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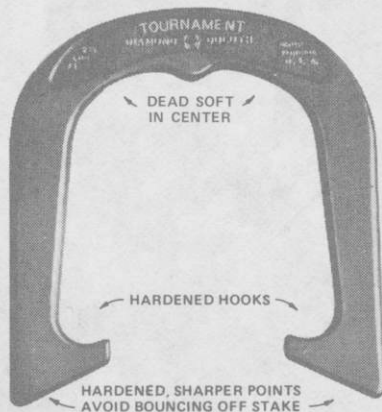
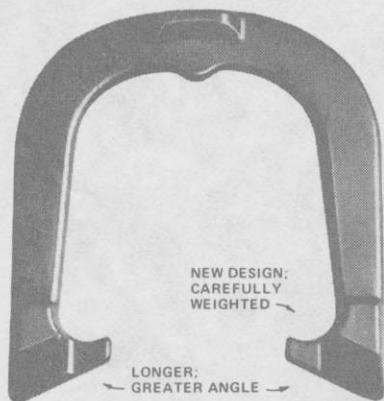
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NHPA President's Message

Thanks to the members of Southern California Association for voting me into the SCHPA Hall of Fame. I am touched and honored to have the privilege to be in the company of such as Elmer Beller, Isais, Weeks, Gregson, etc. It was another great moment in my life of horseshoes. One I will never forget.

My trip to Mesa, Arizona attending the Valley of the Sun tournament was most enjoyable. Three Regional Directors were there, Bob Graham, Texas; P. D. Riley, New Mexico; and Clarence Giles, Utah. It's nice to know they all have some great ideas for their areas. I also met one of our great authors of the Digest, Jim Woodsen of Texas. It's nice to know what these people look like who write these outstanding articles. Did you read Jim's latest one in the March issue? He and Graham told me about this venture in Mesa. It really sounds great. Maybe it will be the way of the future alone with all these great indoor courts across the country.

While in Mesa I had another privilege, that being able to view New Mexico's "Fur Lined Spittoon". P. D. Riley had one with him. It makes a great and different trophy.

Most of all thanks to everyone in Mesa for all those kind words regarding the direction this administration is going. It was nice seeing all the old friends and meeting new ones. Walter Stearns and other officers did a good job in completing the 84-man tournament because of two days of rain.

I had an important comment given to me in Mesa which I want to pass on to you for what it's worth. Quote: "When new members join Horseshoe Clubs, they do not feel that they are a part or are informed of the rules and are still on the outside unless they are part of the "in-crowd" or the "Clique". - Unquote. If this is true and I can see in some cases where it could happen, it could be a good reason why we lose members each year. Maybe there ought to be a club welcoming committee.

Bob West came to Mesa, so I had a chance to chat with him. Bob had a suggestion for all of us to think about. That is, to alternate round pitches. A player makes a complete round, then his opponent makes a round. Bob feels this way we would all have the same advantage. I feel it's a good suggestion and worthy of some thought and perhaps some discussion at Lafayette. For more information write Bob West, P. O. Box 44, Scappoose, Oregon 97056.

Following are the 1975 World Tournament expenses approved by the Executive Council. Office, \$500; Judges, \$150; Groundskeepers, \$125; Post qualifying scores and game results, \$50; Scorekeepers, approximately \$1,000. All expenses are same as 1974 except Judges which I increased \$25 and scorekeepers will cost more because we will pay 50 cents for each game same as qualifying. Williams will be in charge of the office and responsible for getting scorekeepers and getting some one in Lafayette to handle groundskeepers and posting scores. Leo McGrath will be in charge of the judges.

The proposed By-Law changes and agenda for the 1975 Convention will be in the next issue.

Following my return from Mesa, I became ill, then I had to get ready for my new office in Orange along with my residence move to Orange, so I am behind in responding to correspondence.

Bob Pence and Glenn Whiteaker assure me that everything is moving along in Lafayette, Indiana. They have received the NHPA Hall of Fame Plaque which is now on display in Lafayette. Thanks to Ed Domey and Pete Shepard for the excellent job of crating the plaque.

Sincerely,

Wally Shipley

Rademacher Front Runner In Pinellas County (Fla.) Open

While the entire nation was in the midst of a deep freeze and falling white flakes, an able group of stake charmers assembled at the Seminole, Florida courts. Six classes of six men each vied for the awards and honors of the day. Seven states and Canada were representative of the games loyal members. Late applicants for entry into the tourney had to be turned down as requests arrived after the set deadline. However, some came as stand-bys and ended playing in place of the few who did not come. In the balm and cool weather most pitchers started the day wearing jackets, sweaters and other outer garments, but as the day wore on they began to discard these, with shirt sleeves being the order for the rest of the day. The tournament ran smoothly under the able guidance of Lee Davis and Sarg Cook.

Seventy per cent games were not uncommon, with even some of the lower classes pitching their share of them. The highest average for the day was a 78.9% game pitched by Joe Morgan of Indiana. Class A was won by John Rademacher of Plant City, Florida, winning all his games and sporting a neat 71.3 overall average; Maurice Rodocker of Bradenton, Florida dominated the Class D by not losing a game while pitching a fine steady 44.6%; Class B honors went to Joe Morgan of Indiana, winning 4 and losing 1 for an average of 59%; Class C proved a little tougher and required a playoff game between Speed Gillespie of Indiana and Harvey Hochstetler of Sarasota, Florida; Speed emerging victor with a 4 and 1 record and a cool 45.6; Class F was handled easily by Red Benton of Plant City, Florida, losing 1 while winning 4 and having a respectable 36.8% ringer average; last class to be heard from was Class E and he had little competition, outclassing his opponents, and winning all five games by a large margin and compiling a 46% average.

All classes had 10 or less points difference in averages between the 6 men in the group. A concession stand was manned by the Seminole Volunteer Fire Dept. Auxiliary and the Seminole Fire Dept. provided the chairs and tables. Not to be left out are the scorekeepers and grounds tenders who did the usual able and yet thankless tour of duty without complaint.

CLASS A				CLASS B			
	W	L	%		W	L	%
John Rademacher, Plant City	5	0	71.3	J. Morgan, Ind.	4	1	59.0
K. Van Sant, Ind.	3	2	62.9	D. Ferguson, Sarasota	3	2	54.5
M. Freeman, Mich.	3	2	57.0	Helding, Ill.	2	3	50.2
J. Holland, Mich.	2	3	59.0	K. Drury, Ontario	2	3	46.6
L. Miller, Sarasota	2	3	58.0	C. Pitton, Clearwater	2	3	46.6
M. Richmond, Minn.	0	5	56.0	J. Reed, Ind.	2	3	45.8
CLASS C				CLASS D			
	W	L	%		W	L	%
S. Gillespie, Ind.	4	1	44.6	M. Rodocker, Bradenton	5	0	44.6
H. Hochstetler, Sarasota	4	1	45.3	K. Reeb, Winter Haven	4	1	45.8
D. Whitmer, Winter Haven	3	2	43.7	K. Drury, Ontario	3	2	50.3
Bowman, Minn.	2	3	42.4	H. Mullet, Sarasota	2	3	38.1
M. Collins, Dunedin	2	3	40.3	D. Weigel, Clearwater	1	4	34.6
Ed Brakeman, St. Petersburg	0	5	39.3	B. Warseck, Ill.	1	4	34.4
CLASS E				CLASS F			
	W	L	%		W	L	%
R. Benton, Plant City	4	1	36.8	W. Blum, Wisc.	5	0	46.0
B. Withersheim, Clearwater	3	2	38.8	E. Johnson, Bradenton	4	1	34.4
E. Shepherd, Mich.	3	2	33.1	Ed Schuetz, Wisc.	3	2	29.6
O. Gaudette, N. Smyrna Beach	2	3	40.0	R. Gillen, Sarasota	2	3	20.8
F. Stites, Bradenton	2	3	38.8	M. Myhre, Bradenton	1	4	27.8
R. Koons, Seminole	1	4	27.2	P. Barrette, Canada	0	5	24.0

Ohio Central District, Hebron, Ohio — September 6-7

The Ohio Central District Tournament will be held on September 6th and 7th at the Hebron, Ohio courts. There will be "no qualifying" this year. All contestants must send a \$5.00 entry fee and your highest 1975 ringer percentage to Don Jones, Box 62, Jacksontown, Ohio 43030 or phone 323-0660 before midnight September 1, 1975. There will be no refunds and the Licking County Horseshoe Club reserves the right to place pitchers according to their previous performances. NHPA card required.

COVER PICTURE . . . Shown this month is the Leavenworth, Kansas club team. From left to right: Roy Kreutyer, Guy Tinder, Bill Chester, Buzz Dickson, captain, Gene Fleck and Wilfred Rettle.

Annual Hebron Open, June 20, 21, 22, Hebron, Ohio

The Ninth Annual Hebron Open Tournament will be held June 20, 21 and 22 in Hebron, Ohio and will be sponsored by the Licking County Horseshoe Club. All entrants must qualify at the courts on June 20, from 6 p. m. until midnight or on June 21 until noon. In the event that rain delays the qualifying rounds, last year's qualifying score will be used. There will be no refunds to entries unable to pitch at the scheduled time. NHPA card is required. Entry fee will be \$5.00. Classes A and B will be eight men with three trophies, all other classes will be six men with two trophies. Also, a trophy will be given to the high qualifier. Any women or juniors interested in pitching, must send a 100 shoe qualifying score to Don Jones, Box 62, Jacksontown, Ohio 43030, before June 13. There are many motels and restaurants nearby. Jim Knisley is the defending champion.

In Memoriam

The Middlesex Horseshoe Club and the New Jersey State Association sadly announce the death of Henry "Hank" Mullen, Jr., of 27 Allison Street, South Plainfield, N. J. 07080.

Born in Lowell, Massachusetts on September 23, 1919, he moved to South Plainfield, N. J. 21 years ago.

He passed away Thursday, January 23, 1975, at the Beth Israel Hospital in Newark, N. J., while undergoing open heart surgery.

A combat infantry veteran, decorated with the Silver Star and the Croix de Guerre, he was a Staff Sergeant with the First Army and campaigned in Normandy and North Africa during World War II.

After the war he worked as an iron worker and until his death was employed as a foreman for the Perth Amboy Iron Workers Local. Specializing as a bridge builder, some of his more prominent jobs include the construction of the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge between Staten Island and Brooklyn, and bridges spanning the Garden State Parkway.

"Hank", a valuable member of the Middlesex Horseshoe Club, was instrumental in the construction of the 24 courts in Middlesex and the Berman Indoor Courts in Elizabeth, N. J.

Many NHPA members remember "Hank" as an active assistant in running the 1971 World Tournament in Middlesex.

As a horseshoe player, no one enjoyed the game more than "Hank", a tough but friendly competitor. He was unselfish in his "behind the scenes" efforts toward the improvement and progress of the sport and of the Middlesex Horseshoe Club, to which he belonged since 1967. His friendly, outgoing and optimistic personality will be sorely missed.

During his career as a horseshoe player he improved his game from 25 per cent to 50 per cent before he had to "slow down" because of heart problems. He won many trophies, some of which include the Class "C" State Championship in 1968, the Class "C" and Class "B" State Doubles Championships with his partner Leo Miller in 1967 and 1968, and the 1971 Class "B" New Jersey Open Championship.

"Hank" is survived by his wife Carolyn (Carrie) and two sons, Michael, age 21, and "Jimmie", age 17, who, at the World Tournament in Ohio in 1972, was the recipient of a set of Jukskei skeis presented by our South African guests.

A "Mass for a departed Christian" was given for "Hank" at the Sacred Heart Church in South Plainfield and interment followed in the Holy Redeemer Cemetery, also in South Plainfield.

The Middlesex Club and the New Jersey Association sadly say "Good-bye" to this Irish "Grand Man".

I WONDER!

By Jim Burrow of Texas

Have you ever wondered why there are so few 70% or 80% horseshoe pitchers? Well, there are several methods that you can employ in becoming a good horseshoe pitcher.

One easy way to good pitching is to be single, divorced or hard of hearing. Well, there are some other ways. You can pay some scientist six million dollars to build you an arm like that guy on television. No money you say, well there are still other ways! You could be reincarnated and come back as one of Ray Williams' sons, or you could sell your soul to the devil.

One guy told me that the best way to find out the secret of pitching over 70% could be found out by writing to Ted Allen and asking him. I asked the guy if it worked and he said, "Well, I don't know. I spend so much time answering Ted's letters that I never have the time to put them to good use." Another guy told me to read the "Tips From Experts" in the Horseshoe Pitcher's Digest. I was going to try that until I saw this character pitch. He had a $\frac{3}{4}$ pitcher's stance, a flip-flop pitcher's grip, a $1\frac{1}{4}$ pitcher's back-swing, no step (no one ever wrote about the secret of a step), and a crazy rhythm (he watched old Chubby Checker movies to practice rhythm). Would you believe that he pitched 90% ringers? However, after 10 shoes he would be so dizzy that he couldn't walk, much less pitch horseshoes! Oh well, I bet that no one ever again wonders why there are so few 70% and 80% horseshoe pitchers.

Support Your Local Indoor Horseshoe Courts

By Donnie Roberts

The Pike County, Ohio Indoor Horseshoe Courts are in their first year of operation. Play started on November 1, 1974. The building is booked every night until May 1. On Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday nights there are team leagues in operation. On Monday and Thursday there are 25 women playing. On Friday the Class A men have an individual league. On Saturday morning the Junior Boys and Junior Girls are conducting a league.

At present we have fantastic interest in horseshoe pitching in our area. We have more tournaments scheduled and hope that you will enter one sometime. Our tournament schedule for April has been cancelled because our dates were on the same weekend as the Dogwood Festival in North Carolina.

There are indoor horseshoe courts all over Ohio and in other states. It is an excellent opportunity to get some exercise and have some fun. We urge you to support the Indoor Courts in your area by entering their tournaments and leagues. Many pitchers hesitate to enter winter events because they haven't had time to practice and may not be in top form. Enter anyway! If you are a State Champ or other very important pitcher in your area, you can do a great deal by entering an event at local indoor courts. Many people will come to see you play. What better way to support your local indoor courts?

Godfrey Sweeps First Winter Classic At Seattle, Wash.

Entries in the first series of the Winetrout Winter Open Classic, held in Seattle, Washington, were held to a minimum due to threatening forecasts — however, it turned out rather nice as 12 entries formed two classes which played a double round robin. Herb Godfrey, Sr. copped Class A and Jerry Stanley walked off with Class B, for which each received a history plaque for their efforts. Herb turned in the high single game of 70 percent.

CLASS A				CLASS B			
	W	L	%		W	L	%
Herb Godfrey, Sr.	10	0	59.0	Jerry Stanley	9	1	39.8
Herb Pidde	8	2	54.5	Don Baal	6	4	34.4
Orlean Clinton	4	6	40.1	Bernie Green	5	5	33.2
Ralph Taylor	3	7	41.1	Tom Worthington	5	5	29.6
Bill Van Egdome	3	7	40.2	Vern Nelson	2	8	25.8
Ellis West	2	8	41.8	Albert Schlund	2	8	25.2

NHPA Financial Report — Oct. 1, 1974 - Dec. 31, 1974**RECEIPTS:**

Memberships:	
102 @ \$1.50 (1974)	\$ 153.00
171 @ \$5.00 (1975)	855.00
Digest subscriptions:	
49 @ \$3.50	171.50
5 @ \$4.50 (1st Class)	22.50
155 @ \$5.00	775.00
51 @ \$6.20 (1st Class)	316.20
Digest Advertising	365.01
Duplication of dues, Ill.	1.50
Sales by Don Koso, itemized ..	2,800.00
Sales by Ray Williams, itemized ..	73.00
Horseshoe Stamps, Allen	15.00
Donation, A. Bertschy, Dist. of Columbia	54.00
Total receipts	\$ 5,601.71
Money deposited	5,605.15

EXPENDITURES:

Digest:	
Printing, Oct., Nov., Dec.	\$ 2,991.15
Postage, Oct., Nov., Dec.	1,145.40
Addressograph plates	63.80
Special allowance, Cobb	250.00
Freight to Lafayette, Ind. for 1975	
World Tournament	21.34
Printing 1975 dues cards	59.36
Eureka office expense, phone and postage	262.14
Eureka office supplies	46.22
Special allowance, Williams	450.00
Executive Council expense, phone and postage	174.64
Memorial, Elmer Beller	47.70
Returned check (TX)	60.00
Equipment purchased:	
Electric Typewriter and Calculator - Adding machine	409.28
Printed material for resale	212.00
Advance to manufacture 24 scoring devices	300.00
Total expenditures	\$ 8,413.03
Check Book Balance 10-1-74 ...	7,663.03
Money deposited this period ...	5,605.15
Total	\$13,268.18
Less Expenditures	8,413.03
Check Book Balance 12-31-74 ...	4,855.15

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Another big event at Steelmark will be the annual Mingo Junction Open, August 23 and 24 with big money — big prizes and big surprises. Players participating in the May tournament will have first chance to enter this one. Save by entering both at the same time for \$12.00. Entry fee for Mingo tournament alone is \$7.00 sent to George Hall at above address.

