

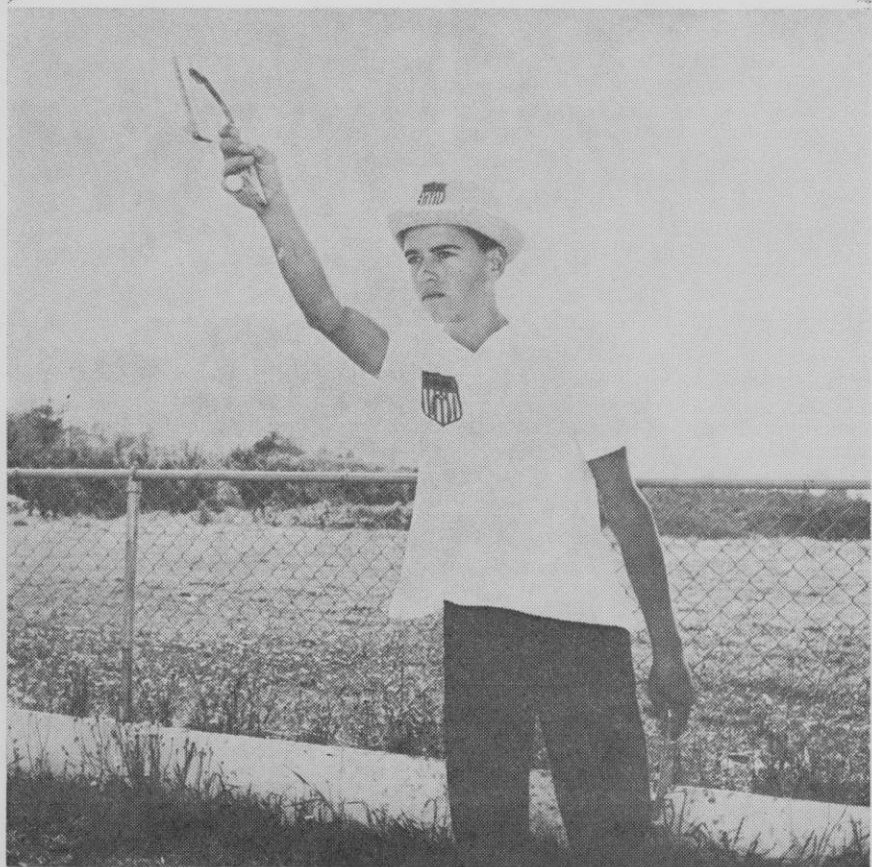
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1968 World Tourney Plans Well Underway

At Keene, N. H.

By Tom Blake

The Keene New Hampshire club is well underway with plans to host the 1968 World Championship horseshoe pitching tournament here next summer.

In fact, the Keene enthusiasts of the popular and ever-growing sport have been thinking about the world tourney and working to make it the best in history of the National Horseshoe Pitcher's Association since they last hosted the event here in 1965.

Don Pickering, the tall and talented former state champion and one of the friendliest guys you'll ever meet, is club president this year. He heads an organization of veteran pitchers who gained valuable experience before on the "world" operation.

Frank Washer, chairman of the program book committee, has Rene and Lloyd Putnam working with him and their goal is to raise \$15,000. The amount is \$3,000 more than the 1965 figure collected and the extra money will be used to provide the tourney with the best bleachers available.

Fred Melvin and Olive Pickering are on the housing committee. They will soon list in the Digest all the accommodations to be found in the city and the Monadnock Region. This will include motels, hotels, inns, and rooms in private homes; also camping facilities.

George and Alberta Sheldon are co-chairmen of the entertainment committee. They're planning to conduct a tourney program that will appeal to the families of contestants as well as the pitchers themselves. You can be assured that the fun will have a definite New England flavor!

For information about Keene, the region and the state, those who are coming to the big tournament may write to: the Keene Chamber of Commerce, 95 Main St., Keene, N. H. 03431; the Monadnock Region Association, Peterborough, N. H., 03458; and the Department of Resources and Economic Development, 5 Langdon St., Concord, 03301.

Knisley To Stage Bremen, Ohio Open, April 6-7-13-14

James Knisley will conduct an indoor open tournament at his courts on East Main Street, Bremen, Ohio on the weekends of April 6-7 and April 13-14.

Deadline for entry fee of \$4.00 and two previous tournament averages, should be sent to James Knisley, Bremen, Ohio 43107 not later than March 28.

There will be classes of 6-men with two awards being given in each class.

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Danny Kuchcinski In Grand Performance At Chicago's Garfield Park's Indoor Exhibition

Sunday, February 25, 1968 was a memorable day never to be forgotten in the annals of Chicago's Garfield park Horseshoe Club. It was the day that the amiable and delightful young World's champion, Danny Kuchcinski of Erie, Pa., staged an exhibition on the club's indoor courts in Garfield park.

He played before a capacity house and delighted all present with his exhibition of ringer skill.

NHPA president, Ralph E. Dykes was the master of ceremonies for the afternoon and did a most outstanding job as he presented the various dignitaries for introduction, among whom were Mr. Melvin Ackerman, Supervisor of Area 6 of the Chicago Park District and Mrs. Jane Dickens, Supervisor of Garfield Park. Also introduced were Robert G. Pence, NHPA secretary from Gary, Indiana and F. Ellis Cobb, secretary of the Illinois State Association and News Digest editor. Will Gullickson, NHPA Publicity Director, was also in Chicago making arrangements for radio and TV appearances and news paper interviews. He did an outstanding job on all facets of the publicity program.

Danny warmed up for the occasion by throwing 50 shoes laying on 40 ringers. His next feat was performing various trick shots, mainly pitching over blanket and ringing the stake, using 3 stakes, ringing each stake as they were called by Jack Stout on the PA system. Pitching ringers thru a hoop, ringing stake with man sitting on stake, ringing stake covered by table, lighting matches and many others. He was truly a crowd charmer. As a final part of his exhibition, he played a 50 point game against Melvin Utley of Chicago, who though playing valiantly, was unable to stem the tide of ringers and lost to Danny, 50-10.

For an affair of this type, it takes many hands to bring it to a successful conclusion, among those who were responsible for this outstanding success were Abe Austin, Walter Crim, Ralph Dykes, Jack Stout, "Cowboy" Pearson and Martin Henney. The Chicago Park District officials are to be commended for the fine cooperation they gave in furnishing the programs, large banners that graced the walls, and in many other ways in brightening up the surroundings for convenience of all the visitors.

To Jack Stout and his associates at Ace Metal Craft for the many hours that they spent in creating the beautiful horseshoe that was presented to Danny by Jack at the close of the exhibition. To Ralph Dykes for setting up all the displays and handling details in general.

Another attraction that was added to the afternoon's festivities, was a fancy rope twirling act expertly done by "Cowboy" Pearson of the Garfield Club.

We would be remiss if we did not again extend a vote of thanks to Mr. Ackerman and Mrs. Dickens for all their fine efforts in making this event one long to be remembered by all those who use the facilities of the Garfield Park area of the Chicago Park District.

Danny Kuchcinski Spends Ten Days In Florida

By Hal Porter

Dan and his school-mate, baseball team-mate, Paul Vargo, of Erie, arrived in Bradenton, horseshoe Winter Capital of the World, late Dec. 1, 1967. They checked in at the Downtown Cabana, were welcomed by the manager. Mr. Norton, were picked up and talked at by the Dean of Horseshoe U. until bedtime.

