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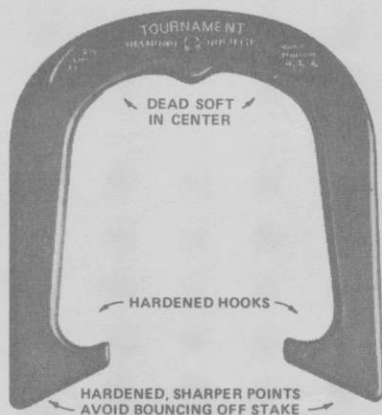
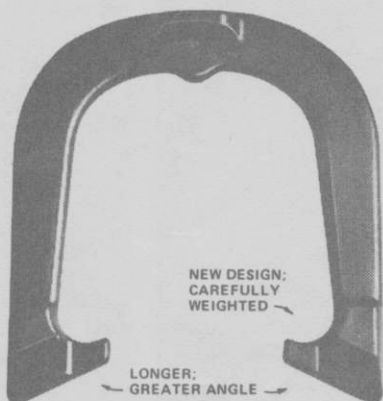
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NHPA President's Message

NOTICE: I HAVE A NEW ADDRESS LISTED ABOVE. TELEPHONE NUMBER IS 213-576-1596.

ATTENTION: YOUR EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAS CANCELLED THE ANNUAL DINNER FOLLOWING THE CONVENTION AT THE WORLD TOURNAMENT. WE HAVE RECEIVED COMPLAINTS THAT THERE HAS NOT BEEN ENOUGH TIME TO CONDUCT THE NHPA ANNUAL BUSINESS. WE HOPE THIS WILL SOLVE THAT PROBLEM.

Your Council has approved 2 new championship patches for 1974. We have left the year off so they can be used any year. This will be a money saver. Ray Williams will explain to State Secretaries how they are to be used. Your Council also approved a World Tournament Patch to be given to all qualifiers at Keene.

I have appointed Sol Berman as Chairman "To Progress Means Change". Sol wrote a nice article in the December issue of the News Digest, which I feel has merit. He will be writing to all Regional Directors and other people hoping to get your areas feelings concerning his article. We would appreciate your cooperation. He will be happy to hear from anyone pro or con. His address is 351 Rahway Ave., Elizabeth, N. J. 07202. Sol will present his findings at the convention.

Receipts and Expenses on your News Digest since 1965:

	RECEIPTS	EXPENSES	NET LOSS
1965-1966	\$5,352.75	\$ 6,493.62	\$1,140.87
1966-1967	6,272.95	7,111.74	838.79
1967-1968	7,065.00	8,336.85	1,271.85
1968-1969	6,199.50	8,341.98	2,142.48
1969-1970	6,091.80	9,514.00	3,422.80
1970-1971	7,783.50	11,867.62	4,084.12
1971-1972	9,481.75	13,467.24	3,985.49

The exact figures for this period are being audited by Jim Solomon and the ledger sheets are in his office.

These figures are certainly no fault or reflection on the Editor, Ellis Cobb. I only bring them to your attention to show another reason why the NHPA has not been progressing financially. It appears it's time we realize costs are increasing all around us and have been some time. Don't you think we need to run the NHPA like a business? I can't see how our organization can survive much longer when you analyze these losses with the World Tournament losses listed in the January issue.

Would appreciate if you delegates coming to Keene would be prepared to raise the dues subscriptions or something in order to reverse this trend.

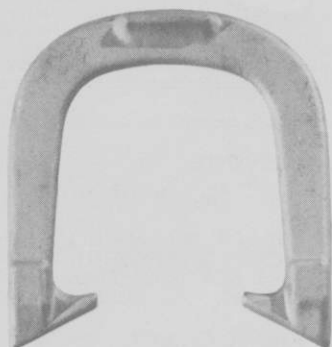
I hope the group going to South Africa and the two wives have a successful and pleasant trip. Thanks Bob Pence for making all their arrangements.

Sincerely,

WALLY SHIPLEY

COVER PICTURE . . . This month is shown the charming and vivacious eighteen year-old Debbie Pickering who is the current women's Class A champion of New Hampshire and averages around 60 per cent ringers. She is a member of the Keene Horseshoe Club, site of the 1974 World Tournament hosted by the Keene Lions Club on July 27-August 4. (Tom Blake Photo)

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Middlesex, New Jersey Horseshoe Pitcher's Club

The Middlesex Horseshoe Pitchers' Club held its 10th annual banquet and awards dinner on Saturday, February 2, 1974 at the Parker Fire Hall, Middlesex, New Jersey. There were 70 members and guests present. A good time was had by all.

Awards were presented to all first and second place tournament winners. Leading the award winners were, Alvin Cherry in the senior division with 6; Jeanette Kemmerer lead the womens division with 5; 13 year old Alan Apgar lead the junior division with 6.

A talk was given by outgoing president Ralph Coleman on the accomplishments of the club for the year of 1973. The officers of the past year were thanked for a job "well done". The new officers were introduced and wished another great season of horseshoe pitching and accomplishments. They were: Newton W. Apgar, President; Nicholas Lysy, 1st Vice-President; H. Ted Risberg, 2nd Vice-President and Ila L. Cathcart, Secretary-Treasurer.

Plaques were presented to various companies and the the Mayor and Council of the borough of Middlesex for their fine cooperation and donations to the Horseshoe Club, the past ten years. The most improved player awards went to Alvin Cherry, in the senior division and to Alan Apgar in the junior division. Hal Hanania acted as toastmaster.

On Tuesday, February 5, 1974 Hal Hanania, Dale Eberhart and Newt Apgar travelled to Flemington, New Jersey to give a talk on horseshoe pitching and show movies of the 1971 World Tournament that was held in Middlesex. The group was interested and want to form a horseshoe club in rural Flemington, N. J. All this came about when the Middlesex Club and the state horseshoe association staged a four-day demonstration and a two-day tournament at the Flenington Fair, one of the oldest fairs in the country, last year.

Two Tournaments Planned In Hillsboro, Kansas

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 Co. 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, and E will play. These are round robin doubles. Then on June 9th, starting at 8:30 A. M., all singles will play. These are also round robin. Then on Sunday evening, June 9th, classes A and B will play round robin doubles.

The second tournament is on August 19th thru the 22nd, and is the 5th Annual Marion County Fair Open, also played in Memorial Park, Hillsboro, Kansas. These are all evening games, starting at 7 P. M.

August 19th — Class F singles also C and D doubles.

August 20th — D and E singles.

August 21st — C singles and A and B doubles.

August 22nd — A and B singles.

Singles entry fee is \$3.00 — Doubles entry fee is \$2.00.

Send all entries to Herb Schroeder, Box 66, Goessel, Kansas 67053.

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, and D, 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.

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.

Schedule — Saturday, June 29th.

9:00 a. m. - 11:30 a. m. — Class AA
30 shoes per game.

11:30 a. m. - 2:00 p. m. Championship
Class 30 shoes per game.