NHPA rules will prevail. Scorekeepers and court care will be paid.

Directions to the Steelmark club courts are as follows: Exit off of Route No. 7, at Commercial Avenue, turn left, then turn right at the Twin Arches to Ohio Nut and Washer Co., Mingo Junction, Ohio.

Martz Winner Of Pike County, Ohio Indoor Tournament

Clyde Martz of Pennsylvania won first place in the first open tournament held at the new indoor courts in Pike County, Ohio. Martz hit 82.8 per cent ringers for the tournament, winning all seven games. Martz hit 69 ringers out of 82 shoes for 84.1 per cent against Kentucky State Champ, Bill Henn. Henn threw 61 out of 82 for 74.4 per cent. Martz had 22 straight ringers in one stretch. They had five consecutive 4-deads.

Harold Anthony of Arcanum, Ohio was runner-up at 4-3-73.5. In one game against Stan Manker, Senior World Champ, Anthony threw 61 ringers out of 74 shoes for a 82.4 with 24 consecutive ringers in one patch. Manker was 52 of 74 for 70.3 in the game.

Bill Henn took third place at 4-3. His best game was against Harold Anthony. The game went 100 shoes with Anthony hitting 74 ringers and Henn 76 ringers. Henn won 52-42. They had 17 4-deads, with Anthony having 30 consecutive ringers of which 24 died.

Harry Chadwick of Columbus, Ohio, won Class B with a 6-1-62.9 performance. His best game was 77.1%. Kenny Dawes of Good Hope, Ohio was runner-up, edging out Mel Montgomery of Columbus, Ohio, who finished third.

Jim Rhymer of Circleville, Ohio won Class C at 5-0-58.6. David Rose of Columbus was runner-up.

Class D honors went to Jim Dunkerly of Lancaster, Ohio at 7-0-45.7. Bob Wilkinson and J. D. Rhymer of Circleville, Ohio tied for second at 5-2. Bob had the highest percentage.

All of the tournament records are listed after the results. These will be maintained year after year, as this tournament will be an annual event. All the class winners will be listed in the notice announcing next year's tournament.

Carl Young of Columbus, Ohio assisted in running the tournament. Also present was Francis Asher, secretary-treasurer of the Ohio Association. Francis, along with Jim Knisley, 1974 Ohio State Champ; Helen Roberts, 1974 Ohio State Champ, and Opal Reno, 1972-73 Ohio State Champ, presented the trophies to the winners.

CLASS A				CLASS B			
	W	L	%		W	L	%
Clyde Martz	7	0	82.8	Harry Chadwick	6	1	62.9
Harold Anthony	4	3	73.5	Kenny Dawes	5	2	59.8
Bill Henn	4	3	69.3	Mel Montgomery	5	2	58.9
Gary Roberts	4	3	68.6	Lester Rose	4	3	59.9
Stan Manker	3	4	64.6	Ottie Reno	3	4	53.1
Jack Rainbow	3	4	63.5	Elmer Harrison	2	5	54.3
Carl Young	2	5	59.8	Maurice Wipert	2	5	47.6
Pop Johnson	1	6	53.0	John Napier	1	6	43.4

Martz Winner — (Continued)

CLASS C				CLASS D			
	W	L	%		W	L	%
Jim Rhymer	5	0	58.6	Jim Dunkerly	7	0	45.7
David Rose	4	1	48.9	Bob Wilkenson	5	2	45.4
Bud Christman	3	2	54.7	J. D. Rhymer	5	2	40.4
Winston Page	2	3	43.6	Gene Crabtree	4	3	39.9
Francis Asher	1	4	45.2	John Brown	3	4	43.2
Claude Crabtree	0	5	41.8	John Whittington	2	5	35.2
				Howard Jarrells	2	5	33.9
				Jerry Anthony	0	7	53.1

Bill Henn Overpowers Johnson To Win Day-Bell Open

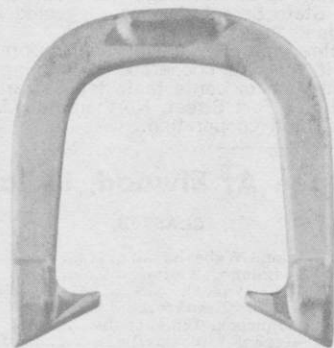
In the February Open tournament held on the Day-Bell Indoor courts in Dayton, Kentucky, Bill Henn won the struggle with "Pop" Johnson to take top honors. High game honors went to "Pop" Johnson who turned in an 80.4 percentage effort. In the Class B section it was the youngest and oldest players in first and second spot. High game for Class B competitors was 53.5 tossed by Ray Meyers.

CLASS A				CLASS B			
	W	L	%		W	L	%
Bill Henn	7	0	71.6	Danny Moore	6	1	41.7
Pop Johnson	6	1	70.0	Leo Goodwin	5	2	35.8
Ed Metz	3	4	61.8	Lou Arnzen	5	2	33.9
Vince Stoner	3	4	55.4	Jim Buchert	5	2	33.8
Boop Rogg	3	4	53.6	Ray Meyers	3	4	35.7
Jimmy Noble	3	4	52.9	Jerry Hoeffert	3	4	34.3
Gary Kline	2	5	56.0	Bob Arnzen	1	6	27.0
Chick Henn	1	6	49.1	Clarence Duncan	0	7	22.2

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ATTENTION ALL CLUB OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

"AMATEUR TOURNAMENT PLAN"

By Bernard Herfurth, Publicity

The following proposal is a suggested plan for making the existence of your club better known and to possibly increase the club membership. As we know, "There's nothing new under the sun" but this suggested "Publicity Plan" is a step in the right direction towards making our sport better known.

Every club is requested to run an "Amateur Tournament". The details of this plan are as follows:

1. An "Amateur Tournament" shall be held by all participating clubs for anyone interested, adults and children.
2. "Amateur" meaning anyone who has never belonged to the N.H.P.A. or State Association, or a horseshoe club.
3. The tournament should be held early in the season.
4. Good publicity should be given in advance to local papers, etc.
5. No membership of any kind shall be required.
6. Positively no entrance fee shall be charged.
7. Tournament play shall be determined by each club.
8. At least "token trophies" shall be awarded according to the generosity and finances of the club.
9. Request all club members to turn out the day of the meet to fraternize with the "Amateurs".
10. Results of the success of the meet shall be sent to the N.H.P.A. publicity, Bernard Herfurth, the number of participants and other comments will be appreciated. Your club results will be printed in the "Digest" at the end of the 1975 season.
11. Try to offer as many old "free lending shoes" as possible to the new players.
12. After this meet try to interest the contestants in joining the club and to take part in a "handicap league" or a "low class league". Perhaps after a year in a local club, a new member might be enticed into joining the National and State Associations.

This could be an exciting plan to promote our sport at a local basis. I believe that with a sincere effort by club officers and club members, this little plan could pay off in publicity for our sport.

The sketch of this plan was given to me by the hard-working Massachusetts State Secretary, Russ Sweeney. He has tried out this plan in 1974 at Quincy, Mass. with much success. If Russ can do it, others can. I want to acknowledge full credit to him for suggesting this idea to me. I have asked all State Secretaries for suggested ideas in addition to a "four-point voluntary publicity plan" that I have in process.

Again, in behalf of our President, Wally Shipley and myself, we would appreciate your response to this plan by letting us know if you will cooperate by running this "Amateur Tournament" and also a letter of the number of contestants taking part and other comments. Send reply to: Bernard Herfurth, 17 Fort Street, Northampton, Mass. 01060. I hope this plan meets with your approval and cooperation.

Baxter Wins Big Pine Indoor Open At Elwood, Indiana

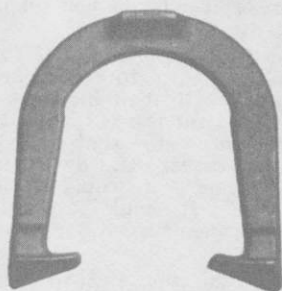
CLASS A				CLASS B			
	W	L	%		W	L	%
Frank Baxter, Tipton	5	2	64.5	Chet Ogan, Wabash	5	0	41.5
Howard Johnson, Huntington	5	2	60.2	Herb Dwiggans, Tipton	4	1	51.5
Gene Grimm, Claypool	4	3	64.8	J. W. Cox, Wabash	3	2	48.5
Claude Estelle, Indianapolis	4	3	62.5	Max Gunyon, Frankfort	2	3	46.0
Glen Teter, Tipton	4	3	58.2	Charles Hancock, Indianapolis ...	1	4	21.0
Henry Franke, Centralia, Ill.	3	4	60.0	Bob Dwiggans, Russiaville			forfeit
John Gall, Anderson	3	4	60.3				
J. W. Cox, Wabash	0	7	40.5				
CLASS C				CLASS D			
	W	L	%		W	L	%
Kevin Dwiggans, Tipton	6	1	49.3	A. W. Thomas, Speedway	5	0	33.7
E. G. Campbell, Greentown	6	1	49.3	Jim Nevorski, Mishawaka	3	2	31.3
Buddy Hodgdon, Lebanon	6	1	36.6	E. G. Campbell, Greentown	3	2	28.8
Jim Nevorski, Mishawaka	3	4	30.0	Ralph Everhart, Peru	2	3	25.2
Jr. Guthrie, Bremen	2	5	39.0	Paul Cunningham, Marion	2	3	20.4
Larry Johnson, Kokomo	2	5	31.6	Bob Cunningham, Marion	0	5	19.2
Dick Hostetler, Indianapolis	2	5	26.6				

Membership Report

	1973	1974	+ or -	***		1973	1974	+ or -	***
Alabama	9	14	5+	4	Montana, W.	85	121	36+	21
Alaska	—	—	—	—	Nebraska	123	138	15+	27
Arizona	36	65	29+	5	Nevada	108	77	31-	44
Arkansas	1	1	—	—	New Hampshire	35	98	63+	4
California, No.	394	320	74-	148	New Jersey	64	61	3-	19
California, So.	130	150	20+	27	New Mexico	40	57	17+	12
Colorado	61	84	23+	16	New York	204	226	22+	58
Connecticut	44	46	2+	10	North Carolina	27	24	3-	16
Delaware	9	3	6-	7	N. Dakota	4	22	18+	—
Dist. of Columbia	14	—	14-	14	Ohio	350	338	12-	87
Florida	47	40	7-	16	Oklahoma	31	60	29+	4
Georgia	25	32	7+	15	Oregon	171	133	38-	66
Hawaii	—	—	—	—	Pennsylvania, E.	139	106	33-	76
Idaho	50	52	2+	44	Pennsylvania, W.	111	159	48+	15
Illinois	127	134	7+	20	Rhode Island	—	1	1+	—
Indiana	289	325	36+	89	S. Carolina	—	38	38+	—
Iowa	141	189	48+	32	S. Dakota	77	84	7+	20
Kansas	128	170	42+	18	Tennessee	47	43	4-	12
Kentucky	87	58	29-	42	Texas	86	42	44-	57
Louisiana	24	1	23-	23	Utah	46	43	3-	13
Maine	88	76	12-	25	Vermont	—	—	—	—
Maryland	25	55	30+	12	Virginia	113	141	28+	36
Massachusetts	140	162	22+	29	Washington	400	428	28+	82
Michigan	150	143	7-	45	W. Virginia	1	89	88+	—
Michigan, Upper	147	—	142-	142	Wisconsin	175	208	33+	61
Minnesota	296	339	43+	80	Wyoming	44	43	1-	15
Mississippi	—	—	—	—	Canada	13	16	3+	5
Missouri	117	147	30+	23					
Montana, E.	114	89	25-	48	TOTALS	5187	5481	294+	1684

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CLASS A				CLASS AA			
	W	L	%		W	L	%
Bob Sheppard, Rushville	4	1	57.2	George Sales, New Castle	4	1	67.6
Estel Bills, Connersville	4	1	68.0	Reece Baughn, New Castle	3	2	66.4
George Patterson, Rushville	3	2	59.2	Jim Kemple, Rushville	2	3	59.6
Darrell Glover, Sr., Rushville	3	2	52.8	Claude Estelle, Indianapolis	2	3	57.6
Harold Tatman, Greensburg	1	4	47.2	John Gall, Anderson	2	3	54.5
Jim Pierson, Mooresville	0	5	41.2	Henry Franke, Centralia, Ill.	2	3	53.2

CLASS B				CLASS BB			
	W	L	%		W	L	%
Jack Riedeman, Indianapolis	4	1	32.8	Vernon Holland, Veedersburg	4	1	43.2
Melvin Hicks, Shelbyville	3	2	32.0	Don Newland, Connersville	3	2	40.8
Jeff Bowyer, Frankfort	2	3	32.2	David Tatman, Greensburg	3	2	34.4
Everett Bowyer, Peru	2	3	31.6	Dick Hostetler, Indianapolis	2	3	40.0
Kenny Webb, Indianapolis	2	3	29.6	Raymond Myer, Centralia, Ill.	2	3	35.4
Lloyd Karstens, Rushville	2	3	28.7	Bob Jefferies, Shelbyville	1	4	24.4

CLASS CC							
	W	L	%		W	L	%
Sam Huffman, Rushville	4	1	28.5	Larry Bills, Rushville	2	3	16.5
Tim Tatman, Hartsville	4	1	20.5	A. Bills, Rushville	1	4	17.5
Mike Scott, Indianapolis	4	1	23.0	John Irvine, Lafayette			forfeit

JUNIORS - CLASS A							
	W	L	%		W	L	%
John Riedeman, Indianapolis	7	0	44.0	Scott Harper, Veedersburg	4	3	32.3
Bruce Patterson, Rushville	6	1	51.0	Mike Keal, Rushville	2	5	31.0
Al Bills, Jr., Rushville	4	3	40.3	Randy Barker, Veedersburg	1	6	31.6
Stuart Sheppard, Rushville	4	3	39.6	Tim Howard, Rushville			forfeit

JUNIORS - CLASS B							
	W	L	%		W	L	%
Lorna Bills II, Rushville	3	1	13.0	Debby Bills, Connersville	2	2	08.5

Hall Of Fame Chairman Requests Information

The following is a request that is being made to all state secretaries. In the event that a state has a Hall of Fame Committee, the chairman of that committee is requested to furnish some of the information. The N.H.P.A. Hall of Fame Committee is taking a survey of the state's activities.

Does your state have a Hall of Fame Committee? If not, do you plan on organizing one in the near future?

It is requested by the Office of the N.H.P.A. and the N.H.P.A. Hall of Fame Committee that all states shall organize such a plan. The main reason being that all state Hall of Fame winners shall be recorded with their histories for present and future consideration as possible candidates for the N.H.P.A. Hall of Fame. Each state member receiving an award would be sure that their history would be under constant consideration. In many cases, state award winners may not qualify high enough for a "national honor", but would be most grateful to have been honored at a state level as I was. It should be the duty of each state association to see that their outstanding members of the present and past be so honored.

