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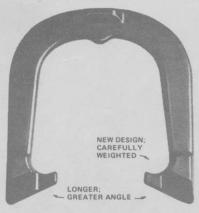


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#### **NHPA President's Message**

In the February issue I mentioned that Jim Solomons our NHPA auditor, recommended changes for the betterment of the association. Number three change stated that members must subscribe to the Digest. Since this publication, I have received written communication and verbal inquiries in Mesa, Arizona on my feelings concerning this statement.

My answer is: I am not in favor of a member having to subscribe to the Digest or vice-a-versa if the individual does not want to. However, it does appear we need to increase our dues and subscription rates in order to try to operate in the black.

Speaking of Mesa, Arizona. Walter Stearns, Art Kamman, and other Arizona officers and helping members again did an outstanding job in conducting the Annual Valley of the Sun Tounament. The girl scorekeepers did an outstanding job both days. It let all of us watch rather than have to keep score. It cost Arizona \$75.00, which might be food for thought for other associations conducting a large annual tournament. This was not a first for Mesa. Your training job was outstanding, Walter. It was a pleasure to see everyone again and meet new NHPA members from the 19 states represented. Want you to know I appreciated your congratulations and favorable comments in what the other officers and I have done.

Sol Berman has invited the following on his committee, "To Progress Means Change". Lloyd Fredrickson, Minn.; Lee Davis, Florida; Lou Gancos, N. Y.; Carl Steinfeldt, N. Y.

Listed elsewhere in this issue is the 1974 World Tournament Cash Prize List and Tournament Schedule both approved by your Executive Council. How did we shorten the tournament by 2 days? One day less to qualify, 50 shoe games in all Division Classes except the Championship Groups in each. Men's Championship Class to pitch 7 games 5 nights. I realize we can't please everyone on either subject, but please let's give each a chance to work before you throw stones.

Sincerely.

Wally Shipley

#### St. Louis, Missouri Annual Spring Tournament

The Annual St. Louis Spring tournament will be held Sunday, May 19, 1974, at Carondelet Park in St. Louis, Missouri. An open tournament will be held, limited to the first 48 entries. They will be broken down into six classes, class A, B, andD, pitching at 12:30 p.m. and classes C, E, and F pitching at 9:30 a.m. Qualifying scores and entry fee of \$4.50 must be in by May 7, 1974. All previous winners of first place will be advanced one class with the exception of Class A which will probably consist of previous winners. The St. Louis Tournament is becoming extremely popular. Actually St. Louis is not recognized as a horseshoe pitching town, but we have a lot of fine pitchers. This tournament is sponsored by the pitchers of Carondelet. Last fall we lost two of our fine pitchers, Ollie Saggan and Bill Wamser.

COVER PICTURE . . . We salute Percy Howe, of Orange, Mass., who began his horseshoe pitching career in 1927 at the age of eight. He continued neighborhood pitching until he joined the Athol club after World War II. When the club found that it had too many members, Percy organized a team at the L. S. Starrett Co., where he worked, and they played matches with other teams in the area. In 1956 Percy was elected Secretary of the newly-formed Franklin County Doubles League, a four-team league. It later expanded to its present fifteen teams and changed its name to the Twin County League. Percy served as an officer of the Massachusetts HPA for about ten years. Through the years Percy has run many tournaments, including the Franklin County, Petersham, and Greenfield Fairs, tournaments in Brattleboro, Vt., club tournaments, the Western Massachusetts Championships, and the Massachusetts State Championships at Moxies Grove and West Springfield. Percy is always ready and willing to help promote horseshoes anywhere in the New England area. During he New England Championships he usually winds up keeping score for two days, from morning to night.

After 46 years of pitching, Percy has decided to hang up his shoes as an active competitor, but he is still going strong behind the scenes. The sport of Horseshoe Pitching can be proud of a man like Percy, who has proved that a physical handicap is no handicap at all to the living of a full and active life.

#### Nation's Capital Ringer Parade Led By Dale Carson

The Nation's Capital continued in its growth boom with a record turn-out in 1973, while ringer artist Dale Carson added another championship title to his vast trophy collection.

Famous horseshoe celebrities at this "ideal weather" tourney consisted of numerous state and local champions. These include Cindy Dean and Cecil Monday of Virginia; Gilbert Diggs of D. C.; Ray Theilke, and the new champ, Dale Carson of Maryland.

As an extra feature, many of the noted wall-to-wall D. C. security forces were present in an impressive force. Police mounted on horses, some on bicycles, and others walking (both ladies and gents), had a strong spectator interest in the tournaments progress in addition to keeping the peace.

Other highlights that too often are taken for granted, are the behind-thescenes contributions of dedicated horseshoe fans. Special bouquets are in order for the voluntary expert scorekeeping team organized by the ladies of the Ken Stormer horseshoe family, and assisted by Budd Adams and Jack Taylor.

CLASS A — D. Carson, Md. 5-0-68.4; B. Dean, Va. 3-2-64.5; C. Dean, Va. 2-3-58.1; G. Powers, Md. 2-3-55.4; R. Thielke, Md. 2-3-62.2; J. Bougher, Pa. 1-4-56.0

CLASS B — S. Unger, W. Va. 5-0-57.8; K. Stormer, Md. 4-1-48.1; H. Johnson, Md. 3-2-46.0; R. Bevan, Md. 2-3-41.9; P. Sturgis, Md. 1-4-37.8; C. Puffenbarger, Md. 0-5-26.0.

CLASS C — B. Marzullo, Md. 4-1; C. Howery, Va. 4-1; S. Berry, Md. 4-1; J. Parsell, Va. 2-3; A. Adkins, Md. 1-4; M. Penewell, Md. 0-5.

CLASS D — W. Roop, Md. 4-1; D. Unger, W. Va. 3-2; D. Marsh, Md. 3-2; W. Gaither, W. Va. 3-2; C. P. Monday, Va. 2-3; L. Green, D. C. 0-5.

CLASS E — B. Lawson, Md. 5-0; H. Grey, Va. 4-1; J. Grim, Va. 3-2; E. Clobus, Va. 2-3; E. Brown, D. C. 1-4; G. Diggs, D. C. 0-5.

CLASS F — G. Duvall, Md. 4-1; E. Mathias, Va. 4-1; P. Arseneau, Md. 3-2; E. Orndorff, Md. 2-3; C. Comer, W. Va. 2-3; C. Sample, Md. 0-5.

CLASS G — B. Wilson, Md. 5-0; J. V. Parsell, Va. 4-1; G. Swaiko, Md. 3-2; S. Abell, Md. 2-3; L. Adams, Va. 1-4; D. Cassidy, Md. 0-5.

#### Weeks, In Top Form, Wins So. Calif. Hollingsworth Open

Pitching his best in years, Jim Weeks won the Hollingsworth Open with eight straight wins. Jim says, "the 50 shoe game," is the best thing that has happened to horseshoes in years. You have to go all out from the word go, making the sport more interesting to all spectators. Jones Snyder edged out Eston Brown for second place on percentage, with John Walker taking fourth place, and George Stahl, new in our ranks, taking fifth.

Baldwin Park doubles was won by Hank Drogemuller and Clem Birkenbach.

This was Hank's first win ever in doubles. We also had the president of the Iowa Association, Mr. L. Williams, who took part in our doubles, and we

welcome all to take part in our tournaments.

#### HOLLINGSWORTH OPEN

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	W	L	%	W	L		
Jim Weeks, Norwalk	8	0	72.2				
Jones Snyder, Chula Vista	6	2	69.0	Jim Weeks - Earl Hogan 7	2		
Eston Brown, Anaheim	6	2	63.7	Ray Wood - Ted Williams 6	3		
John Walker, Chula Vista			60.0	L. Mahlstedt - S. Brit 6	3		
George Stahl, Montclair	4	2	57.6	E. Johnson - C. Bailey 5			
Fred Pearcy, La Habra	3	3	53.3	J. Schoonover - K. Pardue 4	3		
H. Drogemuller, Van Nuys	3	3	49.0	J. Douglas - A. Amador 4	3		
Earl Kerr, Anaheim			46.0	N. Flann - J. Holder 4	3		
N. Flann, Westminster	2	4	53.6	F. Pearcy - C. Pearcy 4	3		
Charles Tucker, La Jolla	2	4	50.0	L. Williams - B. Van Sant 4	3		
Thomas Buck, Sun City	2	4	45.0	C. Scott - J. Raykowski 3	4		
Harry Morse, Beaumont	1	5	42.0	H. Slagg - J. Sizemore 3	4		
Harold Slagg, Ontario	1	5	41.6	W. Berg - G. Offen 2	5		
Cecil Page, Torrance	0	6	33.0	C. Merrell - H. Oren 2	5		

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#### Curt Bestul Of Wisconsin Wins Orlando, Florida Open

Horseshoe pitchers came from as far as the states of Massachusetts and Wisconsin to participate in the Orlando Open Horseshoe Pitching Tournament which took place over the weekend at Sunshine Park on the beautiful city owned horseshoe courts. The tourney was sponsored by the Orlando Horseshoe

Class A Champion, Curt Bestul came from Eau Claire, Wisconsin to win all seven of his games. John Rademacher, Florida State Champion of Plant City, came in second, losing only to Bestul.

Charles Fix of Boswell, Ind. placed third, and Paul Durmont of Dracut,

Mass. came in fourth.

Class B winner was C. E. Peterson of Orlando, who won four games and lost one. Second place ended in a three-way tie with John Bunce, Statesville, N. C., Red Henton of Plant City, Fla. and Opal Corbett, Florida Ladies State Champion, from Orlando, Fla., each winning three games and losing one.

Class C winner, Ed Grove of Deland, Fla., also won all his games to become the champion of this group. Howard Hawes, Ormond Beach, Fla., took second place. Third place was won by George Kuhn, Irwin, Penna.

Class D winner was John Lukse, also from Ormond Beach, who had to win the play-off game with Della Grove of Deland. The tie breaking score was 36-28.

CLASS A — Curt Bestul, Eau Claire, Wis. 7-0; John Rademacher, Plant City, Fla. 6-1; Charles Fix, Boswell, Ind. 5-2; Paul Durmont, Dracut, Mass. 3-4; Earl Morris, Lakeland, Fla. 3-4; Ken Reeb, Winter Haven, Fla. 2-5; Oscar Gaudette, New Smyrna Beach, Fla. 1-6; Joe Morgan, Scottsburg, Ind. 1-6.

CLASS B - C. E. Peterson, Orlando, Fla. 4-1; John Bunce, Statesville, N. C. 3-2; Red Henton, Plant City, Fla. 3-2; Opal Corbett, Orlando, Fla. 3-2; Mel Slean, Deland, Fla. 2-3; Christena Bunce, Statesville, N. C. 0-5.

CLASS C — Ed Grove, Deland, Fla. 5-0; Howard Hawes, Orlando Beach, Fla. 4-1; George Kuhn, Irwin, Penna. 3-2; George Rankin, Deland, Fla. 2-3; Ed Davies, Auburn, Canada 1-4; Ervin Moore, Cocoa, Fla. 0-5.

CLASS D - John Lukse, Ormond Beach, Fla. 5-2; Della Grove, Deland, Fla. 4-3; Ralph Fisher, Orlando, Fla. 3-3; Joe Berrall, Orlando, Fla. 1-5.

#### Annual Eisenhouer Open, Piqua, Ohio, May 24-25-26-27

The 4th Annual Eisenhouer Open will be held at Piqua, Ohio on May 24-25-26-27. The entry fee will be \$7.00 for men and ladies. Juniors will be free. Sanctioned. Please send your entry fee and qualifying score to Francis Asher, 1425 Mulberry St., Piqua, Ohio 45356. Phone 778-1031. The deadline is May 18, but will accept phone calls up to May 18.

There will be 8 men in Classes A and B, all others 6 men. Ladies 6 per class. \$50.00 for first place plus trophy in the Men's Class A. All contestants will receive cash prizes. Two trophies per class. Trophies only for boys. No subs. Cards will be sent to all contestants as to when they will pitch.

#### John Ohnemiller Open Set For May 11, Wichita Kansas Wichita Open - July 20

The John Ohnemiller Open will be held on May 11th at Linwood Park. The Wichita Open will be held on July 20th at Linwood Park also. Both of these tournaments are sponsored by the Air Capital Horseshoe Pitcher's Association of Wichita. Rain dates for each tournament will be the following Saturday. Send entry fee of \$5.00 and qualifying score by pitching 100 shoes to George Burkholder, 418 E. Bridge, Mulvane, Kansas 67110. Telephone 316-777-1057.

#### Hall of Fame News

The membership is asked to send in well written histories of players and organizers that they would like to see elected to the NHPA Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame committee gives special consideration to these "write-ups" when they vote to nominate in June. These histories are handed down each year for the committee to choose from.

States having a local Hall of Fame should especially send in "histories" on the members that have been inducted. Future committees sometime may decide to nominate only members that have been previously inducted into states "Hall of Fame". A special effort is being made to encourage more states to organize their own "Hall of Fame" committees.