On Dec. 12, 1967, they took off for cold Erie. They left behind them a lot of warm new friends; a lot of folks whose faith in the present crop of teenagers had been greatly strengthened; who really understood that Horseshoes is no longer "an old man's game!" Dan and Paul were everywhere in the area; where ever they went they were respected; we are still answering questions about their next appearance! Al Levine, young sports reporter of the nearby St. Petersburg Times, wrote a feature story about Dan with a large picture of him in action.

In the ten days "The Boys" were here — Dan made sure Paul was everywhere he went; shared all his thrills — the Bradenton Herald's Kent Chetlain gave space for stories with two to five column pictures, on seven days. On the day they left he ran a four picture sequence of Dan throwing a ringer and the Sunday after they left in the regular Horseshoe column, a detailed description of Dan's delivery using the four picture sequence as a guide.

One story was titled "A Day in the Life of a Horseshoe Champ." This began with a visit to the Herald to see Chetlain where the red carpet was rolled out. There they met many of the folks who have done a lot to aid this growing game they are so good at, folks in Kent's department, the photographers and Jay Goins and his gang in Circulation. Appointments were set up with high school and junior college coaching staffs — Boy Wynn and Coach Moffett among others; Cy Still of the Chamber of Commerce and George Kirkley of the Bradenton Country Club who sponsored and conducted a round of golf for the Erieites. Johnny Sines was another interested school-man; wants to see more games like ours included in high school and college recreation programs.

The boys swam in the Gulf; met surfers, were guests in the homes of Horseshoe U. folks. Ole Jack Ellis took them fishing; they caught fish too!

On Dec. 9th at Horseshoe U. Dan, with Paul helping him, put on his demonstration in such a way it will long be remembered by the largest crowd to witness a horseshoe show in Florida for years! He first warmed up with the standard try for ringers in 50 shoes; he admits he has done better, but the crowd was much impressed. He then went into a routine of trick shots: ringers thrown through Paul's widespread feet, circled arms and with his chin on the stake!

He threw'em when the stake was hidden by a blanket and his finale was something you will have to see to appreciate! Dan and Paul highlighted public attention on horseshoes in this area as it has not been done before. Two decent young men, very good at what they were doing, no monkeyshines of any sort on the visit, was a great boost for the young men and women of the area. We expect to see more youngsters at The Campus as a direct result of the visit!

More demonstrations by this pair are being set up all over NHPA territory, don't miss one if you can get to it!

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.

National Park And Recreation Association Horseshoe Pitching Handbook

The National Park & Recreation Association has published a 48 page illustrated Horseshoe Pitching Handbook as a part of its series of management aids for municipal park departments and recreation directors.

As the title page indicates the book was printed with the aid and co-operation of the NHPA and its Secretary Bob Pence. The publication made liberal use of the NHPA's Horseshoe Pitching Manual, gives a description of the NHPA, the News Digest and the NHPA program.

Among the illustrations are pictures of the Heekin Park courts in Muncie, Ind. where the 1960 and 1961 World Tournaments were held and the courts in Lewiston, Maine which were built by members of the Lewiston-Auburn Horseshoe Club of the Maine State Association.

The author was Temple Jerrell, an NHPA member who is an officer in National Park & Recreation Association. "Temp" is a personal friend of NHPA Secretary Bob Pence and was formerly a top ranking player, having won the Maryland state title in 1936 and 37 when he lived in Hyattsville and the Tennessee state title later on when he was Park Recreation Director at Oak Ridge, Tenn. His present home is in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

NHPA Clubs and members using municipal park facilities are advised to call attention of the Recreation Directors and park departments to this handbook and urge them to obtain copies which are designed to aid them in formulating and supporting horseshoe pitching programs. The address for ordering the publication is the National Recreation & Park Assoc., 1700 Pennsylvania Avenue N. W., Washington, D. C. 20006.

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The slowly but steadily increasing popularity of competition horseshoe pitching has led to the growth of the Westchester Horseshoe Pitchers Association from 50 members at its inception five years ago to the nearly 130 members it now has under the presidency of Carl von der Lancken, founder of the Westchester group and president of the New York State Horseshoe Pitchers Association.

Mr. von der Lancken's enthusiasm for the sport will see proper fulfillment next Labor Day when his league, based in New Rochelle, will host the official state tournament.

The courts form the Dominic Sharkey Horseshoe Park, named after "one of the early great players in Westchester," according to Mr. von der Lancken, in tribute to the pitcher now in his mid-eighties. The first "masters invitational tournament" involving many states from New England and the Mid-Atlantic, was held at this park.

The Association has, in addition to its floodlighted cement courts in New Rochelle, clubs in Yonkers, Peekskill, and Montrose, and has proposed two new clubs in Yorktown and Chappaqua.

Mr. von der Lancken, administrative assistant to the president of Westchester Community College and assistant professor in history, notes that the interest in horseshoes has "come in waves." Very active in the '30s and '40s.

Interest is on the upsurge now, according to the WPA president, but he feels the sport needs to become "a major reward for professionals," in order to rank it with bowling or golf. Mr. von der Lancken feels that there is "more skill in this than bowling: you must control all the factors with your arm, no matter what the pressure." He also sees this sport, though for all ages, as a good form of exercise for adults: "a perfect game to keep in good physical condition.

Asked what kind of people generally participated in horseshoe pitching, Mr. von der Lancken noted the variety of workers, businessmen, salesmen, and industrial personnel who join leagues. The sport is becoming organized. Efforts are afoot to encourage indoor pitching courts to be established at the sport palaces which now offer bowling and billiards.

Of much help in the early days of the league, Mr. Von der Lancken notes, were the recreation departments, and many exhibitions have been given in White Plains and Greenburgh to help form new courts and arouse new interests.

Iowa-Illinois Pitchers Enjoy Summertime Pitching In Wintertime

Sixteen horseshoe pitchers from Muscatine, Iowa, Burlington, Iowa, Galesburg, Illinois and Monmouth, Illinois, gathered at the home of Earl Ryner, in Gerlaw Illinois, January 21 to pitch horseshoes.

There was action from 1:00 P.M. until 9:00 P.M. with an intermission for lunch furnished by Mrs. Ryner.

Mr. Ryner has three clay courts in his heated garage and extends a cordial invitation to anyone who likes to pitch horseshoe to stop by.

Regular pitching time is Sunday afternoon and Thursday night. With a few telephone calls you can get competition any night.

The afternoon activity was a four way match with Muscatine coming out the winner. In the evening a double elimination was played with Arnold Lester of Galesburg coming out on top.

3 Major Meets To Dominate Michigan Scenes This Season

By Pat Smith

Three major horseshoe tourneys will dominate the Michigan scenes this summer. The highly coveted Water-wonderland NHPA National Open will be held at Weston, Michigan, June 8-9. Weston is located near Adrian.

Battle Creek will host the second annual Carl Wood Memorial classic at the Bailey Park Courts. This, although not a National open, enjoys somewhat similar status, the group determined. The dates are July 20-21.

Lake Orion, Michigan will be the scene of the 1968 Michigan State Championships on August 31, September 1-2nd, Labor Day weekend. Registration fees will remain the same as in previous tourneys. Dimondale, according to present scheduling plans, will open the outdoor season on Saturday, May 25. Sunday, May 26, Battle Creek will be the host.

Dimondale and Burr Oak also placed bids to host the NHPA Water-Wonderland meet but lost by one vote in a secret vote procedure. The fact that Dimondale is hosting its second annual National NHPA open April 20-21 at Ray's Recreation was possibly an influencing factor.