If your state has a Hall of Fame Committee, that chairman is asked to give the following information. When was your Hall of Fame organized? Names and histories of all members are requested. Fifteen copies (xeroxed) are requested so that each committee member can have one for their records at voting time. These histories will be saved and as changes are made in the committee, they will be forwarded to the committee replacements.

In addition to two players, and one organizer, an "old timer" will be added as of the 1975 induction; an "old timer" meaning, a member 70 years or older, living or deceased.

Send all histories to chairman, Bernard Herfurth, 17 Fort Street, Northampton, Massachusetts 01060.

A Washingtonian Speaks Out

By Herb Okeson

Being the recipient of an N.H.P.A. award for outstanding contributions to the game in 1972, and also the Stokes Memorial Trophy in 1974 and everything I have worked for has been in vain. It isn't so much because of the increase in dues, it's more the principal of the matter. For an example; the majority of our members pitch horseshoes for fun, like a family outing, but when everyone is assessed so much, this eliminates the family part. Like one of our top pitchers has stated: "When you take the fun out of the game, the game is lost". In our state, everyone gets a certain amount of value returned from their state dues, but the 50% and under receive nothing from the \$5.00 national dues, other than the honor of being a national member. It is my personal opinion that a junior should not have to purchase a membership card, yet be able to enter any tournament. After all, they are our future horseshoe pitchers, and if we discourage them, what will the future be? If we look at it from a pro standpoint, it would be different — but the majority of pitchers throughout the country are fun pitchers. In order to keep up the interest and increase the membership as a whole — we have to make it attractive to become a member, make everyone proud to become a member, make them part of the organization.

In regards to world tournament expenses — I once heard by the grapevine, a large company offered to put up the money for a world tournament — if held in a certain location — but the bid went to another site. Why isn't this approach used? If we were going to bid on hosting a world tournament here in Washington, this would be our approach. We are in the process of getting 24 covered courts, and when this becomes a reality, we intend to bid for the tournament. It is my personal opinion that the money to sponsor a world tournament, should be in hand before the tournament gets underway.

Another thought in regards to publicity; publicity should be handled by the state associations, or local tournament director — not the N.H.P.A. This is the personal opinion of the Washington state secretary, Herb Okeson.

Mother-Daughter Show Men How To Make Ringers At Orlando, Florida Open

A young mother, Opal Reno, and her 12 year old daughter, Audrey, from Lucasville, Ohio won all their games in their respective classes to show the men how to make those ringers count!

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Orlando Open — (Continued)

Earl Van Sant of Indiana also had 6 wins and 1 loss and placed second with 65.1 percent. Mark Freeman of Bradenton came in third.

Roger Poutanen from Ft. Myers won all his games to win Class B. Chalmers McClain of Illinois took second place with Henry Franke of Illinois winning third place. Class C winner was Dwight Thatcher of Brooksville with a 6 and 1 record. M. Gillespie, Indiana, took second place and Don Sawyer, of Keene, N. H., took third place. Class D winner was Duane Whitmer of Winter Haven, with Pete Peterson of Orlando, a close second, followed by Paul Dumont of Massachusetts. Class E winner was Howard Hawes of Ormond Beach, taking top honors with Duke Monge and George Kuhn, both of Orlando, placing second and third. Class F was the surprise of the day when 12 year old Audrey Reno won all seven of her games pitching an incredible 34 percent! D. Langford of Ormond Beach placed second, with John Lukse, also of Ormond Beach, being runner-up. Opal Corbett was the director of the tournament.

CLASS A				CLASS D			
	W	L	%		W	L	%
Opal Reno, Ohio	6	1	69.7	D. Whitmer, Florida	5	0	46.8
Karl VanSant, Indiana	6	1	65.1	Pete Peterson, Florida	4	1	50.4
Mark Freeman, Florida	5	2	62.8	Paul Dumont, Mass.	3	2	42.4
Levi Miller, Florida	5	2	61.7	H. Mullet, Florida	2	3	42.8
M. Richmond, Florida	3	4	58.2	Harold Walters, Florida	1	4	34.8
J. Holland, Florida	2	5	54.5	Opal Corbett, Florida	0	5	36.0
Bill Keegan, Florida	1	6	53.1				
R. Ferguson, Florida	0	7	45.7				

CLASS B				CLASS E			
	W	L	%		W	L	%
Roger Poutanen, Florida	6	0	60.6	Harold Hawes, Florida	4	1	33.6
Chalmers McClain, Illinois	5	1	41.6	Duke Monge, Illinois	4	1	30.8
Henry Franke, Illinois	4	2	42.3	George Kuhn, Florida	3	2	22.0
J. Helbling, Illinois	3	3	54.3	George Rankin, Florida	2	3	20.0
Carl Smith, Florida	3	3	42.6	Peter Schelke, Wisconsin	1	4	22.0
Clyde Faulk, Pennsylvania	1	5	31.2	A. Moore, Florida	1	4	18.8
Frank McCoskey, Indiana	0	6	28.8				

CLASS C				CLASS F			
	W	L	%		W	L	%
D. Thatcher, Florida	6	1	55.4	Audrey Reno, Ohio	7	0	34.0
M. Gillespie, Indiana	5	2	49.7	George Langford, Florida	6	1	27.0
Don Sawyer, New Hampshire	5	2	46.2	John Lukse, Florida	5	2	26.5
D. Whitmer, Florida	4	3	47.7	Roger Grant, Florida	4	3	26.0
Mel Sloan, Florida	4	3	40.7	Joel Berrall, Florida	3	4	31.6
Frank Stites, Florida	3	4	45.4	Dorothy Schelke, Wisconsin	2	5	16.0
Ray Osborne, Florida	1	6	37.4	Joe Wago, Florida	1	6	18.0
Oscar Gaudette, Florida	0	7	37.4	Gerald Landers, Ohio	0	7	14.0

Godfrey's Wins Continue In Wash. Winter Classic

Herb Godfrey continued to have the magic touch as he went his merry way to win the second series in the Winetrout Winter Classic held in Seattle, Washington during January. El Day won the play-off over Ken Elvig in Class B, while Bernie Green took the honors in Class C.

CLASS A				CLASS B			
	W	L	%		W	L	%
Herb Godfrey	6	1	49.1	El Day	7	1	45.7
Bill Owens	5	2	52.2	Ken Elvig	6	2	46.5
Dick Lee	4	3	52.8	Orlean Clinton	5	2	37.1
Ralph Taylor	4	3	50.2	Les Buchert	3	4	37.6
Orel Vallen	4	3	49.4	Dan Leary	3	4	34.9
Sig Pederson	4	3	47.4	Oliver Hartzell	2	5	36.7
Ken Ellestad	1	6	40.8	Roy Sutter	2	5	34.2
Herb Pidde	0	7	41.4	Jerry Stanley	1	6	34.5

CLASS C				CLASS F			
	W	L	%		W	L	%
Bernie Green	7	1	31.0	Goldie Gjerding	5	3	26.4
Tom Worthington	6	2	27.8	Ed Wildermuth	4	4	25.7
Ken Foss	5	3	33.6	Don Baal	3	5	29.2
Dale Gjerding	5	3	27.1	Al Schlund	1	7	20.8
				George Lill	0	8	13.5

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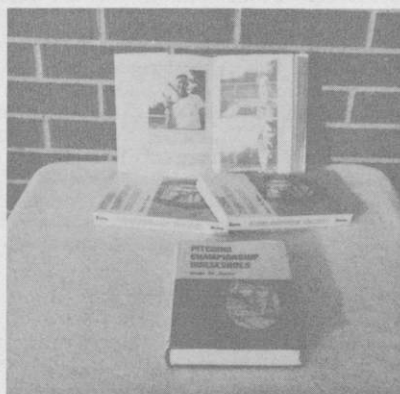
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No. Calif. Ass'n 1974 Summary And Slipper Slammer Awards

By Verdan Zelmar

After a successful 1974 season, in which the association posted a first place finish in Digest subscriptions (and second in NHPA memberships), we are limbering up the Ol' pitching arms and removing rust from the hibernated shoes for the beginning of the 62-tournament schedule. First stop for the shoe slingers was San Jose's Ryland Park for the Golden Eagle Open on March 2nd, then on to Stockton.

The leading clubs in '74 were: Stockton with 45 NCHPA members followed by Sonoma County and Mosswood. The Mosswood club lead Digest subscriptions with 37, followed by Sonoma County and Stockton. Two new clubs were formed in 1974, one at Colusa, spearheaded by Jim Miller, and the other at Redding, under the able guidance of Larry Karlen. Both clubs have tournaments scheduled this year. The Sacramento and San Jose clubs made good showings in 1974 thru the efforts of Duane Brewer, Sacramento president, and Tom Brownell, the San Jose Prexy. Northern California was represented by 20 men (7 in the top group) in the State Championships at South Gate. The ladies had 6 members and the juniors 6. Flora Jones captured the Women's title, Jeffery Williams the Junior Boy's, and Barbara Williams, the Junior Girls. Oscar Statham won Class B honors and Herb Rushing was tops in Class E.

Our annual meeting was held at the American Legion Hall in Vallejo in November and a number of new innovations were approved for the 1975 season including:

1. 50-shoe games in 8-man round-robins with 4-shoe playoffs.
2. All OPEN tournaments to include at least 1 group of ladies, and juniors (girls and boys), if possible.
3. Class pitchers will qualify separately and be seeded before any lower class pitcher can fill out the 2 groups at NCHPA Class Championship tournaments.

Other business from the meeting included: the addition of two new officers, 3rd and 4th Vice President's. New officers and other leaders elected in November were:

1975 NCHPA officers: President, Lloyd Potter; 1st Vice-President, Verdan Zelmar; 2nd Vice-President, John Morehouse; 3rd Vice-President, Richard Arbo; 4th Vice-President, Lucille Hanlon; Secretary-Treasurer, Millie Schultz; Statistician, Curt Ervin; Constitution and By-Laws Chairman, Bill Fulwider; Social Secretary, Ralph Collins. Two members of the San Jose club were voted into the NCHPA Hall of Fame: Old timer (now deceased) Bill Ollason, and Lloyd Potter, NCHPA President for many years and a dedicated NCHPA member who has served the game in Northern California in every conceivable capacity for 30 years. The annual dinner-dance after the business meeting was very successful and we were honored to have Vallejo's Mayor Douglas attend the gathering.

A special meeting was called by new president Lloyd Potter on January 5 and the 1975 officers were assigned duties as follows: Lucy Hanlon to direct Women and Junior Girls activities; Oscar Statham to guide the Junior Boys; Richard Arbo to work on our Constitution and By-Laws; John Morehouse to run our annual dinner dance and Verdan Zelmar to direct the 1975 State Championships, ride herd on our money-making "Pick-your-Partner" Handicap Doubles Tournament, and write the NCHPA tournament stories for the Digest.

A special thanks to all the 1974 officers for their hard work and dedication: Marv Haaland, President; Richard Arbo, 1st Vice-President; Millie Schultz, 2nd Vice-President; and George Kinkel, Secretary-Treasurer who handled one of the toughest jobs. A commendation to Lucy Hanlon, our very capable

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statistician, another fine effort on a time-consuming job. Thanks from all of the NCHPA members!

The NCHPA Slipper Slammer awards for 1974 follow:

Slipper Slammer Awards - (Men's Division)

NCHPA pitcher of the year - Bill Weathers
Comeback of the year - - - Bill Weathers
Most exciting new pitcher - Rich Fernandes
Most improved pitcher - - - Cliff Johnson
Most determined pitcher - Paul Van DeVeere
Most tournaments won - Don Titcomb (4)
Most consistent pitcher - - Monte Latino
Best dressed pitcher - - - John Morehouse
Mr. Congeniality - - - - Tom Brownell

High % game of year - B. Weathers (92%)
Most games won - - - J. Cooper (83)
Most shoes pitched - - - J. Cooper (8,320)
Most ringers pitched - - B. Vines (3,428)
Most consec games won - R. Fernandes (17)
Most tournaments played - - J. Cooper (23)
Best won-lost % (4 tour) D. Titcomb 87.5%
Smoothest pitching style - - - J. Seymour
Most talkative - - - - - L. Potter

Slipper Slammer Awards (Women's Div.)

NCHPA First lady - - - - Flora Jones
Most improved pitcher - - - Flora Jones
Most determined pitcher - - Lucie Hanlon
Prettiest pitcher - - - - Iris Kiley
Ms Congeniality - - - Marisella Mauricio

Slipper Slammer Awards - (Jr. Div.)

Jr. Boy pitcher of year - - - Jeff Williams
Jr. Girl pitcher of year - Barbara Williams
Most improved pitcher - - - Roy Statham
Most determined pitcher - Jonathan Williams
Exciting new pitcher - - - John Bernard

Report Of New England Association Board Meeting

On September 1, 1974, the horseshoe pitchers of New England approved a new Constitution and By-Laws. Prior to that time a few rules had been in effect to govern the New England Tournament. Later a Hall of Fame was established. As tournaments and other horseshoe-related activities in New England increased, it was felt that the original rules were inadequate. The new Constitution provides for an Executive Board composed of two representatives from each state and four elected officers. This Board is charged with coordinating the activities of the several states, eliminating conflicts in the tournament schedule, and providing assistance, as requested, by state or club.

The first Board meeting was held on January 18, 1975, President Roger Bolduc presiding. In attendance were three officers, nine representatives from five states, and Regional Director Peter Shepard. Following is a summary of the matters discussed and acted upon.

1. Due to resignation, Joseph Masse of Maine was appointed Treasurer.
2. Ralph Forstrom was appointed Chairman of the Nominating and Hall of Fame committees. Russell Gadoury was appointed Chairman of the Special Awards and Constitution and By-Laws committees. Appropriate suggestions should be submitted to them.
3. Appointments of Public Relations Officer and Women and Junior Program Development Officer were postponed until a later date.
4. The 1975 outdoor tournament calendar was established. It would be each state's responsibility to disseminate it to its membership. The Secretary was instructed to submit the calendar to the News Digest for listing under a New England heading.
5. New England Tournament. A standard form for clubs to use in bidding for the following year's tournament was approved. The form elicits information on facilities, preferred method of play, provisions for scorekeepers, etc. The Board will set the minimum dollar bid that will be permitted, after determining probable expenses. The successful bidder, as chosen by the membership at the annual meeting, will be responsible for raising the necessary funds for its tournament. The Board established a Senior Division in the tournament. Entrants must be 65 or older.

At the meeting's conclusion all present agreed that it was a productive one. Everyone contributed to the discussions. A greater appreciation of the needs of each state came about. Actions by the Board can handle many of the small details that are often debated at length in a general meeting, and should help shorten that meeting.

Some general thoughts. A careful reading of the above report will show that many of the "duties" proposed for the Regional Director are normal functions of this Association. We strongly suggest that the states of each region do the same, and the Directors work to that end. The Directors will then have more time for promotion and eliminating "trouble spots". Also, there will be a greater awareness by more people of the problems and the thinking of adjacent states.

Anyone wishing additional information on the New England Association, including a copy of the Constitution, may write to Russell Gadoury, NEHPA Secretary, 44 Edward Road, Watertown, Massachusetts 02172. Please enclose \$.50 for cost of mailing and duplication.

Your N. E. Director Reports . . .

By Peter Shepard

It is with pleasure that I announce to the NHPA the formation of the New England States Association. The unification of the New England States means only one thing, that we can work together for the promotion of our sport. I believe this is the first area organization in the country.

We have two representatives from each state on the Board of Directors along with its president and the New England director. We discuss every angle of the sport and how best we can promote it.

I want to thank all the New England pitchers for their support in this large undertaking to move forward, thereby relieving the Regional Director of some of the responsibilities which he has assumed for the betterment of the sport. As a result, your director can go forward to promote, lecture and talk with various park recreation department officials.

I am happy to see so many pitchers from New Jersey, Pennsylvania and New York using the facilities of the Heritage Recreation Center. This means only one thing; that we will have to enlarge the facilities which will require the full support of the regional membership for the undertaking.

