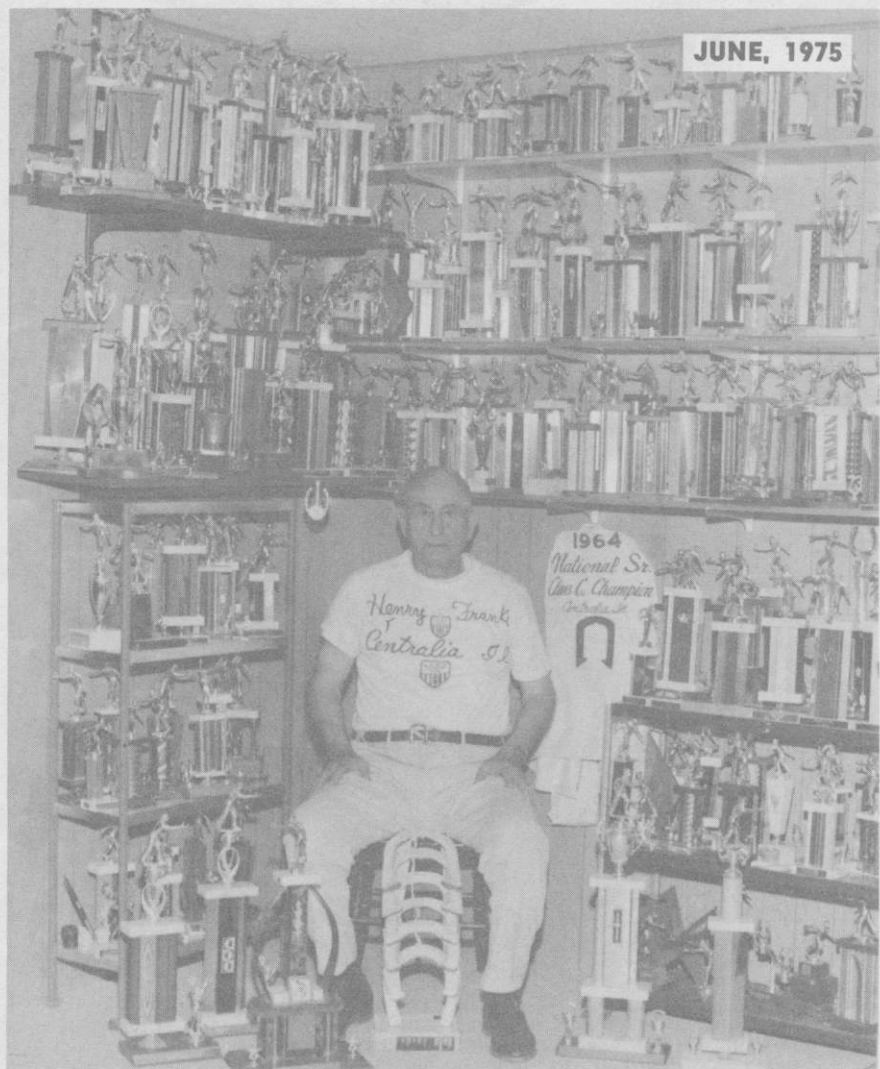


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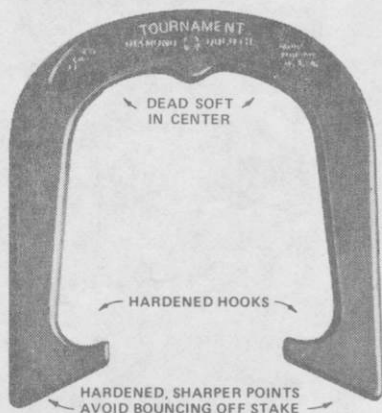
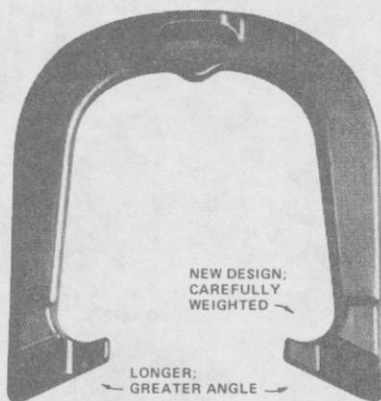


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NHPA President's Message

I decided to devote my message to an article that was written MANY years ago by a well-known member. Hope it is appreciated. PLEASE READ for the article can be beneficial to all of us. QUOTE:

SOME OF THE ADVANTAGES AND REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD BE A MEMBER OF
 "NATIONAL HORSESHOE PITCHER'S ASSOCIATION"

By Elmer Beller (Deceased)

Ex-NHPA Secretary and Vice President for 20 years

There is the tendency of local areas to fall into certain methods of horseshoe pitching, as to rules, etc., intimate only to that area while others use another method. You often overhear some old time pitcher say "when I used to pitch horseshoes, a ringer counted five points, a leaner so much, etc." This condition is slowly fading away due to NHPA influence. Not that the figure made any particular difference but it is necessary to have a uniform basis of count in all places. When any type of play is introduced in any community, that has merit over others in use, it is quickly recognized and publicized by NHPA so all may have the advantage of its use. Thus, the best is always coming into its own. This is a healthy condition and encouraged by NHPA.

The benefits that have come to one and all, who enjoy the sport of pitching horseshoes, have come so gradually over the years, (NHPA was incorporated in 1921 and in 1928, incorporation certificate was amended) that very few are aware they have received any benefits. Let's enumerate a few of these benefits, direct and indirect.

1. The standardization of horseshoes as to weight, opening, hooks, etc. If this had not been done shoes of most any weight, size or shape would be pitched. As in baseball, football, bowling or any of the major sports there could be no fair competition unless all contestants were placed on the same basis in competition by using the same equipment. Although there are still a number of shoes pitched that do not meet these requirements, they are not used by NHPA members or by few pitchers that show any distinction in the art of pitching horseshoes. Thus, anything but the approved shoes are gradually disappearing from the horseshoe courts. All pitchers are benefited, members and non-members alike.
2. The same holds true as to horseshoe courts. Pitching distance and other standards have been set up by NHPA to make horseshoe pitching a real art instead of just a game of luck. It is quite important that the pitching distance is uniform for all. This has been established by NHPA. Now no matter if you pitch horseshoes in Maine or California, Washington or Florida, or any points in between, or even in Canada or overseas, the distance is the same. You do not have to learn to pitch a different distance when you move from one location to another. If this were not true many a good pitcher would be ruined.
 Also, it has been well established a pitcher can only improve and enjoy the sport more by pitching from a level smooth standing platform and foul lines that require you to pitch an exact distance at all times. Also proper clay in the pits to allow the shoe to lie where it lands. Those that pitch under other conditions than these will find they are being deprived of much of the pleasure that could be theirs if they had the proper set up. NHPA has standardized these details.
3. Rules of play — Universal rules are pretty well established for walking games or types of games played to determine State and National Champions. Of course there are many types of play; cancellation, count-all, doubles, team play, league, etc. This is all well and good for the sport. The NHPA is responsible for the universal way of counting points and number of points to constitute a game. Simple things in a sense. Anyone could set a figure. Many would set various figures. That is just what would cause confusion. Another example of why we need NHPA, a determining factor on details as well as major factors.

President's Message — (Continued)

Many horseshoe pitchers, who have never played in a World championship or State championship or lesser matches, make use of these rules, methods and equipments. Many have never been members of a National or State organization, or even clubs. Yet they make use of these standards set up by NHPA. This is all right and well to be expected. This by no means indicates these pitchers are not competent to do all these things; such as standardizing equipment, forming good rules, laying out good courts, etc. The difficulty some would do it one way and others another way in different areas, no limit. Many of these methods might be good. But this haphazard way would lead to confusion. The point is it takes an overall central organization to ferret out the best methods and have the authority to say this is IT by decision of this organization through its officials and membership. It is the NHPA's business to act in the best interest of all horseshoe pitchers. Otherwise the horseshoe sport would never have made the progress it has without a governing body such as NHPA.

4. The "Horseshoe Pitcher's News Digest" is the official publication of the NHPA. It plays a vital part in the activities and welfare of the organization. There are many who take a keen interest in it. Some are enough interested in its welfare to participate by sending in articles and news items. Others eagerly await each issue in hopes of reading something of interest from another part of the country. To those that think the magazine is of little or no use to them, we say, it fills an urgent need to help tie an organization together a little closer that is so widely spread over the entire nation. Indirectly it will benefit all, even those that do not care to read it. It is a means of communication, so to speak, that nothing else can fill.
5. The NHPA issues sanctions for tournaments in various States as they are requested. The NHPA also awards embroidered sleeve or shirt emblems for State champion of any State each year he has won same in sanctioned tournament.
6. A complete report is sent out each year of the World Tournament and convention proceedings.
7. We print up a supply of official rule sheets on horseshoes. These not only give rules for pitching but lay-out of courts and shoe requirements. We get many, many requests from all parts of the country for these rule sheets and a number from foreign countries. We feel this is important not only to build up interest in horseshoes but it helps more players to start pitching the right shoe and playing by the right rules. Many eventually become NHPA members. They receive the opportunity to get more pleasure out of pitching horseshoes because of the proper start. This service can best be administered by a central organization such as NHPA.
8. Only through the efforts of NHPA and some of its more ardent supporters did we get horseshoes on TV. We hope to get more of it in the future. Such features are not only of great interest to many but it exposes many new people to horseshoes.
9. The NHPA secretary gets requests from many noted publications for statistics and other information on horseshoe pitching each year. Some of you may have noted articles in some of these papers, magazines or books. These requests have come from A. S. Barnes Co., Times Sports, N. Y., World Almanac Encyclopedia, Information Please, American Peoples Encyclopedia, Year Book, The World, and Collier's Encyclopedia to mention a few. Only because of a head central organization, such as NHPA, would these publications be able to receive and print these interesting and reliable statistics relating to the horseshoe sport. The fact that these publications contact us for this information supports the fact that we are the recognized head of the horseshoe pitching sport. We have established a source for them to acquire this information.