2:00 p. m. - 4:30 p. m. Class AAA 30
shoes per game.

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.

Schedule — Sunday, June 30th.

9:00 a. m. - 11:30 a. m. Class C 30
shoes per game.

11:30 a. m. - 2:00 p. m. Class A 30
shoes per game.

2:00 p. m. - 4:30 p. m. Class B 30
shoes per game.

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CLASS AA — Reece Baughn, New Castle, Ind. 6-2-66.3; Omer Gross, St. Paul, Ind. 5-2-64.9; Jim Kemple, Rushville, Ind. 4-3-66.2; George Sales, New Castle, Ind. 4-3-62.8; Kenny Perkins, Rushville, Ind. 4-3-60.8; Clarence Andrews, Centerville, Ind. 3-4-58.5; Claude Esteele, Indianapolis, Ind. 2-5-58.5; Walter Wilhoite, Lebanon, Ind. 1-6-55.1.

CLASS A — Walter Lane, Jr., Anderson, Ind. 6-1-61.4; Henry Franke, Centralia, Ill. 5-2-54.5; Jim Noble, Louisville, Ky. 5-2-53.9; Carl Wefler, Terre Haute, Ind. 5-2-52.6; Estel Bills, Connersville, Ind. 3-4-50.2; Jerry Wood, Elwood, Ind. 2-5-55.3; Bob Sheppard, Rushville, Ind. 2-5-47.1; Wayne McClintock, Anderson, Ind. 0-7-40.6.

CLASS BB — Dick Christian, Rushville, Ind. 6-1-59.1; Jim Pierson, Mooresville, Ind. 5-2-50.0; John Gall, Anderson, Ind. 4-3-57.1; Darrel Glover, Sr., Rushville, Ind. 4-3-51.9; George Patterson, Rushville, Ind. 3-4-45.1; Randell Martin, Osgood, Ind. 3-4-44.8; Dick Sommers, Indianapolis, Ind. 3-4-43.9; Harold McFatridge, Arlington, Ind. 0-7-32.8.

CLASS B — Harold Tatman, Greensburg, Ind. 7-0-44.0; J. W. Cox, Wabash, Ind. 6-1-38.2; Ron Ammerman, New Castle, Ind. 5-2-33.7; Everett Carlin, Connersville, Ind. 4-3-45.7; Dick Hostetler, Indianapolis, Ind. 2-5-29.7; Harold Hudson, Greenfield, Ind. 2-5-23.4; Jack Curless, Wabash, Ind. 1-6-15.7; Walt Vetor, Alexandria, Ind. 1-6-13.7.

CLASS CC — Lawrence Willis, Rushville, Ind. 6-1-39.3; Vernon Holland, Veedersburg, Ind. 5-2-45.0; Harry Groce, Veedersburg, Ind. 5-2-37.8; David Tatman, Greensburg, Ind. 5-2-37.5; Don Newland, Connersville, Ind. 4-3-36.0; Bob Jeffries, Shelbyville, Ind. 2-5-33.6; Kenny Webb, Indianapolis, Ind. 1-6-39.5; Bye.

CLASS C — Fred Armentrout, Speedway, Ind. 5-0-33.0; Ed Weyer, Ferdinand, Ind. 3-2-40.4; Bill Kile, Rushville, Ind. 3-2-34.8; Richard Dearing, Rushville, Ind. 3-2-30.0; Dale Mantooth, Greensburg, Ind. 1-4-29.5; Turner Ridge, Greenwood, Ind. 0-5-16.8.

CLASS DD — Charles Cordray, Rushville, Ind. 5-0-34.0; Lloyd Karstens, Rushville, Ind. 4-1-33.6; Ervin Hodgdon, Lebanon, Ind. 3-2-28.4; Alfred Bills, Rushville, Ind. 2-3-24.4; Buddy Hodgdon, Lebanon, Ind. 1-4-20.4; Darrel Glover, Jr., Rushville, Ind. 0-5-15.2.

CLASS D — Darrel Glover, Jr., Rushville, Ind. 5-0-22.8; Jim Tatman, St. Paul, Ind. 4-1-20.8; Ronnie Copple, Rushville, Ind. 3-2-14.6; Tim Tatman, Hartsville, Ind. 1-4-14.4; Loren Thompson, Rushville, Ind. 2-3-12.6; Gerald Tatman, Greensburg, Ind. 0-5-10.8.

Baughn Wins — (Continued)

JUNIORS CLASS A — Andy Gall, Anderson, Ind. 5-0-54.0; Tim Weyer, Ferdinand, Ind. 4-1-44.5; Bruce Patterson, Rushville, Ind. 3-2-43.0; Stuart Shepard, Rushville, Ind. 2-3-34.5; Chris Ridge, Greenwood, Ind. 1-4-28.5; Bye.

JUNIORS CLASS B — Chuck Paugh, Rushville, Ind. 3-0-14.6; Brent Shepard, Rushville, Ind. 2-1-24.6; Mark Christian, Rushville, Ind. 1-2-10.0; Scott Paugh, Rushville, Ind. 0-3-7.3.

JUNIORS CLASS C — Alfred Bills, Jr., Rushville, Ind. 5-0-7.6; Lorna Bills, 2nd, Rushville, Ind. 4-1-4.8; Steve Gall, Anderson, Ind. 3-2-5.2; Reed Thompson, Rushville, Ind. 1-4-3.2; Debbie Bills, Connerville, Ind. 2-3-1.6; Robbin Thompson, Rushville, Ind. 0-5-1.6.

WOMEN'S CLASS A — Sara Cordray, Rushville, Ind. 3-0-38.0; Judy White, Elwood, Ind. 2-1-32.0; Jeanie Ralstin, Rushville, Ind. 1-2-11.3; Drenda Copple, Rushville, Ind. 0-3-8.0.

WOMEN'S CLASS B — Sandy Stiegerwald, Rushville, Ind. 5-0-23.5; Carolyn Thompson, Rushville, Ind. 4-1-8.5; Dorothy Bills, Rushville, Ind. 3-2-13.5; Lorna Bills, 1st, Rushville, Ind. 2-3-2.0; Pearl Glover, Rushville, Ind. 1-4-4.0; Bye.

Indiana State Association Spring Meeting — March 17

The annual spring meeting of the Indiana State Association will be held on Sunday, March 17 at the Community Center of the 4-H Fairgrounds in Lebanon, Indiana. A carry in dinner at noon will precede the business meeting which will start at 1:00 p.m. The Indiana Association will set up the 1974 tournament schedule at this meeting.

Rioux Top Man In January Thaw Meet At Heritage Recreation — Sutton, Mass.