As it takes time to process the new histories, so that all members can have a copy by nomination, no "histories" will be used this year that are not in the mail by June 1st. Mail all histories to chairman Bernard Herfurth, 17 Fort St., Northampton, Massachusetts 01060.

Before stepping down as chairman after this season, Herfurth is submitting a special "honorary NHPA Recognition Plan". This plan would honor all members that have been devoted to the game for 25 to 50 years. Championships or ringer percentages are unimportant, just being in the game for a long period of time would be the important factor. A "certificate paper" signed by the NHPA officers would be the award. It would have nothing to do with the NHPA Hall of Fame, except perhaps the Hall of Fame committee would see to it that the proper members in their region would be honored. Herfurth hopes to get the approval of the Hall of Fame, and the executive council, before asking the approval of the membership for his plan.

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#### Marion, Ohio Spring Fever Open Changed to June 7-8-9

The Spring Fever Open previously scheduled for May 24-25-26 and to be played at the Garfield Park courts in Marion, Ohio has been changed to June 7-8 and 9 due to conflict of dates.

There will be a \$7.00 entry fee with the proceeds going to the pitchers.

In the 8-man classes, \$50.00 will be given with: \$25.00 1st place; \$15.00 2nd place; \$10.00 3rd place. In the 6-man classes, \$40.00 will be given away with: \$20.00 1st place; \$13.50 2nd place; \$6.50 3rd place. A trophy for first only will be given in each class. Send entries to Foster Latimore, 1565 Marion - Marysville Road or to: Max Roseberry, 267 Thew Ave., Marion, Ohio 43302.

The Marion Horseshoe Club reserves the right to place pitchers in all classes.

Send last year's percentage.

Entry deadline will be May 26 at midnight. Phone: Latimore 614-382-2243. Roseberry 614-382-2817. There will be classes for women with prizes the same as the men's classes.

#### Marines Tamboer Of Kansas Wins Valley Of The Sun

By Walt Stearns

Marines Tamboer a 70 year old, soft spoken horseshoe pitcher from Wichita, Kansas did it again, winning the 17th annual Valley of the Sun Horseshoe tournament at Mesa, Arizona, February 17. This is his 5th time to win this event and ties the record held by Art Kamman of Mesa. Jesse Gonzales from California in his first appearance here was a real crowd pleaser with his unique accurate "flop shoe" and was the runner-up. Bill Kamm of Illinois, perhaps a dark horse in horseshoe pitching circles finished third and Jonas Snyder, also of California took fourth place money.

The Class B winner was Joe Sadowski from Northern California and Ralph Fleharty from Cozad, Nebraska an annual competitor in this event was the runner-up. Raleigh Fisher from Washington came in third.

We were honored to have our new National President from California with us throughout all the tournament. 66 pitchers from 19 states participated in the tournament. The scorekeeping was delightfully and skillfully handled by the pom-pom girls from McClintock High School of Tempe, Arizona.

CLASS A - Marines Tamboer, Kan. 10-1-64.0; Jesse Gonzales, Calif. 9-2-70.6; Bill Kamm, Ill. 9-2-66.5; Jonas Snyder, Calif. 7-4-62.5; Fred Lavett, Calif. 7-4-60.2; Jim Weeks, Calif. 6-5-63.8; John Walker, Calif. 5-6-61.2; Art Kamman, Ariz. 5-6-60.6; Ben Trollen, Ariz. 4-7-60.0; Ken Garner, Neb. 3-8-55.4; Vern Valdois, Kan. 1-10-48.5; Dale Dixon, Iowa 0-11-46.5.

CLASS B — Joe Sadowski, Calif. 9-2-48.4; Ralph Fleharty, Neb. 8-3-52.6; Raleigh Fisher, Wash. 8-3-51.7; Jim Otterbach, N. Mex. 8-3-50.0; Ricketts, Ore. 8-3-48.4; Henry Benson, Utah 7-4-49.2; Ed House, Idaho 7-4-48.6; Eddie Alldredge, Ariz. 4-7-42.3; Babe Johnson, N. Dak. 4-7-40.7; Marvin Reheis, Kan. 2-9-33.2; Bill VanZanten, Ariz. 1-10-40.8; Les Greer, Ariz. forfeit.

CLASS C — Tulk, Colo. 10-1-56.5; Haaland, Calif. 8-3-49.0; McClain, Ill. 8-3-48.9; Schmidt, Neb. 8-3-47.9; Lynn, Ariz. 8-3-47.2; Branine, Kan. 7-4-45.0; Vitton, Ariz. 6-5-45.6; Findley, Tex. 4-7-46.9; Roe, La. 4-7-46.1; Cook, Kan. 2-9-43.0; Miller, Nev. forfeit; Holland, Idaho forfeit.

CLASS D — Carl, Ariz. 10-1-45.7; Burkholder, Kan. 9-2-47.8; Hanes, N. Mex. 7-4-41.9; Romero, N. Mex. 7-4-41.6; Bishop, Ariz. 7-4-40.1; Stephens, Ky. 6-5-44.3; Bridges, Ariz. 5-6-38.7; Wilfon, Nev. 5-6-38.5; Marlin, Tenn. 4-7-35.8; Page, Calif. 4-7-35.8; Hard, Minn. 1-10-30.8; Nick, Minn. 1-10-28.0.

CLASS E — Rackley, Ariz. 4-1-41.9; Smith, Ariz. 3-2-41.2; Bressan, N. Mex. 3-2-37.7; Gould, Ariz. 3-2-32.5; Randall, Ariz. 2-3-38.3; Hall, Idaho 0-5-30.7.

#### Valley Of The Sun — (Continued)

CLASS F — Thaanum, Wash. 4-1-32.0; Thomas, Wash. 3-2-32.2; Langbell, Ariz. 3-2-31.4; Thurgood, Utah 3-2-30.4; Hohmann, N. Dak. 2-3-22.5; Shipley, Calif. 0-5-17.9.

CLASS G — Jordi, Minn. 5-0-32.0; Hogoboom, N. Dak. 4-1-27.1; Alvine, Calif. 2-3-24.7; Aurand, Calif. 2-3-23.2; McKissack, Ariz. 2-3-22.6; Hamby, Calif. 0-5-9.0.

# 1st Series Of The 9th Annual Winetrout Winter Open Classic Recorded

Defending champ, Herb Pidde takes off where he left off in winning first place Class A over John Reedy in a playoff, which ended in a sudden death. Bill Owens took a clean sweep in Class B, John Lockert took a clean sweep in Class C and Don Isaacson swept out Class D.

Weather and the super-bowl held the participants to a minimum.

Herb Pidde and Bill Owens, winners of Classes A and B were the first to receive their history plaque.

CLASS A — Herb Pidde, Seattle 7-1-50.5; John Reedy, Edmonds 6-2-58.5; Ray Brumfield, Lynnwood 4-3-50.5; Glen Walker, Cumberland 3-4-52.2; Herb Godfrey, Aberdeen 3-4-49.4; Ellis West, Seattle 3-4-48.5; Ken Ellestad, Mt. Vernon 2-5-51.1; Winnie Winetrout, Bur. 1-6-41.4.

CLASS B — Bill Owens, Mt. Vernon 7-0-42.0; Pete Peterson, Bothell 6-1-36.2; Ken Bartlett, Everett 4-3-24.5; Bernie Green, Seattle 3-4-29.1; Ed Bartlett, Everett 3-4-28.2; Jeff Gardlin, Seattle 2-5-22.2; Joe Bartlett, Everett 2-5-20.8; Orlean Clinton, Seattle 1-6-16.5.

CLASS C — John Lockert, Bellingham 7-0-41.3; Jerry Stanley, Tacoma 5-2-39.0; Tom Morris, Seattle 5-2-34.3; Ken Foss, Tacoma 4-3-36.5; Dan Leary, Tacoma 3-4-35.3; Ernie Jensen, Seattle 2-5-22.8; Leroy Walker, Cumberland 0-7-24.0; Al Alexander, Great Falls forfeit

CLASS D — Don Isaacson, Seattle 5-0-29.2; Kevin Linville, Seattle 4-1-32.4; Babe Bartlett, Everett 2-3-25.2; Al Schlund, Woodinville 2-3-21.6; Goldie Gjerding, Ald-Man. 2-3-22.4; Scot Wallace, Des Moines 0-5-10.4.

#### 2nd Series Of The Winetrout Winter Open Classic

Considering the gas problem — 44 entries participated. Herb Pidde came through in the clutch to take first place in Class A, but had to win it through a three-way playoff, beating Godfrey, then Reedy. Bill Owens captured Class B in a playoff with Glen Walker. Les Buchert won over Ken Foss in a playoff to take Class C. Kevin Linville came out tops in Class D. Wally Jones took Class E honors, after a three-way playoff, beating Schlund, then King Noel Walker made a clean sweep in Class F.

CLASS A — H. Pidde 7-2-57.5; J. Reedy 5-3-62.2; H. Godfrey 5-3-60.2; R. Brumfield 4-3-56.8; R. Taylor 4-3-54.8; E. West 4-3-52.8; P. Peterson 2-5-54.2; K. Ellestad 0-7-48.0.

CLASS B — B. Owens 8-1-56.6; G. Walker 7-2-57.3; K. Bartlett 5-3-48.0; B. Good 5-3-36.7; J. Bartlett 4-4-45.5; B. Green 4-4-38.2; P. Jensen 3-5-39.2; O. Clinton 1-7-30.5; E. Bartlett 0-8-36.0.

CLASS C — L. Buchert 8-1-36.4; K. Foss 7-2-30.8; J. Stanley 6-2-35.7; D. Leary 4-4-32.0; T. Morris 4-4-24.0; D. Cabe 3-5-31.7; D. Schmidt 3-5-22.0; M. Herridge 1-7-21.2; B. Howe 0-8-17.7.

#### 2nd Winter Series — (Continued)

CLASS D — K. Linville 6-1-38.2; Bob Bartlett 5-2-40.5; C. Pelland 5-2-39.4; D. Baal 4-3-37.7; L. Walker 4-3-32.0; E. Jensen 3-4-22.2; Babe Bartlett 1-6-29.7; D. Isaacson 0-7-32.5.

CLASS E — W. Jones 5-1-24.3; B. King. 3-2-21.2; A. Schlund 3-2-17.2; G. Gjerding 1-3-18.0; G. Sprague 0-4-14.5.

CLASS F — N. Walker 4-0-25.5; G. Lill 3-1-15.5; E. Wildermuth 2-2-14.0; H. Chism 1-3-13.5; F. Pillow 0-4-5.0.

#### Pidde Continues As Winetrout Classic Winner

Gas or no gas, the Winetrout Winter Open Classic continues. Series number 3 recorded 41 entries of six classes. Mr. Pidde walked off with Class A honors again. Ellis West copped Class B which entitles him to a W.S.H.P.A. history plaque. Class C winner was Ken Bartlett. Class D (after a three-way playoff) honors went to Dave Cabe. Leroy Walker won over Dan Leary but couldn't handle Mr. Cabe. Class E winner Orlean Clinton had easy pickins and Class F was taken by Vern Nelson of Aberdeen.

CLASS A — H. Pidde 5-2-62.2; J. Reedy 4-3-59.4; S. Pederson 4-3-56.8; B. Owens 4-3-55.7; R. Brumfield 3-4-55.7; R. Taylor 3-4-55.7; G. Walker 3-4-55.4; H. Godfry 2-5-56.2.

CLASS B — E. West 5-0-58.8; K. Ellestad 4-1-55.6; T. Gadwa 3-2-57.2; O. Hartzell 2-3-46.0; V. Riel 1-4-42.0; B. Van Egdom 0-5-42.0.

CLASS C — K. Bartlett 7-0-40.5; J. Bartlett 5-2-45.4; J. Stanley 4-3-35.7; B. Good 3-4-38.0; L. Buchert 3-4-36.2; K. Linville 3-4-29.7; D. Baal 2-5-30.2; A. Alexander 1-6-29.4.

CLASS D — D. Cabe 5-1-38.5; L. Walker 5-2-40.0; D. Leary 4-2-32.0; B. Green 2-3-41.2; D. Isaacson 1-4-31.2; Babe Bartlett 0-5-24.4.

CLASS E — O. Clinton 6-0-37.0; D. Schmidt 5-1-42.0; L. McKay 4-2-31.6; M. Herridge 3-3-30.6; B. King 2-4-28.6; E. Marsh 1-5-25.6; E. Jensen 0-6-20.3.

CLASS F — V. Nelson 5-0-26.8; G. Gjerding 3-2-22.0; E. Wildermuth 3-2-22.0; G. Lill 2-3-20.4; A. Schlund 1-4-17.6; J. Faquinti 1-4-10.4.