The above listed advantages to membership in NHPA, as well as in part to non-members, who indirectly benefit because of the NHPA organization, are not nearly all the advantages of having an overall supreme head for the horseshoe sport.

It is not the intention to intimate that the NHPA has originated all the good ideas and points that have been incorporated into their rules, constitution or other proceedings. Their mission has been to recognize good ideas from the past and those presenting themselves during the years up to the present. Those ideas and fundamentals most acceptable to officials and majority of membership in their judgment are incorporated into our organization. Much, yea very much, is yet to be desired. But we feel these objectives can only be accomplished by building a stronger central organization backed by loyal membership for the good of each and every horseshoe pitcher. UNQUOTE.

MY COMMENTS: I hope this article helps answer many questions on "What does the NHPA do for me and Horseshoes?" Might I make a suggestion? It might be beneficial if copies of this article were posted at various clubs, or better yet, given to non-subscribers to the Digest by each state. I really appreciate the last sentence in the last paragraph, especially the words LOYAL MEMBERSHIP. For without this no organization can work together in harmony successfully and progress.

Sincerely,
WALLY SHIPLEY

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.

Florida State Tournament Won By Levi Miller

Levi Miller of Sarasota captured the top honors of the day in the annual Florida State Horseshoe Tournament as he posted 8 wins and only 1 loss. Levi came through in the clutch ringing the stake 354 times out of 598 pitches for a 59.2 ringer per cent average. This was Levi's first time to win the Florida State Crown and he pitched like a champion.

Dwight Thatcher of Brooksville captured the Class B honors winning all his games and coming through with a fine ringer per cent average of 52.1. Other winners were Harvey Hochstetler of Sarasota in Class C, Ronnie Ronemus in Class D, and Ken Peer of Sarasota in Class E.

County Commissioner John Saba and County Park Director Walter Rothenbach were on hand to take part in the opening ceremonies, and received a fine welcome of applause from the participants and spectators for their efforts in getting the courts and park in excellent condition for the meet.

Leo McGrath, the 1st Vice-President of the NHPA, was on hand to take charge of the scoring and recording the results. And, as always Leo came through with a fine outstanding job.

CLASS A

	W	L	%
Levi Miller, Sarasota	8	1	59.2
Gene Rademacher, Plant City	6	3	63.7
Ted Penridge, Venice	6	3	59.6
Troy Harrison, Lakeland	6	3	59.4
Bill Keegan, Live Oak	6	3	56.1
Roger Poutanen, Ft. Myers	5	4	59.8
Dick Ferguson, Sarasota	4	5	58.6
Bill Riley, Bradenton	3	6	55.9
John Rademacher, Plant City			Forfeited
Jack Fahey, Bradenton			Forfeited

CLASS C — Harvey Hochstetler, Sarasota 7-1-47.9; Earle Morris, Plant City 7-1-39.9; Bob Widdersheim, Clearwater 6-2-45.2; George Buskey, Tarpon Springs 5-3-42.6; Henry Mullet, Sarasota 3-5-40.5; Ken Reeb, Winter Haven 3-5-39.6; Oscar Gaudette, N. Smyrna Beach 2-6-40.4; Frank Stites, Bradenton 2-6-37.6; Howard Hawes, Ormond Beach 1-8-31.1.

CLASS D — Ronnie Ronemus, Bradenton 5-2-38.3; Dick Weigel, Clearwater 5-2-40.9; Raymond Shade, Sarasota 5-2-37.4; Stan

CLASS B

	W	L	%
Dwight Thatcher, Brooksville	7	0	52.1
Willard West, Miami	5	2	51.7
Chris Hansen, Sarasota	4	3	48.1
Duane Whitmer, Winter Haven ..	4	3	48.0
Marion Collins, Dunedin	3	4	43.0
Bill Wade, Lehigh Acres	2	5	46.3
Charlie Pitton, Clearwater	2	5	43.0
Bill Whaley, Sarasota	1	6	41.6

CLASS D — (Continued)

Bates, Sarasota 4-3-32.6; Earle Johnson, Bradenton 4-3-27.7; Lee Davis, Seminole 3-4-29.4; Bill Packard, Venice 2-5-32.6; Doyle Langford, Ormond Beach 0-7-9.2.

CLASS E — Ken Peer, Sarasota 5-1-39.6; Ross Hitchcock, Bradenton 5-1-34.4; Ed Tausch, Bradenton 4-2-29.7; Gary Pryer, Sarasota 3-3-24.1; Norm Gasseau, Clearwater 2-4-26.6; Russ Adcock, Bradenton 2-4-25.1; Joe Gietek, Nokomis 0-6-7.1.

Third Annual Moundsville, W. Va. Open — July 12-13

The Third Annual Moundsville Open tournament will be held Saturday and Sunday, July 12 and 13. Entry fee is \$6.00. Championship trophy for winner of Class A, plus \$100.00; second place \$75.00; and third place \$50.00.

Trophies for three top places in each class below A. The deadline for entries is midnite, Monday, July 7. Any telephone calls or mail received after this hour will not be honored. All women entries will pitch 40 feet.

Send entries and tournament average to Charles Clark, 1202 9th St., Moundsville, West Virginia 26041. Telephone: 304-845-3109 or Sherman Bertrand, 1205 Lockwood Ave., Moundsville, West Virginia 26041. Telephone: 304-845-6509.

Ansil Copeland Wins DeSota Open At Bradenton, Florida

Ansil Copeland of Ohio came through the day winning all his games and posting a fine 73.7 ringer average to win the DeSota Open held in Bradenton, Florida March 20, 21, and 22. Other winners were Swen Bowman of Wisconsin in Class B, Bob Widdersheim of Clearwater, Florida in Class C, Harvey Johnson of Illinois in Class D, and Ed Schuetz of Bradenton in Class E, and John Hess of Bradenton in Class F.

CLASS A FINALS — Ansil Copeland, Ohio 3-0-73.7; Jack Fahey, Bradenton 2-1-63.6; Mark Freeman, Michigan 1-2-54.7; Marv Richmond, Minnesota 0-3-59.8.

CLASS A-1 — Ansil Copeland, Ohio 5-0-73.7; Mark Freeman, Michigan 4-1-63.9; John Rademacher, Plant City 3-2-60.7; Joe Holland, Michigan 2-3-58.4; Bill Riley, Bradenton 1-4-61.4; Les Long, Illinois 0-5-48.8.

CLASS A-2 — Marv Richmond, Minnesota 4-1-59.5; Jack Fahey, Bradenton 4-1-56.8; Dick Ferguson, Sarasota 3-2-56.3; Dwight Thatcher, Brooksville 2-3-52.6; Levi Miller, Sarasota 1-4-57.7; Roger Poutanen, Ft. Myers 1-4-55.6.

CLASS B — Swen Bowman, Wisconsin 6-1-49.7; Duaine Whitmer, Winter Haven 5-2-46.6; Harvey Hochstetler, Sarasota 4-3-41.9; Royce Wrucke, Wisconsin 3-4-41.0; George Buskey, Tarpon Springs 3-4-37.9; Oscar Gaudette, N. Smyrna Beach 1-6-39.2; Dick Weigel, Clearwater 1-6-31.4.

CLASS C — Bob Widdersheim, Clearwater 4-1-47.4; Charlie Pitton, Clearwater 4-1-50.3; Royce Wrucke, Wisconsin 2-3-42.4; Marion Collins, Dunedin 2-3-44.9; Swen Bowman, Wisconsin 2-3-41.5; Speed Gillespie, Indiana 1-4-47.2.

CLASS D — Harvey Johnson, Illinois 5-0-47.2; Earl Ronemus, Bradenton 3-2-41.5; Frank Stites, Bradenton 2-3-44.7; Lee Davis, Seminole 2-3-41.7; Henry Mullet, Sarasota 2-3-39.8; Roy Gravink, New York 1-4-39.1.

CLASS E — Ed Schuetz, Wisconsin 5-0-35.9; Ed Tausch, Bradenton 4-1-31.7; Ivan Gilman, Wisconsin 3-2-32.4; Les Peary, Bradenton 2-3-29.8; Pat O'Toole, Canada 1-4-31.1.

CLASS F — John Hess, Bradenton 4-1-33.9; Ervin Eilers, Illinois 4-1-25.6; Joe Berrell, Orlando 3-2-30.1; Milton Myhre, North Dakota 2-3-28.3; Fred Armentrout, Indiana 1-4-15.5; Ray Gillen, Sarasota forfeited.

