held in the community such as was the case at Fargo-Moorhead in 1967.

This writer recalls asking Bob Pence by phone numerous questions in regards to the tourney when it was only in the infant planning stages. Hundreds of questions go through the heads of those in charge. Such as:

Our community is not exactly a horseshoe hotbed — golf is the big sport during the summer. How will this affect the tourney and the attendance?

How about our courts; do we need new clay; how about the lighting, the housing of visitors? What happens if we get rain?

What should the souvenir program include? Should it be sold or given away?

These are only a few questions which pop into your mind. Many more come later. Some come even at the deadline time when the tourney is at hand.

Key People Come to Rescue

Fortunately, for the NHPA, there are key people in the organization who can come up with most of the answers.

Bob Pence was eager to give his time and patience to make the Fargo-Moorhead tournament a success. He made an advance trip to F-M to inspect the tourney site.

Elmer Beller, long-time associated with the tourney and holder of nearly all the offices, was greatly helpful in writing detailed letters of explanation on how to raise the \$4,000 guarantee and how to come up with the adequate program.

Those who have gone through the tournament experience several times are seldom without an answer.

Therefore, those planning on making first-time bids are assured of excellent support from all hands in the NHPA's managerial ranks.

At times it seems even with the long advance planning and many work hours that the tourney will not come off the planning board and be the success you want it to be.

One of the most important keys to the success of the F-M tournament was the securing of two house trailers which housed the NHPA and press headquarters. This gives the personnel who run the tourney an opportunity to do their work in the best possible fashion.

Luckily, the F-M tournament received much cooperation from many of the visiting pitchers, spectators and standbys. Without this pitching-in it would have been extremely difficult to conduct the tournament.

Keene, Erie Map Plans

Each community has different problems in dealing with their park board, community, press relations, etc. Because of this it is difficult to draw up a format which would never miss in conducting a tournament.

The Keene, N. H., group has plans underway for the 1968 tourney. It will be the second time the tournament has been held in the eastern city.

Joe Abbott and his crew are making early advance work for the 1969 event. It will be the first time the classic has been held in Erie.

President of the Erie club is Paul D. Beer. Vice president is Jack Potter. Abbott is secretary-treasurer.

Directors at Erie are Joe Balogh, Boyd Bowes, Robert Conrad, Fred Hayes, Dan Kuchcinski, Gene Lobaugh, Joe Perkowski, Joe Peters, Paul Prizinsky, Karl Schneider, Bob Schwab, Glen Sebring, Harvey Sills, Walter Skibicki, Jack Tupitz and Ed Wurst.

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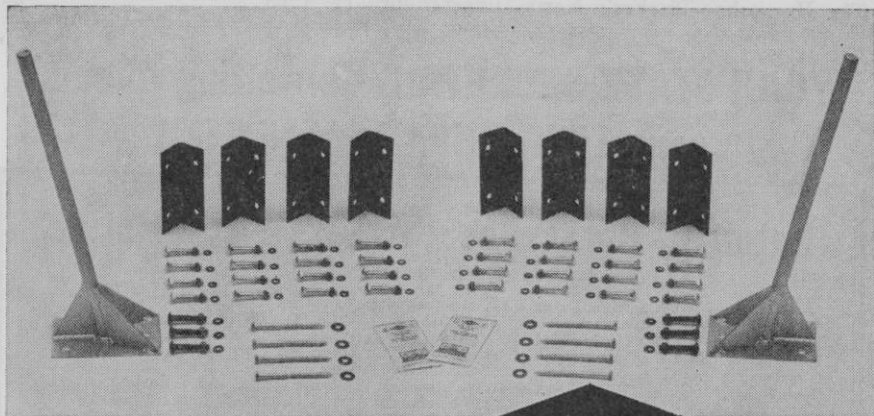
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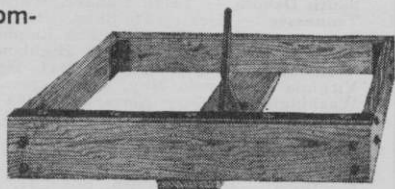


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