#### Rademacher Eases Thru Suncoast Open At Bradenton

The annual Suncoast Open tournament held at Bradenton, Florida on February 16 suffered at the hands of the weatherman and the meet was rained out and was postponed until February 23. While most of the players were on hand a week previous, not all of them returned, due primarily to the gas shortage. However, John Rademacher "cemented" 5 straight games with a ringer percentage of 78.2 to win Class A. Bill Riley was runner-up. Class B playing the same day was won by Janet Cole. Classes C and D played on February 15 with Jerry Cole and Ed Schuller each winning their respective classes. Harry Garman, wintering from the cold climate of Indiana, breezed thru Class E, played on February 14.

CLASS A — John Rademacher 5-0-78.2; William Riley 4-1-58.3; Levi Miller 3-2-51.8; Harvey Hochstetler 1-4-45.0; Roy Gravink 1-4-40.9; Dick Ferguson 1-4-40.7.

CLASS B — Janet Cole 4-1-46.1; Ed Schuetz 4-1-39.6; Frank Stites 3-2-39.8; Milton Myhre 2-3-36.5; Earle Johnson 1-4-34.3; Irving Eilers 1-4-28.9.

#### Suncoast Open — (Continued)

CLASS C — Jerry Cole 6-1-44.9; Henry Mullett 5-2-39.3; Roy Gravink 4-3-37.8; Maurice Rodocker 3-4-42.3; Lester Peary 3-4-39.3; Bill Wallschlager 3-4-34.5; Earl Ronemus 2-5-37.6; Earle Johnson 2-5-35.4.

CLASS D — Ed Schuller 4-1-35.2; Frank Stites 3-2-39.9; Janet Cole 3-2-32.8; Irving Eilers 2-3-31.6; Ed Schuetz 2-3-29.1; Milton Myhre 1-4-28.5.

CLASS E — Harry Garman 5-0-30.2; Mose Miller 3-2-30.0; W. Widdersheim 3-2-26.5; Melvin Miller 2-3-26.5; Norman Gaseau 1-4-25.1; Ed Hodgedon 1-4-22.1.

#### **Bill Owens Tops In 4th Winetrout Winter Series**

Long lines waiting for gas still didn't limit the entries in the 4th Winetrout

Winter Series. 39 participated in 6 classes.

A new Class A winner, Bill Owens of Mt. Vernon. Bill won 1st place in Class B in the 1st two series, moved to Class A and took charge very well. Class B (a junior) Ken Bartlett, took top honors and received a W.S.H.P.A. history plaque. Class C honors went to Orlean Clinton. Class D was captured by another junior, Kevin Linville. Class E was swept clean by Duane Schmidt, and Class F honors went to another junior, Bob Howe.

CLASS A — B. Owens 6-1-55.7; E. West 5-2-56.5; J. Reedy 4-3-61.1; H. Godfrey, 4-3-55.1; H. Pidde 3-4-55.7; K. Ellestad 3-4-52.2; R. Brumfield 2-5-46.5; R. Taylor 1-6-51.1.

CLASS B — K. Bartlett 6-1-46.0; J. Bartlett 5-2-47.1; O. Hartzell 4-3-46.8; J. Lockert 4-3-38.5; R. Sutter 3-4-39.4; J. Stanley 2-5-39.4; L. Buchert 2-5-36.2; B. Van Egdom 2-5-30.8.

CLASS C — O. Clinton 4-1-46.0; El Day Blaine 3-2-42.8; D. Cabe 3-2-38.8; K. Foss 3-2-30.8; J. Gardlin 1-4-31.6; D. Baal 1-4-22.4.

CLASS D — K. Linville 5-0-45.2; E. Bartlett 4-1-44.4; V. Nelson 3-2-38.4; D. Leary 2-3-41.2; Bob Bartlett 1-4-36.0; B. Green 0-5-34.8.

CLASS E — D. Schmidt 5-0-38.0; M. Herridge 3-2-26.8; E. Jensen 3-2-19.2; Babe Bartlett 2-3-32.0; M. Walker 2-3-24.8; B. King 0-5-24.4.

CLASS F — B. Howe 4-0-27.0; A. Schlund 2-2-26.5; G. Sprague 2-2-18.5; G. Lill 1-3-23.5; G. Gjerding 1-3-16.0.

#### Second Annual O'Fallon, Missouri Open — June 30

The tournament will be held at the O'Fallon, Missouri Civic Park horseshoe courts on Saturday, June 29th and Sunday, June 30th. Qualifying date June 10th. All pitchers must send in a 100-shoe qualifying score. Count ringer percentage only, no score, along with a \$8.00 entry fee. No refunds. All those who entered last year need not requalify. Their ringer percentage will be taken from last year's results. Just mail in your entry fee. All lady entries must pitch the 40-foot distance. Three trophies will be given in each of the six classes. All tied games will be played off sudden death. All tied final standings will be decided by total score, both won and lost columns. Everyone who enters will receive a postcard stating into which class they have been placed.

Send entries to Greg Marter, 90 Country Life Drive, O'Fallon, Missouri 63366. Phone Area code 314 — 272-4890.

This year, players and their wives will either be served 4 hot pieces of chicken per couple or 2 boxes of either chicken livers or chicken gizzards per couple. This is included in your tournament fee. Please state preference of food when mailing in your entry fee. Qualifying date, June 10, 1974.

#### "Pop" Johnson Wins Valentine Open At Day-Bell In Kentucky

Pop Johnson, recuperating from a fall on the ice, found the going rough on the courts also, but managed to pull out a 4-2 record with no slips, in the Day-Bell Valentine Open. Because of cancellations, Class A could only qualify with four players. Pop pitched the lowest percentage but got 'em when they counted. Stan Lovelace, pulled a first by defeating Bill Henn, 50-42, Stan averaging 75 and Bill 70. Having pitched head-on for a number of years, Stan has not been able to defeat Bill in a tournament. Could be a warm-up for a real close Kentucky state title this year.

CLASS A — Pop Johnson 4-2-65.8; Stan Lovelace 3-3-69.5; Bill Henn 3-3-68.6; Gene Reno 2-4-67.3.

CLASS B — Boop Rogg 7-0-53.3; Frank Filhardt 5-2-50.6; Chick Henn 5-2-49.4; Mike Sucher 4-3-49.2; Lou Smith 4-3-38.6; Steve Reynolds 1-6-42.4; Ed Henn 1-6-41.3; Frank Thompson 1-6-31.2.

CLASS C — Don Schneider 7-0-40.2; Bob Arnzen 5-2-34.9; Carl Sandfoss 4-3-29.1; Leo Goodwin 3-4-33.7; Jim Ahrens 3-4-29.7; Bob Snider 3-4-24.8; Lonnie Geiman 2-5-29.1; John Rooney 1-6-24.8.

CLASS D — Morris Dailey 7-0-26.2; Jay Walton 5-2-21.0; Ron Woods 5-2-18.8; Clarence Duncan 4-3-26.5; Jim McManus 3-4-19.4; Dave Sandman 3-4-11.1; Don Woods 3-4-19.4; Rich Adams 0-7-5.7.

WOMEN - CLASS A — Helen Roberts 6-0-66.0; Opal Reno 5-1-62.3; Janet Reno 4-2-54.3; Jenny Reno 3-3-43.0; Ruth Kirk 2-4-41.6; Ava Brown 1-5-31.6; Dot Becker 0-6-23.0.

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## World Tournament Warm-up Tourney — July 27-28 Sutton, Massachusetts

The WORLD WARMUP TOURNAMENT will be held at HERITAGE RECREATION CENTER in SUTTON, MASS., on July 27 - 28, 1974. The prize money is guaranteed to no less than \$1500.00 and is to be divided up among the Class A entries and the winners of the other classes. All entries will be based upon the highest three Tournaments of the participants in 1973 and must be received by July 12, 1974. The entry fee is \$10.00 and must accompany the entry. All accepted entries will be notified by return mail. Class A will pay an additional \$15.00 per entry and the last place finisher will be guaranteed his money back. Class A will play Saturday evening July 26 and finish up on Sunday afternoon July 27. All other classes will play on Saturday and Sunday at assigned times as convenient as possible for the players. Sunday afternoon will also feature the International match between the South African Jukskei team and the American team.

Heritage Recreation Center is located on Route 146, south of Worcester, Mass., on the Highway to Providence, R. I. The distance between the Massachusetts Pike (route 90) and Heritage Exit 10 or 11 is a short 8 to 9 miles. Most players will enter New England on the Massachusetts Pike as they head to Keene, N. H. which is 1½ hours driving time and 68 miles from Heritage. It is possible to stay at Keene, N. H. and commute to Heritage to play in the World Warmup.

Heritage has room for campers or trailers on the site with a dumping station available. The Pleasant Valley Motor Lodge is nearby. (1 mile away) and the City of Worcester with all kinds of facilities is located 8 miles or 15 minutes distance.

The weather in the area at the time of the World Warmup is an average 78 to 80 degrees and can be hotter. It is the area's most pleasant time of the year and typical New England showers can be anticipated.

#### **Rioux Wins Washington Special At Heritage Recreation**

It was seat-squirming time at Heritage Recreation Center in Sutton, Mass., for the playing of the Washington Special on February 17 and 24. Four of the six classes required playoff games to decide the championships. Norm Rioux outpressured the competition as he swept seven games to repeat as Class 1 champ. Paul Cormier pitched very steadily to repeat as Class 2 champ—nothing spectacular, if you discount three 70% games. His strongest threats came from a quartet of New Hampshire players, three of whom were a bit rusty from a four month lay-off, but gave a good account of themselves. Class 3 was won for the fourth successive time by Russ Gadoury, who pitched his best tournament ever, with two 72% games and a pair of 70's. At that, it required a playoff game with Dan Beane, who had beaten him in regulation play, to decide the winner. Class 4 was won by Sam Raymond, who also hung up the shoes for four months. He shook off the rust quickly enough to tie for first place and then defeated Frank Mitchell in a playoff game to take home top prize.

As the classes got lower, the dogfights got tighter. Guido Georgetti won a three-way playoff to top Class 5. Rick Dubey defeated Murland Bradley 34 to 32 in the first playoff game, needing, and getting a ringer on his last shoe to do so. In the second game Rick held a one-point lead after 48 shoes but left an open stake for Georgetti. Guido, a seasoned player, then dropped on four points for the win. Class 6 was also decided via the playoff route, as Joe Guy went 3 for 4 on his last pitches to defeat Dean Schmidlin, Dean, pitching in his first tournament, took the measure of Joe in the last regulation game to force the playoff. In the Junior class, Gary Dulmaine reversed last month's order of finish by defeating Billy Callahan to cop first place. Gary had pre-

#### Washington Special (Continued)

dicted the win before playing, but it required a double on his last pitches to fulfill the prophecy.

CLASS 1 — Normand Rioux, Conn. 7-0-74.6; Art Tyson, Conn. 5-2-70.0; Joe Schultz, N. Y. 5-2-68.9; Ed Domey, Mass. 4-3-66.6; Russ Sweeney, Mass. 2-5-63.4; Bill Saunders, N. H. 2-5-60.9; Gil Lee, Conn. 2-5-58.3; Pete Prouty, Vt. 1-6-58.3.

CLASS 2 — Paul Cormier, Mass. 6-1-62.0; Al Boudreau, N. H. 5-2-60.3; Bob Traquair, N. H. 5-2-56.3; Bernard Davis, Sr., N. H. 4-3-54.9; Roland Cote, N. H. 4-3-52.9; Joe Festa, Conn. 2-5-44.0; John Parmenter, Mass. 1-6-52.0; Andy Fafard, Mass. 1-6-49.1.

CLASS 3 — Russ Gadoury, Mass. 7-1-61.0; Dan Beane, Mass. 6-2-48.8; Paul Drowne, Mass. 5-2-49.1; John Parmenter, Mass. 5-2-47.1; Don Harrison, Mass. 3-4-44.8; Fred Simon, Mass. 2-5-42.3; Chet Rousseau, N. H. 1-6-43.4; Bernard Davis, Jr., N. H. 0-7-32.6.

CLASS 4 — Sam Raymond, N. H. 7-1-43.5; Frank Mitchell, Mass. 6-2-40.1; Joe Shyme, Mass. 5-2-47.7; Jerry Nemschick, N. Y. 4-3-34.0; Bill Fricault, Mass. 3-4-34.3; Ray Dulmaine, Mass. 2-5-35.7; Paul Schultz, N. Y. 2-5-30.0; Dick Shepard, Mass. 0-7-37.0.

CLASS 5 — Guido Georgetti, Conn. 7-1-46.5; Rick Dubey, Mass. 7-2-45.3; Murland Bradley, Conn. 6-2-40.5; Bill White, Mass. 4-3-40.3; Ray Dulmaine, Mass. 2-5-32.9; Carl Dubey, Mass. 2-5-31.1; Rene Rodrigue, Conn. 2-5-29.4; Paul Domey, Mass. 0-7-23.7.

CLASS 6 — Joe Guy, Mass 6-2-33.7; Dean Schmidlin, R. I. 5-3-35.1; Fred Wood, Mass. 4-3-31.7; Maurice Farmer, Mass. 4-3-30.3; Bill McMahon, Mass. 4-3-29.7; Armando DeLuca, Mass. 3-4-34.3; Tony Nacewicz, Mass. 2-5-24.3; Ed Harrington, Mass. 1-6-19.7.