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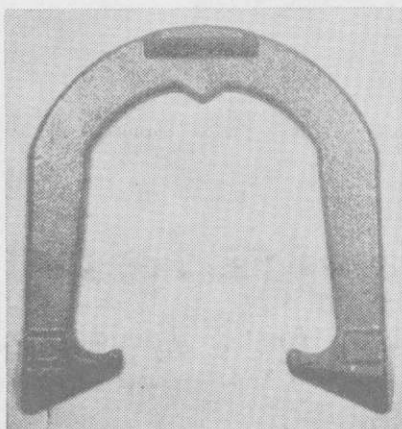
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Michigan's Annual Water Wonderland National Open will be hosted by the Sturgis Horseshoe Club on June 21-22 at Spence Field.

The tournament format will differ little from previous years when held formerly at Burr Oak, according to Jim Compton, the tournament committee chairman for the Wolverine State Horseshoe Pitcher's Assn. - (W.S.H.P.A.) Classes A and B will consist of 12 man groups while other classes will have 8 contestants. Entry fees will be Class A, \$10.00; Class B, \$7.50 and C groups on down will be \$5.50. The Women's Class \$4.00 and Juniors free.

Paul Focht, Dayton, Ohio is the defending champion and the W.S.H.P.A. will guarantee a special \$100.00 prize to the winner of the championship class.

Entry fees must be sent to J. A. Ostrander, 5717 Hilliard Road, Lansing, Michigan 48910. Telephone 517-882-8685. Deadline June 19, 9 p. m. E.D.T.

Robinson, Illinois Open — July 5

The Robinson Open will be held on Saturday, July 5 at Robinson, Illinois. There will be 6 classes beginning at 10 a. m. Entry fee will be \$5.00. For further details contact H. B. Livengood, 712 North Cross Street, Robinson, Illinois. Phone 1-618-544-8574.

Domey Wins Spring Warmup At Heritage—Sutton, Mass.

Ed Domey posted his second successive win at Heritage Recreation Center, in Sutton, Massachusetts, during the Spring Warm-up tournament. The final game against Norm Rioux was the clincher. Rioux tossed a 75% game but Domey's 83.3% was just too much for him. Both players had two games in the 80's. Paul Cormier swept to victory in Class 2, with a sparkling 65.7% average and closing games of 77.8% and 80.0%. Mel Merritt had tournament high game, 85.3%. It's good to see Mel getting back into the form that won him state and New England titles.

Pitching one of his best tournaments in some time, Charlie Richardson made a shambles of Class 3. Only one player was able to score more than 19 points against him. Hub Sasse won Class 4 via the playoff route over Ed Roussel and Guido Giorgetti. Hub has boosted his average 11% this past winter. Fran Norman had a relatively easy time of it in Class 5 with an average almost 8% over any previous effort. Charlie Wood of Maine made his first winter appearance a successful one as he won two playoff games for top spot in Class 6. Moe Farmer said no one was going to win Class 7 undefeated, but Bill McMahon won that game also for a 9-0 clean sweep. For good measure he finished the game with a double. Five classes had undefeated winners in this tournament, which equalled the total for the five previous tournaments combined.

Rick Howe won the Junior Class again. Paul Domey edged out his sister Barbara for second spot. It seems that Barbara has a desire to beat her brother and did so in her last game. Barbara, in three successive tournaments has pitched 16.6%, 35.7% and now 51.2%. At that pace we think she might win a few more times this year. Debby Michaud pitched a fine 60.7% to win the Women's division. Because the tie break method had not been announced in advance, Cam Shepard and Bev Fontaine were declared co-winners of second place. The ladies have been using handicaps in the past two tournaments and this has definitely tightened up the games.

As an experiment all contests in the Men's Classes were 35 point games. We found that the total playing time for two rounds was just about the same as for 50-shoe games (about nine hours). Upon conclusion of play the Pitchers were asked their opinions. The reaction was mixed. Many, but not all, of the "old-timers" preferred it to 50 shoe games. Most of the new players preferred

Spring Warm-up — (Continued)

50 shoe games. Obviously it is a matter of what method they were "brought up" on.

CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS — Ed Domey, Mass. 7-0-76.4; Normand Rioux, Conn. 6-1-73.2; Don Weik, Conn. 5-2-67.9; Joe Schultz, N. Y. 3-4-65.1; Bill Saunders, N. H. 3-4-60.7; Bernard Herfurth, Mass. 2-5-62.4; Arthur Tyson, N. Y. 1-6-60.4; Russell Gaudouy, Mass. 1-6-56.6.

CLASS 2 — Paul Cormier, Mass. 7-0-65.7; Mel Merritt, Mass. 5-2-64.1; Ed Courville, Mass. 4-3-61.6; Bernard Davis, Sr., N. H. 4-3-59.9; Ronald Prue, Mass. 3-4-51.0; Dan Beane, Mass. 2-5-52.1; Paul Drowne, Mass. 2-5-49.0; John Renfro, Mass. 1-6-50.9.

CLASS 3 — Charles Richardson, Mass. 7-0-61.1; Fred Simon, Mass. 4-3-52.9; Bob Fitzwilliams, Mass. 4-3-52.8; Chet Rousseau, N. H. 4-3-52.1; George Gallagher, Conn. 4-3-46.7; George Trabucci, Conn. 2-5-47.3; Joe Pepi, Mass. 2-5-38.7; Ed Bodinski, Mass. 1-6-46.6.

CLASS 4 — Hub Sasse, Mass. 5-2-47.7; Ed Roussel, Mass. 5-2-44.3; Guido Giorgetti, Conn. 5-2-39.9; Murland Bradley, Conn. 4-3-39.8; Sam Raymond, N. H. 4-3-38.9; Gardner Alden, Mass. 3-4-37.5; Paul Domey, Mass. 2-5-34.7; Romeo Roussel, Mass. 0-7-29.2.

CLASS 5 — Fran Norman, Mass. 7-0-48.3; Jim Wyllie, Mass. 6-1-41.0; Joe Grillo,

CLASS 5 — (Continued)

Mass. 5-2-41.6; Don Blomquist, Mass. 4-3-37.5; Dick Shepard, Mass. 2-5-34.5; Harold Thomas, Mass. 2-5-33.9; Bill White, Mass. 2-5-25.2; Ralph LaCerte, Mass. 0-7-26.5.

CLASS 6 — Charles Wood, Me. 5-2-39.6; Ray Dulmaine, Mass. 5-2-40.6; Rene Rodrigue, Conn. 5-2-37.7; Ray DeGrenier, N. Y. 4-3-34.0; Jay Benton, Conn. 4-3-30.4; Paul Domey, Mass. 3-4-34.8; Tony Nacewicz, Mass. 2-5-24.3; Al Doucette, Mass. 0-7-22.4.

CLASS 7 — Bill McMahon, Mass. 9-0-27.6; Ed Harrington, Mass. 7-2-24.4; Moe Farmer, Mass. 6-3-32.2; Mike Sasse, Mass. 6-3-31.9; Larry Riendeau, N. Y. 5-4-28.0; Jim Gallant, Mass. 4-5-26.0; Don Fontaine, Mass. 4-5-22.1; Bill Capozzi, Conn. 2-7-22.7; Bill Crouch, Conn. 2-7-16.0; Leo Michaud, Mass. 0-9-7.8.

WOMEN'S CLASS — Debby Michaud, Mass. 7-0-60.7; Beverly Fontaine, Mass. 4-2-19.3; Cam Shepard, Mass. 4-2-22.7; Janet Riendeau, N. Y. 3-3-27.0; Peggy DeGrenier, N. Y. 2-4-24.3; Anne Domey, Mass. 2-4-18.7; Judy Barnes, Conn. 0-6-5.6.

JUNIOR CLASS — Rick Howe, Mass. 6-0-65.9; Paul Domey, Mass. 3-3-54.1; Barbara Domey, Mass. 3-3-51.2; Bill Callahan, Mass. 0-6-36.7.

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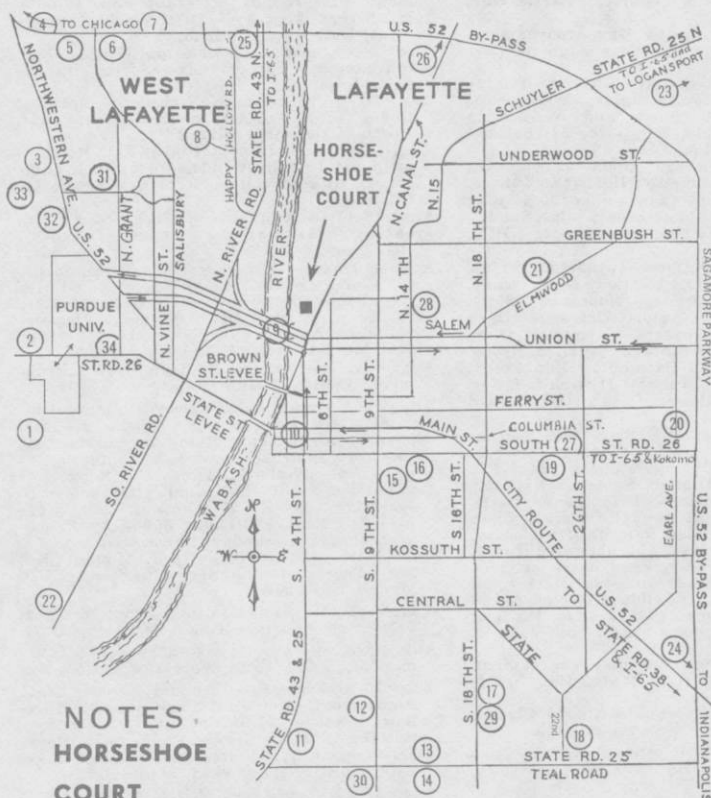
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Thirteenth Annual Casey, Illinois Open — July 4

The thirteenth annual Casey Open Tournament will be held on July 4 at the Fairview Park courts in Casey, Illinois. It will be sponsored by the Clark County Shrine Club, for the Shriner's Crippled Children's Hospitals. There will be six classes and three trophies for each class. The entry fee will be \$5.00. Players should be on the courts at 9:00 A. M. Bring qualification scores.