I want to thank the Digest for informing New England pitchers of all the activities which we have tried to promote.

Inasmuch as other directors have not written articles of their areas, I will resume writing about New England and what we are doing.

My thanks to Sue and Danny Kuchcinski for their exhibition at the Natick Mall in Natick, Mass. and Warwick, Rhode Island. Also to Russ Gadoury for calling attention to the Cavalcade of Sports official ballot. Also to the NHPA for allowing the Heritage Recreation Center to exhibit the New Hall of Fame display, which is now on its way to Lafayette, Indiana, to be shown at the 1975 World Tournament. Thanks also to Donnie Roberts for his January tournament information.

With the increase in NHPA dues, I see no adverse effect in the New England states.

Interesting horseshoe personalities

Joe and Paul Schultz of Brentwood, N. Y.



Joe's earliest memories of horseshoe pitching are of playing partners with his father and taking on all comers when he was about 15. In those days Joe threw a flip shoe. Unfortunately, as has happened to many of us, this phase of Joe's life was interrupted by a call from Uncle Sam to serve with the Army during the Korean War.

After leaving the service Joe became another kind of pitcher with the then New York Giant Farm System. Within three seasons Joe had risen to the Class B — Interstate League. By this time he and his wife, Alice, whom he married in 1950, were beginning to tire of life on the road. Consequently, Joe decided to leave baseball.

Brentwood, a village fifty miles east of New York, became their home after the baseball days, and he now makes his living as a mailman. Joe and Alice have raised three children: John, Linda, and Paul. All three have faithfully served as scorekeepers, but Paul — the youngest — now 16, appears to be the one who will follow in his father's footsteps. In 1974 Paul finished third in Class B at Keene in the World Junior Tourney, averaging 73.5%, and won the New York State Junior Title with a 68% average!

In 1968, Joe burst upon the Long Island horseshoe scene by defeating Lou Gancos, then Long Island Champion, in his first tournament with the flip! Within a year, however, he realized that, if he were to get anywhere, he would have to change to a turn. By 1971, pitching a 1¼, Joe qualified for Class D in the World Tourney at Middlesex, and in 1974, pitching a 1¼, he shot 71.3, good enough for 24th place in Class A at Keene! This turn helped him to finish third in the '74 State Tourney behind the incomparable Carl Steinfeldt, and

Interesting People — (Continued)

the always tough, Ginger Natale! At present, Joe is trying the 1¼ again in the hope that he will be able to improve that a little bit more.

Long an avid bowler, Joe carries a 196 average. Interestingly, his average has improved about ten points during the last two years. He believes that his pitching practice has something to do with this marked improvement. Obviously, he is a tough competitor on the lanes, too. But Joe says his biggest thrill in sports, to date, came in '74 when he died on 48 against Curt Day!

Regarding the future of horseshoes, Joe would like to see more done to encourage junior boys and girls to get interested. For local tourneys, he favors larger classes and shorter games so that newcomers have more of a chance to compete against established pitchers. As for the World Tourney, Joe hopes that the fifty point game will be retained. He would not object to the championship class being enlarged. Also, he likes the idea of the 200 qualifying shoes being split in half. Thus, if the higher score is taken, a player has a better chance to overcome a poor start or a weak finish.

As you may have guessed, Joe and Paul hope to again make the scene at Indiana this summer!

1975 World Tournament Brochure To Be Available

The Lafayette, Indiana Horseshoe Club is sponsoring the 1975 World Horseshoe Tournament, July 25 through August 3 at Riverfront Park in Lafayette, Indiana.

Fund raising in this year of 1975 is a major problem and frankly the Lafayette Club needs all the assistance it can get.

One of the major fund raising items will be the publication of the Official Tournament Program Brochure. It will be similar to and of the same high quality as previous World Tournament Brochures.

Edited by Bob Pence, former NHPA Secretary, the brochure will contain a wealth of horseshoe history, pictures and statistics. Approximately 4,000 copies will be printed and distributed.

Previous Tournament Brochures indicate that horseshoe clubs, state associations and horseshoe manufacturers have contributed in the past by the placing of ads in the brochure.

It is hoped that your organization will do so this year, and thus contribute to the success of the 1975 World Tournament and the endeavors of the Lafayette Horseshoe Club.

For your consideration, a program space contract form indicating cost, etc., is provided in this issue. Send your ad to Glenn Whiteaker, Secretary, Lafayette Horseshoe Club, 2204 Sequoya Drive, Lafayette, Indiana 47905.

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Domey Wins Lincoln's Birthday Open At Sutton, Mass.

History was made in the Lincoln's Birthday Open held at Heritage Recreation Center, Sutton, Mass. on February 9. It marked the first time that Ed Domey won an open tourney on his own courts. The new champ posted the class high average, 78.3%, and high game, 90%. The win wasn't easy. Horse-shoes' newest father, Norm Rioux, tried to force a playoff, but his 76% was short of Domey's 80%. New Hampshire's Bill Saunders finished fourth, but cracked the 70% barrier for the first time. How did he do it? By shovelling the snow off his court and practicing!

Herm Winters outpitched teammate Al Boudreau in a playoff game to win Class 2. Boudreau, the Jesse Gonzales of the east, was coasting along at a 67% pace through six games, but disaster struck in the final game with Winters. Both pitchers were outstanding considering their five-month layoffs (apparently they do not own shovels). Ron Prue placed third at 60.1%, with a changed turn.

Ed Courville swept Class 3, but it took two one-point decisions in his final game to do so. Frank Mitchell opened Class 4 proceedings with a sparkling 64% game, but then had to win four squeakers to cop class honors. Joe Grillo had it in the clutch to win Class 5. Four of his seven games were decided by three points or less. Jay Benton defeated Ray Dulmaine in a playoff game to win Class 6. Jay got off to a poor start but averaged 32 to 42 percent in his next six games. Mike Sasse took the measure of "Little Bill" Capozzi in a playoff game, 34% to 28%, to win Class 7.

Debby Michaud repeated as Women's champ. Cam Shepard pitched her best yet, 28%, played Debby to a standstill until late in the game, and had to settle for second. We may experiment with handicap play next month to make the ladies class more competitive. The Junior class was won by Rick Howe.

Bring your chessboards to Lafayette. Look for Bob Sutton and Russ Gadoury to set up a chess tournament on the side. We're finding a lot of chess playing pitchers lately.

CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS

	W	L	%
Ed Domey, Mass.	7	0	78.3
Norm Rioux, Conn.	5	2	70.9
Art Tyson, N. Y.	5	2	68.2
Bill Saunders, N. H.	4	3	71.1
Russ Gadoury, Mass.	4	3	63.7
Russ Sweeney, Mass.	3	4	61.1
Joe Schultz, N. Y.	2	5	69.7
Don Weik, Conn.	2	5	64.9
Paul Cormier, Mass.	0	7	59.3

CLASS 3 — Ed Courville, Mass. 7-0-56.3; Bob Traquair, N. H. 5-2-51.7; Sam Raymond, N. H. 5-3-46.8; Joe Pepi, Mass. 4-3-47.4; David Remley, Conn. 4-3-47.1; Pete Bochese, Conn. 3-4-44.9; Guido Giorgetti, Conn. 2-5-44.6; Reuben Fleming, Conn. 2-5-39.4; Larry Creteau, N. H. 0-7-28.6.

CLASS 4 — Frank Mitchell, Mass. 5-2-44.7; Hub Sasse, Mass. 4-3-44.3; Murland Bradley, Conn. 4-3-41.1; Gardner Alden, Mass. 4-3-40.3; Rene Rodrigue, Conn. 4-3-33.4; Leon Mason, N. H. 3-4-36.9; Paul Schultz, N. Y. 3-4-34.9; Dick Shepard, Mass. 1-6-34.3.

CLASS 5 — Joe Grillo, Mass. 6-1-37.4; Jim Wyllie, Mass. 5-2-40.9; Harold Thomas, Mass. 4-3-36.6; Don Blomquist, Mass. 4-3-34.6; Fran Norman, Mass. 3-4-23.7; Bill White, Mass. 2-5-33.4; Joe Guy, Mass. 2-5-32.3; Harry Schricker, Mass. 2-5-30.0.

CLASS 6 — Jay Benton, Conn. 6-1-34.0; Ray Dulmaine, Mass. 6-1-30.6; Carmine Puzo, Mass. 5-2-30.6; Don Fontaine, Mass.

CLASS 2

	W	L	%
Herm Winters, N. H.	6	1	56.9
Al Boudreau, N. H.	6	1	64.3
Ron Prue, Mass.	4	3	60.1
Paul Drowne, Mass.	4	3	55.4
Dan Beane, Mass.	3	4	56.6
George Trabucci, Conn.	3	4	51.4
Fred Simon, Mass.	1	6	52.3
Gil Lee, Conn.	1	6	48.9

CLASS 6 — (Continued)

4-3-25.7; Jim Gallant, Mass. 3-4-26.0; Moe Farmer, Mass. 3-4-25.1; Bill McMahon, Mass. 1-6-21.1; Tony Nacewicz, Mass. 0-7-13.4.

CLASS 7 — Mike Sasse, Mass. 6-1-17.4; Bill Capozzi, Conn. 6-1-28.3; Ray Degrenier, N. Y. 5-2-23.1; Ed Harrington, Mass. 4-3-25.7; Larry Riendeau, Conn. 3-4-25.1; Bill Crouch, Conn. 3-4-18.9; Leo Michaud, Mass. 1-6-9.7; Paul Asselin, Mass. (filled in) 32.3.

WOMEN — Debby Michaud, Mass. 5-0-50.8; Cam Shepard, Mass. 4-1-28.0; Peggy Degrenier, N. Y. 3-2-19.2; Ann Domey, Mass. 2-3-20.4; Beverly Fontaine, Mass. 2-3-15.6; Mary Graves, Mass. 0-5-12.0.

JUNIORS — Rick Howe, Mass. 7-0; Paul Domey, Mass. 6-1; Robert Howe, Mass. 5-2; Paul Schultz, N. Y. 4-3; Chris Morano, Mass. 3-4; George Stockwell, Mass. 1-6; Carl Ekman, Mass. 1-6; J & B Domey, Mass 1-6.

Constructive Criticism

By GREG MARTER

"AN AWAKENING"

The sport of horseshoes must have an awakening and realize that the sport is at the present time at a stand still. Our sport will never progress until several changes are made. Tournament directors must set permanent dates every year, and these dates must be turned in to their state secretary for publication. These dates must also be turned in to the Digest, how else are the beginning players going to know where and when tournaments are going to be held if there is no announcement of the tournaments.

Many players, especially beginners, ask about information on tournaments, but there is no one centrally located office where they can write to and receive this information. This type of information should be located at all state secretaries offices, but cannot be until all tournament directors start cooperating. I cannot speak for other states, but for Missouri, I have not seen any co-operation between directors and the state secretary at all. In other words, our sport needs the following items.

1. Permanent dates for local tournaments.
2. Listing of all tournaments in the Digest.
3. Cooperation between tournament directors.
4. Centrally located office for tournament dates and verifications of averages.
5. More advertisement of our sport through any type of news media.
6. The regional director organization must be broken down into area directors and they in turn will cooperate with the regional director. Area directors will help establish better communications within the regional directors district.

These six items must be established before the sport of horseshoes will progress at all. All players should help promote the News Digest, for if the above six items are implemented into our sport, beginners will have a way to locate tournaments within their own state, or perhaps in another state where they might be travelling on a vacation and might like to participate in a tournament there. So far, the Digest is the only advertisement that our sport receives.

Let all of us get together now and work to improve the future of the sport of horseshoe pitching. I know that it can be done if everyone will cooperate with one another. If changes are to be made, let's make them. Let's have "An Awakening".

1976 Bicentennial Committee Expresses Thanks

By Peter Shepard

The Bicentennial Committee for the 1976 World Tournament, to be held at Levittown, Pennsylvania, expresses its thanks and appreciation to the following for contributions to the "Friends of Horseshoes" fund: Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Pinch, Pa.; Joe Anzaldi, Minn.; Joe and Jen's Barber Shop, Pa.; Jeb and Jan Brown, Pa.; Wally Shipley, Calif.; Chick Denk, Pa.; Norman Berg, Alaska; Joe Mancini, Pa.; Wilbur Wells, Pa.; William Valentine, Pa.; Gil Porter, Pa.; William Sari, Pa.; John Genrose, Pa.; Jack Adams, Canada; Larry Croteau, N. H.; Rene Rodriguez, Conn.; Marland Bradley, Conn.; Alvin and Roberta Cherry, N. J. Also thanks to the commissioners' wives who went to the Middlesex, N. J. banquet.

At a meeting of the Bicentennial Committee held February 22, it was voted to send to every contributor of the "Friends of Horseshoes" a small memento together with a letter of thanks. Any contributions may be sent to Bristol Township Horseshoe Pitcher's Association, P. O. Box 699, Levittown, Pa.

A contingent of Middlesex, N. J. players will play at Rockefeller Center soon under the direction of Alvin Cherry.

Reel Swamps Pinecrest Mid-Winter Indoor Invitational

Chet Reel swept through Class AA with ease to win the Mid-Winter Indoor Invitational held at the Pinecrest indoor courts at Elwood, Indiana, February 22-23. A playoff decided the winners in Class A and also Class B. Class A was between Herb Dwiggins and Al Whitmore, Al coming out on top. Class B was between Buddy Hodgdon and Paul Caudill, Buddy came out on top.

CLASS AA

	W	L	%
Chet Reel, W. Middleton	5	0	82.8
John Gall, Anderson	4	1	58.0
Jerry Wood, Elwood	2	3	69.0
Gene Grimm, Claypool	2	3	60.0
Glen Teter, Tipton	2	3	59.6
Al Whitmore, N. Manchester	0	5	47.2

CLASS BB

	W	L	%
Kevin Dwiggins, Tipton	7	0	52.2
Vernon Holland, Veedersburg ...	6	1	51.6
J. W. Cox, Wabash	5	2	47.4
Max Gunyon, Frankfort	3	4	49.4
Richard Burnworth, Marion	3	4	38.5
Jerry Kramer, Huntington	2	5	45.7
Jr. Guthrie, Bremen	2	5	38.5
Charles Hancock, Indianapolis ..	0	7	28.5

CLASS CC

	W	L	%
Everett Bowyer, Peru	6	1	31.9
Ralph Everhart, Peru	5	2	35.6
Bill Tom, Elkhart	5	2	33.5
Tony Gall, Anderson	4	3	33.3
Walt Vctor, Alexandria	4	3	28.6
Paul Cunningham, Marion	2	5	20.0
Bob Cunningham, Marion	2	5	19.3

CLASS A

	W	L	%
Al Whitmore, N. Manchester	4	1	49.0
Herb Dwiggins, Tipton	4	1	51.5
Chet Ogan, Wabash	3	2	35.0
Walt Vctor, Alexandria	3	2	34.5
J. W. Cox, Wabash	1	4	37.0
Bob Dwiggins, Russiaville			forfeit

CLASS B

	W	L	%
Buddy Hodgdon, Lebanon	4	1	39.2
Paul Caudill	4	1	41.6
Russell Jackson, Warsaw	3	2	31.6
George Roadruck, Tipton	2	3	37.2
Virgil Jackson, Warsaw	1	4	32.0
Ed Dunlap, Greentown	1	4	30.4

CLASS C

	W	L	%
Darrell Campbell, Kokomo	5	0	32.5
Ken Owsley, Kokomo	3	2	22.0
Bill Goldsberry, Kokomo	3	2	22.0
John Huber, Kokomo	2	3	18.5
Pete Dwiggins, Tipton	1	4	12.5

In Memoriam

The Massachusetts Association has been saddened by the passing on, February 15, 1975, of Edgar Landry, 13 Middlesex St., Fall River, Massachusetts. Edgar was one of the two most talented players in the history of the New England states area. He was a man of fine character, had a good sense of humor and certainly was the type of person whom you looked forward to meeting again.