JUNIORS — Gary Dulmaine, Mass 6-0-21.1; Billy Callahan, Mass. 4-2-25.0; Janice Domey, Mass. 2-4-6.1; Joe Raad, Mass. 0-6-3.3.

#### Contact Lynch For Special Housing At World Tourney

If you have a special or unusual housing request for the 1974 World Championship Tournament at Keene, N. H., the man to contact is Bill Lynch, 95 Winchester St., Keene 03431. He has been appointed Housing Director by the Keene Lions Club, sponsors of the third world playoffs to be held here.

Lists of nearby motels, inns, guest lodges, and campgrounds, have been prepared for the pages of the News Digest, read every issue.

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#### Your N. E. Director Reports . . .

By Peter Shepard

I have been informed to change my heading of my article from "Your Director Reports" to "Your N. E. Director Reports".

This I will gladly do because I represent the New England States and maybe it will give the other Directors a chance to write something from their areas for the Digest. I know that it would be printed in the Digest.

During our winter season at Heritage Recreation we have held many tournaments.

I want to thank Russ Sweeney and Dan Beane from Massachusetts for the excellent work that they are doing with the Junior group of the St. Moritz club. Also congratulations to Russ Gadoury, of the Massachusetts State Association for his efforts, all of which draws the New England states closer together.

I have received a letter from the South African group that they will be in Boston, Mass. on the 26th of July. Also that Ottie Reno has an American Jukskei team ready to compete against them at the Heritage Recreation in Sutton, Mass. Our team will appear in red, white and blue uniforms. The players representing the U.S.A. will be Allen Smith, Ottie Reno, Donnie Roberts and Gary Roberts. They will play on July 27 and 28.

Ray Greenlaw of the Eastern Penna. Association says that they are ready to draw up plans for the 1976 World meet. He also states that he has built two indoor courts at his home.

I am pleased that the N. E. association is formulating a Constitution and By-Laws. We need rules to guide us in a business-like manner.

Our NHPA president asked me to take charge of having a new Hall of Fame plaque made, however to my dismay, only one person in the entire NHPA membership has taken the time to send in an idea for its making. This request was made soon after the World tournament last year. It proves that the only interest of the individual player is for his own interest and does not care particularly about going out of his way in order to help the NHPA. It is a small favor to ask and the only cost is the price of a 10-cent stamp and a few minutes of the individual's time. We are trying to meet all the needs of the NHPA but no one wants to give any help in the way of new ideas for this contemplated Hall of Fame plaque.

#### March Open, Rushville, Indiana Won By Roberts

CLASS AA — Donnie Roberts, Lucasville, Ohio 6-1-77.6; Claude Estelle, Indianapolis 5-2-64.0; George Sales, New Castle 5-2-58.8; Walter Lane, Jr., Anderson 4-3-65.6; Omer Gross, St. Paul, Indiana 4-3-61.2; Kenny Perkins, Rushville 3-4-53.2; Bus Schamp, St. Mary's, Ohio, forfeit; Jim Kemple, Rushville forfeit.

CLASS A — Estel Bills, Connorsville 6-1-60.2; Jim Noble, Louisville, Ky. 5-2-57.7; Carl Wefler, Terre Haute 5-2-53.7; George Hinshaw, Modoc 4-3-53.4; Henry Franke, Centralia, Ill. 3-4-56.6; Walter Wilhoite, Lebanon 3-4-55.7; Dick Christian, Rushville 2-5-52.2; Dan Newland, Downing Mo. 0-7-33.4.

CLASS BB — Jerry Wood, Elwood 6-1-57.0; John Gall, Anderson 5-2-56.7; Sam Conley, Lucasville, Ohio 5-2-47.0; Jim Pierson, Mooresville 5-2-45.0; Dick Sommers, Indianapolis 3-4-46.3; Richard Neville, Tremont, Ill. 2-5-38.7; Don Newland, Connersville 2-5-37.0.

CLASS B — Ron Ammerman, New Castle 7-0-45.0; George Patterson, Rushville 5-2-48.3; Darrell Glover, Sr. Rushville 4-3-47.3; Chet Ogan, Wabash 4-3-45.7; J. W. Cox, Wabash 3-4-38.0; Everett Carlin, Indianapolis 3-4-37.7; Harold Tatman, Greensburg 2-5-41.3.

CLASS CC — Vernon Holland, Veedersburg 6-1-48.3; Dick Hostetler, In-

#### Rushville Open — (Continued)

dianapolis 6-1-42.7; Bob Jefferies, Shelbyville 5-2-34.9; Harry Groce, Veedersburg 4-3-35.9; Harold McFatridge, Arlington 3-4-31.1; Kenny Webb, Indianapolis 2-5-29.7; Melvin Hicks, Shelbyville 1-6-32.3; David Tatman, Greensburg 1-6-30.6.

CLASS C — Dick Dearinger, Rushville 5-0-34.0; Bill Kile, Rushville 3-2-31.6; Laville Hoban, Rushville 3-2-28.7; Dale Mantooth, Rushville 2-3-34.8; Lloyd Karstens, Rushville 2-3-19.2; Alfred Bills, Sr., Rushville 0-5-18.1.

CLASS DD — Ervin Hodgdon, Lebanon 5-0-29.6; Darrel Glover, Jr., Rushville 4-1-21.2; Tim Tatman, Hartsville 3-2-18.0; Jim Tatman, St. Paul 1-4-26.8; Loran Thompson, Rushville 1-4-15.2; Gerald Tatman, Greensburg 1-4-10.0.

WOMENS - CLASS A — Judy White, Elwood 5-0-32.8; Jeannie Ralstin, Rushville 3-2-19.6; Sandy Stiegerwald, Rushville 3-2-18.0; Carolyn Thompson, Rushville 3-2-11.2; Dorothy Bills, Rushville 1-4-16.8; Lorna Bills, Rushville 0-5-12.8.

JUNIORS - CLASS A — Bruce Patterson, Rushville 7-0-44.6; Stuart Sheppard, Rushville 6-1-46.0; Chuck Paugh, Jr., Rushville 5-2-35.4; Brent Sheppard, Rushville 4-3-22.0; Tim Howard, Rushville 2-5-24.8; Mark Christian, Rushville 2-5-12.9; Alfred Bills, Jr., Rushville 1-6-14.4; Jimmy Smith, Rushville 1-6-12.3.

JUNIORS - CLASS B — Scott Paugh, Rushville 3-1-5.8; Debbie Bills, Rushville 2-2-6.6; Lorna Bills, Rushville 1-2-6.0; Steve Bills, Rushville 1-2-2.6.

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Keep in mind the 1973 total cash prize was \$3.000.00 more thanks to the Eureka Club. So there are a few points we want to bring to your attention.

- We have kept the first three places in Class A the same and did not go backwards.
- 2. Class B is only \$115.00 less.
- 3. Only paying first 8 places in C and D but same amount.
- 4. Women's Championship same as 1973.
- All players will receive a 1974 World Tournament insignia patch free. APPROXIMATELY 75 TROPHIES WILL BE AWARDED.

#### 1974 World Tournament Schedule Saturday, July 27th through Sunday, August 4th

#### BY NHPA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

SATURDAY, July 27 — 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, July 28 - Qualifying for all divisions.

MONDAY, July 29 — Qualifying for all divisions.

TUESDAY, July 30 — 8:00 a. m. Qualifying continues in all divisions.

12:00 Noon — Registration for qualifying closes.

2:00 p.m. Conclusion of qualifying all divisions. 4:30 p.m. Intermediate Men's Championship Class, group of 8 — **50 POINT** 

4:30 p.m. Women's Class B & Class C groups of 6 — 50 SHOE GAMES.

4:30 p. m. Girl's Class B, group of 6 — 50 SH0E GAMES. 4:30 p. m. Boy's Class B & Class C, group of 6 — 50 SH0 - 50 SHOE GAMES.

WEDNESDAY, July 31 - Annual NHPA Convention. 8:00 a.m. Registration and seating delegates.

8:30 a.m. Business Meeting.

4:00 p.m. Presentation of Men's Championship Class.

4:30 p. m. Men's Championship Class, 7 games — **50 POINT GAMES.** 4:30 p. m. Senior Men's Championship Class, group of 8 — **50 POINT GAMES.** 

THURSDAY, August 1 — 9:00 a.m. Intermediate Men's Classes B & C. groups of 6 — 50 SHOE GAMES.

9:00 a.m. Senior Men's Classes B & C, groups of 6, 50 SHOE GAMES.

9:00 a. m. Men's Class D, groups No. 1, 2, 3, groups of 8, — **50 SHOE GAMES.** 4:30 p. m. Men's Championship Class, 7 games.

4:30 p.m. Girl's Championship Class, group of 8 - 50 POINT GAMES.

FRIDAY, August 2 — 9:00 a.m. Men's Class C. 3 groups of 12 men, pitch 6 games — 50 SHOE GAMES.

9:00 a.m. Men's Class D, group No. 4, group of 8 — 50 SHOE GAMES.

1:00 p.m. Men's Class C, 3 groups of 12 men, pitch 5 games - 50 SHOE GAMES.

4:30 p. m. Men's Championship Class, 7 games. 4:30 p. m. Women's Championship Class, group of 8 — **50 POINT GAMES.** 11:00 p. m. NHPA Annual Party.

SATURDAY, August 3 — 9:00 a.m. Men's Class B, 3 groups of 12, 6 games — **50 SHOE GAMES.** 

1:00 p. m. Men's Class B, 3 groups of 12, 5 games — **50 SHOE GAMES.**4:30 p. m. Men's Championship Class, 7 games.
4:30 p. m. Boy's Championship Class, 7 games — **50 POINT GAMES.** 

SUNDAY, August 4 — 9:00 a.m. Men's Class B Finals, group of 12, 8 games — 50 SHOE GAMES.

9:00 a. m. Men's Class C Finals, group of 12, 8 games — 50 SHOE GAMES.
9:00 a. m. Men's Class D Finals, group of 8, 7 games — 50 SHOE GAMES.
2:00 p. m. Men's Championship Class, 7 games.
9:00 p. m. Trophy awards and closing ceremonies.
SUMMARY OF COURTS IN USE:

TUESDAY, July 30 — There will be 2 vacant courts between the Intermediate men and the Women. There will be 1 vacant court between the Women and Girl's and 1 vacant court between the Girl's and Boy's.

WEDNESDAY, July 31 — There will be 2 vacant courts between the Championship Men and the Championship Senior Men.

THURSDAY, August 1 — 9:00 a.m. All courts are in use. 4:30 p.m. There will be 2 vacant courts between the Championship Men and the Championship Girl's.

FRIDAY, August 2 — 9:00 a.m. There will be 2 vacant courts between the Men's Class C and Men's Class D. 1:00 p.m. There will be 6 vacant courts. 4:30 p.m. There will be 2 vacant courts between the Men's Championship and the Women's Championship.

SATURDAY, August 3 — 9:00 a.m. Men's Class B will only use 18 courts. 4:30 p.m. There will be 2 vacant courts between the Men's Championship and the Boy's Championship.

SUNDAY, August 4 - 9:00 a.m. Only 16 courts are required for the finals of the Men's Classes B, C, & D. 2:00 p.m. Only 18 courts are required for the Men's Championship, final 7 games.

#### World Tournament Schedule — (Continued)

Ray Williams researched all games pitched in the Men's Class B & C during the 1973 World Tournament and came up with the following averages of shoes pitched per game: Men's B, 65.6 shoes per game — Men's C, 60.3 shoes per game — Inter. B, 52.5 shoes per game — Inter. C, 57.4 shoes per game — Senior B, 51.5 shoes per game — Senior C, 64.9 per game. Another interesting fact is that in Men's B 86.6 percent of the game winners were ahead at the 50 shoe point. The senior Men's figure was 93.3 percent and the Intermediate Men was 92 percent. The remaining percentages in each group would have won their games if they had just pitched 50 shoes.

With this schedule we will pitch the following number of pitchers: Men's A - 36; B - 36; C - 36; D - 32 for a total of 140, Inter. A - 8; B - 6; C - 6; for a total of 20, Senior A - 8; B - 6; C - 6 for a total of 20, Women's A - 8; B - 6; C - 6 for a total of 20, Women's A - 8; B - 6; C - 6 for a total of 14, Boy's A - 8; B - 6; C - 6 for a total of 20. The same qualifying procedures in Keene, N. H. will be used as in Eureka, California, that way practice is kept to a minimum.

1. When a qualifier is assigned to a court, he will have up to 30 minutes for practice, at which time he must either qualify or release the court to the next person who wishes to qualify.

2. When you attempt to qualify, you are expected to secure 2 qualified score keepers from a state other than your own.

3. If all courts are used for qualifying, waiting members will be assigned to those who wish to attempt to qualify.

4. If you do not feel that within your 30 minutes warm-up you wish to qualify, you can contact the office for another starting time.

Courts No. 1-18, Men only. Courts 19-24, Women and Juniors only. No evening practice until all tournament games are completed.