Fourth Annual DeWitt, Nebraska Open — June 15

The Fourth Annual DeWitt, Nebraska Men and Women Open tournament will be held on June 15 at DeWitt, Nebraska.

Lower classes will pitch at nine o'clock and upper classes and women at one o'clock. Send 100-shoe score to Dale Inderlied, DeWitt, Nebraska 68341. Deadline, June 13.

COMING EVENTS

- June 7 — Annual Bartlesville Open Tournament, City Park courts, Bartlesville, Oklahoma.
- June 7 — Annual Spring Open tournament, Jaycees Park courts, West edge of Carthage, Illinois.
- June 7-8 — Northwest District (Ohio) Fulton County Fairgrounds, Wauseon, Ohio. Fee \$6.00. Boys and Women's Tourney, Sat. night. Boy's fee \$1.50. Ladies \$6.00. Deadline, May 28.
- 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 12-13-14-15 — Annual Ostrander Open tournament, club courts, Ostrander, Ohio. \$5.00 fee and percentage to Lyle Byers, 1644 Brindle Road, Ostrander, Ohio 43061.
- June 20-21-22 — Annual Hebron Open Tournament, Hebron, Ohio. NHPA card required.
- June 21 — 8th Annual Oblong Open tournament, Oblong, Illinois. 100-shoe score to Leo Schlosser, Oblong, Illinois 62449.
- June 21-22 — Annual Eastern National, Glenwood Park courts, Erie, Pennsylvania.
- 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 4 — Annual Invitational Tournament, Lincoln Park courts, Route 150 North, Galesburg, Illinois.
- July 4 — Annual Greenville Ringer Classic, City Park courts, Greenville, Ohio.
- July 4 — Thirteenth Annual Casey Open tournament, Fairview Park courts, Casey, Illinois.
- July 4 — Annual Mound City Open, Mound City, Mo. Scores to Stanley Brickey, RFD, Mound City, Missouri.
- July 4-5 — Cowboy State Open - City Park, Rawlins, Wyo. Entry fee \$7.00. Deadline entry June 27. Starts noon July 4. Contact Sam L. Hayes, 707 West Cedar, Rawlins, Wyo. 82301.
- July 11-12-13 — Open Tournament, Fulton County Fairgrounds, Wauseon, Ohio. Old timers on July 11, Fee \$3.00. Must be over 60 years. Deadline July 1.
- 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 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 13 — Annual Illinois Boys' State tournament, Lincoln Park courts, Rte 150 North, Galesburg, Illinois. Also seniors and First Annual Women's tournament.
- July 19 — Annual Pike County Fair tournament, Fairgrounds, Pleasant Hill, Illinois.
- July 25 thru Aug. 3 — 1975 World Tournament, Lafayette, Indiana.
- Aug. 3 — Annual Mississippi Valley Fair tournament, Fairgrounds courts, Davenport, Iowa.
- Aug. 10 — 17th Annual Galesburg National Open, Lincoln Park courts, Route 150 North, Galesburg, Illinois.
- 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. 18 — Mound City Open, Mound City, Mo. Scores to Stanley Brickey, RFD, Mound City, Mo.
- 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 — Annual Kansas State tournament, Memorial Park courts, Hillsboro, Kansas. \$5.00 fee with ringer percentage to Herb Schroeder, Box 66, Gessel, Kansas 67053 or phone 316-367-2211. Sanctioned. NHPA card required.
- Aug. 30-31-Sept. 1 — Fifth Annual Maritime Moosehead Championships, Moncton Arena, Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada.
- Aug. 31 - Sept. 1 — Wyoming State Tournament, Washington Park, Laramie, Wyo. Entry \$3.00. Deadline entry date Aug. 25. Start 9 a.m. Aug 31. Contact G. E. Bindschadler, 520 So. 12th St., Laramie, Wyo. 82070. Closed.
- Aug. 31-Sept. 1 — Annual Ohio State tournament, City Park courts, Greenville, Ohio.
- Aug. 31 - Sept. 1 — Labor Day Open. Fee \$5.00. Boys, Aug. 30, 6:00 p.m. Fee \$1.50, Age 16 and under. Deadline, Aug. 20.
- 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. 7 — Annual Monmouth Open, Monmouth Park courts, Monmouth, Illinois.
- Sept. 20-21 — Polar Bear, Sanctioned. Fee \$6.00. Deadline Sept. 9.
- Sept. 20-21 — Sixth Annual Statesville Autumn Open Tournament, Lakewood Park courts, Statesville, North Carolina.

Coming Events—Continued

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA SCHEDULE

- June 7 — (Sat.) Class A Open - Turlock.
 June 8 — Class C Open - Sacramento.
 June 8 — Class E Open - Paleremo.
 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 - Unsanctioned - 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 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.
- 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, Marcotte 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.

WASHINGTON SCHEDULE

- June 21-22 — The Strawberry Open. Owens courts - Mt. Vernon, Wash.
 July 12-13 — The Spokane Open. Franklin Park - Spokane, Wash.
 July 19-20 — The Tacoma Open, Wright Park, Tacoma.
- 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.

Coming Events—Continued

SOUTH CAROLINA SCHEDULE

- June 14 — Golden Strip Ringer, City Park, Simpsonville, S. C.
 June 28 — York, Rock Hill Classic, Sanctioned, Joslin Park, Rock Hill, S. C.
 July 5 — July Invitational, Sanctioned, City Park, Simpsonville, S. C.
 July 26 — Summer Open, Joslin Park, Rock Hill, S. C.
 Aug. 9 — Open Tournament, City Park, Simpsonville, S. C.
 Sept. 20 — Champion of Champions, Sanctioned, City Park Simpsonville, S. C.
 Oct. 11-12 — Fall Closing Tournament, Sanctioned, City Park, Simpsonville, S. C.
 Oct. 18 — Fall Closing Tournament, Sanctioned, Joslin Park, Rock Hill, S. C.

NORTH CAROLINA SCHEDULE

- June 22 — North Carolina State Championship, Winston-Salem, N. C.
 July 4 — Old Fashion Fourth Tournament, Sanctioned, Winston-Salem, N. C.
 July 13 — Singles and Doubles, Sanctioned, Winston-Salem, N. C.
 July 26-27 — NCAAU Singles and Doubles, Winston-Salem, N. C.
 Aug. 23-24 — Southeastern Classic, Sanctioned, Winston-Salem, N. C.
 Sept. 20-21 — Autumn Open Tournament, Sanctioned, Statesville, N. C.

WISCONSIN SCHEDULE

- June 21-22 — Winnebago Land Open, Fond du Lac, contact John Secord, 2123 Brown Road, Fond du Lac, Wis. 54935.
 June 28-29 — Goldendale Open, Germantown, contact Ed Wing, W 204 N 1912 Goldendale Rd, Germantown, Wis. 53022.
 July 12-13 — Waukesha County Fair, contact Joe Costa, 25367 Crest Drive, Waukesha, Wis. 53186.
 July 18-19-20 — Mideastern Wisconsin Open, Combined Locks, contact Joanne DeGroot, 223 S. Washington St., Kimberly, Wis. 54136.
 Aug. 16-17 — Swen's Open, Green Bay, contact Swen Bowman, 1608 Pilgrim Rd., Green Bay, Wis. 54301.
 Aug. 23-24 — Eau Claire Open, Eau Claire, contact Gary R. Olson, 422 Niagara St., Eau Claire, Wis. 54701.

KANSAS SCHEDULE

- 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 66602.

TEXAS SCHEDULE

- 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.

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.

Coming Events—Continued

MARYLAND SCHEDULE

- June 21-22 — Salisbury Open Tournament.
 July 19-20 — Eastern Shore Open Tournament.
 Aug. 16-17 — South Atlantic Open Tournament.
 Aug. 30 - 31 — Maryland State (closed).
 Sept. 27-28 — Year ender Open Tournament.
 All of the above dates - Rain date following week.

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., Trevoze, Penna. 19047. Tournament Director 215-855-1981.

- 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.

RUSH INDOOR RUSHVILLE, INDIANA.