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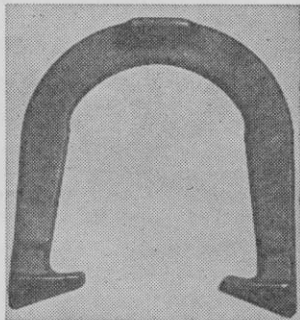
Tournament to begin April 19th. Class B to play April 20th and 21st; Class A, April 27 and 28, 1968. Defending Champion: Stan Manker — Holder of Rotating Trophy.

Class A and B, twelve men each. Two groups of six with top three in each group in playoff. Trophies for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place. All other classes six men, trophies for 1st and 2nd place. Entry Fee \$4.00. Add \$1.00 for Class A and B. Those pitching in Class A or B must hold a 1968 N.H.P.A. membership card. The Rome Club reserves the right to place you in your class based on past performance.

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Twin County (Mass.) League Active With Cleghorn American Legion Post #429 In Fitchburg, Mass.

The Cleghorn American Legion Post #429 of Fitchburg, Massachusetts, who have 3 teams competing in the Twin County Indoor League, have been running special matches each week at their indoor courts in Fitchburg.

The Twin County league consists of 14 teams in the Worcester and Franklin counties of central and western Massachusetts. Through the graciousness of the American Legion, these teams now have a chance to enjoy horseshoe pitching during the winter months on the Legion's indoor courts.

Bedford Kaddy of Fitchburg, who is serving his third term as president of the Twin County League, is planning on having this a sanctioned league. About 75 percent of the players are now members of the NHPA. This league has been a big boon to horseshoe pitching in this area of Massachusetts, which is only 40 miles east of Keene, New Hampshire, the scene of the forthcoming 1968 World Tournament.

Several matches already have been played with the results as follows, showing wins, losses and ringer percentages.

Jan. 12 — Amvets Post #29 — M. Tessier, 2-2-55.0; J. Salo Sr., 1-3-49.5; J. Salo Jr., 3-1-46.0; J. Despasquale, 3-1-45.0; B. Guichard, 3-1-35.0; N. Hurtubise, 2-2-34.5.

Cleghorn Post #429 — D. Kaddy, 3-3-62.5; H. Bedard, 1-1-47.0; B. Kaddy, 3-1-42.0; H. Jodery, 1-3-34.5; F. Legar, 2-4-33.0; C. Malagutti, 0-2-32.0.

Jan. 19 — Cleghorn Post #429 — D. Kaddy, 5-0-55.0; H. Bedard, 2-1-51.0; B. Kaddy, 1-0-50.0; E. Niles, 2-0-37.0; R. Vendette, 1-1-29.0; C. Malagutti, 1-0-29.5; G. Moore, 2-0-22.0; F. Legar, 1-2-25.0; B. Holland, 1-2-19.0; and R. Chaulifoux, 0-2-17.0.

Simplex of Gardner — P. Aube, 1-5-36.0; L. Zetterberg, 2-4-32.4; L. Aube, 3-2-31.6; F. Klockars, 1-3-30; P. Porn, 1-2-10.0.

Jan 26 — Cleghorn Post #429 — M. Tessier, 4-0-62.5; J. Salo, 4-1-52.5; D. Kaddy, 3-2-61.0; H. Parmenter, 2-0-44.7.

Worcester V.F.W. — A. Domey, 2-3-53.3; A. Dulmaine, 1-3-52.0; L. Allain, 1-4-57.4; E. Aubin, 1-2-39.8; T. Gerrais, 2-2-41.0; C. Dessauteis, 1-2-42.9.

Season Always Open In Worthington, Minnesota

When the horseshoe pitching season begins, a group of Worthington, Minnesota, men will have a real advantage over opponents from other towns.

The tossers never closed the season last fall and have continued through the winter, honing their skills to perfection.

Fred Kinsman was the prime mover in a project which culminated in construction of an indoor pitching court, heated and lighted with electricity. All winter long, while the winds howled outside, the men held their normal twice-a-week evening sessions.

The court is located in a building on the Kinsman acreage just south of the Worthington airport. One end of the building has been walled off. Flooring was laid and a heating stove moved in.

Refinements continue to be added even though the court has been completely usable for months. L. A. (Hooks) Osterfeld, telephone technician with the Central Telephone Company, is building an electric scoreboard to keep track of the tally and end the normal disputes over the score at any given time during the game.

From Here And There

Word has reached us that Loren (Bud) Crooks, the veteran horseshoe tournament pitcher from Cumberland, Ohio, has had a slight heart attack and ordered to Good Samaritan Hospital, Zanesville, Ohio for a rest. Send him a card.

Maine Association Activity Schedule To Be Busy One

Roger Bolduc, President of the Maine Horseshoe Pitchers' Association announced the following 1968 schedule for the State and Lewiston-Auburn Associations.

- APRIL 28 — Lewiston-Auburn Club Spring Meeting to organize activities for the season. Meeting will be held at the Marcotte Park Clubhouse at 2:00 P.M.
- JUNE 8-9 — Spring Round-Up Tournament. (The possibility of a Canadian-American Tournament may be played in place of the Round-Up.) Tournament will be held at the Marcotte Park Courts in Lewiston.
- JUNE 9 — Special State Association Meeting at Lewiston-Auburn Club House to discuss several important items. Meeting at 2:00 P.M.
- JULY 20-21 — 3rd Annual Maine Vacationland Open Tournament, Marcotte Park, Lewiston.
- AUGUST 10-11 — Maine State Tournament. Location to be announced at later date. Annual meeting and election of officers will be held at 1:00 P.M. on the eleventh.
- AUGUST 31, SEPTEMBER 1-2 — New England Tournament. This is Maine's first New England Tournament since 1933. Charles Gerrish of Kittery won top honors that year. Lewiston's 20 court layout at Marcotte Park will be the scene of action.

Fourth Annual Hebron, Ohio Open, June 28-29-30

The fourth annual Hebron Open Horseshoe Tournament will be held on the last week end of June 28, 29, & 30, 1968, 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.

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GROUP ONE

	W	L	%
Snyder, Chula Vista	4	1	68.9
Dawsey, Oxnard	3	2	69.1
Randall, Barstow	3	2	64.2
Durr, Los Angeles	3	2	62.8
Paul, Covina	2	3	60.8
Moefield, Long Beach	0	5	57.2

GROUP TWO

	W	L	%
Weeks, Norwalk	4	1	67.7
Walker, Chula Vista	3	2	70.8
Shaver, Whittier	3	2	69.6
Simmons, South Gate	3	2	67.5
McFarland, Sepulveda	2	3	67.9
Rusch, Oxnard	0	5	61.8

PLAYOFF

	W	L	%		W	L	%
Weeks, Norwalk	3	0	66.6	Walker, Chula Vista	1	2	58.9
Snyder, Chula Vista	2	1	64.0	Dawsey, Oxnard	0	3	58.6

Fullerton — Southern California

Fullerton 'C' Open

GROUP ONE

	W	L	%
Dennis, Lynwood	5	0	54.7
Hudgens, Lynwood	4	1	54.0
Bailey, Glendora	3	2	44.1
Sims, Long Beach	2	3	47.3
Cole, Newbury Park	1	4	33.6
Poyner, Salvang	0	5	40.1

GROUP TWO

	W	L	%
Dooley, Bellflower	5	0	48.0
Faulkner, Fullerton	3	2	44.4
Velarde, So San Gabriel ...	3	2	41.2
Slagg, Ontario	2	3	48.0
Mahlstedt, Thous. Oaks ...	2	3	39.8
Shiple, Alhambra	0	5	41.7