The "January Thaw" tournament at Heritage Recreation Center featured some of the best pitching of the winter season. Best games were pitched by Ed Domey at 84% and 82%, Russ Sweeney at 84%, and Amos Whitaker at 80%. Normand Rioux won Class 1 again, with his steady pitching in the clutch. Paul Cormier won Class 2 with his customary steady 60% pitching. Russ Gaudoury topped Class 3 for the third consecutive time with a very satisfying strong finish. The tournament highlight was Frank Mitchell winning Class 5 in his first tournament, sweeping the field. He then stepped up to Class 4, tied for first place, and won a close playoff game, 29 to 28, over Bernard Davis, Jr., with a 54% game. Hub Sasse swept Class 6 for his first victory, which featured his personal high game of 52%. Rick Howe, at 63.3%, was never threatened as he won Juniors Class 1 and Bill Callahan improved 7% over last month while sweeping Juniors Class 2. The Domey's have to be the most frustrated family in the tournament. Ed finished second in Class 1, brother Bob finished second in Class 2 and son Paul finished second in Juniors Class 1.

CLASS 1 — Normand Rioux, Conn. 6-1-68.6; Ed Domey, Mass. 5-2-73.7; Joe Schultz, N. Y. 4-3-64.6; Russ Sweeney, Mass. 4-3-63.4; Pete Prouty, Vt. 3-4-56.0; Gil Lee, Conn. 3-4-55.1; Bill Saunders, N. H. 2-5-63.7; Mel Merritt, Mass. 1-6-60.3.

CLASS 2 — Paul Cormier, Mass. 7-0-60.0; Robert Domey, R. I. 5-2-56.9; Amos Whitaker, Mass. 4-3-59.7; Bernard Davis, Sr., N. H. 4-3-59.1; Andy Fafard, Mass. 3-4-52.3; John Parmenter, Mass. 3-4-49.1; Joe Comeau, Mass. 2-5-47.4; Bye.

January Thaw — (Continued)

CLASS 3 — Russ Gadoury, Mass. 5-2-52.0; Chet Rousseau, N. H. 4-3-56.6; Paul Dumont, Mass. 4-3-53.4; Andy Fafard, Mass. 4-3-49.4; Don Harrison, Mass. 3-4-46.0; Fred Simon, Mass. 1-6-38.9.

CLASS 4 — Frank Mitchell, Mass. 7-1-45.7; Bernard Davis, Jr. N. H. 6-2-44.3; Joe Shyme, Mass. 5-2-42.3; Paul Schultz, N. Y. 5-2-38.0; Ray Dulmaine, Mass. 3-4-41.4; Paul Domey, Mass. 1-6-31.7; Jack Graves, Mass. 1-6-28.6; Bill Fricault, Mass. 1-6-28.3.

CLASS 5 — Frank Mitchell, Mass. 7-0-42.6; Rene Rodrigue, Conn. 6-1-30.9; Ray Dulmaine, Mass. 5-2-35.1; Bill White, Mass. 3-4-32.0; Howard Lewis, Mass. 3-4-29.7; Paul Asselin, Mass. 3-4-24.9; Armando Deluca, Mass. 1-6-25.7; Joe Guy, Mass. 0-7-18.9.

CLASS 6 — Hub Sasse, Mass. 7-0-36.9; Maurice Farmer, Mass. 5-2-27.9; Dick Shepard, Mass. 4-3-32.6; Bill McMahon, Mass. 3-4-25.9; Tony Nacewicz, Mass. 2-5-21.4; Ed Harrington, Mass. 0-7-16.7.

JUNIOR CLASS 1 — Rick Howe, Mass. 5-0-63.3; Paul Domey, Mass. 4-1-47.5; Bob Howe, Mass. 3-2-43.3; Glen Crilly, Mass. 2-3-38.3; Tom Dodge, Mass. 1-4-24.2; Bye.

JUNIOR CLASS 2 — Bill Callahan, Mass. 5-0-24.7; Gary Dulmaine, Mass. 3-2-17.3; Jim Graves, Mass. 3-2-14.0; Art Stockwell, Mass. 2-3-8.7; Joe Raad, Mass. 2-3-7.3; Janice Domey, Mass. 0-5-5.3.

Alvin Vinsant Captures Northern California Crown

Young Al Vinsant of Eureka proved he has what it takes in the Men's division when he won the Northern California championship. His dad, Horace, gave Alvin a valuable assist by defeating Reuben Lee of Oakland in the last regulation game to force a play-off between Reuben and Alvin, who each had 6-1 records. In the play-off, Alvin avenged his earlier loss to Reuben by taking a 52-28 victory. Horace, with a 1-2 record, won third place honors. Fred LaVett had high game in the championship group with a 79% effort.

Tom Brownell of San Jose, after a shaky qualifying round, put it all together when match play started and breezed to a 7-0 record, averaging 71% for the day. Tom also had tournament high game with 85% ringers. Second place in the consolation group went to Bill Vines of Stanislaus County with a 5-2 record, while Tom's teammate, Verdan Zelmar, posted 4-3 for third place.

CHAMPIONSHIP GROUP — Alvin Vinsant, REHPC 7-1-67.0; Reuben Lee, Arroyo Viejo 6-2-59.0; Horace Vinsant, REHPC 5-2-63.0; Fred Lavett, Seaside 3-4-65.0; Jack Seymour, Golden Gate 3-4-64.0; Marty Santos, Mosswood 3-4-63.0; Lloyd Potter, San Jose 2-5-59.0; Walt East, Arroyo Viejo 0-7-46.0.

CONSOLATION GROUP — Tom Brownell, San Jose 7-0-71.0; Bill Vines, Stanislaus County 5-2-53.0; Verdan Zelmar, San Jose 4-3-52.0; Marv Haaland, Mosswood 4-3-51.0; George Greeott, Sonoma County 3-4-46.0; Bob Hanlon, Sonoma County 3-4-44.0; Don Wheeler, Mosswood 1-6-42.0; Arnie Peters, Sonoma County 1-6-40.0.

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.

The annual Nebraska State Tournament will be held on these same courts. Last year's tournament drew 114 players, including men, women and juniors. Don McLance will be the defending champion for the 16th time.

Keene, New Hampshire Lions Club Still Has Advertising Space Available In 1974 World Tournament Brochure

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

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.

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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, artesian 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.

Swanzy 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.

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Camping Facilities — (Continued)

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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.

Greenville, Ohio Ringer Classic Dates Set:

\$200 First Prize Offered

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

The lower men's classes will begin pitching immediately after the women's and junior's classes have completed their games. In the event of an exceptionally large turn-out or rain delay, the courts at the fairgrounds will be used.

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.

Hall Of Fame News

The Hall of Fame committee has been enlarged to 15 members. Bernard Herfurth has consented to head the committee until the 1974 World Tournament. He plans to retire from the position as chairman at that time as he believes that a three year term is long enough. Mr. Cletus Chapelle will be Herfurth's co-chairman this year.

The chairman welcomes the new committee members, namely, the first lady member, Mrs. Ruth Hangen, also Lee Davis, Dale Dixon, Ed McFarland, Donnie Roberts and Earl Winston.

The committee will follow this procedure, all suggestions will be voted on by the committee, and if passed will be sent to our president, who will present them to the Executive Council for approval.