Although not an active player in recent years, due to illness, Edgar has left with us several records that may be long-lasting. He started competitive playing in 1935 as a teenager and continued through 1942, averaging 60%. Edgar returned to the game in 1951 and for the following sixteen years he was New England's finest. During this period he won the New England States Championship and the Massachusetts State Championship ten times. He is the only player to win the N. E. Tournament five consecutive years and the only Massachusetts player to win the State Championship four consecutive years. While winning the N. E. Championships he had a low tournament percentage of 71.2 and a high of 79.7, which is a record for this tournament. His tournament average was 74.6%. Edgar holds the high singles game record in Massachusetts with 93.0%, pitched in 1957.

In 1964 he was the winner of Class B at the World Championship Tournament. He compiled a ringer percentage of 78.4, now the second highest percentage ever pitched in winning that title.

He is a member of the New England States "Hall of Fame" and recently was inducted as a Charter Member to the Massachusetts State "Hall of Fame."

The sympathy of the Massachusetts Association and the NHPA is extended to his bereaved family. We have lost a fine sportsman but the fond memories he has left with us will linger on.

Letts, Iowa Team Cops Four-City Indoor Tournament

Teams from four cities comprised an indoor tournament held at Letts, Iowa on February 16. The Letts team took the honors with 14 wins and 10 losses. Bill Vandegriff of Fairfield, Iowa had high individual ringer percentage of 73.3, followed by Harold Darnold of Burlington, Iowa with 72.3 percent.

Cash prizes were awarded for first and second. Mayor Robert Barnes was presented a trophy having been the official starter. Earl Ryner of Gerlaw, Illinois received a trophy as official scorekeeper. Refreshments were served by Gloria Hafner and Mrs. Madeleo Blake.

Letts, Iowa Team	14	10	52.0
Galesburg, Illinois Team	13	11	54.9
Burlington, Iowa Team	11	13	57.0
Fairfield, Iowa Team	10	14	45.0

Walker Top Man In Arizona Valley Of The Sun Open

The Valley of the Sun Open wound it up with John Walker of Chula Vista, Calif., as the tournament winner. He had only one loss and a respectable 73.5 per cent ringer average. Tournament held in Mesa, Arizona, February 15-16 was interrupted by intermittent showers that started on the opening day, curtailing this year's schedule somewhat.

A close finisher in the runner-up spot was Jerry Schneider of Anaheim, Calif. with a fine 75 per cent average.

Bob West of Seappoose, Oregon had the high single game of the tournament with an 87.5 per cent to finish in third place. Congenial Bill Kamm, who lives six months of every year in Mesa, took home fourth place money.

Mesa's own Art Kamman, winner of this event five times and holder of the State of Arizona championship, was unable to participate this year due to an injured back. The cheerleaders and Pompon girls from McClintock High School in Tempe handled the score keeping in excellent fashion.

NHPA President Wally Shipley was also in attendance.

CLASS A-1

	W	L	%
West, Oregon	4	1	72.3
Walker, Calif.	4	1	70.8
E. Brown, Calif.	3	2	64.0
Copeland, Ohio	2	3	62.4
Joyner, Oregon	1	4	53.2
Dawsey, Arizona	1	4	59.5

CLASS A-2

	W	L	%
Schneider, Calif	5	0	75.6
Kamm, Arizona	4	1	63.9
Graham, Texas	3	2	52.7
Stinson, Minn.	2	3	56.1
Tamboer, Kansas	1	4	48.7
Randall, Calif.			forfeit

PLAYOFF

	W	L	%
Walker	3	0	77.3
Schneider	2	1	74.1

	W	L	%
West	1	2	73.5
Kamm	0	3	54.7

CLASS B-1 — Weeks, Calif. 4-1-61.0; Riley, N. M. 4-1-55.8; Reynolds, Ill. 3-2-50.0; Bunge, Ill. 2-3-48.3; Woodson, Texas 1-4-50.0; Allen, Minn. 1-4-42.6.

CLASS B-2 — Valdois, Kansas 5-0-61.6; Mortenson, Calif. 4-1-56.9; Ball, Oregon 3-2-43.0; Johnson, Minn. 2-3-28.7; Trolsen, Arizona 1-4-44.4; Scott, Calif. forfeit.

CLASS C — Rackley, Arizona 10-1-47.4; Flann, Calif. 8-3-49.2; Giles, Utah 7-4-50.7; Fleharty, Neb. 7-4-42.9; Sadowski, Calif. 6-5-47.6; Green, Wash. 6-5-41.7; Otterbach, N. M. 5-6-42.2; Hulshof, Oregon 5-6-40.9; Fisher, Ariz. 5-6-37.2; Reheis, Kan. 4-7-32.8; Allredge, Ariz. 3-8-38.3; Carl, Ariz. forfeit.

PLAYOFF — Riley 3-0-57.7; Valdois 2-1-58.2; Weeks 1-2-51.5; Mortenson 0-3-46.4.

CLASS D — Rushing, Calif. 9-2-42.3; House, Ida. 8-3-46.0; Sullivan, Minn. 7-4-42.7; Engel, Colo. 6-5-42.3; Bissell, Ariz. 6-5-40.3; Raymond, Utah 6-5-38.5; Wilfon, Nev. 5-6-40.6; Branine, Kansas 5-6-33.8; Mahlstedt, Calif. 5-6-30.6; Christiansen, Wash. 4-7-41.6; Miller, Nev. 3-8-37.1; Findley, Texas 2-9-41.0.

CLASS E — Aaskow, Canada 5-0-40.6; Nick, Minn. 4-1-39.4; Roe, Kansas 3-2-32.0; Zwickel, Oregon 2-3-20.7; Morritz, Mo. 1-4-26.1; Randall, Ariz. forfeit.

CLASS F — Sweatman, N. M. 5-0; Romero N. M. 4-1; Bressan, N. M. 3-2; Blough, Nev. 2-3; Fitzpatrick, Ariz. 1-4; Smith, Ariz. 0-5.

CLASS G — O. Thomas, Ariz. 4-1; Blow, Calif. 3-2; Ioeger, Iowa 3-2; Ferrin, Ariz. 3-2; Herrin, Calif. 1-4; Halunen, Calif. 1-4.

CLASS H — Kising, Iowa 2-1; Luidahl, N. D. 2-1; Thurgood, Utah 1-2; Wallschlaeger, Ill. 1-2.

CLASS I — Andrews, Alaska 5-0; Snyder, Ill. 3-2; C. Thomas, Canada 3-2; Alvine, Calif. 2-3; Jordi, Minn. 2-3; Neilson, Canada 0-5.

CLASS J — Shipley, Calif. 4-1; McKis-sack, Ariz. 4-1; Morse, Calif. 3-2; Degn, Ida. 2-3; Wehrli, Iowa 2-3; Karlen, Calif. 0-5.

1975 World Tournament On Sesquicentennial Program; Outstanding Tours Arranged

The Lafayette, Indiana Horseshoe Club is anxiously awaiting the coming of spring in order to put the refining touches to the 24 courts in Riverfront Park in Lafayette, Indiana for the 1975 World Tournament, but meanwhile, plans are going forward to take care of the horseshoe players and their families from all over the country who will attend the event.

Lafayette and Tippecanoe County celebrate their 150th anniversary in 1975 and the World Tournament has been placed on the calendar of the Sesquicentennial program.

Al Stewart, former head of the Purdue University Music Department is the Chairman of the Sesquicentennial Committee and will assist in arranging the opening ceremonies of the World Tournament, especially the music portions.

Several interesting tours are being arranged for the horseshoe players and their families.

These will include a tour of Purdue University whose campus for 25,000 students is near the horseshoe courts.

Sports fans among the horseshoe visitors will enjoy a special tour of the Purdue athletic plant which will take them behind the scenes of Mackey Arena, Ross-Ade Stadium and Lambert Fieldhouse to see the training rooms, physical therapy facilities, suana baths, equipment rooms and all the ingredients which make up the athletic program of a large university.

There will also be a historical tour to the Battle Ground National Monument Park, where Tecumseh's Indians were defeated by William Henry Harrison in the Battle of Tippecanoe, and to the Fort Ouiatenon Historical Park, site of the famous French fort and trading post which dates back to 1700.

Southern California Association

HOLLINGSWORTH OPEN

	W	L	%		W	L	%
John Walker, Chula Vista	5	0	69.7	Arnie Mortenson, Glendale	3	2	52.1
Bill Cessna, Midway City	5	0	63.4	Harvey Robbins, Canada	2	3	49.4
Jim Weeks, Norwalk	5	0	61.6	Hank Drogemuller, Van Nuys ...	1	4	51.0
Robert Hudson, La Jolla	5	0	55.7	Nowell Flann, Westminster	1	4	46.6
Jerry Schneider, Anaheim	4	1	60.1	Joe Holder, Yucaipa	1	4	40.5
Eston Brown, Anaheim	4	1	50.5	Harold Slagg, Ontario	1	4	34.2
Jonas Snyder, Chula Vista	3	2	58.4	Earl Johnson, El Monte	0	5	40.6

(Called after 5 games, rain).

SOUTH GATE F OPEN

	W	L	%		W	L	%
Kermit Pardue, Westminster	6	1	33.4	Lynn Conway, Cerritos	3	3	21.9
Aaron Hoggatt, Sun City	6	1	27.4	Virgil Dickey, San Bernardino ..	2	4	22.7
Ralph Alvine, Chula Vista	5	1	26.5	Ross Faulkner, Huntington Pk ..	2	4	21.8
Earl Hogan, San Bernardino	4	2	23.0	Sam Haigh, Loma Linda	2	4	14.7
Paul Aurand, San Diego	3	3	25.4	Luis Weber, San Bernardino ...	2	4	14.6
Gene Van Sant, Bellflower	3	3	23.6	Joe Goode, Norwalk	1	5	21.1
Fred Reimer, Sun City	3	3	22.2	Earl Kerr, Anaheim	1	5	16.3

SOUTH GATE C OPEN

	W	L	%		W	L	%
Ernie Knorp, Goleta	5	1	48.5	Charles Tucker, La Jolla	2	3	38.8
Frank Butcher, Fresno	5	1	48.4	Harold Slagg, Ontario	3	2	42.8
Art Amador, Los Alamitos	4	1	47.1	Thomas Buck, Sun City	2	3	40.4
Hank Drogemuller, Van Nuys	4	1	46.3	Earl Johnson, El Monte	1	4	38.6
Stan Dobson, La Mesa	3	2	50.0	Archie McCallum, Riverside	0	5	36.5
Charles Kerr, San Diego	3	2	41.8				

Monday Wins Nation's Capitol "Number One" Spot

(Late Report)

Again Cecil Monday proved his ringer magnetism by adding Washington, D. C., to his ever expanding horseshoe territory. His title for this tourney was forged with double satisfaction. He had to beat a field of top contestants while competing under the pressures of extreme cold and wind.

In view of the ominous weather, the tournament officials arrived at the courts earlier than usual to erect a postponement sign. However, this plan was delayed because a group of players were already present and busy "tuning up" for the games. Several had left their homes in the morning with snow on the ground and driven over 100 miles. With such sincerity and dedication, it is pretty hard to postpone a tournament for a sunny day.

Thanks for the sponsorship of Mayor Pittman and Sam Fisher of the D. C. Recreation Department, a fine selection of trophies were presented to the top three positions in each class. In addition, the players are also deeply grateful to senior player John Burnham for his many years of promotional spirit. For his admirable sportsmanship, he has been delegated as the 1974 Nation's Capitol Top Horseshoe Booster.

Entry fees for the tournament were used to reaffirm the registration of the 12 historic Nation's Capitol courts with the NHPA. The balance of the fees were donated to the NHPA Horseshoe Booster Fund.

CLASS A — C. Monday, Va. 5-0; G. Powers, Md. 4-1; C. Price, Va. 3-2; W. Gaither, W. Va. 1-4; C. Howery, Va. 1-4; C. P. Monday, Va. 0-5.

CLASS C — O. McAteer, Md. 5-1; P. Arseneau, Md. 4-2; C. Comer, W. Va. 3-3; L. Green, D. C. 3-3; D. Mathias, Va. 3-3; T. Easter, Va. 1-5; F. Britten, Va. 1-5.

CLASS B — S. Berry, Md. 5-1; K. Stormer, Md. 5-1; R. Dean, Va. 4-2; B. Lawson, Md. 3-3; D. Unger, W. Va. 3-3; H. Grey, W. Va. 1-5; J. Grim, Va. 0-6.

CLASS D — R. Mallette, Md. 5-1; E. Clobus, Va. 4-2; G. Swaiko, Md. 4-2; B. Legeer, Md. 4-2; C. Sample, Md. 2-4; T. Wintermeyer, Md. 1-5; K. Monday, Va. 0-6.

Pederson Play-Off Victor In 4th Winter Classic Series

Thirty entries made up four classes in the fourth Winetrot Winter Classic series held at Woodland Park in Seattle, Washington. The weather was much more agreeable with the final outcome, finding Sig Pederson the play-off winner over Herb Pidde for Class A honors. He was presented a Washington State history plaque.

CLASS A — Sig Pederson 7-1-55.7; Herb Pidde 6-2-54.2; Orel Vallen 4-3-53.1; Herb Godfrey 4-3-50.2; Bill Owens 3-4-50.8; Dick Lee 3-4-46.2; Bob Good 1-6-41.1; Joe Bartlett 1-6-33.1.

CLASS B — Ellis West 7-1-48.5; Les Buchert 6-2-43.7; Orlean Clinton 4-3-43.1; Oliver Hartzell 4-3-38.8; Jerry Stanley 3-4-41.4; Forest Reed 2-5-41.7; Brad Pederson 2-5-36.5; Bill Van Egdom 1-6-32.5.

CLASS C — Tom Worthington 5-1-41.3; Ken Foss 4-2-40.3; Bernie Green 4-2-34.6; Jim Saari 3-3-37.6; Don Isaacson 2-4-35.6; Lorraine McKay 2-4-30.6; Babe Bartlett 1-5-25.6.

CLASS D — Ken Bartlett 5-1-24.6; Dale Gjerding 4-2-29.0; Marvin Herridge 3-3-31.6; Ed Wildermuth 3-3-29.6; George Lill 3-3-29.0; Goldie Gjerding 3-3-23.6; John Guyman 0-6-17.3.

Goldendale Open, Germantown, Wisconsin, June 28-29

The fourth annual Goldendale Open will be held at the Lone Star tavern courts in Germantown, Wisconsin on Saturday, June 28 and Sunday 29. All players must send a 100-shoe qualifying score along with a \$2.00 entry fee. Rest of fee will be collected at courts. Deadline is June 14. Men, Women and Juniors. Eight players in each class. Cash prizes to top four players in each class except Juniors. Trophies for first and second in each class. Classes A and B and Juniors will pitch on Sunday, rest of classes will pitch on Saturday. Send entries to Ed Wing, W. 204 N. 11912 Goldendale Road, Germantown, Wisconsin 53022.

Jim Rhymer Tops Pike County, Ohio Indoor Meet

Jim Rhymer of Stoutsville won the February Open Horseshoe tournament held at the new Indoor courts in Pike County, Ohio. Jim's only loss was to Donnie Roberts who placed second. Kenny Dawes of Good Hope was third.

David Rose of Columbus and Jim Dunkerly of Lancaster tied for first place in Class B with 8-1 records. David edged Jim out by two ringers on percentage for first place. John Brown of Lancaster was third with Bob Wilkinson of Circleville taking fourth.

Gerald Leeth, Danny Penn, and Winnie Woods all of Pike County tied for first place in Class C with 6-1 records. Leeth's 38.7 was good for first place, Danny's 37.8 was second and Winnie's 34.1 was third.

John Brown and David Rose tossed 88 shoes for the longest game, Kenny Dawes hit 75.9 for the high game. Dawes also hit 9 consecutive doubles. Gary Kline and Jim Rhymer hit 9 four-deads in their game.