PLAYOFF

	W	L	%		W	L	%
Dooley, Bellflower	3	1	49.2	Faulkner, Fullerton	1	2	46.3
Hudgens, Lynwood	2	2	50.7	Dennis, Lynwood	1	2	44.6

National AAU Juniors Tourney At Kansas City, Missouri

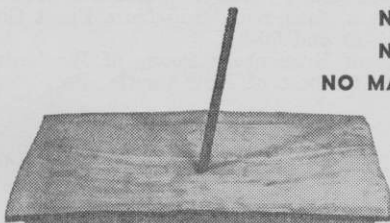
"The National AAU Juniors meet will again be held in Kansas City, Mo., on Saturday, May 25, 1968, starting at approximately 10 a.m. If entries warrant, will extend into Sunday. Would like to have at least 48 pitchers this year as we hope to make a successful bid for the Seniors next year. The Junior event is being sponsored by the Recreational Department of Kansas City, Mo. There will be four (4) trophies for the 8 men classes and three (3) trophies for the 6 men classes. We have two (2) AAU Junior champions, Harry J. Strohm, 1966 winner and Ray Cavin, 1967 winner living in this area. Winners of all classes, I understand, will be eligible to qualify for the Senior event, which is being held in N. J. this year. Anyone interested in entering this event please contact Harry J. Strohm, 419 S. White, Kansas City, Missouri 64123, by sending in your combined 1967 percentage average."

The Heart of America Tournament of Champions is being held, tentatively, this year in Springfield, Missouri. Last years' winner of this event was M. Tamboer of Wichita, Kansas.

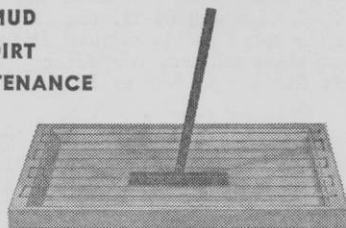
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James Knisley — February Red Mill Open Champion

James Knisley of Bremen, Ohio defeated Clyde Martz of Pittsburgh in a sudden death playoff to capture the second 1968 Red Mill winter horseshoe tournament. Jim had an excellent tournament, averaging an 80.6% and having only one game under the 80% mark — a 78.3 percenter.

The Sowa brothers then "ganged up" on the Class B and Class C pitchers, with Pete winning "B" and Charles winning "C" — both of them going undefeated.

CLASS A - 1

	W	L	%
Clyde Martz	4	0	76.1
Oscar Engle	3	1	76.8
Richard Maroni	2	2	69.9
Howard Shriver	1	3	69.9
Vince Sedlacek	0	4	61.1

CLASS A - 2

	W	L	%
James Knisley	4	0	80.6
Sam Sutton	2	2	76.9
James Solomon	2	2	69.8
Frank Peluso	2	2	65.3
Albert Booth	0	4	60.1

CLASS B — Pete Sowa, 4-0-66.7; John Ruskin, 3-1-61.1; Clyde Sprowls, 2-2-52.0; Vernon Wellington, 1-3-64.8; Charles Sowa, 0-4-35.2.

CLASS C — Charles Sowa, 4-0-51.2; Robert Lehman, 3-1-45.6; Dean Mayes, 2-2-48.8; Nelson Ealy, 1-3-35.0; Robert Werner, 0-4-32.7.

Shoe Charmer, Danny, At Orlando, Florida Open

Teen-age Danny Kuchcinski, the 18-year-old World Champion from Erie, Pa., charmed youngsters and oldsters alike, Feb. 3, with an exhibition and competitive performance that took Class A honors in horseshoe pitching at the Orlando Open Tournament in Sunshine Park.

One of Danny's speciality is getting his pardner to put his chin on the stake and hurling ringers.

Danny easily out distanced his competitors by the respective scores of 50-7, 53-7, 55-5 and 51-11. The Rademachers, father and son from Plant City, scored the most points against Danny, 50-40 and 50-35.

Other class winners were Henry Spiess of Bradenton; Peary of Bradenton, Everett Struble of Winter Park and Opal Corbett of New Castle, Pa.

CLASS A

	W	L	%
D. Kuchcinski, Erie, Pa. ..	7	0	71.7
G. Schummer, Canada	6	1	58.3
J. Rademacher, Fla.	5	2	62.1
G. Rademacher, Fla.	4	3	55.7
W. Hoover, Orlando	3	4	45.8
J. Morgan, Sarasota	2	5	38.0
F. Sumpter, Ohio	1	6	31.6
A. Clingan, Orlando	0	7	31.2

CLASS B

	W	L	%
H. Spiess, Bradenton	7	0	45.9
W. Hagy, Nevada	6	1	39.8
Gravink, New York	4	3	33.1
Richmond, Bradenton	3	4	41.5
Hodgeman, Michigan	3	4	35.3
Hinton, Bradenton	3	4	31.6
Huett, Bradenton	2	5	37.4
J. Foster, Nebraska	0	7	24.3

CLASS C — Peary, Bradenton, 4-1-38.8; J. Ellis, Bradenton, 3-2-42.0; Miller, Bradenton, 3-2-39.0; Thornet, Plant City, 3-2-38.6; H. Kemp, Bradenton, 2-3-42.0; Combs, Miami, 0-5-32.1.

CLASS D — E. Struble, Winter Park, 5-0-40.0; O. Autry, Bradenton, 3-2-28.0; Mullett, Plant City, 3-2-27.3; Taylor, Plant City, 2-3-26.0; Statzer, Plant City, 1-4-20.6; P. Vargo, Erie Pa., 1-4-19.2.

CLASS E — O. Corbett, New Castle Pa., 4-1-29.0; H. Hookway, Bradenton, 4-1-30.0; T. Corbett, New Castle, Pa., 4-1-28.7; B. Webster, Orlando, 1-4-25.7; C. Shenton, Chester, W. Va., 1-4-25.2; Costello, Sarasota, 0-5-6.2.

Opal Corbett won the play-off games to break the 3-way tie against Hookway and T. Corbett, to take first place — 53-42 and 52-31.

Manatee County (Fla.) Fair Tournament Won By Kuchcinski

CLASS A

	W	L	%
D. Kuchcinski, Penn.	7	0	70.8
J. Rademacher, Florida ...	6	1	67.6
J. Morgan, Indiana	5	2	51.0
G. Rademacher, Florida ...	3	4	51.2
Spier	2	5	44.6
Hitchcock, Ohio	2	5	43.3
Richmond, Minnesota	2	5	42.5
Franke, Illinois	1	6	42.1

CLASS B

	W	L	%
Sumpter, Ohio	6	1	50.4
Hinton, Florida	6	1	45.3
Hodgman, Michigan	4	3	44.6
Oglin, Florida	4	3	38.1
Spiess, Florida	3	4	45.6
Peary, Florida	3	4	40.1
Gravink, New York	1	6	34.1
Hagy, Nevada	1	6	33.8

CLASS C — Hewitt, Fla., 7-0-49.4; Miller, Ohio, 6-1-45.0; Whittemore, Maine, 5-2-47.7; Ellis, Bradenton, Fla., 3-4-41.0; Figy, Ohio, 2-5-38.0; Mulhern, Iowa, 2-5-36.5; Kemp, Bradenton, Fla., 2-5-33.5; Craig, Venice, Fla., 1-6-27.7.

CLASS D — Garman, Ind., 7-0-33.5; Taylor, N. D., 5-2-35.5; Wells, Ind., 4-3-28.1; Johnson, Ill., 4-3-24.3; Mullett, Fla., 3-4-27.5; Giersney, Mich., 2-5-26.5; Davidson, Mich., 2-5-25.8; Rodgers, Mich., 1-6-19.5.