5. If the court is needed for qualifying, persons using that court will be required to vacate that court.

Practice is permissible when courts are not in use for qualifying.

#### Greenville, Ohio Ringer Classic Dates Set:

The Darke County Horseshoe Club has announced that a \$200 first prize will be awarded to the winner of the 1974 Ringer Classic.

The Ringer Classic will be pitched on Saturday, July 6, and Sunday, July 7,

at the city park courts in Greenville.

All pitchers (except juniors) must qualify for this tournament. Because of the absence of a long July 4 weekend, the following rules have been established for qualifying: Courts will be open for qualifying Wednesday evening, all-day on Thursday, July 4, and after 5 p. m. on Friday. The only persons who will be allowed to qualify on Saturday morning are those who live further than 50 miles from Greenville. All Saturday morning qualifying will take place at the nine courts at the Darke County Fairgrounds. The qualifying rules will be rigidly enforced to insure that the tournament will start on schedule.

Women and juniors will begin pitching promptly at 10 a. m. on Saturday. Women must qualify by pitching 50 shoes. As in the case with men, Saturday qualification will be limited to pitchers living more than 50 miles from Green-

ville and no women will be allowed to start qualifying after 9 a. m.

Class A will consist of 14 men with the first-place winner receiving \$200. Second place will pay \$100 and third-place \$50. Prize money then will range

downward to \$20 for the bottom six finishers.

Deadline is 10 a. m. Saturday for men and 9 a. m. for women. Entry fee will be \$7.50 for men and \$5 for women. Pitchers who qualify for Class A in the men's division will be required to pay an additional \$5 while those in Class B will pay an additional \$2. An NHPA card will be required as this will be a sanctioned tournament.

Two trophies will be awarded in each class with the exception of four-man classes. Further information may be obtained by contacting Harold Anthony, RR 2, Arcanum, Ohio, 45304 or Dan Schlosser, RR3-Daly Road Greenville,

Ohio, 45331.

#### COMING EVENTS

April 26-28, 1974 — Sixth Annual Open. Carolina Dogwood Festival Tournament. Statesville, North Carolina.

May 11 — John Ohnemiller Open, Linwood Park Courts, Wichita, Kansas. May 25-26 — Spring Warm-up, Marcotte

Park, Lewiston, Maine. May 24-25-26, 1974 — Spring Fever Open,

Marion, Ohio. June 2 — Fairbury Open Tournament, Fairbury, Nebraska. July 6-7 — Maine Firecracker Open, Mar-

cotte Park, Lewiston, Maine. June 9 — Crete Open Tournament, Crete,

Nebraska.

one 8-9 — First Annual Marion County Open, Memorial Park Courts, Hillsboro, June 8-9 Kansas.

June 8-9 - Portland Rose Festival, Portland, Oregon.

June 15-16 — Eighth Annual Eau Claire Open Tournament, Eau Claire, Wisconsin. July 4 — Mound City Open Tournament, Mound City, Missouri.

July 8 — Annual 4-State Tournament, Falls

City, Nebraska. July 19, 20, 21 — Mid-East Tournament, Kamps Kovered Kourts, Combined Locks, Wisconsin.

July 20 - Annual Wichita Open Tournament, Linwood Park Courts, Wichita, Kansas. Aug. 10

- Southern Maine Invitational, Deering Oaks, Portland, Maine. August 19 — Mound City Open, Mound City,

Missouri.

August 12 -- Annual Falls City Open Tournament, Falls City, Nebraska.

Aug. 17-18 - Maine State Tournament, Marcotte Park, Lewiston, Maine.

Aug. 23-24-25, 1974 - Annual Marion Open, Marion, Ohio.

Aug. 24-25, 1974 - Annual Nebraska State

Tournament, Crete, Nebraska. August 25 - Annual Idaho State Tournament, Julia Davis Park courts, Boise, Ida.

Aug. 31 - Sept. 1 — Annual New England Tournament, Heritage Recreation Center, 1 - Annual New England Sutton, Mass.

#### DAY-BELL INDOOR HORSESHOE COURTS 320 Clay Street Dayton, Kentucky **TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE 1973-1974**

April 20-21 — Spring Tune-up. May 4-5 — Doubles Classic.

All entries are to be mailed to Day-Bell Courts, 320 Clay Street, Dayton, Ky., 41074 one week prior to tournament.

#### HERITAGE RECREATION CENTER TOURNAMENT DATES

Apr. 21, Spring Warm-Up, 39% Classes and down.

Apr. 28, Spring Warm-Up, 40% Classes and

up. 19, May Anniversary Special, 39% Classes and up.

May 26, Anniversary Special, 40% Classes and up.

#### INDIANA SCHEDULE

Send all entries to Emma Gall, 2217 East 4th Street, Anderson, Indiana 46012. Phone: (317) 642-2413. Mail Entries must be received by midnight on deadline date: Phone calls for entries will be taken until Friday noon after Wednesday deadline.

Apr. 6-7 — Rushville Open at Rushville. Indoor. Mailing deadline, Mar. 27; phone deadline, Mar. 29 noon. Entry fee \$6.00.

Apr. 27-28 - Spring Special at Rushville. Indoor. Mailing deadline Apr. 17, phone deadline, Apr. 19 noon. Entry fee \$6.00.

#### FLORIDA TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

pr. 6-7 — Florida State (Closed), Plant City Fairgrounds. John Rademacher, 408 Pevetty Dr. Plant City, Fla. 33566 - 813-752-1226.

pr. 20 — Sarasota Ringer Classic, Bee Ridge Park. Contact Dick Ferguson, 4337 Midland Rd., Sarasota, Fla. 33581 - 813 -Apr. 20 924-4117.

nne 8 — Bee Ridge Open, Sarasota. Contact Dick Ferguson, 4337 Midland Rd., Sarasota, Fla. 33581 - 813 - 924-4117. June 8 -

#### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SCHEDULE

Apr. 7 — Class A & E Open, San Diego. Apr. 21 — Class F & I Open, South Gate. Apr. 28 — Pick Partner Doubles, Pomona.

May 5 — Pomona J Open, Pomona. May 19 — Class G Open, San Berdu. May 25-26 - Baldwin Park \$600.00 Handi-

cap, Baldwin Park. June 2 — Fernando Isais Open, Orange. June 9 — Class D & G Open, San Diego. June 23 — Weeks \$550.00 Handicap, South

Gate. June 30 -- Class B & H & 60 Yr., South

Gate.
July 6 - Sem. Nat. C & D Open, Santa Barbara.

July 7 -Sem. Nat. A & B Open, Santa Barbara.

Pick Partners Doubles, South July 14 -Gate. July 20-21 - Elmer Beller Open - \$1,000.

South Gate.

July 28 - Class E & H Open, South Gate. Aug. 4 - Class D Open, Baldwin Park.

Aug. 11 - Gregson Pick Partners Doubles, San Berdu.

Aug. 18 - Class F & C Open, San Diego.

Aug. 24 -- N. Smith, Pick Partners Doubles, South Gate.

Aug. 25 — Class F Open, San Berdu. Aug. 31 - Sept. 1 — State Champio Aug. State Championship,

A-B-C-Seniors-Boys-Women, South Gate. Orange Pick Partners Doubles, Sept. 7 -

Orange. Sept. 8 Southern California Champion-

ships B & H, South Gate. Sept. 15 — Southern California Championships D & G, South Gate.

Sept. 22 Southern California Championships A & F & J, South Gate.

Sept. 29 — Southern California Champion-ships C & I, South Gate. Oct. 6 — San Diego Pick Partners Doubles,

San Diego. ct. 13 — Southern California Champion-ships E & 60 Yr. South Gate. Oct. 13

Oct. 19 — Lowell Gray Open, Pomona. Oct. 20 — Class C Open, Orange. Oct. 27 — Southern California Chan

ct. 27 — Southern California Champion-ship Doubles, South Gate. Oct. 27 Nov. 3 - Gunnar Hansen B Open, Baldwin

Park.

Nov. 10 — Sam Haigh D Open, San Berdu. Nov. 17 — John Gordon Open, Pomona.

#### Coming Events—Continued

#### EASTERN PENNA. SCHEDULE

East Penna. Horseshoe Pitcher's Association 1974 Tournament Schedule, to be played on the Bristol Township Recreation on the Bristol Township Recreation Courts, located at Wood and Purdue Ave., Edgley, Bristol Township, Penna. Entry Fee of \$8.00 and highest 1973 Average should be mailed 7 days prior to tournament date. \$5.00 entry fee for women and no fee for Junior boys or girls. Except for Penna open, make checks payable to Bristol Township Horseshoe Pitcher's Association, c/o Al Moss, 1312 Lacebark St., Trevose, Pa. 19047, Tour-nament Director 215-355-1981.

June	9U. S.	Eastern	Open
June	23Bristol Township Re	creation	Open
July	7Ea	st Coast	Open
July	21Delaware	Valley	Open
Aug.	17, 18Penns	sylvania	Open
Be:	New Cumberland, Pa. Ceshore, Rte 2, New Cum 070 or Phone 717-938-29	berland	, Pa.

#### WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA SCHEDULE

June 1-2 — Vanport, Spring Warm-Up. June 8-9 — New Castle, Spring Fling. June 15-16 — Erie, Eastern National. June 22-23 — Dormont, Dormont Open.
July 6-7 — Vanport, Van Burn Open.
July 14 — Erie, Northwest Tournament.
July 20-21 — New Castle, New Castle Open.
Aug. 3-4 — Vanport, Vanport Open. Aug. 17-18 — Dormont, Three Rivers Open. Aug. 24-25 — All County Tournament. Aug. 31-Sept. 1-2 — State Tournament, New

Castle, Pa. Sept. 14-15 -- Vanport, Beaver County Open.

Sept. 21-22 - Warren, Kinzua County Classic.

Sept. 28-29 - Dormont, Dormont Open Ringer Classic.

The tournament directors for the tournament are as follows:

Erie — Joe Abbott, 5840 Peck Rd., Erie, Pa. 16510

Aug. 25.....Lower Bucks County Open Sept. 15.....East Penna. Open

Warren — Joe G. Kestler, 17 Church St., North Warren, Pa. 16365 Dormont — Mike Reidl, 2631 Broadway Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa. 15216 Phone: 341-0168

Vanport - Herman Boyer, R.D.2, Beaver,

Pa. 15009 New Castle — Clair Bruce, 119 Clenmore Blvd., New Castle, Pa. 16105

Entry fee of \$6.00 and your highest 1973 percentage MUST accompany your entry, 10 days prior to tournament date. There will be no refund of tournament entry fee if you are unable to attend. All tournaments will be sanctioned and all participants MUST be a member of the Pennsylvania Horseshoe Pitcher's Association in good standing. State Sec.-Treas. Joseph J. Mancini, 1025 Dewey Ave., New Castle, Pa. Phone: 412-652-0258.

#### NEW HAMPSHIRE SCHEDULE

June 2 - The New Hampshire Warm-Up Tournament (open to state residents.) Wheelock park (24 lighted courts, Keene New Hampshire.

July 13-14 - The Keene Open Tournament (open to all NHPA members.) Wheelock park's 24 lighted courts, Keene, New Hampshire.

July 27 through August 4 — The World Championship Tournament. Wheelock park's 24 lighted courts, Keene, New Hampshire. (Conducted by the NHPA, sponsored by the Keene Lions Club, hosted by the Keene Horseshoe Club.)

August 17-18 — The New Hampshire State

Championship Tournament (open to state residents.) Wheelock park courts, Keene,

New Hampshire.

#### WASHINGTON STATE SCHEDULE

April 6-7 — Daffodil Open Tournament, Wright Park, Tacoma, Washington.

Wight Park, Tacoma, Washington.
April 21 — Annual Skagit County Open
Tournament, Mt. Vernon, Washington.
May 4-5 — Annual Gilbo Open Tournament,
Wright Park, Tacoma, Washington.
May 18-19 — Lilac City Open Tournament,
Spokane, Washington.

May 25-26-27 - Seattle Memorial Tournament, Seattle, Washington.

June 8-9 - Annual Yakima Open Tournament, Yakima, Washington.

June 16 - Strawberry Open Tournament, Mt. Vernon, Washington.

July 13-14 - Spokane Open Tournament, Spokane, Washington.

July 20-21 — Tacoma Open Tournament, Wright Park, Tacoma, Washington.

#### 1974 MASSACHUSETTS SCHEDULE

(All sanctioned)

April 21 - 28 - Spring Warm-up. May 19 - 26 - Anniversary Special.

\* Conducted at Heritage Recreation Center, Rte. 146, Sutton. The first

week of each tournament is for classes below 40%.

June 8 - 9 - Greater Lowell Invitational at Westford. (Sponsored by the Greater Lo-

well H. P. A.)
June 16 - 23 — Mass. Open at Heritage Recreation Center. (Sponsored by the St. Moritz Club, Quincy.)

July 27 - 28 - World Warm-up at Heritage Recreation Center

August 11 - Western Mass. Invitational at Heritage Recreation Center.