The usual voting system will be used to recommend to the membership at the annual meeting, the results of the committee choices for induction into the Hall of Fame, each committee must vote for 5 candidates each, as a player, and as an organizer. The highest vote getter as an organizer, and the two highest as a player. As the committee votes, first selections receive 5 votes down to the 5th selection who receives one vote. The highest total is recommended. The committee recommends, the membership elects.

The entire membership is asked to send in detailed histories of their choices to Bernard Herfurth, 17 Fort Street, Northampton, Mass. 01060. Histories must be mailed out by May 15th.

President Wally Shipley will call a meeting of the Hall of Fame committee at the World meet at Keene, at which time some suggested re-organization plans may be made.

This winter, letters will be sent to the Regional Directors of the NHPA asking them to contact their state secretaries to organize Hall of Fame committees in their respective states. Players elected to state "Hall of Fames" would be given priority over other members in states that have a Hall of Fame. States not having a Hall of Fame, would continue to be chosen by histories sent to the NHPA committee.

The "energy crisis" permitting, a World meet in 1974 in Keene, New Hampshire will be held. The committee will work on trying to obtain a permanent "site" for a Hall of Fame display. The organizing of a "Hall of Fame" scrap book, also perhaps changing the method of choosing members to the Hall of Fame.

John Rademacher Wins Sarasota, Florida Open

The ground hog saw his shadow but the weather was perfect as 34 pitchers gathered for the annual Sarasota Open Horseshoe Tournament.

John Rademacher of Plant City came away the victor winning all his games and posting a 62.1 ringer percentage. Jack Fahey of Bradenton and Levi Miller of Sarasota finished in a tie for second place. Jack got the honor though as he nosed out Levi by 2.5 percentage points.

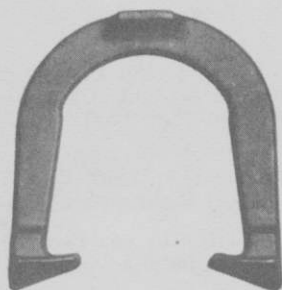
Norwood Ramey a northern visitor from Lancaster, Ohio took top honors in the B group winning all his games and finishing with a fine 53.6 ringer percentage. Second place ended with a four-way tie between Hochstetler, Ferguson, Collins and Morris. Hochstetler with the highest percentage took second and Ferguson finished third nosing out Collins by two-tenths of a percent.

Dwight Thatcher of Brooksville was the Class C winner. Dwight had a fine day winning all his games and finishing with 45.6 ringer percentage. Charlie Pitton of Clearwater took second and Henry Mullett of Sarasota finished third.

Class D was a battle to the very end with Schuétz, Stites and Bates finishing in a three-way tie. Schuetz finally grabbed the honors as he beat out Stites by only one-hundredth of a percent.

The Class E winner was Mose Miller of Sarasota. This was Mose's first win in tournament play and he showed he was going to make it rough on his opponents in the future as he won all his games and came through with a fine 44.1 ringer percentage.

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Sarasota Open — (Continued)

Other people to be recognized for the day are Leo McGrath, Melvin Miller and Chris Hansen. These people were a great help in making our tournament a success and we would like to take this opportunity to say a great big thank you for their efforts. Leo, who is the 1st vice-president of the NHPA, and Melvin took charge of the scoring and recording scores. Chris was the head chef and showed he could fry a mean hamburger.

CLASS A — John Rademacher, Plant City 7-0-62.1; Jack Fahey, Bradenton 4-2-51.0; Levi Miller, Sarasota 4-2-48.5; George Buskey, Clearwater 2-4-47.9; Earl Grable, Bradenton 2-4-42.9; Joe Morgan, Bradenton 2-4-39.5; Bill Wall-schlaeger, Rockford, Ill. 1-5-34.8.

CLASS B — Norwood Ramey, Lancaster, Ohio 7-0-53.6; Harvey Hochstetler, Sarasota 4-3-51.0; Dick Ferguson, Sarasota 4-3-46.6; Marion Collins, Dunedin 4-3-46.4; Earl Morris, Lakeland 4-3-43.3; Ken Reeb, Winter Haven 2-5-43.5; Maurice Rodocker, Bradenton 2-5-40.1; Dick Weigel, Clearwater 1-6-40.9.

CLASS C — Dwight Thatcher, Brooksville 5-0-45.6; Charlie Pitton, Clearwater 3-2-42.7; Henry Mullet, Sarasota 2-3-39.1; Wilbur Rocke, Sarasota 2-3-38.6; Chris Hansen, Sarasota 2-3-37.9; Gerry Cole, Bradenton 1-4-38.5.

CLASS D — Ed Schuetz, Bradenton 5-2-32.3; Frank Sfitos, Bradenton 5-2-32.3; Stan Bates, Sarasota 5-2-31.8; Lester Peary, Bradenton 4-3-33.7; Earl Johnson, Bradenton 4-3-29.4; Ervin Eilers, Bradenton 3-4-27.9; Melvin Miller, Sarasota 1-6-30.0; Bill Deedrick, Sarasota 1-6-20.2.

CLASS E — Mose Miller, Sarasota 5-0-44.1; Janet Cole, Bradenton 4-1-35.1; Bob Widdersheim, Clearwater 3-2-33.7; Ross Hitchcock, Bradenton 2-3-26.2; Norman Gaseau, Clearwater 1-4-24.8; Ken Peer, Sarasota 0-5-21.9.

Rademacher Sweeps Manatee County Meet At Bradenton, Florida

In spite of the gasoline shortage, 44 pitchers turned out at the Manatee County tournament held at Bradenton, Florida. John Rademacher posted 7 straight wins to take top honors. Weather was ideal, being 80 degrees.

CLASS A — John Rademacher 7-0-67.8; Curt Bestul 6-1-65.2; Jack Fahey 5-2-58.4; Wm. Riley 3-4-57.3; Levi Miller 3-4-53.2; Troy Harrison 2-5-61.6; Earl Morris 2-5-45.9; Maurice Rodocker 0-7-38.2.

CLASS B — George Buskey 6-2-50.0; Marion Collins 6-2-44.0; Dick Ferguson 4-4-42.4; Harvey Hochstetler 4-4-39.1; Dick Weigel 4-4-39.1; Oscar Gaudette 3-5-38.0; Roy Wellman 3-5-39.0; Red Benton 3-5-37.8; Charlie Pitton 3-5-37.1.

CLASS C — Joe Morgan 3-2-46.8; Wilbur Rocke 3-2-48.8; Jerry Cole 3-2-46.7; Chris Hansen 3-2-42.9; Henry Mullet 2-3-38.9; Earl Ronnemus 1-4-37.5.

CLASS E — Earle Johnson 5-0-37.4; Frank Stites 4-1-39.0; Les Peary 3-2-38.6; Jack Ellis 2-3-27.1; Ed Lausch 1-4-31.5; Melvin Miller 0-5-26.0.