CLASS E — Vargo, Penn., 7-0-30.7; T. Corbett, Penn., 4-3-26.5; O. Corbett, Penn., 4-3-26.4; Hookway, Bradenton, Fla., 4-3-25.3; Webster, Orlando, Fla., 4-3-20.6; Porter, Bradenton, Fla., 3-4-19.7; Cook, Seminole, Fla., 2-5-17.5; McGrath, Ohio, 0-7-12.3.

In Memoriam

In the past few weeks the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association and that of West Virginia has been called upon to part with Mrs. Anna Lindquist, who was summoned to her Eternal Home on February 5, at her home 305 6th Street, Morgantown, West Virginia.

She has now seen the Sunrise with her Creator and her presence among us will be sadly missed.

Her passing leaves a void in the ranks of the West Virginia State Association, where she held the position as secretary for over 20 years and was instrumental in organizing that association and affiliating it with the NHPA. She had to relinquish her duties about a year ago when her fatal illness became more acute.

Down through the years, she and her husband, Arner travelled to all parts of the country taking part in various tournaments. In her trophy case are many mementos of her prowess as one of the best women horseshoe pitchers that ever set foot on a court. She won the Ladies' World title two years in succession at Murray, Utah in 1949 and 1950. She also won the Ladies' championship in the Eastern National tournament a few years back.

Wherever she played, her warm smile and pleasant disposition and true sportsmanship won her a host of friends. We all have gained much in our lives for having known such a fine person as Mrs. Anna Lindquist. To her loving husband and family, we extend our most heartfelt sympathy in their hour of sadness.

In the words of Helen Keller:

"There's always Tomorrow with its promise of better things. Let us think then of Death as but one more Tomorrow: filled with infinite promise and fulfillment."



ANNA
LINDQUIST

From Here And There

The Iowa Hawkeye Horseshoe Ass'n. deeply regrets the passing of Mrs. Byron Hafner, Letts, Iowa, Jan. 30, 1968, (operated on Jan. 29th for a brain tumor). We will greatly miss her at the horseshoe tournaments and especially showing the beautiful movies of various tournaments at State Tournament, Iowa State Fair. We wish to express deep sympathy to Byron Hafner and Family.

Notice to Iowa Members

Lucille Hopkins, Iowa Hawkeye Secretary-Treasurer, reminds Iowa members that the Iowa-NHPA membership cards for 1968 are \$6.50, due to the 50¢ increase in National dues and \$1.00 increase in Iowa State dues, and the News Digest Magazine is \$2.50, making a total of \$6.50. The cards are ready and remittance now will be appreciated.

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Michigan National Open Set For April 20-21

The second annual Michigan National Indoor Open, to be held at Ray's Recreation indoor courts near Dimondale, Michigan, on Saturday and Sunday, April 20-21. It will be generally the same as last year, when Bob Pence and Earl Wilmore managed it. The top classes A and B will pitch on Sunday. Starting time is 10 A.M. The lower classes on Saturday.

Qualifications — Each player send in his ringer average certified by his state secretary or proper authority. Class A entry fee will be \$10.00. Class B entry fee will be \$7.50. Class C entry fee will be \$5.00.

All entries must be in the hands of WSHPA secretary, James Compton, 157 Pine St., Dimondale, Mich. 48821, by the April 10 deadline.

The Michigan Water-Wonderland, NHPA Open will be held on June 8-9, at Dyke Cowell's Weston, Michigan courts. Same procedure and entry fees as the Dimondale indoor open mentioned above.

Nebraska Association Plans Made For Season

Our annual 4 State will be here in Falls City, July 7, starting at 8:30 a.m. Send in your score to me, Don Koso, on 100 shoes by July 5. The starting classes will be D, E, F, and G. There will be six men in each of these classes, playing a round robin. Class A will contain the 10 top qualifiers; class B, the next 8 men; and class C, the next 8. Trophies will be presented to the first 4 placers in A, B, and C; and to the 3 top men in all other classes. Entry fee for class A will be \$5; class B and C, \$4; and \$3 in all other classes. This will be a sanctioned tournament, so every one who pitches **must** have a 1968 national card, and first place winners will be recognized as such and will receive an insignia. I would like to have a Boys Class (16 years and under), so any dads having sons who would like to pitch, please bring them. And if any ladies show interest, we will have a class for them, also.

This tournament invites pitchers from Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, and Nebraska.

Our Falls City Open, August 11, will be run about the same as the 4 State, except that there will be 8 men in the top 3 classes and 6 in all others, with trophies given to the top 4 in A, B, and C, and to the top 3 in all other classes. Send in your score to me, Don Koso, 803 E. 12th, Falls City, Nebr. 68355, by August 9. Pitchers from anywhere in the U. S. and Canada are welcome.

The Nebraska State Tournament, held at Crete on August 31 and September 1, requires anyone wishing to pitch, to qualify there on Saturday (Aug. 31), throwing 100 shoes. The tournament will start at 9:00 Sunday morning. We will put 8 men in A, B, and C, and 6 men in all other classes. Besides trophies, all players will be paid \$1 per game won. The annual banquet will be held on Saturday evening at 7:00 with election of officers afterward.

Look!—Don't Forget To Register Your Court

The Publicity Fund Raising Drive Court Registrations — Individual Donations

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.

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1968 World Horseshoe Tournament Schedule

Saturday, July 27, — 12 noon until 10 P.M., Qualifying all divisions.

Sunday, July 28, — 12 noon until 10 P.M., Qualifying all divisions.

Monday, July 29, — 9 A.M. until 10 P.M., Qualifying all divisions.

Tuesday, July 30, — 9 A.M. until 10 P.M., Qualifying all divisions. Conclusion of Ladies, Juniors & Seniors qualifying.

Wednesday, July 31, — 12 noon — Conclusion of qualifying in men's division.

ROUND-ROBIN CHAMPIONSHIP PLAY — ALL DIVISIONS

Wednesday, July 31, — 1 P.M. — Lower Classes, Women, Seniors & Juniors.

Wednesday, July 31, — 5:30 P.M. — Class A Women, Seniors & Juniors.

Thursday, Aug. 1, — 5:30 P.M. — Championship 36-man division 6 games.

Friday, Aug. 2, — 10 A.M. — Class B preliminaries, four groups of eight.

Friday, Aug. 2, — 5:30 P.M. — Championship division play continued.

Saturday, Aug. 3, — 10 A.M. — Class C preliminaries, four groups.

Saturday, Aug. 3, — 2:30 P.M. — Championship division play continued.

Sunday, Aug. 4, — 9 A.M. — Finals class B and C, eight men each.

Sunday, Aug. 4, — 2:30 P.M. — Championship division play continued.

Monday, Aug. 5, — 5:30 P.M. — Championship division play continued.

Tuesday, Aug. 6, — 5:30 P.M. — Final five games championship division.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Thursday, Aug. 1, — 8:30 A.M. — Annual NHPA Convention and Business Meeting.

Kamman In Play-Off Struggle For Valley Of The Sun Open Title At Mesa, Arizona

Art Kamman had to battle his way out of a four-way tie to retain his title in the Valley of the Sun Tournament at Rendezvous Park in Mesa, Arizona, Feb. 25.

At the completion of the 10-man round robin event, a four-way tie for first place in the Class A division was shared by Valdois and Tamboer of Kansas, Haner of Iowa and Kamman each with seven wins and two losses.

The winner was determined by each pitcher tossing 100 shoes. Kamman made 75 ringers, Tamboer 74, Hafner 72 and Valdois 71 in the close competition.