Entry fee \$6.00 for all tournaments

- 1975
 Oct. 11-12 — Sheppard Open. Mailing deadline Oct. 1. Phone deadline Oct. 3 noon.
 Nov. 15-16 — Thanksgiving Open. Mailing deadline Nov. 5. Phone deadline Nov. 7 noon.
 Dec. 13-14 — Christmas Open. Mailing deadline Dec. 3. Phone deadline Dec. 5 noon.
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 Jan. 10-11 — New Year's Open. Mailing deadline Dec. 31. Phone deadline Jan. 2 noon.
 Feb. 7-8 — Rush Indoor Open. Mailing deadline Jan. 28. Phone deadline Jan. 30 noon.
 Mar. 7-8 — March Open. Mailing deadline Feb. 27. Phone deadline March 1 noon.
 Apr. 4-5 — Rushville Open. Mailing deadline March 25. Phone deadline March 27 noon.
 Apr. 25-26 — Spring Special. Mailing deadline April 15. Phone deadline April 17 noon.

NEW JERSEY SCHEDULE

- June 15 — John Rosselet 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-Vincetown Open tournament, Vincetown, 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.

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 Clen-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.

Coming Events—Continued

INDIANA SCHEDULE

- June 7-8 — Eastern Indiana, Connersville, Roberts Park. Mailing deadline May 28. Phone deadline May 30. Fee \$5.00.
- June 14-15 — Rose Festival Open, Clear Creek Park, Richmond. Mailing deadline June 4. Phone deadline June 6 noon. Fee \$5.00.
- June 21-22 — Western Indiana, Lafayette. Mailing deadline June 11. Phone deadline June 13 noon. Fee \$5.00.
- June 28-29 — Wingate Open, Wingate. Mailing deadline June 18. Phone deadline June 20 noon. Fee \$5.00.
- July 12-13 — Indiana, Ohio and Illinois, Fairview Park, 29th St., Anderson. Mailing deadline July 2. Phone deadline July 4 noon. Fee \$7.00.
- July 19-20 — Midwest Ringer, Donner Park, Clay St., Frankfort. Mailing deadline July 9. Phone deadline July 11 noon. Fee \$7.00.
- Aug. 9-10 — Northwest Open, City Park, Park St., Laporte. Mailing deadline July

30. Phone deadline Aug. 1 noon. Fee \$5.00.
- Aug. 16-17 — Marion Open, Webster Park, 13th and Geneva Sts., Marion. Mailing deadline Aug. 6. Phone deadline Aug. 6 noon. Fee \$5.00.
- Aug. 23-24 — Danville Open, Danville, Ind. Mailing deadline Aug. 13. Phone deadline Aug. 15 noon. Fee \$5.00.
- Aug. 30-31-Sept. 1 — Indiana State, Donner Park, Clay St., Frankfort. Mailing deadline Aug. 20. Phone deadline Aug. 22 noon. Fee \$6.75.

Send all entries to Emma Gall, 2217 E. 4th St., Anderson, Ind. 46012. Phone 642-2413. Entries must be received by Wednesday night preceding. Phone calls for entries will be taken until Friday noon after Wednesday deadline. Note: Indiana members must pitch in at least three (3) Indiana

OREGON SCHEDULE

- June 7-8 — Rose Festival Open, Laurelhurst Park, Portland. Pre-register by sending \$3.00 to Barry Chapelle, 2716 SE 61st Ave., Portland, Oregon 97206, before June 6th.
- June 15 — O. H. P. A. Father's Day Open, Bush Pasture Park, Salem.
- June 21 — Senior 65 & over, Open, Clackamette Park, Oregon City.
- June 28 — Territorial Days, Open, Clackamette Park, Oregon City.
- July 6 — Corvallis Open No. 2, Avery Park, Corvallis.
- July 12-13 — Hermiston Open, Weber Field, Hermiston.
- July 19 — Greater Portland Area, Laurelhurst Park, Portland. This includes Portland, Hillsboro, Oregon City, Vancouver, Wash. and Ridgefield, Wash. clubs only.

- July 27 — Roseburg Open, Stewart Park, Roseburg.
- Aug. 2-3 — LaGrande Open, Riverside Park, LaGrande. 38% and lower pitch Sat. above 38% pitch Sun.
- Aug. 9 — Sandbaggers Open, Clackamette Park, Oregon City.
- Aug. 16 — Oregon Doubles Championship, Polk County Fairgrounds. Oregon residents only.
- Aug. 30-31-Sept. 1 — Oregon State Championships, Clackamette Park, Oregon City. Oregon residents only.
- Sept. 6 — Hillsboro Open, Shute Park, Hillsboro.

All Oregon tournaments are fully State and National sanctioned.

COLORADO SCHEDULE

- June 7-8 — North Weld Open Tourney - Greeley, Colo. Deadline June 3 by mail, June 5 by phone. Fee \$5.00. Island Grove Park courts. Send entries to Jim Tulk, 284 Ley Drive, LaSalle, Colo. 80645. Phone (303) 284-5276 or to Bob Engel, Nunn, Colo. 80648. Phone (303) 897-2223.
- June 21-22 — Denver Open, Denver, Colo. Mailing deadline June 14, Phone deadline, June 16. Fee \$6.00. Tournament site to be announced. Send entries to: Paul LaCrosse, 12433 Green Mountain Circle, Lakewood, Colo. 80228. Telephone (303) 988-7057 (Home); 303 222-7234 (Answering service 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.).
- June 28 - 29 — Colorado Springs Open, Colorado Springs, Colo. Deadline 6 p.m. June 26th. Fee \$5.00. Memorial City Park courts. Entries to: Russell Neher, 809 West Bijou, Colorado Springs, Colo. Telephone (303) 632-6376.
- July 19-20 — Rocky Mountain Open, Boulder, Colo. Deadline Monday July 14. Fee

- \$5.00. (\$6.00 for Class A). Entries to Ted Allen, 1045 Linden Ave., Boulder, Colo. 80302. Telephone (303) 442-1436.
- Aug. 23-24 — Ault Fall Festival Open, Ault, Colo. Deadline Aug. 19 by mail, August 21 by phone. Fee \$5.00. Entries to: Bill Bryan, 336 Jones Street, Pierce, Colo. 80650. Telephone (303) 834-2189.
- Aug. 31-Sept. 1 — Colorado State Tournament, Denver, Colo. Mailing deadline Aug. 23. Phone deadline, Aug. 25th. Fee \$6.00. Tournament site to be announced. Entries to: Paul LaCrosse 12433 Green Mountain Circle, Lakewood, Colo. 80228. Telephone (303) 988-7057 (Home); (303) 222-7234 (Answering service 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.)

Note: All Denver tournaments will be played at Rocky Mountain Park if the new 18 court installation is completed. Otherwise Washington Park will be the tournament site.

WESTERN MONTANA SCHEDULE

- June 1 — Big Timber, Doubles.
- June 15 — Billings, Singles.
- June 29 — Lewistown, Singles.
- July 13 — Helena, Singles.
- July 27 — Great Falls, Singles.

- August 3 — Laurel, Singles.
- Aug. 16-17 — Bozeman, WMPA Singles Championships.
- Aug. 30-31 — Billings, Montana State Championships.

Coming Events—Continued

MICHIGAN SCHEDULE

June 7-B - June 8-A—Rose Festival, Jackson.
 June 14-A - June 15-B — Nashville.
 June 21-22 — Water Wonderland, 50-point games, Sturgis. (Note change).
 June 28-A - June 29B — C.O.S.C. Dimondale.
 July 4-B - July 5-A - July 6-B — Nashville. Note: This may be changed. Some team competition may be utilized.
 July 12-13 — Michigan-Ontario team matches, Lapeer, Michigan.
 July 19-B - July 20-A — Sturgis.
 July 26-A - July 27-B — (unconfirmed) Lake Orion.
 August 2-A - August 3-B — Jackson.

August 9-B - August 10-A — Sturgis.
 August 16-A - August 17-B — Lapeer.
 August 23-B - August 24-A — C.O.S.C., Dimondale.
 August 30-31-Sept. 1 — State Championship, 50-point games, Lapeer.
 Sept. 20-A - Sept. 21-B — V. F. W. Post. Kalamazoo.

A and B indicates — A higher classes - B lower classes, who will pitch first at each tournament during the season.

C.O.S.C. is the CHIEF OKEMOS SPORTSMEN'S CLUB. Registration deadline 10 a. m. E.D.T. for all district meets. All district tournaments will be 50-shoe games.

NEVADA STATE SCHEDULE

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
 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.

Nevada State and Northern Nevada tournaments will be played at Stempeck 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.

NEW MEXICO SCHEDULE

June 21-22 — Albuquerque City (Singles) Los Altos, 9:00 a. m. Men \$2.00; Ladies \$1.00; Juniors 50c.
 July 12-13 — Los Altos Open, Sanctioned, Los Altos, 9:00 a. m. Men \$4.00; Ladies \$2.00; Juniors \$1.00.
 July 20 — Parker Burns Doubles, Los Altos, 9:00 a. m. Men \$4.00; Ladies \$2.00.
 Aug. 9-10 — Tournament to be announced, Los Altos. 9:00 a. m. Men \$4.00; Ladies \$2.00.