CLASS A — Jim Rhymer 6-1-63.9; Donnie Roberts 6-1-62.1; Kenny Dawes 5-2-63.4; Ottie Reno 3-4-56.1; Bud Christman 3-4-54.0; Maurice Wipert 3-4-52.3; Gary Kline 2-5-52.8.

CLASS C — Gerald Leeth 6-1-38.7; Danny Penn 6-1-37.8; Winnie Woods 6-1-34.1; Ronald Penn 4-3-37.8; Elmer Altman 3-4-

CLASS B — David Rose 8-1-50.0; Jim Dunkerly 8-1-49.6; John Brown 6-3-45.9; Bob Wilkinson 6-3-44.5; George Moon 5-4-41.7; Claude Crabtree 4-5-36.5; Ike Butcher 3-6-40.9; John Whittington 3-6-34.3; Gene Crabtree 2-7-39.2.

33.8; Bob Schrader 2-5-24.6; Jim Gadd 1-6-20.4; Gerald Landers 0-7-12.4.

Pidde Back In Form To Win 3rd Winter Classic Series

Bad weather plagued the turnout again for the 3rd series of the Winter Classic, although weather at the Woodland Park courts in Seattle, Washington turned out rather nice.

Class A played a double round-robin with the reliable Herb Pidde getting back in form, with Orel Vallen capturing second place.

CLASS A — Herb Pidde 7-1-54.2; Orel Vallen 6-2-54.7; Herb Godfrey 4-4-46.2; Ellis West 2-6-44.2; Joe Bartlett 1-7-35.0.

CLASS B — Orlean Clinton 4-1-37.6; Jerry Stanley 4-2-42.3; Vern Nelson 4-2-33.4; Bernie Green 4-3-34.6; Les Buchert

CLASS B — (Continued)
1-4-36.4; Don Isaacson 1-4-32.0.

CLASS C — John Guyman 5-1-20.5; Don Baal 4-2-27.8; Ed Wildermuth 3-2-30.8; Ken Bartlett 2-3-19.2; George Lill 2-3-16.8; Bill Milburn 0-5-11.6.

Middlesex Club Holds Awards Dinner

The Middlesex, N. J. Horseshoe Pitchers' Club held its eleventh Annual Awards Banquet, March 1st, under the usual efficient direction of Ben Thevenet and Hal Hanania. Besides a good representation of Middlesex officials, including Mayor Matuskiewicz, we were happy to have Ray Greenlaw and his wife, along with Commissioners' wives and Bicentennial Committee members, all from Bristol, Pa. Ray heads the 1976 World Tournament Committee. We were also happy to have our friend, N. E. Regional Director Pete Shepard with us. Our faithful friends from Brooklyn, N. Y., Lou Gancos and Len Ouellette and wives attended.

A letter was read announcing arrangements for demonstration pitching at Rockefeller Plaza, New York City, this summer. Walter Pruiksmas made the initial contacts which culminated in a recent meeting of Pruiksmas, Al Cherry (N. J. State Tournament Director), and Lou Gancos of Brooklyn with Mr. James Daniel, Coordinator of Community Events at Rockefeller Plaza. This should do much to promote horseshoes and could be a step towards putting HORSESHOES in the category of Pro-Bowling.

Club President, Newt Apgar, announced that the Club had voted at its last meeting to hold the 1976 World Tournament Warm-up at Middlesex.

Three Kansas Tournament Plans Announced

The second Annual Hillsboro Open tournament, June 7-8, will take place in Memorial Park in Hillsboro, Kansas. On Saturday, June 7, the Juniors and all those under 30% will play. On Sunday, June 8, the first 48 entries above 30% will play. First, second and third place trophies will be awarded in each class. Entry fees, \$5.00. Individual percentage cards will be furnished.

We will again have our evening tournament at the Marion County Fair in Hillsboro, August 18, 19, 20 and 21. The Kansas State Tournament will also be played in Hillsboro this year on the Labor Day week-end. Send entry fee and percentage to Herbert Schroeder, Box 66, Goessel, Kansas 67053 or 316-367-2211.

1975 World Tournament Motel And Camping Information

NHPA members planning to attend the 1975 World Tournament at Lafayette, Indiana July 25 - August 3, should make reservations from the following list of motels and camping sites in Lafayette and area.

The motels are listed in the order of their proximity to the horseshoe courts in Riverfront Park, the first named being the closest and the last named the farthest removed from the courts.

Rates listed are single and double and it should be noted these are the 1974 prices and subject to change.

Travel Lodge — 200 Brown St., West Lafayette. Phone 743-9661. Rates: \$12.00 and \$18.00.

Devon Plaza — 2371 N. 26th St., Phone 742-7394. Rates: \$8.50 and \$10.00.

Stout's Motel — 1510 Schuyler Ave., Phone 742-9036. Rates: \$8.00 - \$10.00.

Campus Inn — 1920 Northwestern Ave. (Best Western). Phone 463-9511. Rates: \$12.00 - \$18.00.

Regal 8 Inn — 1217 W. Bypass 52. Phone 463-1531. Rates: \$8.80 - \$12.80.

Howard Johnson Motor Lodge — Sagamore Parkway South and Underwood St., Phone 447-3111. Rates: \$12.50 - \$19.00.

Holiday Inn South — US 52 Bypass South. Phone 447-4131. Rates: \$13.00 - 19.00.

Howard Johnson Motor Inn — 4343 State Road 26 East. Phone 447-0575. Rates: \$15.00 - \$21.00.

Ramada Inn — L 65 and Route 26. Phone 447-9460. Rates: \$14.00 - 20.00.

Budget Inns of America — 139 Frontage Road. Phone 447-7566. Rates: single \$9.50 - double \$12.00 - three \$14.50 - four \$17.00.

West Lafayette Hilton Inn — US 52 and Cumberland. Rates: \$15.50 - \$21.50.

Morris Bryant Inn — US 52 West. Phone 463-2531. Rates: \$11.00 - \$16.00.

Green Acres — US 52 West. Phone 463-1526. Rates: \$8.00 - \$10.00.

Jones Motel — US 52 South. Phone 474-9965. Rates: \$10.00 - \$12.00.

Colonial Motel — 3215 US 52 South. Phone 474-1414. Rates: \$8.00 - \$10.00.

Holiday Inn West — 165 and Road 43. Phone 567-2131. Rates: \$15.00-\$21.00.

Rose Haven — Clark's Hill, Ind. Phone 523-2111. Rates: \$9.00 - \$11.00.

Camping Facilities

MarLen Park — South 18th St. Contact David Ison.

River Junction — 6614 State Road 25 N. Phone 589-3875.

K and K — State Road 25, Contact Kenneth Kingery.

Leisure Time Park — 7414 State Road 25 N. Phone 589-8089.

Marsh Lake — Route 6, Lafayette. Contact Wayne Wolf, Phone 296-2346.

Knop Lake — Route 1, Rossville, Indiana. Phone 379-7784.

There is also plenty of space in Riverfront Park across the Wabash river from the horseshoe courts for those campers who do not need a hook up. No facilities are available in these locations.



“From Out Of The Mail Bag”

February 19, 1975

Mr. F. Ellis Cobb
Editorial Office
P. O. Box 1606
Aurora, Illinois 60507

Dear Mr. Cobb:

I have been a member of the NHPA for only 13 months, and in that time, I found that there are many ways to create more interest in the game of horseshoes.

I have entered several tournaments in this time and have noticed that practically the same players compete in these tournaments.

To draw more players in the tournaments, I suggest a point system as follows:

Each State to run independently this point system.

Each State will list tournaments that points will apply.

10 points for first place for each class.

5 points for second place for each class.

2 points for third place for each class.

Trophies for first, second and third places will still remain in effect.

At the end of the tournament schedule, the player that receives the most points, will either receive a cash prize, or a special trophy or plaque. The prize can be determined by each association.

Sincerely,

Joseph A. Grillo,
68 Westminster Ave.
Watertown, Mass. 02172

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Dear Sir:

In my opinion the Cancellation Method of scoring, as is done in your world tournaments and most state tournaments, is far and away the best and most exciting way to conduct a horseshoe tournament. It makes for more exciting games for pitchers and spectators alike as the game is in contention until the last shoe is pitched.

It gives the “come from behind” and “never say die” pitcher a chance to make it an exciting contest. I have seen some of those fifty shoe games where the pitcher behind in score might as well quit before the game is half over, and some do. The spectators are bored with it. I think these fast tournament promoters would do the horseshoe pitching game a good turn if they used the Cancellation Method of scoring. They could make points as low as 25 and still have exciting contests not just an exhibition.

Sincerely yours,

Wayne Starr
4769 French Creek Rd.
Lorain, Ohio 44054

Mailbag—Continued

Mr. Ellis Cobb, Editor
The Horseshoe Pitcher's News Digest
P. O. Box 1606
Aurora, Illinois 60507

Dear Ellis:

I'm a scientific sort of a guy and when I read "Tips From The Top" in the December issue of the Digest, by Clyde Martz, I was ecstatic. It had never occurred to me to tabulate my misses on paper. I could hardly wait to try this out and I had visions of pitching against Curt and Elmer in the 1975 World Tournament finals. I figured I'd be unselfish and not pray to go to 80% in one week, just 70-75% would do.

Well, I rushed out the next two days and pitched 1,000 shoes and tabulated my misses. Nothing was more important; I missed meals, neglected my family, and was totally absorbed in the project. After analyzing the sheets, I rushed in and shouted to my wife: "I've found it, I'm pitching 20% to the right of the stake." I even did the dishes that night; the world was really an O. K. place after all. Now I was ready to go to Step 2 and see what was next.

I found the article and was breathless with excitement as I settled down to find out a secret more important to me than Einstein's relativity theory. My wife was also caught up in the air of excitement, and I could tell my dogs sensed something big was up, because they were all gathered around with their ears up.

I was trembling as I slowly read: (1) tabulate your misses and (2) adjust your pitching to master these faults. I read it again, thinking I had missed something, or that the article was cropped or was continued in the next issue. After a couple of days, it suddenly dawned on me that was all. I don't know whether anyone else tried Clyde's approach, but I'm still waiting to find out how to quit going to the right. I promise that I'll throw my Allen and Ohio shoes away and go to Imperials, if Clyde will only expand on his too brief article. I'm even considering Judge Ottie Reno to help me file a class action suit against both Clyde and the real instigator, Sol Berman, who, being a real life doctor should know better. I will consider dropping the suit if I can get to 75% before Lafayette.

"A Disgruntled Texan"

Bob Graham

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

Dear Ellis:

For a long time I have been disturbed at some of the things written in various articles printed in the Digest. Nobody ever heard of me so I will just say I threw my first horseshoe back in 1910 when I was nine years of age and I've been at it ever since.

I beg to take issue with the slogan "Progress Means Change." It reminds me of that old saw, "Practice Makes Perfect." Nothing could be further from the truth unless it is the RIGHT KIND of practice, which recognizes the proper techniques involved and strives to perfect them. Just practicing the same old mistakes over again only preserves mediocrity. I would remind you also that "Deterioration Means Change." So, change only for the sake of change runs the risk of merely preserving mediocrity. Slogans can be handy things to have around in an advertising campaign, but let us be fully aware of the semantics involved. Change can mean progress if we work it right! We may throw our horseshoes a little off line but let's keep our thinking straight.

Mailbag—Continued

I remember long years ago when I first heard of the "count-all" system of scoring. I scoffed at it then and I scoff at it now. It is nothing but a cop-out, a haven for mediocrity, an alibi for the player who has not the skill and/or the fight to hang in there; he wants to make a "good showing" without paying the price. The cancellation system makes a player compete in the full sense of the word. You can be shut out, true. But if you have the skill and the nerve and the determination, you can come from far behind and still win.

In the January, '75 Digest there was an article from which I quote; — "The count-all is helpful to the poorer player."

It is exactly that sort of thinking to which I am irrevocably opposed. Help mediocrity? Modify the scoring so that it tends to preserve inferiority both in attitude and performance? NEVER sir, NEVER. Bring the superior performer down to our level by scoring manipulation or rules legislation? I repeat, NEVER! NEVER! Let the mediocre player RAISE HIMSELF. Let him compete with the better performer on his own merit. If he can't, well, sorry buddy, welcome to the club. While I was still a boy, a grizzled old-timer introduced me to a saying I have never forgotten; "If you can't stand the heat, stay out of the kitchen."

As a tool, however, the count-all system can be very useful. I should think it would be indispensable for league play during the week, for instance. But let us keep it out of all championship play, especially the World Tournament, at least the fifty-shoe variety. I will say that by far the best criticism and the best suggestions for improvement, in my humble opinion, were presented by Carl Steinfeldt in the Digest for June, 1974, regarding the World Tournament. There does not seem to have been any follow-up on that letter which is a matter of some surprise to me.

The world of horseshoe pitching seems to be in a period of great unrest. I see this as a microcosm of the troubles besetting man all over the world. As the man said, "This too, will pass away." Play your little game of horseshoes, friend, and do not take either your game or yourself too seriously.

Keep them horseshoes flying!

Pete Wight
1019 Morphy
Great Bend, Kansas 67530

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

Dear Friend Ellis:

Enclosed find M. O. for \$5.00 to cover subscription to the News Digest for 1975. I'm now 74 years young and do very little pitching, but I still get a lot of pleasure reading of the various tourneys across the country and reminiscing about the many games I've played with the very best of sportsmen, such as Day, Martin, Griggs, Long, Beller, Weeks, Taylor, N. Vogel, Fowler, Kamman, Stearns and Cobb, to mention just a few.

As you know, I'm originally from Decatur, Illinois, where I staged, and played in many contests. I was lucky enough to qualify and play in the B Class at Murray, Utah in 1955, where I met Arch Stokes and several other wonderful folks. I have subscribed to the News Digest since it started with Volume No. 1, July 1956. I have a complete set of Digest's to date, except for July 1964 and January 1966, which somehow got lost when I moved to Arizona.

Now I bowl and play golf. I'm bowling in two Senior leagues and have a 167 average. My best game was 277 and best series 675. My team won the City of Phoenix Championship in 1972. At golf — "I play a lot of golf, getting thru one hole." I'm not quite as good as Johnny Miller!

Mailbag—Continued

The great Walter Ward, who played in our league until he had a stroke in 1974, advises to take up horseshoe pitching to improve at bowling.

I never rolled a bowling ball, nor hit a golf ball until I was 64. Before that it was strictly horseshoes! I still carry a pair of shoes in my car, along with my bowling ball and golf clubs.

Keep up the good work with the Digest and if there is anything in this letter you wish to use in the Digest, you are free to do so.

Your Friend,

Frank Cotton
4010N, 20th Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85016

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Horseshoe Pitcher's Digest
Aurora, Illinois 60507

February 24, 1975

Dear Mr. Cobb:

It seems we are having quite a controversy in our State of New York concerning whether a woman should be allowed to pitch with the men. As a veteran of over forty years of pitching in this state, I would also like to say a few words for what I believe in. They are not meant to offend anyone, for I am sure I have always gotten along splendidly with everyone involved in this clashing of ideals. I repeat, I am not taking sides.

Now, some things may not be clear to me. Did, or does Mary Lee want to pitch with the men (at forty feet, of course,) wherever her qualifying score puts her, just for the sake of pitching with the men? Or does she simply wish to pitch against them for the State Championship (meaning Class A) providing she is capable of qualifying in that division, again at forty feet? If her intention is the former, then it is wrong. Because she undoubtedly is a gifted pitcher for a girl, she should not be permitted to pitch against most men who, although having competed for many years, are never able to surpass the 50% plateau.

On the other hand, if this girl, or any other woman is ever able to play in the 60's and 70's, at the men's distance, then by all means let her compete against them. You know, if we could only lay aside our little jealousies, we would realize what a shot in the arm our game would receive if that ever came to pass. We must always strive for spectator interest, for that is the heart of any sport. We all know that no matter what sport you can think of there are very, very few women who are capable of competing against the men, and none are good enough to win a title against them. Such an event creates enormous fan interest (for which, I repeat, we should all strive and sacrifice).