The Class B money and trophy was taken by Ralph Randall of California with a fine 66.4 percent average. Second and third spots also went to California Cummins and Wheeler. Harold Darnold of Iowa was fourth.

Class C division was garnered by Mate McBride of Utah with a perfect record of nine wins without a loss. The runnerup was Sam Jensen from Northern California, with E. W. House of Idaho third. Fourth place went to Alva Ames of Phoenix.

The Gold Key Club composed of Sophomore girls from Mesa High did an outstanding job operating the scoring machines.

Elmer Beller from Calif. was on hand to take over the official scoring. He hasn't missed a tournament here since the initial one twelve years ago.

CLASS A

CLASS B

	W	L	%		W	L	%
Kamman, Ariz.	7	2	71.2	Randall, Calif.	8	1	66.4
Tamboer, Kansas	7	2	70.5	Cummins, Calif.	7	2	61.2
Hafner, Iowa	7	2	66.0	Wheeler, Calif.	6	3	64.0
Valdois, Kansas	7	2	69.7	Darnold, Iowa	6	3	57.8
Potter, Calif.	4	3	67.1	Smith, Canada	5	4	59.0
Dixon, Iowa	4	5	64.6	Morse, Calif.	5	4	55.6
Pratt, Calif.	4	5	62.0	Thompson, Ariz.	3	5	56.5
Lavett, Calif.	4	5	59.6	Reheis, Kansas	3	5	50.7
Simmons, Calif.	1	8	62.0	Laird, Ariz.	1	8	47.1
Holmquist, Ariz.	0	9	50.7	Robertson, Iowa	1	8	45.5

CLASS C — McBride, Utah, 9-0-56.5; Jensen, Calif., 7-2-53.7; House, Idaho, 6-3-48.2; Ames, Ariz., 6-3-47.9; Fleharty, Nebraska, 5-4-50.5; Pitney, Calif., 5-4-47.5; R. Branine, Kansas, 4-5-47.2; J. McKissack, Ariz., 1-8-41.4; Weber, Ariz., 1-8-40.0; Clark, Iowa, 1-8-38.0.

CLASS D — Vitton, Ariz., 7-2-44.4; P. Branine, Kansas, 7-2-43.6; Robertson, New Mexico, 6-3-44.4; Smith, Ariz., 6-3-43.3; Bell, Calif., 4-5-48.5; Cauchon, Calif., 4-5-44.1; Shipley, Calif., 4-5-40.0; Faulkner, Calif., 3-6-39.3; Jenson, Michigan, 2-7-40.6; Robeson, Utah, 2-7-37.8.

CLASS E — Wood, Ariz., 7-2-41.4; Thurgood, Utah, 7-2-43.1; Moore, Ariz., 5-2-36.1; Shaffer, Ariz., 4-3-34.3; Faulkner, Calif., 4-3-28.0; Brewer, Ariz., 3-4-32.7; Saylor, Ariz., 1-6-21.1; Lingenfelter, Calif., 0-7-20.0.

W. W. Webb of Kansas Lends Hand In Fund-Raising

In an effort to help in the newly projected NHPA fund raising campaign, W. W. Webb of Russell, Kansas has offered the following idea, and on being published in the News Digest, that of contributing 20 cents of each sale of a ZIP CODE DIRECTORY that he puts out, to the NHPA fund raising campaign.

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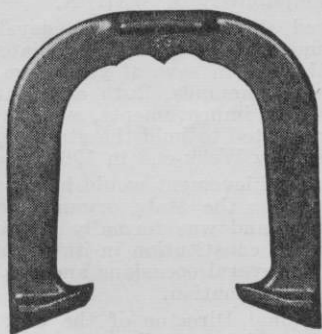
Saturday, July 27 Through Tuesday, August 6

The Tournament Committee consisting of those members of the N.H.P.A. Executive Council who are present will have jurisdiction in conducting the tournament and making all necessary final decisions under the provisions in the NHPA constitution, by-laws, playing rules and specific regulations printed in the News Digest and posted at the tournament site. NHPA President Ralph Dykes, Secretary Bob Pence and Vice President, James Knisley, Will Gullickson, Joe Abbott and Lucille Hopkins are the members of the Executive Council who will make up the Tournament Committee.

The Keene Horseshoe Club assisted by the New Hampshire State Association and the New England Horseshoe Pitchers' Association will be the official hosts and provide the necessary physical facilities.

First priority is being given to the condition of the courts, clay stakes and lights. The 1965 tournament was held on these same courts and at that time the clay was excellent and the lights satisfactory, but the local clubs hopes to improve both. Presently the biggest problem has been arranging for bleacher accommodations.

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Michigan Looks To '68 With Confidence

By Pat Smith

The Wolverine State Horseshoe Pitcher's Association possesses a great degree of optimism as 1968 gets under way. A case in point, among others, is the broad spectrum of experience personified in the new slate of officers who were elected late in 1967 at the state championship tourney at Weston. Jonas Otto, Ann Arbor and Lee Jacobs, Belleville, were elected President and Vice President of the state organization, respectively. These two gentlemen have been a part of Michigan horseshoe activity and participation with combined careers, exceeding 80 years. Had Irwin Carlberg chosen to serve as secretary, he has since resigned due to incompatible views over state constitutional, administrative procedures, this experience figure would approach the 100 year mark.

President and Vice President Otto and Jacobs have furnished dedicated leadership to the horseshoe pitching in Michigan since the late 20's and early 30's. There can be few problems that they have not encountered and solved over that 40 odd year period.

Other officials elected, included, Mrs. Helen Wolf, Hillsdale, to a second term as second Vice President in charge of womens activities in particular. Mrs. Irene Grable, Dimondale, wife of former state president Earl Grable, also was re-elected to a second term as treasurer of the organization. She also possesses extensive experience over the years in horseshoe activity. James Compton, Dimondale, who served the last half of Marge Buhler's two year term in 1967, was reappointed to a full term as secretary of the WSHPA. Compton, as has Earl Grable, is a former president of the Dimondale Horseshoe Club. Incidentally, that club, at it's annual convention Jan. 14th, elected Fred Smith Sr., Dimondale and Oscar Hope, Lansing, President and Vice President, while W. J. Ullenbruch, Dimondale, was re-elected secretary-treasurer. Pat Smith, Dimondale, continues as director of publicity of WSHPA.

Michigan horseshoe activity has enjoyed steady progressive development, particularly since the WSHPA became one hundred percent affiliated membership-wise, with the NHPA. This practice began several years ago, during the administration of Roy Smith and the Hammonds, Ruth and Earl. They also were responsible for holding, among other improvements, such as scoring games each with a scorekeeper. They also started to hold the state championship tournament over the three day Labor Day Week-end in 1964.

The Grable administration's most notable achievement would have to be the complete formation of a new constitution for the state organization. This document was nearly a year in the making and was formally adopted at a meeting at Dimondale in December 1966. This constitution in its slightly over an existence of one year has been tested on several occasions and enabled the state leadership to cope admirably with each situation.

The appointment of Earl Grable as regional Director of the east central states of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Michigan, has contributed greatly to our state's optimism for the coming year. His qualifications and available time for travel, no doubt were factors influencing the NHPA appointment.

The development of horseshoe clubs continues in the Wolverine State, adding to the already impressive layouts such as Battle Creek, Burr Oak, Sturgis, Lake Orion, Breckenridge, Ada, Carleton, Detroit, and Dimondale have. The most recently developed layout, Dyke Cowells 22 courts at Weston, enabled Michigan to host the big mid-west Ringer Round-up in 1967, for the first time. Ray's Recreation indoor emporium near Dimondale is not only the finest in the nation, to our knowledge, but held the first NHPA indoor national open last April. Participants from Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Iowa, competed in this outstanding event. The second annual NHPA indoor open will be held April 20-21 at Ray's Recreation, hopefully under the astute conduction of Bob Pence. Presumably, Paul Focht, who won the tourney last year, will defend his title this year.