August 17 - 18 - State Championship at Westford. (Sponsored by the Greater Lowell H. P. A. Rain date Aug. 24 - 25.
Aug. 31, - Sept. 1 - 2 — New England Tour-

nament at Heritage (Rain dates Sept. 7-8.) Oct. 6 - 13 — Handicap Tournament of Champions at Heritage Recreation Center.

(Any winner or tie for first place, in any class, of a sanctioned tournament may enter.)

#### Coming Events—Continued

#### NEW JERSEY SCHEDULE

All tournaments will consist of six man round robins and 50 shoe games if possible. The tournament committee will make all decisions.

May 5 — New Jersey State Junior AAU (Closed), Branchbrook Park, Newark. Under 40%, 10:00 A. M. — Over 40%, 12:30 P. M.
May 19 — Lois Kolb Memorial Open, Moun-

tainview Park, Middlesex. Under 40%, 10:00 A. M. — Over 40%, 12:30 P. M. June 2 — New Jersey AAU Open, Mountainview Park, Middlesex. Under 40%, 10:00 A. M. — Over 40%, 12:30 P. M. June 16 — John Rosselet Memorial Open, W. J. June 16 — John Rosselet Memorial Open, June 17 — June 17

June 16 — John Rosselet Memorial Open, Warinanco Park, Elizabeth. Under 40%, 10:00 A. M. — Over 40%, 12:30 P. M. June 22 — Vincentown Open, Vincentown. Under 40%, 3:30 P. M. — Over 40%, 7:30 P. M. June 30 — Essex County Anniversary Open, Branchbrook Park, Newark. Under 40%, 10:00 A. M. — Over 40%, 12:30 P. M. July 14 — Mid-Atlantic (Special Open), Mountain view Park Middle Section Open), Mountain view Park Middle Section Open),

Mountainview Park, Middlesex, Under 40%, 10:00 A. M. — Over 40%, 12:30 P. M. August 11 — New Jersey Senior AAU (Closed), Branchbrook Park, Newark. Under 40%, 10:00 A. M. — Over 40%, 12:30 P. M.

August 24 - New Jersey State Open, Mountainview Park, Middlesex. Under 40%, 4:30 P. M. — Over 40%, 7:30 P. M.

September 8 — New Jersey State Association, Mountainview Park, Middlesex. Junior boys and girls and senior men and women. Under 40%, 10:00 A. M. — Over 40%, 12:30 P. M.

September 15 - Essex County Open, Branch-

September 15 — Essex County Open, Branchbrook Park, Newark. Under 40%, 10:00
A. M. — Over 40%, 12:30 P. M.

September 22 — Burlington County Open,
Vincetown. Under 40%, 10:30 A. M. —
Over 40%, 1:30 P. M.

September 29 - Middlesex Club Open, Mountainview Park, Middlesex, Under 40%, 10:00 A. M. — Over 40%, 12:30 P. M. October 6 — New Jersey State Doubles

(Closed), Mountainview Park, Middlesex, 12:30 P. M.

For tournaments at Vincentown, contact: Charles Green Jr.

Ridge Road, Vincentown, N. J. 08088 Phone 609 463-2124 or 267-6610

All other tournaments, contact: Paul Puglise 220 Luddington Ave., Passaic, N. J. 07011 Phone 201 478-3895

#### NORTHERN CALIF. SCHEDULE

Apr. 6 - Class D Open, Palermo (Oroville). Apr. 7 - NCHPA Handicap Doubles, Golden Gate.

Apr. 20 — Stockton Open, Stockton.
Apr. 21 — Class B Open, Vallejo.
Apr. 27 — Class A Open, Sacramento.
Apr. 28 — Class C Open, San Jose.
May 5 — Western Invitational Open, Elk

Grove Park, Sacramento. May 11 — Class C Open, Turlock. May 12 — Colusa Class A Open, Colusa

Fairgrounds. May 12 - Ole Hansen Open, Seaside.

May 18 - Class B Open, Stockton.

May 19 — Women's & Jr's, Livermore, May 26 — Golden Gate Classic — Golden Gate.

June 1 -Class A Open, Turlock.

June 2 - NCHPA Handicap Doubles, Stock-

June 9 — Class C Open, Vallejo. June 9 — Class E Open, Palermo (Oroville). June 16 — Class B Open, Golden Gate. June 22-23 — Gold Country Open, Grass

Valley.

June 29 — Women's & Jr's, Stockton, June 30 — Class A & Class E Opens, Moss-

wood.

July 4 — San Jose Open, San Jose. July 7 — Pleasanton Open, Pleasanton Fairgrounds. July 13-14

- Capt. Weber Days, Stockton (Unsanctioned, open to all).
July 14 — Class B Open, Vallejo.
July 21 — Mel Ristau Open, Santa Rosa.

July 28 - NCHPA Handicap Doubles, San

July 27 thru Aug. 4 -World Tournament. Keene, New Hampshire.

Aug. 4 - Class E Open, Stockton.

Aug. 4 — Mosswood, Open, Mosswood. Aug. 10 — Stanislaus Co. Fair Open, Turlock.

Aug. 11 — Class D Open, Livermore. Aug. 18 — Women's & Jr's, San Jose. Aug. 24 — Stockton Open, Stockton. Grass Valley Fair Open, Grass Aug. 25

Valley. Aug. 25 — Pacific Coast Open, San Jose. Aug. 30 thru Sept. 1, Calif. State champion

ships - South Gate. (Qual. Fri., Aug. 30 & Aug. 31 a.m. - \$1000 in cash prizes). Sept. 8 — Class D Open, Golden Gate.

Sept. 14 — Class C Open, Stockton.
Sept. 15 — Vallejo Open, Vallejo.
Sept. 22 — Seniors Open, Seaside (60 yrs &

older).

Sept. 22 — NCHPA Women's & Jr's cham-pionship (Qual.) Eureka. Sept. 28 — Class D Open, Stockton. Sept. 29 — NCHPA Doubles Championship,

Vallejo (Pick your partner). t. 6 — NCHPA Men's o

championship, (Qual.) Stockton.

et. 6 — NCHPA Class D Championship (Qual.). Palermo (Oroville). NCHPA Class E championship 6

(Qual.). Stockton. NCHPA Class A championship

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7:00 p.m. Both events to be at Veterans Memorial Bldg., 44 Alabama St.). ov. 3 — NCHPA Turkey Shoot Open, Vallejo.

#### First Annual Marion County Open — Hillsboro, Kansas Memorial Park — June 8-9

We are planning two horseshoe tournaments for the 1974 season at the Memorial Park in Hillsboro, Kansas. We have 12 clay courts, well lighted.

One of these tournaments is the First Annual Marion County Open tournament, always to be held the second Saturday and Sunday in June. In 1974 that would be June 8th and 9th.

On Saturday evening June 8th at 8 p.m., classes C, D & E play. These are round-robin doubles, then on June 9th, starting at 8:30 a.m. all singles play. These are also round-robin. On Sunday evening, June 9th, classes A & B play round-robin doubles.

The second tournament is on August 19th through Aug. 22nd and is the Fifth Annual Marion County Fair Open, also played in Memorial Park, Hillsboro, Kansas. These are all evening games starting at 7 p. m. - Aug. 19—Class F singles, also C & D doubles. Aug. 20—D & E singles and C doubles. Aug. 21—C singles - A & B doubles. Aug. 22—A & B singles. Entry fees Singles -3.00. Doubles \$2.00.

Send all entries to Herb Schroeder, Box 66, Goessel, Kansas 67053 (Phone:

316 - 367-2211).



# "From Out Of The Mail Bag"

493 King Philip St. Fall River, Mass. 02724

February 19, 1974

F. Ellis Cobb P. O. Box 1606

Dear Sir:

One of President Wally Shipley's recommendations in the February Digest seemed, to me, to be a bit drastic. Although I realize that there are sound reasons for all of the recommendations, I disagree with the suggestion that membership requirements should be changed to require that all dues paying members must also subscribe to the Digest. I feel that this is quite unfair, especially when coupled with the suggested price rise for the Digest, to the many horseshoe pitchers who are interested only in a few local or favorite tournaments.

It was only in my third year of competing that I asked for more information from Don Harrison and Russ Sweeney, President and Secretary of the Massachusetts organization. They gave me some helpful information, and they showed the Digest to me in such a way that I knew it would be useful and informative. I ordered it because I wanted to know more; it was my decision. But there are many people who pitch horseshoes strictly for fun, people who don't want to become any more or less involved than they already are and who should not be forced into obligations which will have little benefit for them. Also, for new competitors, it could be quite overwhelming and even might turn them away.

In the same February issue, Leo McGrath states that we should not lose the

little man. These are my sentiments exactly.

Sincerely, Deborah M. Michaud

#### From Out Of The Mail Bag — (Continued)

February 25, 1974

F. Ellis Cobb, Editor P. O. Box 1606 Aurora, Illinois 60507

Dear Sir:

I would like to comment on Leo McGrath's letter to the editor. He states, "My plan to cut 3 days off the time it takes to conduct a World Tournament".

"Cut the qualifying time down to 4 days". I believe one or two days would be enough if the top pitchers were seeded and then automatically

qualified.

"Cut the 36-man Class A down to 24". This would cut 12 good pitchers out of the opportunity of competing for the World's Championship. We now have twice as many good pitchers as we did 25 years ago. If the number of pitchers in Class A were cut many good pitchers wouldn't attend the championship.

He states, "We should stay away from the 50 shoes for it will only work indoors or where there are not enough courts". I can't see the logic in this statement. Many states use the 50 shoe game outdoors and it does work.

He also states, "We have built up the NHPA from the forces of the

little man, so let's not lose him".

We have not built up the NHPA over the past 35 years. We don't have any more members today than we did 35 years ago. Bowling became popular after a group of top bowlers organized a professional group and got on TV. The same is true of golf and other sports. The biggest boost a sport can get is to have a well-advertised group of top athletes.

"Do not take prize money from the lower classes to give to the top 36. No lower class pitcher comes to the tournament to win 10 or 15 dollars. They'd probably prefer a trophy plague or patch to designate where they finished.

probably prefer a trophy, plaque or patch to designate where they finished.

Let's not forget the World's Championship was designed for the top players, to crown a World's Champion. The local tournament is for the little man.

Unless we make changes, horseshoes will remain barnyard golf for another 50 years.

Sol Berman

#### Michigan Shoe Tossers Approve International Tourney

A new international horseshoe meet involving pitchers from the Canadian province of Ontario and the state of Michigan was approved by the Wolverine State Horseshoe Pitcher's Association, WSHPA, at the annual February sched-

uling meeting held at Dimondale.

The idea was proposed by Merv Lichty, Secretary of the Ontario Horseshoe Pitcher's Association, OHPA, at an WSHPA tournament last June at Nashville, Michigan. Despite a heavy schedule of some 23 tournaments, the rather impromptu event, was squeezed in, in mid-September, at Lake Orion, Michigan. The WSHPA tossers took a lacing from our Canadian friends. Many of Michigan's better pitchers were unable to compete, as they are employed mainly in the automotive industry and were working on that week-end. Consequently even Jean Swarthout, former women's state champion was pressed into service to help represent Michigan.

Hopefully, we will be able to make a better showing in the new Michigan-Ontario event, included in our regular tournament schedule for 1974, Pres-

ident Fred Smith, WSHPA, explained.

Richard Pelton, WSHPA Secretary, read a letter from Lichty, at the February 24 meeting held at the Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club. Lichty proposed the dates of July 13-14 at Lucan, Ontario. This site will have covered or inside courts and weather will be no problem, Lichty explained.

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#### International Tourney — (Continued)

The Canadian National Horseshoe Pitching Championships are held at the Lucan site, he added.

Social activities will be planned for the Saturday evening and more tourney information will be contained as soon as available, Lichty concluded.

Lake Orion was also the site of the National AAU horseshoe pitching championships last September. Other items of business transacted at the meeting included, naming COSC of Dimondale as the host for the 1974 WSHPA sanctioned state championship tournament over Labor Day week-end, August 31-September 1-2.

The opening tournament will be held May 18-19 at Nashville. The annual Water Wonderland National Open tourney will be held at Burr Oak, June 29-30. This has been moved back one week later than in previous years. The winner of the WWL meet again will be presented with a check for \$100.00 by the Burr Oak Club. This is in addition to the normal amount of tournament prize money for the winner. Harold Anthony, Arcanum, Ohio, is the defending champion.

Entry fees will be \$10.00 and \$5.00. Certified ringer percentages may be mailed to J. A. Ostrander, 5717 Hilliard St. Lansing, Michigan, 48910, or Area Code 517-882-8685, by June 23.

#### MICHIGAN SCHEDULE

#### Donnie, Helen Roberts Win Snowball Open At Greenville

The recent Snowball Open in Greenville, Ohio turned out to be a family affair for Donnie and Helen Roberts of Lucasville, Ohio.