Aug. 16 — Sandia Laboratories Singles, Los Altos.
 Aug. 23 — Sandia Laboratories Doubles, Los Altos.
 Sept. 6-7 — Howard Cundy Doubles, Los Alamos. Men \$4.00; Ladies \$2.00.
 Sept. 13-14 & 20-21 & 28 — State Tournament, sanctioned. Fairgrounds. Entry fee to be announced.

KENTUCKY SCHEDULE

June 14-15 — James Gain Open Avon — Lexington.
 June 28-29 — Louisville Open, Central Park, Louisville, Ky.
 July 12-13 — Scott County Open, Georgetown, Ky.
 Aug. 9-10 — Avon National, Lexington, Ky.

Aug. 30-31 - Sept. 1 — State Tournament, Day-Bell, Dayton, Ky.
 Send entries to John R. Hankins, 12117 Springmeadow Lane, Prospect, Ky. 40059. Entries must be received one week prior to tournament. Tournament fees are \$5.00.

Eastern National, June 21, 22, Erie, Penna.

The Eastern National Tournament will be held at Glenwood courts in Erie, Penna., June 21, 22. Please send entry fee of \$8.00 to Joe Abbott, 5840 Peck Road, Erie, Penna. 16510. Send your entry early so schedules can be completed and participants notified. Send the best average you have had in the past two years as there will be no qualifying. Class A will pitch at 5 P.M. Saturday — 16 man round robin — 50 point games. Other classes will pitch at 11 A.M., Saturday and Sunday. Deadline for entries will be June 12.

Champaign Open, June 22 — Champaign, Illinois



The Champaign-Urbana Horseshoe Club will host their first open tournament on the 12 new courts just completed in Champaign.

The courts are located on Kirby Ave., two and one-half miles west of the University of Illinois football stadium at Centennial Park.

All entries are to send a 100-shoe qualifying score along with \$5.00 to Bob Fults, P. O. Box 145, Seymour, Illinois 61875.

Pitching will start at 10:00 a. m. Everyone who enters the tournament is expected to be there for classifying all entries. Sorry, no stragglers!

Deadline for entries will be June 16th. postmarked. Trophies will be awarded to the top three places in each division.

In Memoriam

On Tuesday, April 22, Jack Werle, 68, of 1390 Prospect Ave., East Meadow, L. I., New York passed away after a long illness. Jack was a member of the NHPA since 1949 and was a leading player on Long Island for many years.

In 1971 Jack competed in the Senior Men's Championship at Middlesex, New Jersey. He was a frequent competitor in New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut tournaments, and he always tried to visit the World Tournament when it was in the east. When the annual Long Island tournament was in danger of being discontinued a few years ago, Jack was instrumental in making sure that this event was scheduled as usual.

Long Island pitchers have suffered the loss of a fine man who loved horseshoes and who was, also, a fierce competitor. The sympathy of the New York Association and the NHPA is extended to his bereaved family. We will miss him.

Bob Kays Kayos Caffey — Wins No. Calif. D

Despite rain and mostly bad weather at Palermo, Bob Kays prevailed over hometown Bill Caffey in a playoff 47-15. Kays of the well-traveled Turlock club also pitched the high game of 29.0%.

CLASS D — Bob Kays, Stanislaus Co. 5-1-27.6; Bill Caffey, Feather River 3-2-24.0; Ray Sandoval, Stanislaus Co. 2-3-22.8; Zane Caffey, Feather River 4-2-18.0; Paul Johns, Stanislaus Co. 2-3-17.2; Don Westricher, Turlock 0-5-12.0.

Franke Wins Henry Brooks Memorial Meet At Pinecrest (Indiana) Indoor Courts

The first annual "Henry Brooks Memorial for old-timers held at Pinecrest in Indiana was captured by Henry Franke of Illinois.

Henry Franke, Illinois, Competitor In Many Tournaments



Henry Franke, Centralia, Illinois (sitting)

For a loyal horseshoe pitcher, distance of travel is of little importance compared to the enjoyment received and the friends made when pitching horseshoes.

Pinecrest Singles - 65.7%; Northeast Open - 64.0%; Big Pine Open - 60.0%; Fall Ringer Classic - 67.0%; Winter Open - 63.6%; "Top Flight" Tournament - 63.8% and the Wood Open - 66.8. These are just a few of the many tournaments and the average percentages that Henry Franke from Centralia, Illinois has had at Pinecrest Indoor Horseshoe Club in Indiana.

Henry is a supporting member of the Pinecrest Club and has this to say about it, "These are the finest courts that I have ever played on in the United States, and I have only been pitching for 62 years."

Learn How To Pitch Horseshoes

Horseshoe pitching is a part of the Pike County, Ohio Community Education Program. The Scioto Valley Local School District has received an H. E. W. 309 sub-grant to continue its demonstration program for rural community schools. The program is affiliated with the Morehead State University, Appalachian Adult Education Center's Regional Program. The funds received under the grant are to be used as "seed" monies to assist in developing and demonstrating community education programs.

Community Education is a plan to develop a program of educational, recreational and cultural activities for the citizens of local communities. It involves people of all ages from early childhood to senior citizens. Most community education programs in the United States have been started and operated by public school systems. These programs provide for a greater use of the public school buildings by all the citizens of the community. However, community education activities are not necessarily limited to school facilities.

During the past winter 20 beginning women and 15 junior boys and girls participated in the program at the new indoor facility in Pike County, Ohio. Helen Roberts was the instructor for the 15 week program. This was a very successful program which we plan to continue.

Donnie Roberts is Director of the Community Education Program in Pike County.

Italian Reader Speaks Of Horseshoe Interest In Italy

Milan, 18th April 1975

Ottie W. Reno
Route 5 - Box 305
Lucasville, Ohio 45648

Dear Mr. Reno:

I have just received your kind letter and the two books on Horseshoes story for which I thank you.

Next week, by money order, I shall send you the amount due plus the postage fare.

The sport of horseshoes is not at all known in Italy and I am trying to found an Association and to teach people to play the game. This is the reason why I want to receive literature and books, in order to know how to play it and teach people the game itself convincing them to help it grow.

I am also trying to come across firms who sell in the States the horseshoes in order to have the agency in Italy.

Should you be in a position to let me have addresses, I would be grateful.

It is my intention to form a club, the first one in Italy, and if you could let me have a photocopy of the rules Constitution of one of your Clubs, this could help me.

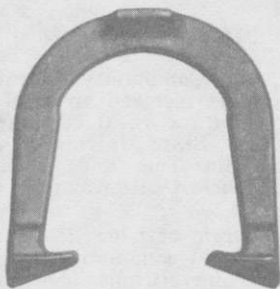
Thanking you for your kindness, with best regards, I remain.

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N.H.P.A. Publicity

By Bernard Herfurth

In regards to the "4-point publicity plan" (News Digest, March 1975) and letter to state secretaries, February 1975, a report of each state's participation is asked before the convention at Lafayette. A report of each state's activity will be given. Each state's publicity director or secretary is asked to reply to Bernard Herfurth, 17 Fort Street, Northampton, Mass. 01060.

It is hoped the "voluntary plans" were helpful in making us all more "publicity conscious." It was not suggested that all or any of the plans were entirely new. An attempt was made to add up as many ideas as possible with the hope that some would be acceptable to the state's publicity plans.

The plan to send the state's tournament schedule to all state newspapers should be a must. It at least would let the public know that our sport was on an organized basis. Some states were against publicity for the World Meet as they say it wouldn't directly help the states. It would at the least, let the public know that we have an annual World Meet. We hope that many states will give publicity to the Lafayette meet. It will directly or indirectly help our sport. The amateur tournament plan is a very good way of getting beginners interested in our sport and is being used in some states on an annual basis.

In the July issue of the Digest, plans for a bigger and better publicity campaign will be announced. With an early announcement, it is hoped that it can be discussed by the delegates and all interested members at Lafayette.

As was the case in New Jersey, the newspapers gave little publicity to the game until a new publicity director put in excessive overtime. Then the publicity picked up some. What is needed are more publicity directors willing to knock themselves out for our sport. I can honestly say that my state, Massachusetts has such a director in Russ Gadouray. I hope your state has or will have one. Thanks for any cooperation you give.

Peterson Tops In Sons Of Norway Indoor Meet At Fargo, North Dakota

Harvey Peterson of Havana, North Dakota and the 1973 North Dakota champion, pitched a 72.5 ringer percentage game enroute to winning the first Sons of Norway Open indoor horseshoe pitching tournament's Class A division title at the Red River Valley fairgrounds in West Fargo, Sunday, April 27.

Peterson's only loss was in the second game at the hands of Gust Magnuson of Canby, Minn. Magnuson finished runnerup followed by Frank Stinson of Minneapolis. Both Magnuson and Stinson had 5-2 records, but Magnuson had the edge in the ringer percentage charts.

Wally Rislov of Cooperstown and Lee Sharff of Jamestown, both finished with 4-3 records followed by Ron Beem, the 1974 North Dakota champion from Lisbon with 2-5, Dick Joyce of Fargo 1-6 and Jerry Black of Fargo, 0-7.

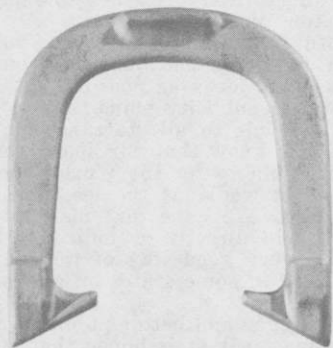
Peterson had four games over the 60 per cent mark and finished just under 60 per cent for the day.