Lee Jacobs, Belleville is serving his second term as a member of the NHPA Hall of Fame committee.



“From Out Of The Mail Bag”

F. Ellis Cobb
1307 Solfisburg Avenue
Aurora, Illinois 60505

Dear Sir:

My analysis and answer to the suggestion by Mr. Sol Berman in regards to the one incident which occurred in the last game between two players as mentioned in Horseshoe Pitchers News Digest Feb. 1968 — page 5.

If given the total points of each player for all the games in the tournament and also the total points their opponents gained against each of them plus their ringer average in the tournament. I would know which player earned his place.

If the gap between games won and lost of each of the players was not within 50 points of each other then the player with the shortest gap between games won and lost did not qualify for playoff and could not gain enough points to equal the other player in the playoff.

If he qualified he would have to keep his opponent from scoring to be able to pick up enough points in the play off. After the play off, the points would be added to the totals already known to decide the winner.

If we are going to use the point system then we must use it through the tournament completely and qualify the player according to his earnings in all of his games in the tournament.

Since the complete point system is not comprehended and practiced, then the only cure is to count ringers only and place the players according to their ringer average for the complete or all of tournament, and the only time a playoff would be necessary would be when the ringer averages were tied to a fraction.

Sincerely,

Thomas Novacek
1410 Garfield Street
Omaha, Neb. 68107

P.S. I enjoy the Digest very much. It gives information as to how the sport is progressing and what efforts are made for more progress in advancement of the game.

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Attention! All New York State Members

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COMING EVENTS

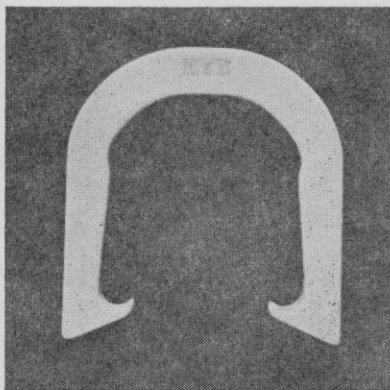
- May 5 — Junior A.A.U. Tournament (N.J. only), Branch Brook Park, Newark, N.J.
- May 11-12 — Iowa Hawkeye outdoor tournament, Riverside park courts, Ottumwa, Iowa
- May 19 — Lois Kolb Memorial Tournament (Open) Mountain View Park, Middlesex, N. J.
- May 31, June 1-2 — Greenville, Ohio Spring Open tournament City Park courts, Greenville, Ohio.
- June 2 — A.A.U. Open, Warinanco Park, Elizabeth, N. J.
- June 8-9 — Spring Round-Up Tournament, Marcotte Park courts, Lewiston, Maine.
- June 8-9 — Michigan Water-Wonderland Open, Weston, Michigan
- June 16 — Annual Crete, Open Tournament, Crete, Nebraska. Send qualifying score to Elmer Grage, Crete, Nebraska 68333.
- June 16 — John Rosselet Memorial (Open), Warinanco Park, Elizabeth, N. J.
- June 22-23 — Eastern National Tournament. Details to be announced later.
- June 23 — Annual St. Joe Open Tournament, Noyes Field courts, 28th and Edmond Sts., St. Joseph, Missouri.
- June 30 — New Jersey Open, Mountain View Park, Middlesex, N. J.
- July 4 — 4th of July Open, Mound City, Missouri. Details from Stanley Brickey, Mound City, Missouri 64470.
- July 5-6-7- — The "(Ringer Classic)" Open, Greenville, Ohio Details later
- July 6-7 — Annual Red River Valley Open Tournament, Oak Grove courts, Fargo, North Dakota.
- July 7 — Annual 4-State Tournament, Falls City, Nebraska. Send scores to Don Koso, 803 East 12th St., Falls City, Nebraska 68355.
- July 13 — Middle Atlantic States Tournament (New York, New Jersey & Pennsylvania Only), Mountain View Park, Middlesex, N. J.
- July 13-14 — Northwest Pa. Invitational. Details to be announced later.
- July 20 — New Jersey Championships (16 yr. olds & under), Mountain View Park, Middlesex, N. J.
- July 20-21 — Third Annual Vacationland Open tournament, Marcotte Park courts, Lewiston, Maine.
- 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 10-11 — Annual Maine State Tournament, location to be announced later.
- August 11 — Annual Falls City Open Tournament, Falls City, Nebraska. Send scores to Don Koso, 803 East 12th St., Falls City, Nebraska 68355.
- 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 18 — Mound City Open Tournament, Mound City, Missouri. Send scores to Stanley Brickey, Mound City, Missouri 64470.
- August 25 — Senior A.A.U. Tournament (N.J. Only), Warinanco Park, Elizabeth, N. J.
- August 25 — Erie County Tournament. Details to be announced later.
- Aug. 30-31, Sept. 1-2 — Annual Ohio State tournament, City Park courts, Greenville, Ohio.
- Aug. 31 and Sept. 1 — Annual Nebraska State Tournament, Crete, Nebraska. MUST qualify at Crete, Nebraska.
- Aug. 31 and Sept. 1-2 — Annual New England Tournament, Marcotte Park courts, Lewiston, Maine.
- Aug. 31, Sept. 1-2 — Annual Pennsylvania State tournament, Time and place to be announced later.
- 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.
- Sept. 8 — Annual Midland Empire Open Tournament, Noyes Field courts, 28th and Edmond Sts., St. Joseph, Missouri. Send scores to Ray Cavin, 1824 Holman Street, St. Joseph, Missouri 64500.
- Sept. 21-22 — Columbus Open Tournament, Columbus, Ohio. Write Francis Park 5220 No. High St., Columbus, Ohio 43214 for details.

COVER PICTURE . . . This month's cover shows Maine's youngest State Champion on record, seventeen year-old Rene Sirois of Lewiston, Maine. Sirois won the title in his first attempt after having held the Maine state junior crown along with the New England junior title, for the past two years. Rene gave a good account of himself in the 1967 New England meet and the Westchester Master's Invitational Tournament. A bright future is predicted for this ever-improving lad.