CLASS F — Harry Garman 4-0-35.8; Moe Miller 2-2-29.6; Bob Graham 2-2-29.5; Norman Gaseau 2-2-24.0; Wm. Starr 0-4-16.4; forfeit.

Zadroga Captures Year's First Red Mill (Washington, Pa.) Event

It was time to get the rusty old shoes out of the box and loosen up for Pennsylvania's mid-winter season. Al Zadroga had no problems getting the kinks out as he went undefeated in the January tournament. Jim Solomon had the high game of the day with 88.9%, and Sherman Bertrand also showed he could still pitch under pressure by defeating Bruce, Solomon, and Engle in close games. John Ruskin of Pittsburgh also went undefeated in Class B, as did Herbert Cornelius from Brilliant, Ohio in Class C.

CLASS A

	W	L	%
Al Zadroga	5	0	77.4
Oscar Engle	3	2	73.8
Sherman Bertrand	3	2	72.3
Jim Solomon	2	3	76.1
Clyde Martz	2	3	73.8
Clair Bruce	0	5	63.4

CLASS B

	W	L	%
John Ruskin	5	0	70.1
Sherman Bertrand	4	1	72.5
Jack Rainbow	3	2	66.1
Paul Meyers	2	3	59.8
Al Booth	1	4	55.7
Kenny Smith	0	5	39.9

CLASS C

	W	L	%
Herbert Cornelius	4	0	51.5
Ray Henry	3	1	43.0
Raymond Clark	2	2	30.0
Frank Giampa	1	3	31.2
George Hall	0	4	24.1

Kentucky Has New Secretary-Treasurer

John Hankins has been appointed to fill the unexpired term of Danny Webb, who resigned at the October meeting of the Kentucky Horseshoe Pitcher's Association after serving three years as secretary-treasurer. All correspondence should be sent to the new secretary-treasurer at the following address: John Hankins, 4411 Shenandoah Dr., Louisville, Kentucky 40222.

Juniors — Players Of The Future

By Russell J. Sweeney, Massachusetts Secretary

Once again there is concern about the lack of progress our sport has made over the years and also what the future may be. Several changes are being contemplated by our National officers that I consider to be worthwhile and necessary if we are to progress. I would like to place emphasis on the subject of Junior players. I believe their degree of involvement will largely determine our future.

I have made a review of tournaments listed in the 1973 editions of the News Digest. The results are conclusive and should be of concern to those interested in the promotion and future of our sport. This review disclosed the following facts:

1. Approximately 340 tournaments were posted.
2. 220 had no Junior entrants.
3. Of the 118 that had Junior entrants, only 38 had 10 or more entrants.
4. Only 15 states conducted tournaments with 10 or more Junior entrants.
5. 18 states showed no Junior activity.
6. The New England Tournament is attracting about the same number of Junior entrants as the National Tournament.

A sport that does not encourage youth participation at best will only continue to survive. I find it very difficult to understand the apparent lack of interest that the average adult player has for the participation of Junior players, both boys and girls. We enjoy this sport and yet appear to be reluctant to expend our efforts to share the pleasures with others. An active Junior program could greatly assist in the expansion of present facilities. If you can show your local Recreation Departments a good need for building courts, I'm sure they would respond.

There are those who say you cannot hold the interest of Juniors. My personal experience has proven that they are interested and enjoy the game as we do. They show a great deal of enthusiasm for tournament competition. I started a Junior program at the St. Moritz Club, Quincy, Massachusetts in 1971 and it has been successful. The parents of these Juniors, with one exception, are not players and have no real personal interest in the sport. I still have, with few exceptions, the original group and their enthusiasm and talent continues to increase. I am looking forward to another season and the enjoyment of association with these youngsters.

Many of these youngsters when they reach high school age will be diverted from our sport. It is to be hoped that many would return in later years and play an active part in their area. The impression that we leave with them could influence their return.

Our National motto, "Keep them on the courts, not in the courts," is an excellent phrase. If we devoted more effort to that cause we would all benefit. For those who are willing to devote time to encourage Junior participation, I can only guarantee that your efforts will be well rewarded with self-satisfaction.

The kids are interested, they keep waiting for our interest in them. I will gladly exchange thoughts on this subject with you, write to me at 114 Montclair Ave., North Quincy, Massachusetts 02171.

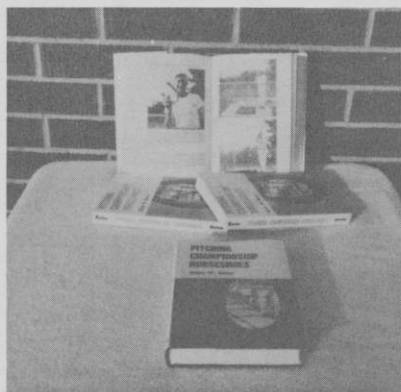
Danielson Play-Off Winner Of Iowa Old Thresher's Open

In one of last season's tournaments held in Iowa, Ernie "4-High" Danielson, veteran ringer master from Burlington, Iowa, topped the Class A division of the annual Old Thresher's Tournament held at the fairgrounds in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. He won the 3-way play-off over John Law of Gladstone, Illinois and Harold Durette of Peoria, Illinois. By coincidence, Danielson is an old thresher man from year's ago.

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(A very late report)

Ed Domey edged out victory in the Franklin County Fair Invitational tournament in Greenfield, Massachusetts, Sunday, September 9, 1973.

It was a playoff for first place between Ed Domey from Sutton and Bernard Herfurth, Massachusetts state champ of Northampton 50 to 39. Domey 70.3%; Herfurth 64.9%. In the contest, Herfurth had the high game of 78.3%.

It was a good day for pitching shoes then, all games were 60 shoes.

CLASS A — Ed Domey, Mass. 6-1-64.5; B. Herfurth, Mass. 6-1-64.9; M. Merritt, Mass. 5-2-66.1; A. Dodge, Mass. 5-2-64.7; A. Whitaker, Mass. 2-5-59.4; C. Richardson, Mass. 2-5-56.1; J. Renfro, Mass. 1-6-57.6; W. Burton, Vt. 1-6-49.7.

CLASS B — H. Churchill, Mass. 6-0-57.3; H. Swedberg, Mass. 5-2-51.0; Ed. Courville, Mass. 3-3-54.0; R. Copley, Mass. 3-3-45.0; L. Barnes 2-4-54.6; P. Drowne, Mass. 2-4-42.2; F. Judd, Mass. 0-6-29.4; R. Hastings, Mass. forfeit.

CLASS C — G. Brinkman, Mass. 5-1-43.4; A. Blazer, Mass. 4-2-42.6; Al Hamel, Mass. 4-2-41.9; R. Rodrigue, Conn. 4-2-41.3; N. Burton, Mass. 2-4-38.4; J. Plummer, Mass. 2-4-25.6; S. Wickline, Mass. 0-6-32.0.