A total of 48 pitchers from Minnesota, North and South Dakota competed in the tournament. Ellis Alberts of Amherst, South Dakota won Class B followed by Milford Gronneberg of Hannaford and Reider Haakenson of Hillsboro. Wally Arndt and Harold Hoff, both of Fargo, wound up 1-2 in Class C followed by Doug Gronneberg of Hannaford. Chester Brandt of Morris, Minnesota won Class D followed by Larry Miller of Fargo and Walter Aspeland of Rosholt, South Dakota. Willard Bakeberg of Havana won Class E followed by Bob Walker of Morris and Mike Walsh of Fargo. Charles Brundmuhl of Georgetown, Minnesota won Class F followed by Ron Stone of Moorhead and LeRoy Miller of Fargo.

The tourney was sponsored by the Sons of Norway Kringen Lodge of Fargo. Will Gullickson and Helmer Jallen were tourney chairmen.

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Large Entry In Pike County Ohio Indoor Meet

Pitchers from all over Ohio competed in the March Open Horseshoe tournament held at the new Indoor Courts in Pike County, Ohio. George Stifel and Louie Dexter came all the way from Toledo. Francis Asher, Secretary-Treasurer of the Ohio Association was on hand. Arcanum, Hamilton, Columbus, Greenville, Good Hope, Marion, Circleville, Xenia, Waverly, Dayton, Lucasville, Piqua, Greenfield, Ostrander, Newark, Lancaster, Toledo and Chillicothe were some Ohio places represented at the event.

Kenny Kugler had 66 ringers in one game, the most by a winner. The most ringers in one game by two players was 132 by Gary Roberts and Kenny Kugler. The most consecutive ringers was 16 by Gary Roberts and Harry Chadwick. Harry Chadwick threw the most shoes 604. Danny Stultz and John Roberts had the longest game 124 shoes. The most 4-deads in one game was 10 by Kenny Dawes and Harry Chadwick. Kenny Kugler, Jim McCombs, and Max Roseberry had four consecutive 4-deads. 81.8% was the high game by Harold Anthony, Earl Waggoner had 81.5% and Gary Roberts hit 80.8%.

In the tournament there were 8321 ringers thrown out of 18984 shoes for a tournament ringer percentage of 43.8%. You will notice that this tournament had a class for everyone regardless of how high or low one pitched.

In Class B David Rose won all nine games with a 52.0% average. The whole class averaged 51.3%. That's getting your games all in the right place.

Dave Diehl went undefeated in Class E. This was his first event. Tim Penn was second at 6-1 also his first event.

George Stifel had his shoe flying real good and won Class D. Francis Asher couldn't miss going undefeated in Class C.

Harold Anthony was tough as usual winning Class A undefeated at 9-0.

First, second and third places in all classes received lovely walnut plaques. The Pike County Horseshoe Club enjoyed hosting this tournament and hope

Pike County — (Continued)

that everyone had a good time. We plan to have many activities in the future and invite you to come visit us sometime.

CLASS A				CLASS B			
	W	L	%		W	L	%
Harold Anthony	9	0	71.1	David Rose	9	0	52.0
Kenny Kugler	7	2	66.2	Earl Waggoner	8	1	57.8
Harry Chadwick	7	2	68.2	Elmer Harrison	6	3	57.7
Gary Roberts	6	3	68.0	George Neff	6	3	53.0
Jim McCombs	4	5	56.8	Ottie Reno	5	4	55.2
Lester Rose	4	5	61.6	Bud Christman	3	6	49.3
Kenny Dawes	3	6	61.0	Gary Kline	3	6	47.9
Max Roseberry	3	6	58.4	Ken Waggoner	3	6	42.1
Jim Rhymer	2	7	57.5	Maurice Wipert	2	7	46.5

CLASS C — Francis Asher 7-0-51.2; George Moon 5-2-40.4; Glen Mitchell 5-2-42.9; Orval Cross 3-4-34.3; Jim Dunkerly 3-4-37.9; Gene Crabtree 3-4-39.8; Claude Crabtree 2-5-35.4.

CLASS D — George Stifel 6-1-44.2; Ronald Penn 5-2-43.5; Gerald Leeth 5-2-40.8; Winnie Woods 5-2-37.8; Elmer Altman 4-3-

CLASS D — (Continued)

39.0; Danny Penn 2-5-39.0; Clarence Duncan 1-6-26.8; Louie Dexter 0-7-23.2.

CLASS E — Dave Diehl 7-0-25.2; Tim Penn 6-1-21.2; Junior Kirk 4-3-15.4; Bill Williams 4-3-19.2; John Roberts 3-4-10.7; Ernie VanHoy 2-5-7.9; Danny Stultz 2-5-8.0.

Kugler Big Man In Day-Bell Spring Tuneup In Kentucky

Ken Kugler took top honors in Class A in the Spring Tune-up match, having two torrid games of 85.7% and 90.6%, and an over-all average of 73.7%. Losing one game, that to Glenn Riffle 52-25, he breezed through the opposition with no trouble. Glenn Riffle was second, losing to the top two Kentuckians, Henn and Lovelace, still he averaged 72.1% in his first time out this year.

In a very fine Class B, Boop Rogg came out on top with a playoff for first place with Ed Metz. Rogg's only loss came at the hands of Earl Waggoner who placed third. Class C found Bob Gibbons going undefeated while averaging 44.8 percent. Clarence Duncan having his best tournament ever, averaged 40.7 per cent and lost only to Don Moore 76-72 in the fifty shoe games.

CLASS A — Ken Kugler 6-1-73.7; Glenn Riffle 5-2-72.1; Bill Henn 5-2-70.2; John Napier 5-2-64.7; Stan Lovelace 3-4-60.8; Stan Manker 2-5-65.1; Pop Johnson 2-5-62.6; Gary Kline 0-7-57.5.

CLASS B — Boop Rogg 6-1-60.0; Ed Metz 6-1-56.8; Earl Waggoner 5-2-53.4; Clarence Andrews 4-3-54.1; Ken Waggoner 3-4-50.0; Jim Noble 2-5-45.7; Vince Stoner 2-5-42.2; Clyde Shakleford forfeit.

CLASS C — Bob Gibbons 5-0-44.8; Ray Myers 4-1-38.9; Bob Snider 2-3-39.7; Lonnie Geiman 2-3-36.8; Ed Henn 1-4-28.9; Leo Goodwin 1-4-26.2.

CLASS D — Clarence Duncan 5-1-40.7; Don Moore 5-1-22.7; Gary Moore 3-3-26.3; Neal Price 3-3-22.7; Don Woods 2-4-24.3; Bill Maxwell 2-4-17.0; Jim Watson 1-5-14.0.

Bob Graham Nails Down Shamrock Open With Perfect 8-0 Record

Bob Graham of Houston, Texas had little difficulty in putting together 8 wins without a loss to emerge at the top of the heap in the Texas Shamrock Open horseshoe tournament held on the Lakeside courts. Jim Woodson of San Antonio pitched a 77.5% bomb against Art Ullom of Grapeland and took second place with a 6-2 mark and 52.6%. Marvin Burgess of Ballinger, pitched well and placed second with his 6-2 record and a 43.0% tournament.

In Class B, philosopher-pitcher Chester Zarnicki of Houston had early difficulty but showed championship form in amassing an excellent 7-2 mark. Lee Gardner of Dallas finished second at 6-3 with Jack Morrell of San Antonio also posting a 6-3 for third. Class C was dominated by Vernon Crane with a perfect 7-0 mark, while Pat Emerson took Class D with a 7-2 log. Joe Pizzini took top honors in Class E with a 7-1 and Ken Maupin led the way for the Juniors with a clean 5-0 record.

Shamrock Open — (Continued)

CLASS A

	W	L	%
Bob Graham, Houston	8	0	59.3
Jim Woodson, San Antonio	6	2	52.6
Marvin Burgess, Ballinger	6	2	43.0
Harry Ulsrud, Houston	4	4	42.2
Art Ullom, Grapeland	4	4	38.6

CLASS B — Zarnicki 7-2-38.6; Gardner 6-3-41.2; Morrell 6-3-35.8; Binge 5-4-37.9; Noll, Jr. 5-4-35.1; Burrow 4-5-30.8; Gaston 4-5-30.2; Mann 4-5-27.2; B. Emerson 4-5-27.0; Willette 0-9-26.0.

CLASS C — Crane 7-0-23.1; Alexander 6-1-24.3; Caito 5-2-25.7; Jack 4-3-25.1; Nichols 3-4-17.1; Meyer 2-5-19.4; P. Emerson 1-6-14.0; Parlett 1-6-14.0.

CLASS D — P. Emerson 7-2-13.7; Sholl 5-2-11.4; L. Shelton 4-3-14.8; Jenschke 3-4-

	W	L	%
Merle Miller, New Mexico	3	5	40.5
Jim Ullom, South Dakota	3	5	36.9
J. W. Cash, Gainesville	2	6	40.0
R. Jones, San Antonio	0	8	26.1

CLASS D — (Continued)

12.1; Miles 2-2-15.0; Wilson 2-2-12.0; H. Burgess 2-3-16.1; Partlow 2-3-13.9; Gettier 1-3-7.0; B. Morrell 0-4-9.0.