Coming Events — Continued

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SCHEDULE

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| <p>Mar. 17 — Long Beach "D" Open, South Gate</p> <p>Mar. 24 — Baldwin Park "A", Baldwin Park</p> <p>Mar. 31 — Baldwin Park "C", Baldwin Park</p> <p>Apr. 7 — San Diego "AA" & "D", San Diego</p> <p>Apr. 20 — Class "E" & 60 Yrs. (Sat), South Gate</p> <p>Apr. 21 — Pomona "G" Open, Pomona</p> <p>Apr. 28 — San Bernardino "F", San Berdu</p> <p>May 4 — South Gate "B" Open (Sat), South Gate</p> <p>May 5 — Oxnard Open & "C", Oxnard</p> <p>May 18 — Baldwin Park Doubles (Sat), Baldwin Park</p> <p>May 19 — South Gate "D" & "G", South Gate</p> <p>May 26 — Lowell Gray Open, Baldwin Park</p> <p>June 2 — Fullerton "B" Open, Fullerton</p> <p>June 9 — Baldwin Park "E" Open, Baldwin Park</p> <p>June 15 — San Bernardino Doubles, San Berdu</p> <p>June 23 — Fullerton "F" Open, Fullerton</p> <p>June 29 — Semana Nautica "B" Santa Barbara</p> <p>June 30 — Semana Nautica Open, Santa Barbara</p> <p>July 7 — Long Beach "C" Open, Pomona</p> <p>July 13-14 — Elmer Beller Open, South Gate</p> | <p>July 21 — Pomona "G", Pomona</p> <p>July 28 — Oxnard "B" & "E" Open, Oxnard</p> <p>Aug. 4 — Balboa Park Open & "C", San Diego</p> <p>Aug. 10 — Al Rogers Doubles (Sat), South Gate</p> <p>Aug. 11 — Baldwin Park "D" Open, Baldwin Park</p> <p>Aug. 17 — Fernando Isais Open (Sat), Pomona</p> <p>Aug. 18 — Pomona "F" Open, Pomona</p> <p>Aug. 24-25 — State Championship, AA-B-C-SRS, Boys, Women, South Gate</p> <p>Sept. 1-2 — Ringer Round Up, South Gate</p> <p>Sept. 8 — Long Beach "E" Open, Baldwin Park</p> <p>Sept. 14 — Fullerton Doubles (Sat), Fullerton</p> <p>Sept. 15 — Champ "B" & "F", South Gate</p> <p>Sept. 22 — San Diego "C" & "E", San Diego</p> <p>Sept. 29 — Champ "A" & "G", South Gate</p> <p>Oct. 6 — Oxnard "D" & "F", Oxnard</p> <p>Oct. 12-13 — Barstow Open, Barstow</p> <p>Oct. 20 — Champ "C", Baldwin Park</p> <p>Oct. 27 — Champ "AA" & "E", South Gate</p> <p>Nov. 3 — Champ "D", Pomona</p> <p>Nov. 10 — Fullerton "A" Open, Fullerton</p> <p>Nov. 17 — John Gordon Open, & Sr. Champ, South Gate</p> <p>Nov. 23 — South Gate Doubles (Sat), South Gate</p> |
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CANADIAN ASSOCIATION NEWS

By Harold Blackman

The weather here in Canada has been as low as 20 degrees below zero, but still horseshoes is in our blood and we are planning for a good year. Under the leadership of George Schummer, a big step forward was taken during 1967. Holding of the great North American Open tournament was a tremendous success and drew a big crowd. Dean McLaughlin surprised many by defeating two former world champions along with the present world's champion, Danny Kuchcinski. Carl Steinfeldt of New York proved a bit too much however.

To those clubs in Canada, supplies of scoresheets are available by writing to Harold Blackman, Broughton, Ontario, Canada. These scoresheets are the gift of the 7-Up Company Ltd. The cost to the clubs is only delivery charges.

We would like very much to have all the Provincial Champions appear at the CNE for a truly representative and great tournament this season.

For many years, many players have been reluctant to support the game in a true financial way. In order for the game to grow and prosper, we must, first GIVE a little, then we shall RECEIVE. There are always those who will keep plugging along no matter what the obstacles are, but if everyone will give a little more the end results will be truly gratifying.

This year in Canada we hope to do better and will try to get players thinking in "dollars" instead of "nickels". It is the intention of the writer to form a club and install a battery of courts on some acreage as an encouragement to keep the game going on the upgrade.

Our Canadian record in the U.S.A. for Elmer Hohl for a period of five years has never been under 80 percent in ringer average. It is our belief that this is a record and we submit Elmer's name for the Hall of Fame. He is truly a great player and always a gentleman. Win or lose he can always smile and that is a true mark of a champion.

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.

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.

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.

Will's Ringer Mill

By WILL GULLICKSON

This is the time of year when horseshoe pitchers start yearning for their first spring practice outdoors.

Some of our warm-weather friends have pitched outdoors through the winter and others have taken winter vacations in sun-land. Also, some have taken advantage of the ever-increasing indoor facilities to keep razor sharp.

There's a conflict in opinion among some pitchers as to whether indoor pitching helps or hinders. Some pitchers feel that unless the indoor facilities are near perfect — with a high ceiling and the right clay or Dixon courts — that there's a chance for your game to deteriorate.

However, unless overdone, it is felt by many pitchers that the year-around schedule of pitching helps keep the pitcher in condition.

Many pitchers turn to bowling for their winter-time exercise replacement. A large number of horseshoe pitchers have realized success on the bowling lanes. Some horseshoe leagues open their spring season with a get-together bowling tournament.

While it is felt that bowling does not provide the perfect replacement for horseshoe, it is a sport which requires many of the same motions. The horseshoe pitcher-bowler usually figures it is not a good practice to mix the two sports during the winter season. Again, there's no stringent rule with some enjoying success in both sports during the snow season.

Dan Kuchcinski, 1967 World Horseshoe Champion, is among those who turns to the bowling lanes for entertainment and competition during the winter.

Coaches, trainers and others with athletic backgrounds put emphasis on pacing yourself in preparing for a season.

This holds true in horseshoe where the pitcher will likely experience more success through the season if he prepares himself physically and mentally weeks and maybe even months before tossing the first shoe.

Simple sit-up, squatting and leg, back and arm exercises are beneficial to limbering a horseshoe pitcher into condition. Exercises to increase stamina are important.

There are advocates of running or jogging as a prime conditioner for most sports. Since horseshoe pitching requires a lot of "road work" once the season starts, it is a good idea to get the legs into the best condition possible.

Some horseshoe pitchers make a practice of walking to and from work to keep their legs and feet in best condition possible. It is important to wear shoes which will permit walking distances just like it is important to have the right footwear when pitching horseshoes.

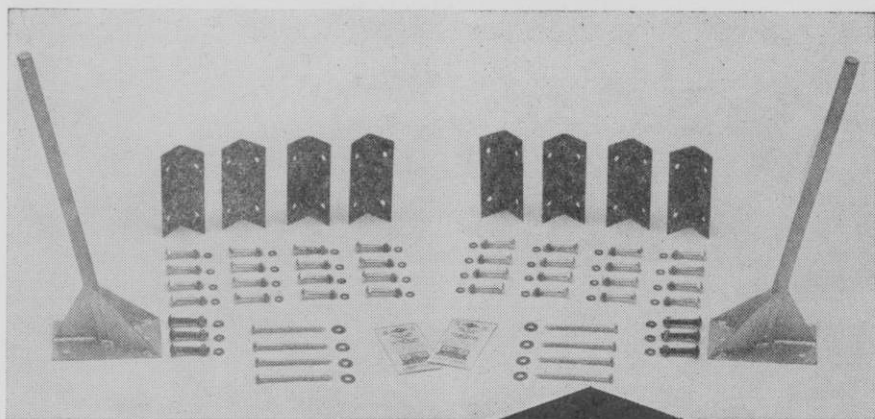
It is generally accepted that pitchers wear a soft-soled shoe, although there are exceptions. Some pitchers taking a liking to tennis shoes or the new type shoe which is worn by track stars.

Another important item mentioned by pitchers is their diet during the season as well as the off-season. It is always interesting to watch how closely the leading pitchers in the World Tournament keep a careful eye on their diets during the competition.

Iowa Hawkeye Outdoor Tournament Date Changed

The Iowa Hawkeye association will hold its first outdoor Open tournament on Saturday and Sunday, May 11th and 12th 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



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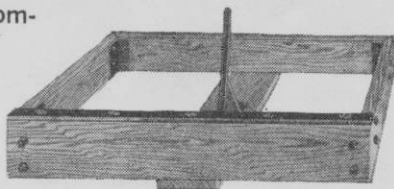
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