Donnie successfully defended his Class A title on February 17 and his wife, Helen captured the Women's Class A crown on February 24. Donnie posted a perfect 5-0 record and averaged 77.2% while Helen found it necessary to battle Kathryn Harrison of Hamilton, Ohio in a pitch-off.

CLASS A — Donnie Roberts 5-0-77.2; Stan Manker 4-1-72.4; Elmer Harrison 3-2-65.9; Joe Pillion 2-3-60.9; Dick Carpenter 1-4-60.6; Carl Young 0-5-60.9.

CLASS B — Jim Rhymer 5-0-66.3; Harry Chadwick 3-2-63.9; Bus Schamp 3-2-62.5; Max Roseberry 3-2-58.0; Earl Waggoner 1-4-50.7; Jack Wilson 0-5-46.3.

#### Snowball Open — (Continued)

CLASS C — Bob Chappel 3-0-52.4; Tom McEldowney 2-1-53.2; Robert Hoff 1-2-48.3; Jim McCombs 0-3-45.3.

CLASS D — Bob Fourman 4-1-48.7; Lloyd Anthony 4-1-45.2; George Neff 3-2-42.4; Ken Waggoner 2-3-43.6; Herman May 2-3-42.8; John Napier forfeit.

CLASS E — Francis Asher 4-1-49.6; Ralph Whitesel 4-1-53.8; Robert Detrick 4-1-46.9; Don Dill 2-3-38.2; Jerry Schaffner 1-4-38.2; Don Stump forfeit.

CLASS F — Winston Paige 4-1-44.7; Dave Rose 4-1-40.0; Rollin Futrell 4-1-43.6; Al Gostel 2-3-33.6; Foster Latimore 1-4-29.9; Toad Brickles forfeit.

CLASS G — Duane Detrick 4-1-44.1; Delbert Nickell 4-1-40.3; Harry McGreevey 3-2-37.8; Dale Anthony 2-3-32.0; Wilmer Pitsenbarger 2-3-30.1; Norris Longwell forfeit.

CLASS H — Fritz Worner 5-0-27.2; Harold Cole 3-2-28.3; James Fourman 3-2-23.9; Dan Schlosser 2-3-22.3; Doc Haworth 2-3-19.6; Charles Moss forfeit.

CLASS I — Jerry Williams 3-0-22.7; Keith Loxley 2-1-28.2; Merle Sowash 1-2-23.8; Donald Sides 0-3-16.1.

LADIES - CLASS A — Helen Roberts 4-1-64.3; Kathryn Harrison 4-1-60.9; Janet Reno 3-2-43.5; Eva Duncan 2-3-47.4; Thelma Neff 2-3-41.4; Candy Loy 0-5-38.3.

LADIES - CLASS B — Jackie McCombs 3-0-50.7; Ruth Kirk 2-1-42.4; Joyce Schlosser 1-2-34.0; Ava Brown 0-3-29.5.

#### Housing Facilities For World Horseshoe Tournament Keene, N. H., July 27 - August 4, 1974

Winding Brook Lodge: Park Avenue, Keene, one-half mile north of Wheelock Park. 90 units. Restaurant, lounge, swimming pool. Mgr. Mrs. Karen Clay, Tel. 603-352-3111. S - \$13, D - \$20.

Valley Green Motel: 379 West St., Keene, near center of city 1 mile from Wheelock Park. 59 units, some large doubles. Coffee Shop, Restaurant, lounge and swimming pool. Mgr. Yvonne Gallaher, Tel. 603-352-7350. S - \$14, D - \$16 to \$22.

Ramada Inn: Rt. 101 and Winchester St., 2 miles south of Park. 100 units. Restaurant, lounge, swimming and saunas. New motel will open about April 1, 1974. Please call information operator in Keene for telephone number after April 1.

Yankee Traveler Motel: Rt. 12, Westmoreland, 4 miles north of Wheelock Park. 12 units. Swimming. Tel. 603 - 357-0044. S - \$9, D - \$11.

Avery's Overnite Guests: 248 Washington St., Keene, walking distance from center of city. 2 miles from Wheelock Park. Mgr. F. J. Avery, Tel 603 - 352-0624.

Pine Grove Motel: Rt. 12 south. 4 miles from Wheelock Park. 8 units plus 11 cabins. Swimming and boating. Mgr. Herbert Lambert, Tel. 603 - 352-4208.

Motor Inn Motel: Rt. 12 south, 4 miles from Wheelock Park, 9 units, Mgr. Viola Claus, Tel. 603 - 352-4138.

Coach and Four Motor Inn: Rt. 12 south. 7 miles from Wheelock Park. 16 units including 6 family suites. Restaurant and lounge. Mgr. John Collins, Tel. 603 - 352-6503. S - \$15, D - \$17.

Rocky Brook Motel: Rt. 101 about 6 miles east of Wheelock Park. 8 units plus 4 small cottages, plus 2 large cottages, some cooking units. Swimming. Mgr. Howard Bach, Tel. 603 - 352-4236.

#### Camping Facilities For World Horseshoe Championships

Surry Mountain Camping Area: Rt. 12-A about 6 miles north of Wheelock Park. 27 tent and trailer sites surrounded by Federal recreation land. 10th year. \$3.50 family of 4, 50 cents each additional person, \$21 week, electricity 50 cents. Near golf and stores. Swimming, fishing, boating. Flush toilets, hot showers, wood, ice, artisian water, fireplaces, tables. RFD 2, Keene 03431. Tel: 603 - 352-9770, Winter 203 - 274-2261.

Pinnacle Mountain Campground: Rt. 9, 7 miles east of Wheelock Park. 6th season. Modern restrooms, private hot showers, flush toilets, dump station. Free electricity and water hookup. During summer we cater to the one-night stop transient camper. Base rate: \$3. Tel: 603 - 352-9882.

Hilltop Camping Area: 5 miles north of Keene off Rt. 9. 40 sites open and wooded. Artesian well, electric hookups, dump station, free hot showers and flush toilets. Pony rides, swimming, nearby golf and boating. 9th season. Reservations accepted. Pets on leash. Rates: \$3 per family of 6 (father, mother and 4 children.) Nadine and Neil Henry, Nelson Star Rte. Keene 03431. Tel. 603 - 847-3351.

Swanzey Lake Camping Area: 9 miles south of Keene between Routes 32 and 10. Convenient to Routes 9, 12 and 101, 21 miles from I-91 (Northfield exit via Rt. 10). Established 1966. 50 wooded sites. tables, fireplaces, dump station, mosquito control, electricity, water, sewer hookups. No pets. \$3.50 minimum family of 4, hookups extra, 50 cents each. Reservations accepted. Box 316, Keene 03431. Tel: 603 - 352-9880 after 6 p. m.

Edge O' The Village Campground: Half-mile north of Troy on Rt. 12 about 9 miles south of Keene. 3rd season. 35 acres, 17 large sites around edge of field with 8 foot table, fireplace. Flush toilets, hot showers, dressing rooms. Dump station, pond, play area. Pets on leash. Near churches, stores, laundromat. \$3.50 daily — free water, electricity 50 cents. Reservations welcomed. Inquire: Jim and Helen Sears, Box 18, Troy 03465. Tel: 603 - 242-6237 after 6 p. m.

Shir-Roy Camping Area: Route 32 in Richmond, about 14 miles south of Keene. 20 miles from I-91 via Northfield exit to Rt. 10 to Winchester and Rt. 119 to Richmond. 7 miles from Rt. 12 via Rt. 119 west. 95 tent and trailer sites in pines on lake. Overflow area, flush toilets, hot showers, modern restrooms, dump station, recreation lodge, store, swimming, fishing. Boat and canoe rentals, children's play area. 16th year. \$4 day per family minimum. Electric and water hookups. Equipped sites for rent. Reservations accepted. Inquire: Roy B. Heise, RD 3 S, Winchester 03470. Tel: 603 - 239-4768.

State Line Camping Area: Rt. 12 Fitzwilliam, 18 miles south of Keene, on

Lake Scippiola (Sip Pond) 900-foot beach area, swimming, fishing, boating. Electric and water hookups, dump station, flush toilets, hot showers, recreation hall, tables. 9th season. \$4 day per family. Week and monthly rates on request. Reservations accepted. 603 - 585-7726. Winter: J. Tremblay, 14 New-

ton St., Leominster, Mass. 01453. Tel. 617 - 537-5272.

Pleasant Acres Campground: Rt. 10 Marlow. 16 miles north of Keene, Corner Sand Pond Road. Tent and trailer sites, electricity and water available. Flush toilets, hot showers, dump station, store. Swimming, fishing, play area, rental equipment. Ice and wood. Pets on leash. \$3 immediate family, electricity 50 cents. Weekly and monthly rates available. Reservations accepted. Box 44 Marlow 03456. Tel: 603 - 446-3381.

The Keene Lions Club, sponsor of the 1974 World Tournament, is in charge of housing facilities for the event. Inquiries will be handled by Bill Lynch, housing director, 95 Winchester St., Keene, N. H. 03431. Tel: 603 - 352-8794.

#### Fairbury, Nebraska Open Set For June 2

The annual Fairbury Open Tournament will be held on Sunday, June 2 in Fairbury, Nebraska. 100 shoe scores should be sent to Jacob Isaac, 1208 East 3rd Street, Fairbury, Nebraska 68352, not later than May 26. Starting time will be 8:30 A. M. on the 16 clay courts.

#### Al Lord Easy Winner In 1973 Maine State Tournament

(A very late report)

CLASS A — Albert Lord 7-0-76.0; Herb Masse 5-2-65.5; Clint Simmons 5-2-61.6; Lee Cameron 4-3-62.2; Paul Tobey 3-4-66.2; Norman Foster 2-5-47.9; Roland Boudreault 1-6-54.0.

CLASS B — Marcel Courtois 7-0-57.7; Clyde Hewett 6-1-44.1; Gerry Bonnevie 5-2-50.7; Pat Gallant 3-4-46.6; Harry Reid 3-4-43.6; Albert Allen 3-4-42.3; Bob Sirois 1-6-35.4; Joe Johnson 0-7-29.8.

CLASS C — Dom Pepin 6-1-50.0; Lefty Tardiff 6-1-41.9; Olin Johnson 5-2-48.9; Dwight MacVane 5-2-43.7; Robert Griffin 3-4-43.8; Robert Menneally 2-5-40.7; William Files 2-5-36.4; Ed Parker 1-6-39.4.

CLASS D — Bert Theriault 6-1-47.2; Carl York 6-1-45.2; Stanley Bisbee 4-3-42.6; Rene Theriault 4-3-39.1; Porter Clark 4-3-36.4; Francis Conant 3-3-39.7; Chauncey Gerry 1-6-30.7; Bob Harriman 0-7-32.9.

CLASS E — Daniel Hanson 6-1-38.7; Leo LaFrance 4-3-39.5; Willard Scribner 4-3-36.9; Roland Weatherbee 4-3-36.6; Roger Bolduc 4-3-34.2; Dwight Webb 3-4-37.2; Ray Colford 2-5-31.7; Phil Small 1-6-34.7.

CLASS F — Leonard Roy 7-0-36.6; Ed Parker 6-1-36.6; Henry Thiboutot 5-2-33.0; Everett Millett 3-4-28.3; Charles Dionne 2-5-24.8; Wesley Pateneaude 2-5-24.2; George Bowden 2-5-21.9; Arnold Warner 1-6-22.0.

CLASS G — Harry Smith 6-1-33.3; Rodney Garnett 6-1-35.5; Larry Roux 5-2-33.0; Percy Ramey 4-3-31.3; Chauncey Gerry 3-4-32.0; Bryce York 2-5-22.1; James Flagg 1-6-24.2; William Barrett 1-6-23.7.

CLASS H — Gerard Bolduc 6-1-25.2; Rene Doyon 5-2-22.1; Larry Hussey 4-3-25.4; Roger Roux 4-3-22.6; Robert Hart 3-4-19.5; Carl Scholl 3-4-13.7; Henry Berube 2-5-16.4.

JUNIOR BOYS CLASS A — Doug Kienia 8-2-71.4; Ron Thibeault 8-2-77.4; Brian Simmons 7-3-71.9; Mike Pateneaude 5-5-70.3; Kevin Millett 2-8-52.6.

JUNIOR BOYS CLASS B — Ray Thereault 5-0-38.9; Bruce Kienia 4-1-31.5; Dave Koris 3-2-18.6; Rene Thibeault 3-2-18.5; Wayne Barrett 1-4-10.0; Bye.

LADIES CLASS A — Alice Bonnevie 4-2-37.6; Connie Berube 4-2-36.6; Anita Pateneaude 4-2-28.3; Margaret Reid 0-6-9.3.

JUNIOR GIRLS CLASS A — Bobbie Verrill 4-0-28.4; Linda Pateneaude 1-3-16.1; Anita Berube 1-3-15.1.

The following officers were elected: President, Charles W. Wood, Greene, Maine; Vice-President, Alvin Gallant, Rumford, Maine; Secretary-Treasurer, Emily O. Wood, Greene, Maine.