CLASS D — W. Baker, Mass. 6-1-38.3; K. Rogers, Mass. 6-1-34.3; P. Aube, Mass. 4-3-34.7; R. Kingsley, Mass. 4-3-25.6; M. Hartwell, Mass. 3-4-31.9; F. Klockars, Mass. 2-5-23.5; Al Mondell, Mass. 1-6-28.5; S. Dodge, Mass. 0-7-2.1.

CLASS E — A. Savage, Mass. 7-0-19.3; Ron Howe, Mass. 5-2-23.3; A. Nacewicz, Mass. 4-3-25.9; R. Holden, Mass. 4-3-18.1; Ron Barnes 4-3-17.0; J. Os-good, Mass. 2-5-11.6; S. Britt, Mass. 2-5-9.4; C. Armitage, Mass. 0-7-13.0.

Charles Scott Wins "Clark Bell Open" At Baldwin Park, California

A new star has appeared in the horseshoe sky over Southern California in the person of Charles W. Scott. "Scotty", a class "C" pitcher in 1973 who occasionally showed signs of great potential, put it all together to win the "Clark Bell Open" January 27th. In winning this two group 14 man tournament, Scotty defeated Jerry Schneider, present State Champ. He also won from Jim Weeks, a former State Champ, and in the play-off with the winner of the other group, he won from John Walker, another former State Champ. Jonas Snyder, winner of this tournament last year, finished 5th. Mrs. Clark Bell supplied and presented the awards. This was the first 1974 tournament played under Southern California new 50 shoe games. It was voted to play all tournaments, 50 shoes except the State Championship.

	W	L	%		W	L	%
C. Scott, San Bernardino..	7	0	65.1	C. Bailey, Glendora	3	3	48.0
J. Walker, Chula Vista.....	6	1	63.1	H. Drogemuller, Van Nuys	2	4	53.3
J. Schneider, Cypress	5	2	71.1	N. Flann, Westminster.....	2	4	53.0
E. Brown, Anaheim	5	2	59.4	W. Berg, Pasadena	2	4	48.3
J. Snyder, Chula Vista	4	2	66.3	C. Mortenson, Culver City	1	5	53.0
J. Weeks, Norwalk	3	3	63.3	A. Amador, Alamitos	1	5	44.6
C. Tucker, La Jolla	3	3	52.0	H. Slagg, Ontario	0	6	38.3

San Berdu, Calif. Club Holds Meeting And Tournament

On January 13, at the Perris Hill Park courts, the San Bernardino, California Horseshoe Pitcher's Club held its annual meeting and election of 1974 officers. Harry Morin and George Offen were re-elected president and vice-president respectively and Joseph Raby, interim secretary-treasurer. Following the meeting, a doubles tournament was held.

Charles Scott (SB) and Ken Ratley (SB) — 7-0; Harold Slagg (Ontario) and Randy Priddy (SB) — 6-1; George Offen (SB) and Earl Hogan (SB) — 4-3; Sam Haigh (Loma Linda) and Harry Morin (SB) — 4-3; Archie McCallum (Riverside) and Joseph Raby (Rialto) — 3-4; Harry Morse (Beaumont) and Fred Stewart (Colton) — 3-4; K. Dudley (SB) and Elmer Briggs (SB) — 1-6.

News Of The Provincial Associations — Canada

NEW BRUNSWICK — The 1974 New Brunswick Horseshoe Championships have been awarded to the Town of Woodstock. Charles Dupuis, president of the N.B.H.P.A. recently released the dates for the event as Saturday, August 10 for doubles and Sunday, August 11 for the single competitions.

If you have the intentions of competing in Woodstock, send entries along with \$1.00 entry fee to: Leo Porter, 509 Champlain Street in Saint John, N. B. The event is for New Brunswick residents only and the deadline for accepting entries is July 15, 1974.

Another matter of utmost importance to N. B. players is that the 1974 N.B.H.P.A. membership fees of \$3.00 are now due. Send your renewal to Leo Porter, Sec.-Treas., N.B.H.P.A., in order to support and encourage your Association, along with name and change of address.

Classification in the N. B. Championships are as follows: A — 25% and over / B — 19% to 24% / C — 10% to 18% / D — 9% and under.

NOVA SCOTIA — The Nova Scotia Horseshoe Players Association hope to be able with the cooperation of its registered members and the support from the business firms in the province, to hold the first ever annual Nova Scotia Horseshoe Championships in 1974.

Further information can be obtained by writing to Cyrus Gould, N.S.H.P.A. President, 11 Beacon Street in Amherst, N. S.

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Spring Fever Open — Marion, Ohio, May 24-25-26

The Spring Fever Open will be held at the Garfield Park courts at Marion, Ohio on May 24-25-26.

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 15 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.

Day-Bell Icicle Open Won By Carl Young Of Ohio

Carl Young, Columbus, Ohio took first place in the January Icicle Open at Day-Bell courts, Dayton, Kentucky, losing only to Bill Henn 52-18 in the first match. Henn having a hot hand and tossing 53 ringers out of 64 shoes for 82.8 to Young's 67.2. Curt Bestul, Wisconsin defeated Henn, 50-49 setting the stage for a first place tie. In the playoff, Young defeated Henn 50-42, averaging 73.3% to Henn's 70.9%. Third place went to Elmer Harrison with a 5-2, 66.8% average.

CLASS A — Carl Young 7-1-63.6; Bill Henn 6-2-73.6; Elmer Harrison 5-2-66.8; Curt Bestul 5-2-63.0; Les Rose 3-4-63.5; Max Roseberry 2-5-57.7; John Napier 1-6-56.9; Stan Manker 0-7 forfeit. High game Bill Henn 82.8%.

CLASS B — Chick Henn 7-0-54.6; Ottie Reno 5-2-49.7; Steve Reynolds 5-2-43.0; Boop Rogg 4-3-49.5; Mac McCombs 3-4-38.9; Del Stewart 2-5-42.9; John Hughes 1-6-37.3; Jerry Hoeffert 1-6-30.8. High game Class B Chick Henn 66.0.

CLASS C — Lou Smith 7-0-48.0; Bob Simpson 6-1-47.1; Ed Henn 4-3-40.8; Leo Goodwin 3-4-37.1; Bob Gibbons 2-5-32.5; Bob Arnzen 2-5-30.0; Lou Arnzen 2-5-24.8; John Rooney 2-5-24.8. High game Class C Lou Smith 60.0.

CLASS D — Jim Ahrens 6-1-26.2; Dan Moore 5-2-27.1; Bob Snider 4-3-26.8; Jay Walton 4-3-26.0; Gene Webster 4-3-24.2; Don Woods 3-4-24.5; Clarence Duncan 2-5-22.5; Bob Williams 0-7-13.0.

In the first class for novice pitchers, a fifty-shoe count-all games, Jim Walton of Newport, Kentucky won first place. This class was for 10 percenters

Icicle Open — (Continued)

and under. In the final game, Walton defeated Gerald Landers 25-23, with Gerald having 2 ringers, and Walton none. All contestants in this class were pitching in their first tournament.