In all the years that I have been competing in the New York State Tournament, I have always been able to qualify for Class A, but when the time comes that a girl or a woman is good enough to qualify higher than I do, I will gladly step aside. I am sure the spectators present will have greater interest in watching her compete against the top men than in watching me. Who knows, she may even have better luck and beat Mr. N. Y. State Champ himself — Carl Steinfeldt!

Yours in sport,

Anthony Sauro
1021 Avery Ave.
Syracuse, New York 13204

“From Out of the Mailbag”

Editorial Office:
Horseshoe Pitcher's News Digest
Aurora, Illinois

Dauphin, Manitoba Canada
February 22, 1975

Dear Mr. Cobb:

I have been a subscriber for many years and can say that the Digest keeps one well informed of the many activities of the NHPA and it indeed has helped us on many occasions in our organizations of clubs and tournaments north of the border. In the July, 1974 issue of the Digest, a very interesting article by Wally Shipley — “A Little Humor from Your President” was printed. Our horseshoe club had this reprinted in large bold type and it hangs in our club house. I think it says so much and is a very courteous way of saying — “You know the rules - so please play by them.”

The Dauphin Horseshoe Club is well organized and very active in promoting the game throughout Manitoba and elsewhere in Canada. We really appreciate the many visiting players from the United States and elsewhere that enjoy playing on our courts.

Pitching horseshoes is one of the healthiest exercises there is and here in Manitoba it is being viewed by the Manitoba Heart Association as a possible method to strengthen all body muscles and could parallel swimming. This was initially suggested by our club.

Horseshoe pitching is becoming one of the most popular sports around and although the media a few years ago didn't do too much publicity-wise, we are now getting our share of space on the sports pages. The modern horseshoe tournament draws hundreds of interested spectators as it is one of the most scientific and exacting sports played under very rigid rules. Even to the uninitiated spectator, it is obvious that he is watching master craftsmen at work. When one stops to think and does an elementary piece of calculation that over a distance of 40 feet a horseshoe pitcher has only a 2½ inch margin of error if he successfully pitches a ringer. I feel the competitive tension in a ringer studded horseshoe game is far greater than in most other sports. In most sports, tension comes at certain exciting times of the game, but with horseshoes you get it on every pitch.

Our association and club have tried a variety of ways to run horseshoe tournaments — “handicap system” “knockout” etc, etc, but so far we have found the class qualifying to be the best. We are quite fortunate in that the clubs and associations for many years have recorded the players tournament ringer averages and can say that with the odd exception, the player starts off in his right classification. I do think, however, due to the increased participation in the game and a time factor on many occasions that we may have to turn our attention to more 50-shoe games, as this is a good method and cuts down on time.

Horseshoe playing is an inexpensive sport and with the talk of a possible depression, we could have one of the greatest booms in the history of the game. Good public relations is required, organized tournaments at every fair, sportsday and picnics, not only for the professionals, but the low average player as well. Involvement of Juniors — both girls and boys and all other categories up to seniors. Upgrade horseshoe coverage through the media, TV and radio and last but not least see to it that the low average pitcher who ends up down in the class F group gets just as many pats on the back as the champion does because, believe it or not, he is the “artist” that keeps the game going.

I do hope my plans to attend the World Tournament at Lafayette materialize as I know it will be one of my biggest horseshoe thrills by just being there. Good pitching everyone!

Yours sincerely,

Bert Snart, President Dauphin Horseshoe Club. Dauphin, Manitoba

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COMING EVENTS

April 11-13 — Seventh Annual Dogwood Festival Open Tournament, Lakewood Park courts, Statesville, North Carolina.

May 17-18 — Third Annual Steelmark Open, Steelmark courts, Mingo Junction, Ohio.

May 23-24-25-26 — Eisenhower Open Tournament, Piqua, Ohio. Sanctioned, NHPA card necessary to play. Entries to Francis Asher, 1425 Mulberry St. Piqua, Ohio 45356. Phone: 778-1031. Closing date - May 17.

May 25 — Alvin Gandy Open tournament, Gage Park courts, Topeka, Kansas. Cash prizes. 50-points or 50-shoes. Time 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Send 100-shoe qualifying score to secretary, H. R. Hutchinson, 904 Medford St., Topeka, Kansas 66606 by Friday preceding the Sunday tournament.

June 7-8 — Hillsboro Open tournament, Memorial Park courts, Hillsboro, Kansas. Fee \$5.00. Juniors and under 30% play Saturday 2:30 p.m. others on Sunday 8:30 a.m. Sanctioned tournament, NHPA card required.

June 8 — Fairbury Open tournament (1st), Fairbury, Nebraska. Contact Jacob Isaac, 1208 3rd St., Fairbury, Nebraska 68352.

June 20-21-22 — Annual Hebron Open Tournament, Hebron, Ohio. NHPA card required.

June 28-29 — Third annual O'Fallon Open Tournament, O'Fallon, Missouri. 6 classes, 3 trophies each class. 100 shoe qualifying, send percentage only. Send entry and fee of \$5.00 (no refund) to Greg Marter, 90 Country Life Dr., O'Fallon Missouri 63366 by June 7 or phone 314-272-4890. No food this year. Tournament starts both days at 9:00 A.M.

July 6 — Annual 4-State Tournament, Falls City, Nebraska.

July 12-13 — Annual Illinois State tournament, Lincoln Park courts, Rte 150 north, Galesburg, Illinois.

July 13 — Annual Illinois Boys' State tournament, Lincoln Park courts, Rte 150 North, Galesburg, Illinois. Also seniors and First Annual Women's tournament.

July 13 — Annual Sunflower Open tournament, Gage Park courts, Topeka, Kansas. Trophies awarded. 50-points or 50-shoes. Time 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Send 100-shoe qualifying score to secretary, H. R. Hutchinson, 904 Medford St., Topeka, Kansas 66606 by Friday preceding the Sunday tournament.

July 25 thru Aug. 3 — 1975 World Tournament, Lafayette, Indiana.

Aug. 12-13 — Illinois State Fair tournament, State fairgrounds, Springfield, Illinois. Qualify at courts, 8:00 a.m. Aug. 12. till noon.

Aug. 16-17 — Annual New York State Tournament, Outwater Park courts, Lockport, New York.

August 16-17 — Ringers Only Tournament, O'Fallon, Missouri. Entry fee of \$5.00 (no refund) should be sent to Greg Marter, 90 Country Life Dr., O'Fallon, Missouri 63366 by August 2 or phone 314-272-4890. Starting time 9:00 A.M. both days.

Aug. 16-17 — Annual Rapidan Open tournament, Rapidan, Minnesota.

Aug. 17 — Annual Topeka Club tournament, Gage Park courts, Topeka, Kansas. open to all pitchers living in county that touches Shawnee county. Trophies. 50-points or 50-shoes. Time 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Send 100-shoe qualifying score to

secretary, H. R. Hutchinson, 904 Medford St., Topeka, Kansas 66606 by Friday preceding the Sunday tournament.

Aug. 23-24 — Annual Mingo Junction Open, Steelmark courts, Mingo Junction, Ohio.

Aug. 23-24 — Annual Nebraska State Tournament, Falls City, Nebraska.

Aug. 30-31-Sept. 1 — Fifth Annual Maritime Moosehead Championships, Moncton Arena, Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada.

Aug. 30-31-Sept. 1 — Annual Kansas State tournament, Memorial Park courts, Hillsboro, Kansas. \$5.00 fee with ringer percentage to Herb Schroeder, Box 66, Goesel, Kansas 67053 or phone 316-367-2211. Sanctioned. NHPA card required.

Sept. 6-7 — Ohio Central District Tournament, Hebron, Ohio. NHPA card required.

Sept. 7 — Fairbury Open tournament (2nd) Fairbury, Nebraska. Contact Jacob Isaac, 2208 3rd St. Fairbury Nebraska 68352.

Sept. 20-21 — Sixth Annual Statesville Autumn Open Tournament, Lakewood Park courts, Statesville, North Carolina.

PIKE COUNTY (OHIO) INDOOR SCHEDULE

These tournaments are open to men only.

May 17-18 Open Tournament
\$5.00 entry fee - 8 man classes. 50-point cancellation. Send entry to Donnie Roberts, Route 5, Lucasville, Ohio 45648, Phone: (614) 289-4101. Please enter by Sunday before tournament.

INDIANA SCHEDULE

April 5-6 — Rushville Open at Rushville. Indoor. Mailing deadline March 26. Phone deadline March 28 noon. Entry fee \$6.00.

April 26-27 — Spring Special at Rushville. Indoors. Mailing deadline April 16. Phone deadline April 18 noon. Entry fee \$6.00.

ALL PHONE DEADLINES ARE AT NOON ON THE DATE LISTED.

Send all entries to Emma Gall, 2217 E. 4th St., Anderson, Ind. 46012. Phone 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. Note: Indiana members must pitch in at least three (3) Indiana sanctioned tournaments during the year to be eligible to pitch in the State tournament.

PINECREST INDOOR HORSESHOE CLUB 1974-1975 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Send all entries to Emma Gall, State Secretary: 2217 E. 4th St. Anderson, Ind. 46012. These are sanctioned tournaments and the deadline for entries are the same as other Indiana National Tournaments. Entry fee \$6.00.

PINECREST is located at rural route Elwood, Indiana across from Grant City Plaza Shopping Center, one block east of Highway 37.

Apr. 5-6 — Ringer Classic. First 64 entries. Mailing deadline Mar. 26. Phone deadline noon Mar. 28.

Apr. 19-20 — Redbud Open — First 64 entries. Mailing deadline Apr. 9. Phone deadline noon Apr. 11.

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1974 - 75 FLORIDA SCHEDULE

- April 5-6 — Florida State (Closed) Bee Ridge Park, Sarasota. Contact Dick Ferguson, 4337 Midland Road, Sarasota, Fla. 33581 Phone 813-924-4117.
- May 3 — Bee Ridge Open, Bee Ridge Park, Sarasota. Contact Dick Ferguson, 4337 Midland Road, Sarasota, Fla. 33581 Phone 813-924-4117.

HERITAGE RECREATION SCHEDULE

Sutton, Massachusetts

- Apr. 20 — Spring Warm-up - 39% and down.
Apr. 27 — Spring Warm-up - 40% and up.
May 24 — Anniversary Special - 39% & down.
May 25 — Anniversary Special - 40% and up.

DAY-BELL, KENTUCKY INDOOR SCHEDULE

- April 19 & 20, Spring Tune Open.
May 3 & 4, 1975, Special—to be announced.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA SCHEDULE

East Pennsylvania Horseshoe Pitchers' Association announces the 1975 Tournament Schedule to be played on the Bristol Township Recreation courts located at Wood and Purdue Ave. Edgley, Bristol Township, Pennsylvania. Entry fee of \$8.00 and highest 1974 average should be mailed 7 days prior to tournament date. No entry fee for Junior boys or girls. Except for Pennsylvania Open and York County Open, make checks payable to East Pennsylvania Horseshoe Pitchers' Association, Mail to: Al Moss, 1312 Lacey St., Trevoise, Penna. 19047. Tournament Director 215-355-1981.

- June 22 — U. S. Eastern Open.
July 12-13 — York County Open at Shiloh, Penna.
July 20 — East Coast Open.
Aug. 16-17 — Pennsylvania Open at New Cumberland, Penna.
Aug. 23 — Bristol Township Open.

All tournaments to be played on Bristol Township Recreation courts except Pennsylvania Open Aug. 16-17 and York County Open July 12-13.

York County Open - contact Raymond Bechtel, 2210 Sycamore Road, York, Penna. 17404. Phone 717-766-4065.

Pennsylvania Open - contact Dan Beshore, R.F.D. 1, New Cumberland, Penna. 18070. Phone 717-938-2945.

VIRGINIA TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

- May 17-18 — Elmont Spring Warm-up Open, Elmont, Va.
May 24 — Hill City Ladies Invitational, Lynchburg, Va.
June 14-15 — Apple Capitol Open, Winchester, Va.
June 28-29 — Virginia State Doubles, Elmont, Va.
July 5 — Shenandoah Valley Ladies Open Classic, Waynesboro, Va.
July 12-13 — Hill City Open, Lynchburg, Va.
July 26-27 — Boo Henson Open, Waynesboro, Va.
Aug. 16-17 — Winchester Ladies Open, Winchester, Va.
Aug. 29-30-31 — Virginia State Singles, Lynchburg, Va.
Sept. 13-14 — Raymond L. Frye Memorial Open, Winchester, Va.
Oct. 4-5 — The Elmont Fall Open, Elmont,

PIKE COUNTY (OHIO) INDOOR SCHEDULE

The following dates are for women only. An open tournament (50-point cancellation) will be held at the new four-court indoor horseshoe building in Pike County for women on the following dates:

Sat. May 10 Open Tournament

Send all entries to Donnie Roberts, Route 5, Lucasville, Ohio 45648. Phone: (614) 289-4101. Please enter by Sunday before tournament date.

NEVADA STATE SCHEDULE

Nevada State and Northern Nevada tournaments will be played at Stempelck Park in Sparks, Nevada. Pre-entry fee of \$1.00 must be in one week prior to each tournament with proof of current percentage. Check in time is one half hour prior to pitching.

June 7 — Junior Boys and Girls, starting time 10:00 a. m. Pitching fee 50 cents.

June 8 — Group 1, 2, and 3, starting time 10:00 a. m. Women and Group 4 to pitch after first group is done. Men's pitching fee is \$4.00. Women's pitching fee is \$3.00.

Aug. 16-17 — A closed tournament, this is State's last one.

Northern Nevada League tournaments

June 28 — Junior Boys and Girls, also women and Class D starting time 9:00 a. m.
June 29 — Class C starting time 11:00 a. m. Class A and B starting time 11:00 a. m. Pitching fee for Men is \$5.00. Pitching fee for Women is \$4.00 and Juniors 50 cents.

July 26-27 — A closed tournament.
Aug. 24 — Mixed doubles starting time 10:00 a. m. Pitching fee is \$5.00.

Reno Indian Colony

Anderson Park, Reno, Nevada

- May 24 — Class D starting time 9:00 a. m. Class B starting time 1:00 p. m.
June 14 — Women starting time 9:00 a. m. Class A starting time 1:00 p. m.
July 19 — Junior Boys and Girls starting time 9:00 a. m. Class C starting time 1:00 p. m. Pitching fee for Men is \$5.00. Women is \$4.00 and Juniors is 50 cents. Contact Lance or Jessie Astor at 73 Reservation Road, Reno, Nevada 89502 or phone 786-0503.

TEXAS SCHEDULE

- April 19-20 — Grapeland Open, Grapeland, Texas.
May 17-18 — Matt Bower Open, Twin Peaks Courts, San Antonio, Texas.
June 14 — Arlington Open, Arlington, Texas.
July 12-13 — Irene Andreas Open, VFW Post No. 4815, San Antonio, Texas.
August 16-17 — Sipple Open, Twin Peaks Courts, San Antonio, Texas.
August 30-31 — Texas State Tournament, Arlington, Texas.
September 20-21 — Lakeside Open, Lakeside Courts, San Antonio, Texas.
October 11-12 — Tri-State Open, Denton, Texas.
November 8-9 — Harvest Open, VFW Post No. 4815, San Antonio, Texas.
Send all entries to Art Ullom, Box 577, Grapeland, Texas 75844. Phone: 687-2779.

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WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA SCHEDULE

- June 7-8 — Spring Fling, New Castle.
 June 14-15 — Dormont Open, Dormont.
 June 21-22 — Eastern National, Erie.
 July 19-20 — Kinzua Country Classic, Warren.
 July 26-27 — Northwest Tournament, Erie.
 Aug. 9-10 — New Castle Open, New Castle.
 Aug. 16-17 — Three Rivers Open, Dormont.
 Aug. 23-24 — All County Tournament.
 Aug. 30-31 - Sept. 1 — State Tournament, Warren.
 Sept. 20-21 — Fall Round-up, New Castle.