#### Tremont, Illinois Turkey Festival Open — June 8

The 9th annual Tremont Turkey Festival Open Tournament will be held in the park courts in Tremont, Illinois on Saturday, June 8. All players must send a 50 shoe qualifying score to Clyde Coddington, Box 136, Rte No. 2, Tremont, Illinois 61568 or phone 309-925-3400. A \$4.00 entry fee must accompany the score. All players must be on the courts by 9:30 a. m. unless other arrangements have been made. Tournament will start at 10 a. m.

There will be 8 men to each class. Classes D, E, and F will play 35 point games. Classes A, B, and C will pitch 50 point games, starting at 1:00 p. m. There will be

trophies awarded.

#### Missouri's Tournament Of Champions — May 25-26

The annual Tournament of Champions will be held at the Phelps Grove courts in Springfield, Missouri on Saturday and Sunday, May 25 and 26. All winners of 1973 tournaments will be seeded in Class A. All others will be classed by ringer percentage. Entry fee, \$4.00. Send letter of intent to Earl Winston, LaMonte, Mo., 65337 or Ron Frakes, 830 No. Prospect, Springfield, Mo.

#### Rylands The New Champion Of Rhode Island For 1973

(Late, late Report)

Getting off to a slow start percentage-wise, Ray Rylands had it in the

clutch when he met Al Bourgeious, the old champ.

Al said, "He'll make a comeback next year." Al has won the championship many times down through the years; he also had the high average this year. Tom Robertson, Rhode Island secretary, thanks Ed Domey for the use of his indoor horseshoe palace in Sutton, Massachusetts. Ed Domey makes it a pleasure to run a tournament there.

Ray Rylands, Esmond 7-0-52.6; H. Al Bourgeios, Riverside 6-1-60.7; Bob Maxwell, Lincoln 5-2-45.7; Jim McHenry, North Providence 4-3-35.9; Tom Robertson, Lincoln 3-4-34.3; Dean Schmidlin, Newport 2-5-23.1; Al Robertson,

Lincoln 1-6-13.6; Bye.

#### Leo Schlosser Tops St. Louis, Mo. Fall Open

(Late Report)

Sunday, September 23 was a much better day to hold our annual St. Louis Fall tournament that the ninth which was rained out. The turn-out was terrific, a full field played in all six classes and the radio KMOX helped to promote spectator participation which was in evidence by the people watching all day long. Highlight of the tournament was when Jeanette Hoefle came back to come in second in Class F. She pitched men's distance and rules, so Bobby Riggs isn't the only one to watch, horseshoe pitchers have to be on their guard.

Class A was won by Leo Schlosser, Class C was won by John Benidictus, Class B by Elmer Knobeloch, Class D by Wendall Savage, Class E by Nick

Alton, and Class F by Dave Knes. The following are the results:

CLASS A — Leo Schlosser, Oblong, Ill. 7-0; Henry Franke, Centralia, Ill. 4-3; Al Ewertz, St. Louis, Mo. 4-3; H. Kohlenberger, Milstadt, Ill. 4-3; Robert Smith, O'Fallon, Mo. 4-3; Spencer Dickenson, Kirkwood, Mo. 3-4; Chester Ray, Kane, Ill. 2-5; Oliver Saggen, St. Louis, Mo. 0-7.

CLASS B — Elmer Knobeloch, Mascoutah, Ill. 5-2; Steve Hrabovsky, St. Louis, Mo. 5-2; Sam Carter, St. Clair, Mo. 5-2; Harry Matheny, Oblong, Ill. 5-2; Bill Courtwright, Kirkwood, Mo. 5-2; Earl Douglas, Pevely, Mo. 2-5; Norm Rahn, St. Louis, Mo. 1-6; Joe Douchant, E. Carondelet, Ill. 0-7.

CLASS C — John Benedictus, Kirkwood, Mo. 7-0; Clyde Carmack, St. Louis, Mo. 6-1; Chas. Walden, St. Louis, Mo. 4-3; Sam Foster, St. Ann, Mo. 3-4; Glenn Watkins, St. Louis, Mo. 3-4; Lee Taylor, Florissant, Mo. 3-4; Wm. Fahland, St. Louis, Mo. 2-5; Roy Franke, Centralia, Mo. 0-7.

CLASS D — Wendell Savage, Litchfield, Ill. 7-0; John Johnson, Owensville, Mo. 5-2; Mark Lynch, Barnhart, Mo. 4-3; Rex Bidlake, Overland, Mo. 4-3; Ken Hoefel, Affton, Mo. 4-3; Nick Neumann, St. Louis, Mo. 2-5; Harry Lynch, Barnhart, Mo. 2-5; Ted Harrison, Jefferson City, Mo. 0-7.

CLASS E — Nick Alton, Hagerstown, Ill. 5-2; Geo. Johnsen, Affton. Mo. 5-2; Gary Bickel, O'Fallon, Mo. 5-2; Rick Smith, Oblong, Ill. 5-2; Herb Becker, St. Louis, Mo. 3-4; Greg Marter, O'Fallon, Mo. 3-4; Bill Murphy, St. Louis, Mo. 2-5; Dennis McHawea, Herculaneum 0-7.

CLASS F — Dave Knes, Hazelwood, Mo. 7-0; Jeanette Hoefel, St. Louis, Mo. 6-1; Len Stulce, Hazelwood, Mo. 5-2; Frank Drawde, Waterloo, Ill. 4-3; Clarence Gummersheimer, Waterloo, Ill. 3-4; Ken Lurkins, Hazelwood, Mo. 2-5; Gene Gummersheimer, Waterloo, Ill. 1-6; Ed Harris, Florissant, Mo. 0-7.

Gene Gummersheimer, Waterloo, Ill. 1-6; Ed Harris, Florissant, Mo. 0-7.

The winners were decided by total lost points to break ties. Our next tournament in St. Louis is the Annual Spring Tournament one week after Mother's Day, 1974. Entries close two weeks prior. Fee \$4.50 must accompany 100-shoe

score. Rain date following week.

### AUTHORS' CORNER

#### NHPA Who?

By Jim Woodson of Texas

I learned long ago that the NHPA is far from being a household word.

It doesn't bother me anymore, but it once did. It took time before I finally got over people staring at my jacket with the NHPA on it, and asking, "What's that?". Also, I am now more patient when I bring out NHPA in my talking, and someone interrupts with "NHPA who?".

I worked it out that not knowing about the NHPA is their problem, not mine. I also give them the big act. You know, the "I can't believe you never heard of the NHPA" bit. Sometimes this works and they walk away wondering why they asked such a dumb question. But mostly, I get the feeling they know I am giving them the fake.

Still, the problem stays with us that few people know about our game being organized, with a National headquarters, and State affiliations, and a World Tournament, and things like that. Worse yet, we are hard to find. Anyone having an interest in horseshoe pitching, but starting from scratch to find us, has a real challenge on his hands trying to make contact.

Visiting the library to get a lead won't help at all unless Ottie Reno's books are on the shelf. Trouble is, too many public reading places don't carry his

good writing, so the trip ends up a waste and a disappointment.

The daily papers can be watched but seldom is there news on horseshoe pitching. Maybe once a year a few lines can be spotted. Usually the item covers city parks or town affairs sponsoring a tournament. Anyone taking in one of these gatherings won't get much news about organized pitching. The tournament director wears a baseball cap and a T-shirt, with a whistle hanging around his neck. Everyone automatically calls him 'Coach', because he looks like he knows about baseball, and football, and other top games; and because he wears that whistle, I guess. Seldom does he know much about handling a horseshoe tournament; and he never heard of the NHPA, but thinks a good place to get information on organized horseshoe pitching would be the library.

Some real expert pitchers come to these contests though. One guy showing up, just left the Army where he was top champion of all Western Europe. Another one threw at least 80% ringers all the time before, but now his leg was hurt and his game is not up to par. Also, always there is someone who learned his game as a kid from a champion pitcher who lived next door. Like maybe this champion was the best in California, Arizona, and Texas; and every time

he put on not less than 50 ringers straight, without missing.

Trouble is none of these pitchers know how to locate the NHPA, whatever that is; but they agree the library would be the best place to look first.

Some try to locate horseshoe pitchers by visiting all parks within driving distance. Usually this does no good. Once in a while courts are found, but there is no activity, except for two small kids holding a contest to see who can stand the longest on the top of a stake. In desperation a note is tacked to a close tree, asking for someone to call. No one ever does.

Friends try to help out. The word is passed that a contest was seen two months before during a Sunday drive. Twenty miles down the road. A rush visit to the place finds it was a picnic affair, done once a year to raise money for the volunteer fire department. The contest was over for good. The guy with the horse stables moved away and the game can't be played anymore without the shoes. Incidently, those in charge are glad it ended. Every year there was this big fight about how far apart they should place the stakes. Most voted for 40 feet, so that was the big contest. But a group of others practiced at 32-5 feet, like a stranger passing through town several years ago

#### Authors' Corner — (Continued)

told them to do. Every year they had to have this second tournament to keep things from getting out of hand, and fights from breaking out.

I learned all these things from pitchers now in our group, who had a tough time finding the NHPA headquarters. I am sure the same story is around in other states.

That's why I think NHPA president Wally Shipley is on the right track when he calls for more money to do advertising. A good message, attractive

looking and fun sounding, would certainly bring new members to us. Not that I expect horseshoe pitchng to get famous this way, like the NFL and the AFL or the NCAA and the AAU; but maybe, at least, we can get a few people to stop asking "NHPA who"?

#### **Utah State 1973 Championships**

(Very Late Report)

#### CLASS A

W	L	%		W	L	%
C. Wahlin, Taylorsville 11	0	71.6	E. Scott, Ogden	5	6	54.1
M. McBride, Clearfield 8	3	54.7	L. Gardner, Deweyville	5	6	49.9
C. Giles, Riverton 7	4	54.5	B. Bowman, Bountiful	5	6	49.9
H. Benson, Roy 7	4	52.4	O. Lindsey, Provo	2	9	42.9
F. Minster, Ogden7	4	50.9	L. Buys, Tooele	2	9	38.6
A. Madsen, Am. Fork 6						

CLASS B — Frank Minster, Ogden 12-1-56.6; Byron Bowman, Bountiful 10-3-53.7; M. Waters, Midvale 9-4-49.6; Oscar Funk, Murray 9-4-43.3; S. M. Stoddard, Salt Lake 8-5-42.7; Ollie Lindsey, Provo 8-5-47.0; Marvin Collier, West Point 7-6-43.9; Lynn Buys, Tooele 7-6-40.2; Doc Langston, Salt Lake 7-6-43.4; Bob Lynn, Ogden 5-8-32.6; Lee Jolley, Provo 3-10-27.1; Willard Lindsay, Midvale 3-10-33.7; Jerry Campbell, Midvale 2-11-30.8; Jim Sala, Midvale 1-12-31.3.

CLASS C — Lynn Buys, Tooele 7-0-35.4; Rudy Jelosek, Salt Lake 6-1-34.4; Willard Lindsay, Midvale 4-3-34.1; Jerry Campbell, Midvale 4-3-31.8; Darrell Peters, Salt Lake 2-5-25.8; Ken Gary, Salt Lake 2-5-27.7; Jim Sala, Midvale 2-5-26.5; Art Ballingham, Ogden 1-6-21.6.

CLASS D — Jerry Campbell, Midvale 4-0-34.2; Bill Farezoco, Salt Lake 2-2-21.1; Jim Sala, Midvale 2-2-26.1; Tom Carroll, Salt Lake 2-2-22.1; Rudy Lobato, Salt Lake 0-4-13.1.

Trophies were awarded to the top four in each class at the Annual Awards

Dinner. The following "special" awards were also presented:
"Mr. Dependable" — Ken Gary, Salt Lake; "Improvement" — Jerry Campbell, Midvale; "Enthusiasm" — Dor. Cracroft, Salt Lake; "Old Faithful" -

Lamont Gardner, Deweyville; "Support" - Mrs. Lee Jolly, Provo.

A special Memorial Tournament was held on June 23 at Riverton in honor of Walt Wahlin (father of Clive Wahlin, our state champ) for his outstanding enthusiasm and support to horseshoe pitching. Special trophies were presented to the following winners by the Wahlin family: Class A — Clarence Giles, Riverton; Class B — Bob Lynn, Ogden; Class C — Gordon Paul, Salt Lake.

Utah Association Officers for 1974 — President: Lee Jolley, 243 S, 200 E, Provo, Utah 84601; Vice-President, North: Frank Minster, 155 Country Club, Ogden, Utah 84403; Vice-President, Center: Ken Gary, 876 Pueblo, Salt Lake, Utah 84104; Vice-President, South: Ollie Lindsey, 849 N, 750 W, Provo, Utah 84601; Secretary: Melvin Waters, 829 E, 7575 S, Midvale, Utah 84047.

1973 Intermountain AAU Junior Horseshoe Pitchers Champs: Jim Cronkite, Salt Lake 3-0; Nick Farezoco, Salt Lake 2-1; David Bowman, Bountiful 1-2;

Robert Gary, Salt Lake 0-3.



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