NOVICE CLASS — Jim Walton 5-0-10.4; Jim McManis 4-1-21.6; Bob Kaiser 3-2-8.0; Aaron Kirk 2-3-5.0; Jim Buckholz 1-4-2.0; Gerald Landers 0-5-.16.

WOMEN'S CLASS A — Janet Reno 5-1-52.6; Ruth Kirk 4-2-41.3; Ava Brown 3-3-34.3; Jennie Reno 1-5-39.4.

Art Tyson Sweeps Long Island Open Using "Tornado" Or Swiss System

By Bob Sutton of New York

I borrowed the term "tornado" from the world of chess to conduct the Long Island Open tournament held last fall. Those of you who follow chess know the great popularity of the tornado or Swiss system. I have merely adapted this idea so that it will work for horseshoe. See results that follow this story.

The reason I developed this system is because for a long time I have felt that, in spite of the best efforts of tournament directors, it is impossible to place every player in the proper class — especially for a one-day tournament. Time and again I have seen the winner and runner-up in Class B, and sometimes the C winner, have higher ringer percentages than the tailenders in Class A. This tornado system provides a way for a player in Class D (or any other class) to win the entire tournament!

This, I am sure, is not the last word on the subject, but my hope is that tournament directors can refine the basic idea to fit their local situation.

First, a few general thoughts.

- A. The ideal number of players would be from 20 to 48 players. For example, if a club has twelve courts, then 24 players could be accommodated; 18 courts — 36 players, etc. My feeling is that 20 to 24 players would be the ideal number for this system to be desirable. (A club with 24 courts could have two groups of 24 — this would cut down the ringer percentage spread between the top and bottom players).
- B. 48 players would be the maximum because it would take seven rounds to have a winner.
- C. 20 to 24 players could be handled in five rounds; 25 to 36 players in six rounds. With time such a problem for us all, six might be the ideal number of rounds.
- D. The square root of the number of players immediately discloses the minimum number of rounds necessary to have a winner.
- E. The fifty shoe system should be used to save time because after the first and second round it takes about ten minutes to select the pairings for the next round.
- F. I favor the use of the one point rule at the end of 48 or 50 shoes to maintain interest in the game to the end. (After 48 shoes the player leading at that time must score at least one more point in order to win. Some of you may recall that I first suggested this innovation at the convention at the World Tournament in Ohio in 1972). For ease in computing ringer percentage, any shoes beyond 50 could be left out of the calculation. This would save a great deal of time. We tried this at New Rochelle and the reaction was favorable.
- G. 3 x 5 cards listing the name, address, and ringer percentage of each player should be filled out. The player's won and lost record should be recorded on this card and used to make the pairings. The cards should be saved as addresses and phone numbers would be kept up-to-date.

After running the Long Island Open this past fall using this system, a few observations:

Long Island Open — (Continued)

1. The system works — most players enjoyed not knowing who their next opponent would be.
2. Ringer percentage should be used to decide the standings in all classes except the top class, otherwise it may be complicated and take too much time. (Also percentage has even more importance!).
3. It takes eight to twelve minutes to set up each round.
4. A great deal of time is saved setting up the tournament. All that has to be done is list the players from high to low by percentage. This more than off-sets the time lost in setting up each round.
5. It may be necessary and desirable for two players to play each other again in the last round if the number of entries is small.
6. There were many upsets — this generated a lot of interest for the lower percentage pitchers.
7. Late entries can be easily accommodated. For example, in the under 45% group I paired four men who arrived ten minutes after round number one had started.

FINAL STANDINGS (ABOVE 45% AVERAGE)

CLASS A — A. Tyson 6-0-69.3; L. Gancos 4-1-61.0; L. Stines 4-1-61.0.

CLASS B — A. Cherry 4-1-58.7; B. Kolb 4-1-56.0.

CLASS C — P. Zozzaro 3-2-58.3; B. Hermann 3-2-49.7.

FINAL STANDINGS (BELOW 45% AVERAGE)

CLASS D — G. Nemchick 4-1-39.6; P. Schultz 4-1-36.0. Nemchick won play-off from Schultz, Ravencraft, and O. Smith.

CLASS E — O. Smith 4-1-39.6; W. Rogers 3-2-31.6. Rogers won over Poggiolo and Syzmanski by ringer percentage.

CLASS F — J. Moroso 2-3-30.8; H. Erhardt 2-3-28.8.

Annual Spring Open Indoor Tourney — Ottumwa, Iowa

The annual Ottumwa, Iowa Spring Open Indoor tournament will be held on Sunday, March 24 at the Coliseum indoor courts opposite Riverside park in Ottumwa, Iowa. Bring your own score and be present by 10:30 A.M. as the finals will start with the lower classes taking to the courts at 11 A.M. Two trophies will be awarded in each class.

N.H.P.A. FINANCIAL REPORT: November 1, 1973 through January 31, 1974

Balance on hand Nov. 1, 1973.....\$ 5,024.63

INCOME:

November 1, 1973 through January 31, 1974:

Membership & Subscriptions,

205 @ \$5.00..... 1,025.00

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\$11,538.72

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Cash on Hand; dep. Feb. 1, 1974 747.50

\$10,721.72

Cash shortage; Mem. & Subscrip.

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Total \$10,720.72

DISBURSEMENTS:

Office Expense; Eureka, postage,

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'73 Hall of Fame & Spec. Awards 71.29

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Special Allowance; Ellis Cobb..... 200.00

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Digest Printing; Nov., Dec., Jan... 2,253.14

Digest Postage; Nov., Dec., Jan... 717.11

Digest Envelopes 759.75

Digest Addressograph Plates..... 59.85

Total \$ 5,463.89

Respectfully submitted,

W. Ray Williams, Sec.-Treas., NHPA



“From Out Of The Mail Bag”

January 25, 1974

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P. O. Box 1606
Aurora, Illinois 60507

Dear Sir:

I'm submitting the following article

NEW FORMAT FOR THE WORLD'S CHAMPIONSHIP

The 50 shoe game is becoming more popular each year. New Jersey uses this method in all their tournaments except the state championship. Indiana and New York State, I believe, use it in all their tournaments. Canada has been using the 50 shoe game for several years.

The 50 shoe game will some day become the accepted method of play. The change will occur because of necessity. As the number of pitchers increase, time becomes an important factor. If the game is ever to be televised, the 50 shoe game will become a must. Many years ago, when horseshoes was on TV out of Chicago, the 50 shoe game was used.

The transition will be slow, so until we get the change I'd like to suggest the following change in the format of the World's Championship.

Most World's Championship sites have 24 courts, thus increase the championship class to 48 men. Divide the 48 men into two groups of 24 each. Each group would play a robin robin of 23 games. The top 12 of Group A would then play the top 12 of Group B for a total of 35 games. The end result is exactly the same as our present format.

The bottom 12 of Group A play the bottom 12 of Group B for places 25 thru 48.

The next 48 players play the same way for the World's Amateur Championship.