The tournament directors are as follows: New Castle - Clair Bruce, 119 Glen-Moore Blvd., New Castle, Pa. 16101. Phone 412-654-9909. Dormont - Mike Reidl, 2631

Broadway Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa. 15216 Phone 341-0168. Warren - Sam Turner, 111 Penna Ave. W., Warren, Pa. 16365. Phone 814-723-9262. Ken Carlson, 15 Orchard St. Warren, Pa. 16365. Phone 814-723-1526. Erie - Joe Abbott, 5840 Peck Road, Erie, Pa. 16510. Phone 814-899-9746.

Entry fee of \$8.00 and your highest 1974 percentage MUST accompany your entry, 10 days prior to tournament date. There will be no refund of your entry fee if you are unable to attend. All tournaments will be sanctioned so all participants MUST be a member of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association in good standing. Sec-Treas. Joseph J. Mancini, 1025 Dewey Ave. New Castle, Pa. 16101. Phone 412-652-0258.

WASHINGTON SCHEDULE

- Apr. 6 — Seventh series of the Winetrout Winter Open, Woodland Park - Seattle, Wash.
 Apr. 12-13 — The Daffodil Open, Wright Park - Tacoma, Wash.
 Apr. 20 — Final series of the Winetrout Winter Open. Woodland Park - Seattle, Wash.
 Apr. 26-27 — The Skagit County Open. Owens courts - Mt. Vernon, Wash.
 May 17-18 — The Lilac City Open. Franklin Park - Spokane, Wash.
 May 24-25-26 — The Seattle Memorial Open. Woodland Park - Seattle, Wash.

May 31 - June 1 — The Yakima Open. Elks Memorial Park - Yakima, Wash.

June 21-22 — The Strawberry Open. Owens courts - Mt. Vernon, Wash.

July 12-13 — The Spokane Open. Franklin Park - Spokane, Wash.

Aug. 30-31 Sept. 1 — The Washington State Tournament. Owens courts - Mt. Vernon, Wash.

Sept. 13-14 — The Pacific Northwest Championship Open, Elks Memorial Park - Yakima, Wash.

NEW ENGLAND SCHEDULE

OPENS: Any NHPA member. CLOSED: Limited to persons in area. INVITATIONAL: By invitation only. Send OPEN entries to (person indicated). Entry deadlines vary from one to three weeks before tourney.

- May - - - Vermont Warmup (closed). Date not yet established.
 May 18 — Connecticut (closed), Middletown, Conn.
 May 18 — Franklin, N. H. Open, (Bob Kibbee, 25 Crescent St., Penacook, 03301)
 May 24-25 — *Heritage Anniversary Open, Heritage.
 May 24-25 — Maine Roundup (closed), Lewiston, Maine.
 June 1 — New Hampshire Warmup (closed), Keene, N. H.
 June 8 — Connecticut Open, New Canaan, First 48 entries, deadline May 20, \$5. (Ed Partridge, 126 Cromwell St., Hartford).
 June 15 - (Upper) — *Mass. Open, Heritage. deadline May 31.
 June 22 (Lower) — (Russell Gadoury, 44 Edward Road, Watertown, Mass. 02172).
 June 28-29 — Maine Open, Lewiston (Roger Bolduc, 120 Gill St., Auburn, Me. 04210).
 July 6 — *Rhode Island Open, Heritage. (entries to Tom Robertson, c/o Heritage).
 July 12-13 — Keene Open, Wheelock Park (Dick Doble, 33 Wheelock St., Keene, 03431).
 July 20 — Sam Bartram (closed), Middletown, Conn.
 July 27 — Greater Lowell Invitational, Nabasset Legion Post, Westford, Mass.
 Aug. 10 — *Western Mass. Invitational, Heritage.
 Aug. 10 — Southern Maine Invitational, (closed), Portland.

Aug. 10-17 — Connecticut State. Class A on 10th at New Canaan. Lower classes on 17th at New Haven.

Aug. 16-17 — New Hampshire State, Franklin, N. H. - Maine State, Portland, Vermont State, Springfield.

Aug. 17-24 — *Massachusetts State, Heritage.

Aug. 24 — Rain date for all New England state tournaments.

Aug. 30-31 — New England Tournament, Marquette Park, Lewiston, Maine.

Sept. 1 — (Roger Bolduc, 120 Gill St., Auburn, Maine 04210). Rain dates Sept. 6-7.

Sept. 6 — Franklin County Invitational (closed) Greenfield, Mass.

Sept. 7 — Franklin County Fair Invitational, (closed), Greenfield, Mass.

Sept. 14 — Twin County League Singles, (closed), Massachusetts.

Sept. 14 — Franklin, N. H. Invitational, Franklin, N. H.

Sept. 14 — MacDonnell Memorial (closed), New Haven, Conn.

Sept. 20-21 — Vermont Open, Springfield, Vermont (dates subject to change).

Oct. 5 — New Haven Fall Classic Invitational, New Haven, Conn.

Oct. 18-19 — 3rd Annual Handicap Tournament of Champions, Heritage Recreation Center.

Oct. 25-26 — Open to winners and ties for 1st place of any sanctioned tourney from Oct. 1, 1974, to Sept. 30, 1975. (Russ Gadoury, 44 Edward Road, Watertown, Mass. 02172).

* Heritage Recreation Center, Rt. 146, Sutton, Massachusetts 01527.

Coming Events—Continued

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA SCHEDULE

- Mar. 2 — Golden Eagle Open - San Jose
 Mar. 15 — (Sat.) Stockton Open.
 Mar. 16 — Class D Open - Palermo.
 Mar. 23 — Class B Open - Santa Rosa.
 Mar. 29 — (Sat.) Rain Date.
 Apr. 5 — Class D Open - Cloverdale.
 Apr. 6 — Class C Open - Golden Gate.
 Apr. 13 — NCHPA Handicap - San Jose.
 Apr. 19 — (Sat.) Stockton Open.
 Apr. 20 — Class B Open - Colusa.
 Apr. 26 — (Sat.) Class A Open - Sacramento.
 Apr. 27 — Class C Open - Mosswood.
 Apr. 27 — Women and Juniors - San Jose.
 May 4 — Western States Open - Sacramento.
 May 10 — (Sat.) Class C Open - Stockton.
 May 10 — (Sat.) Shasta Open - Redding.
 May 11 — Class A Open - Vallejo.
 May 17 — (Sat.) Class D Open - Livermore.
 May 17 — (Sat.) Class B Open - Sacramento.
 May 18 — Women's and Juniors - Santa Rosa.
 May 25 — Golden Gate Open.
 May 31 — (Sat.) Class A Open - Vallejo.
 June 1 — NCHPA Handicap Doubles - Golden Gate.
 June 7 — (Sat.) Class A Open - Turlock.
 June 8 — Class C Open - Sacramento.
 June 8 — Class E Open - Palermo.
 June 15 — Class B Open - Golden Gate.
 June 21 — (Sat.) Women and Juniors - Seaside.
 June 21-22 — Gold Country Open - Grass Valley.
 June 22 — Ole Hanson Open - Seaside.
 June 28 — (Sat.) Stockton Open.
 June 29 — Class A and E Open - Mosswood.
 July 4 — (Fri.) Independence Open - San Jose.
 July 6 — Vallejo Open.
 July 12-13 — Capt. Weber Days - Unscheduled - Stockton.
- July 13 — Class C Open - Rio-Del-Scotia:
 July 13 — Class D Open - Sacramento.
 July 19 — (Sat.) Class C Open - Turlock.
 July 20 — Class B Open - Colusa.
 July 20 — Sonoma County Fair (Qual.) - Santa Rosa.
 July 27 — NCHPA Handicap Doubles - Stockton.
 Aug. 3 — Mosswood Open.
 Aug. 3 — Class E Open - Sacramento.
 Aug. 9 — (Sat.) Stanislaus Fair Open - Turlock.
 Aug. 10 — Class B Open - Sacramento.
 Aug. 10 — Class D Open - Colusa.
 Aug. 16 — Stockton Open - Night.
 Aug. 24 — Grass Valley Fair Open (Qual.)
 Aug. 24 — Pacific Coast Open - San Jose.
 Aug. 29-30-31 — Calif. State Open - Stockton. Qualifying starts Aug. 29.
 Sept. 7 — Mayor Douglas Open - Vallejo.
 Sept. 7 — Class D and Women and Juniors - Golden Gate.
 Sept. 13 — (Sat.) Shasta Open - Redding.
 Sept. 14 — NCHPA Class B Champ - Mosswood.
 Sept. 21 — NCHPA Class A Champ - Santa Rosa.
 Sept. 27 — (Sat.) NCHPA Seniors. - Sacramento.
 Sept. 28 — NCHPA Class C Champ - Vallejo.
 Oct. 5 — NCHPA Men's AA Champ - San Jose.
 Oct. 5 — NCHPA Class D Champ - Stockton.
 Oct. 5 — NCHPA Class E Champ - Stockton.
 Oct. 12 — NCHPA Women and Junior Champ - Santa Rosa.
 Oct. 19 — Class B Open - Seaside.
 Oct. 26 — NCHPA Handicap Doubles Champ - Vallejo.
 Nov. 1 (Sat.) Business meeting and dinner dance - Stockton.
 Nov. 2 — Turkey Shoot - Stockton.

NEW JERSEY SCHEDULE

- May 4 — New Jersey State Warm-up tournament (closed), Newark, N.J. Under 40% 10:00 a. m., Over 40% 12:00 noon.
 May 18 — New Jersey A.A.U. Open tournament, Vincentown, N.J. Under 40% 10:00 a. m., Over 40% 12:00 noon.
 June 1 — Lois Kolb Memorial tournament, Middlesex, N. J., Under 40% 10:00 a. m., Over 40% 12:00 noon.
 June 15 — John Rossettel Memorial Open tournament, Elizabeth, N. J. Under 40% 10:00 a. m., Over 40% 12:00 noon.
 June 29 — Essex County Anniversary Open tournament, Newark, N. J., Under 40% 10:00 a. m., Over 40% 12:00 noon.
 July 12 — Mid-Atlantic States Open tournament, Middlesex, N. J. (night). All classes 6:00 p. m.
 July 19 — New Jersey A.A.U. State Championship (closed), Middlesex, N. J. (night). All classes 6:00 p. m.
 Aug. 9 — New Jersey State Open tournament, Middlesex, N. J. (night). All Classes 6:00 p. m.
- Aug. 24 — Middlesex Club Open tournament, Middlesex, N. J. Under 40% 10:00 a. m., Over 40% 12:00 noon.
 Sept. 7 — New Jersey State Doubles Championship tournament (closed), Bound Brook, N. J., All classes 12:30 p. m.
 Sept. 21 — New Jersey State Singles Championship tournament (closed), Middlesex, N. J., Sunday. All classes 12:30 p. m.
 Oct. 5 — Essex County tournament, Newark, N. J. Under 40% 10:00 a. m. Over 40% 12:00 noon.
 Oct. 12 — Burlington-Vincentown Open tournament, Vincentown, N. J. Under 40% 10:00 a. m. Over 40% 12:00 noon.
 Oct. 19 — New Jersey State A.A.U. Junior tournament (closed), Newark, N. J. Under 40% 10:00 a. m., Over 40% 12:00 noon.

For further information contact Alvin Cherry, 320 Lee Place, Plainfield, New Jersey 07063 or phone: 756-9334.

Coming Events—Continued

KANSAS SCHEDULE

- May 10 — John Ohnemiller Open, Wichita, Kansas 100-shoes, George Burkholder, 418 E. Bridge, Mulvane, Kansas 67110.
- May 18 — Atchison Open, Atchison, Kansas, 100-shoes, Robert G. Booe, 1211 Guthrie Circle, Atchison, Kansas 66002.
- May 25 — Alvin Gandy Open, Topeka, Kansas, 100-shoes, Harold Hutcheson, 940 Medford, Topeka, Kansas 66606.
- June 1 — Leavenworth Open, Leavenworth, Kansas, 100-shoes, Bill Chester, 303 5th Avenue, Leavenworth, Kansas 66048.
- June 7-8 — Hillsboro Open, Hillsboro, Kansas, 100-shoes, Herb Schroeder, Goessel, Kansas 67053. NHPA card required.
- July 4 — Wichita Invitational Only, Wichita, Kansas, 100-shoes, George Burkholder, 418 E. Bridge, Mulvane, Kansas 67110.
- July 5 — Wichita Doubles Only, Wichita, Kansas, 100-shoes each player, George Burkholder, 418 E. Bridge, Mulvane, Kansas 67110.
- July 13 — Sunflower Open, Topeka, Kansas, 100-shoes, Harold Hutcheson, 940 Medford, Topeka, Kansas 66606.
- July 19 — Wichita Open, Wichita, Kansas, 100-shoes, George Burkholder, 418 East Bridge, Mulvane, Kansas 67110.
- Aug. 10 — Buffalo Bill Open, Leavenworth, Kansas, 100-shoes, Bill Chester, 303 5th Avenue, Leavenworth, Kansas 66048.
- Aug. 17 — City Tournament, Topeka, Kansas, 100-shoes, Harold Hutcheson, 940 Medford, Topeka, Kansas 66606.
- Aug. 30 - Sept. 1, 2 — Kansas State, Hillsboro, Kansas, Highest ringer percentage tournament since 1974 State, Bill Chester, 303 5th Avenue, Leavenworth, Kansas 66048. NHPA card required.
- Sept. 14 — Atchison Open, Atchison, Kansas, 100-shoes, Robert G. Booe, 1211 Guthrie Circle, Atchison, Kansas 66002.

Eisenhour Open Set For May 23-24-25-26 — Piqua, Ohio

The Fifth Annual Eisenhouer Open tournament will be held at Piqua, Ohio on May 23, 24, 25, 26. It will be NHPA sanctioned and an NHPA card will be required. The entry fee will be \$6.50 and score and percentage should be sent to Francis Asher, 1425 Mulberry, Piqua, Ohio 45356. Mailing deadline is May 16 and phone deadline is May 18.

In the Men's Division, Classes A, B and C will be 8-man and all others will be 6-man. The Ladies classes will be 6-women per class. There will be a Boys Division if there are enough pitchers.

For all sanctioned tournaments, all pitchers are required to give the scorekeepers 25¢ before each game starts. This was approved at the 1974 Ohio State Tournament Convention. The club will take care of the Boy's pitching fee of 25¢ cents.

Annual 4-State Tournament — Falls City, Nebraska

The Annual 4-State Tournament will be held on July 6 at Falls City, Nebraska. 100-shoe qualifying score should be sent to Don Koso, 803 East 12th St., Falls City, Nebraska 68355 not later than July 3. Tournament will start promptly at 8 a. m. in order to complete tournament at an early hour.

The Annual Falls City Open will not be held in August this year as it would conflict with the Nebraska State Tournament to be held in Falls City this year on August 23-24.

All Nebraska pitchers MUST qualify for the State Tournament on the Falls City courts on Saturday, August 23. The annual banquet will be held Saturday evening at 7 p. m. for all pitchers and their families. The annual meeting and election of officers and all other business will follow the banquet. Tournament will be completed on Sunday, August 24.

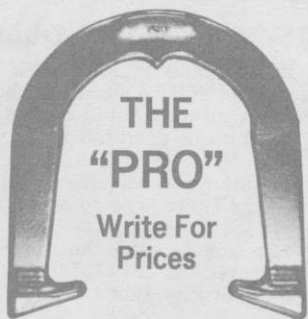
Arrangements Made For Annual Fairbury, Nebr. Open

The dates for the two annual Fairbury, Nebraska Open tournaments played under the direction of Jacob Isaac, have been set for June 8 and Sept. 7 respectively.

The entry fee will be \$4.00 for each tournament together with a 100-shoe qualification score. Entries must be sent in one week prior to date of tournament. First 68 entries only. Classes A, B, C and D will pay an additional \$1.00 on date of tournament. Tournament will start at 8 a. m. sharp and if all players are not there, tournament will proceed as scheduled.



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