The advantages of this method are:

1. More of the top players get to play in the World's Championship.
2. It will encourage many players to attend, since they have a better chance of making the Championship class.
3. The prize money can be higher, since the second group of 48 would be Amateurs and would only receive trophies or medals.
4. The top players in the country would be seeded and thus eliminate qualifying. The tournament could be shortened to 6-8 days.

Sol Berman

4-City Team Tournament Held At Letts, Iowa

Teams from 4-cities in close proximity to Letts, Iowa participated in a tournament held in that city. The winner being the team from Letts, Iowa with 16 wins, Burlington, Iowa with 14 wins. Galesburg, Illinois with 10 wins, followed by Fairfield, Iowa with 9 wins. Bill Vandegriff of Fairfield had the high ringer percentage of 73.2 percent. Door prizes and silver dollars were given in place of trophy prizes for scorekeepers and first, second, third and fourth place teams. The Letts courts are called "The Dust Bowl Courts."

COMING EVENTS

- March 17 — Indiana Association Spring Meeting, 4-H Fairgrounds, Lebanon, Ind.
- April 26-28, 1974 — Sixth Annual Open. Carolina Dogwood Festival Tournament. Statesville, North Carolina.
- May 24-25-26, 1974 — Spring Fever Open, Marion, Ohio.
- June 2 — Fairbury Open Tournament, Fairbury, Nebraska.
- June 9 — Crete Open Tournament, Crete, Nebraska.
- June 8-9 — First Annual Marion County Open, Memorial Park Courts, Hillsboro, Kansas.
- 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 Courts, Combined Locks, Wisconsin.
- August 12 — Annual Falls City Open Tournament, Falls City, Nebraska.
- August 19 — Mound City Open, Mound City, Missouri.
- 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.

PENNSYLVANIA WINTER SCHEDULE

Winter Schedule — Red Mill, Washington, Penna. Send \$5.00 entry fee to Clyde Martz, 148 Marble Drive, Bridgeville, Penna. 15017. Tournament dates — Mar. 9 & 10; Apr. 20 & 21.

1973-1974 FLORIDA TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

- Mar. 7-9 — Strawberry Festival, Plant City Fairgrounds. Contact John Rademacher, 408 Pevetty Dr., Plant City, Fla. 33566 - 813 - 752-1226.
- Mar. 21-23 — DeSota Open, Bradenton Trailer Park. Earle Johnson, 3031 - 12 Ave. E., Bradenton, Fla. 33505 - 813 - 746-8298.
- Mar. 30-31 — Pow-Wow, Seminole. Contact Lee Davis, 13299 - 87th Ave. No., Seminole, Fla., 33542 - 813 - 392-8504.
- Apr. 6-7 — Florida State (Closed), Plant City Fairgrounds. John Rademacher, 408 Pevetty Dr. Plant City, Fla. 33566 - 813-752-1226.

1974 MASSACHUSETTS SCHEDULE

(All sanctioned)

- * March 24 - 31 — Easter Ham Shoot.
 - * 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 Lowell H. P. A.)
- June 16 - 23 — Mass. Open at Heritage Recreation Center. (Sponsored by the St. Moritz Club, Quincy.)

HERITAGE RECREATION CENTER TOURNAMENT DATES

- Mar. 24, Easter Ham Shoot, 39% Classes and down.
- Mar. 31, Easter Ham Shoot, 40% Classes and up.
- Apr. 21, Spring Warm-Up, 39% Classes and down.
- Apr. 28, Spring Warm-Up, 40% Classes and up.
- May 19, 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. NOTES: Indiana members must pitch in at least three (3) Indiana sanctioned tournaments during the year to be eligible to pitch in State Tournament. All tournaments will be 50-shoe cancellation.

- Mar. 2-3 — March Open at Rushville. Indoor. Mailing deadline, Feb. 20; phone deadline, Feb. 22 noon. Entry fee \$6.00.
- 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.

- Apr. 20 — Sarasota Ringer Classic, Bee Ridge Park. Contact Dick Ferguson, 4337 Midland Rd., Sarasota, Fla. 33581 - 813 - 924-4117.
- June 8 — Bee Ridge Open, Sarasota. Contact Dick Ferguson, 4337 Midland Rd., Sarasota, Fla. 33581 - 813 - 924-4117.

PLEASE NOTE: All entries must be in the hands of the proper contacts 7 days prior to the starting tournament date. All FLORIDA pitchers will be classified according to their current average. All others must send their current average with their entry fee.

- 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 Tournament 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

EASTERN PENNA. SCHEDULE

East Penna. Horseshoe Pitcher's Association 1974 Tournament Schedule, to be open 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., Trevoise, Pa. 19047, Tournament Director 215-355-1981.

June 9.....U. S. Eastern Open
June 23....Bristol Township Recreation Open
July 7.....East Coast Open
July 21.....Delaware Valley Open
Aug. 17, 18.....Pennsylvania Open
at New Cumberland, Pa. Contact Daniel Beshore, Rte 2, New Cumberland, Pa. 17070 or Phone 717-938-2945 for information.
Aug. 25.....Lower Bucks County Open
Sept. 15.....East Penna. Open

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
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 Glenmore 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 MUST 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.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SCHEDULE

Feb. 24 — Class C & I Open, South Gate.
Mar. 3 — Pomona Doubles, Pick Partners, Pomona.
Mar. 10 — Baldwin Park B Open, Baldwin Park.
Mar. 17 — Orange G Open, Orange.
Mar. 24 — Class E & H & J Open, South Gate.
Mar. 31 — Pick Partner Doubles, South Gate.
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 Handicap, 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.
July 14 — Pick Partners Doubles, South 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 Championship, A-B-C-Seniors-Boys-Women, South Gate.
Sept. 7 — Orange Pick Partners Doubles, Orange.
Sept. 8 — Southern California Championships 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 Championships C & I, South Gate.
Oct. 6 — San Diego Pick Partners Doubles, San Diego.
Oct. 13 — Southern California Championships E & 60 Yr, South Gate.
Oct. 19 — Lowell Gray Open, Pomona.
Oct. 20 — Class C Open, Orange.
Oct. 27 — Southern California Championship Doubles, South Gate.
Nov. 3 — Gunnar Hansen B Open, Baldwin Park.
Nov. 10 — Sam Haigh D Open, San Berdu.
Nov. 17 — John Gordon Open, Pomona.

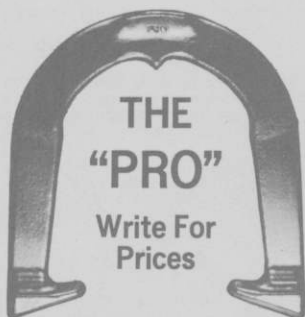
DAY-BELL INDOOR HORSESHOE COURTS 320 Clay Street Dayton, Kentucky TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE 1973-1974

March 9-10 — Harry Henn Memorial.
April 20-21 — Spring Tune-up.
May 4-5 — Doubles Classic.

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