CLASS E — Pizzini 7-1-27.9; J. Shelton 6-2-15.8; Kunz 5-2-13.3; Quintanilla 5-2-12.4; Johnson 3-4-11.0; Rasso 2-5-4.3; Jones 1-6-2.9; Appel 0-7-3.3.

JUNIORS — Maupin 5-0-34.0; Phillips 4-1-27.0; Miller 3-2-20.0; Troy Haslett 1-4-13.0; Tim Haslett 1-4-10.0; Little 1-4-3.0.

View On Dues

By Bob Baker — West Virginia

I would like to state my views on the increase in National dues which was enacted at the NHPA business meeting last year.

I was glad to hear from Ray Williams that membership as of March 1, 1975 is running ahead of what it was on that date last year and I surely hope this trend continues. I do not personally feel that the National dues are excessive because I try to take part in several tournaments annually.

I do feel that the dues are excessive for the many pitchers who can only take part in one or two tournaments per year. I do not see any way that dues such as this can be justified to this type pitcher who perhaps takes part in only one tournament per year at the local level. I feel that many of these pitchers are going to be lost to the NHPA and it won't be the NHPA that misses them most, but the local clubs who are trying to encourage them to take part in a tournament.

It seems to me that a much more reasonable way to collect NHPA dues would be to charge each member, say \$1.00 National dues to join each year and to charge an additional amount (50¢ or \$1.00) for each sanctioned tournament he pitches in, which would go to the NHPA. I realize this would increase paper work somewhat but I don't believe it would be too difficult to handle. The tournament director could send a listing of the NHPA membership numbers along with the NHPA tournament fees to the state secretary who would then forward this on to the National secretary.

Using this type of collecting dues would put the burden of supporting the NHPA on those who are getting the benefits from it.

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.

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.

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.



"From Out Of The Mail Bag"

April 21, 1975

Editor
Horseshoe Pitcher's News Digest

Dear Sir:

I note in the March issue of the Digest that the NHPA has "contributed" \$2,000 as an addition to the prize fund for the 1975 World Tournament. This is apparently a practice of long standing. At the 1974 convention, a By-Laws amendment requiring a minimum bid of \$10,000 was not approved. We now have the situation of an \$8,00 bid being increased to that very same amount by action of the Executive Council.

A \$2,000 "contribution" means that 400 NHPA members contributed their \$5 dues to someone's prize money. A number of member's in my state have expressed their displeasure with this use of funds. A need for additional funds to operate the NHPA more effectively was the reason for the dues increase. I feel that there are far better ways to spend my dues. A greatly expanded awards program comes to mind.

At the 1975 convention I plan to offer a resolution prohibiting the use of NHPA funds for prize money in any tournament, including a World Tournament. This resolution will be proposed before the 1977 bids are voted on, unless this comes under new business on the agenda. I ask for delegate support for this resolution. If you feel the same way, let your state's delegates know.

Sincerely yours,

Russell A. Gadoury
44 Edward Road
Watertown, Mass. 02172

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

Dear Ellis:

I was first introduced to horseshoe pitching about 17 years ago and to this day I haven't found a sport to compare with it for myself. Here, in this part of Pennsylvania we are lucky to get in more than four months of pitching due to weather and if there were indoor courts here I would toss my bowling ball into Lake Erie and never miss it. I tried the game of golf a few times a year and sold the clubs to spend more time at horseshoe practice. I realize it takes different strokes for different folks, as the saying goes, and the reason I mention other sports is to draw a comparison to them and make my thoughts known. Each year as a new bowling season starts, all the bowlers show up in new shirts and well-pressed slacks, also the same on the golf links. The softball teams and baseball teams look like they take pride in their uniforms, the same with the tennis players. I'm sure the people gathered to watch the games or tournaments enjoy seeing the pride each one has taken in his or her appearance even though their team or individual person may not have won.

By contrast, most of the horseshoe tournaments that I have pitched in or

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watched, our members have been dressed in all sorts of attire, from straw hats to cut off pants, old overalls to boots. I know that the people that have enough interest to come out to see the tournaments weren't expecting a side-show. I have for the years of my tournament pitching, always worn white trousers, white shirt with our NHPA emblem on it and also the cap. I always feel I'm a good representative of our sport although I don't always pitch like one. Altho I have been beaten rather soundly by fellows in old straw hats and old overalls, I think deep down that we owe ourselves and the viewing public more than we have given in the past. We cannot expect public approval of the sport of horseshoes merely because of our love of the game, we must earn it the same as all other sports have done in the past. I would like to see it come faster in horseshoes than in any other sport.

The word "court" means also (to try to gain the favor of) also (to woo), (to attract or tempt). The dictionary in my home also describes a court as (a space walled or marked off for playing a game such as tennis or basketball). They apparently have earned it. SO CAN WE! Thanks for listening.

Don Smith
225 North Lake Street
Lake City, Pennsylvania 16423

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

Dear Sir:

The Independent Horseshoe Pitchers of Texas Association, Inc., are building the Twin Peaks Horseshoe Pitching Country Club.

Golf clubs and swim clubs are successful throughout the country. I can't see why a Horseshoe County Club wouldn't also be successful.

They're taking a big step in the promotion of horseshoes. It could be the shot-in-the-arm that the sport needs. Besides, it looks like a very good investment.

If every State Association, Horseshoe Club and a large number of NHPA members invest in the project, that is, buy stock, the Club could raise at least \$10,000 within a few months.

We in New Jersey will probably make a substantial investment.

SOL BERMAN

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Mr. Ellis Cobb
P. O. Box 1606
Aurora, Illinois

Dear Mr. Cobb:

As a rookie horseshoe pitcher in Oregon, with a summer of tournaments behind me and a fever to find the stake, in my blood, I submit the following ideas for the betterment of horseshoe pitchers everywhere.

1. Of \$11,420 available at the 1975 World Tournament, the World Champion receives only \$1,100. This figure should be a more realistic \$5,000. All of us wish to circle the stake repeatedly, to be the best. No matter what the sport, practice and training, plus that Godly gift, natural ability, make the Champion. It is this Champion and those of his equal who should profit financially. Consideration in terms of cash should only be for the top 36 pitchers present at the tourney, for Class A men and the top 10 women.

Trophies and memorial patches for other classes, and Junior pitchers. The best should be recognized in a more meaningful manner and the rest of us

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should be rewarded in the form of: competition, sport, exercise and to be witness to the true Professional Pitchers of Horseshoes.

2. Women should be allowed to pitch in Men's Classes if: 1. They pitch from 40 feet. 2. If they qualify in competition with men.

3. All tournaments at state and national level to be 50 points. Sudden death in case of a tie.

4. The World Tournament should be held in the Eastern half of the U. S. one year and the next in the Western half. Following this pattern would mean a more realistic attendance of quality pitchers from all areas of the U. S. Those of us in the west will be stimulated to greater interest and it would help to distribute the costs such as: money spent to attend, time taken off from work, and travel time.

5. Sanctioned State Tourneys should offer cash prizes for the top finishers in Class A, men. This may be accomplished by raising the fee for Class A to, say \$10 per man. A class be limited to the top 12 pitchers; those not wishing to play for cash could drop into the next class, and pitch for hardware.

The N.H.P.A. should authorize and encourage the promotion of contributions from private sources for use in pay-offs in Class A. This could be accomplished by offering advertising or promotional considerations to the contributing persons.

I hope consideration be given on these points by all. Anyone wishing to exchange ideas, write me.

Respectfully,

Bob Showers
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Salem, Oregon 97304

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

Dear Sir:

I have read all kinds of suggestions and ideas on how to make horseshoe a better game. Some of the suggestions for change have had some merit and some have appeared ridiculous to me and to many other horseshoe players I have talked to. It appears to me that we need some strong leadership to make any progress. I would like to list some obvious points that have been proven on the local and state level which need a hearing.

1. You are not going to build the sport of horseshoe by catering to the older players in the sport. Such ideas of making the game 50-shoes to concentrate on skill rather than endurance is ridiculous. Sell that one to the Golf professional tour or to the Bowling tour. It will do one thing. It will ruin the unique competitive thrill of the sport.

2. If you treat Class A players on one level and treat the rest of the field as a bothersome nuisance necessary to keep score and do the dirty work in the tournaments, then you will chase away all prospective players and future champions. No one entering any tournament should be expected to do anything but to come and do his thing in competition. We had better become tournament managers and real professionals if the sport is to progress. We had better hire pit boys, scorekeepers, official scorers and tournament managers.

3. If we need a limit on the length of the games, let's find out what the average number of shoes are that are pitched in each class and use that figure as the length of the game be it 60, 70, or 80 and require the winner of the game to score last. Let's treat all of the classes equally.

4. Let's not insult busy people by having them come to the World Tourna-

Mailbag—Continued

ment and make them waste time by senseless qualifying. Really quite a stupid holdover from the old days when there wasn't any organization and it may have been necessary. We are now sophisticated enough to know that tournament averages do indeed tell the true story about which class a pitcher belongs in. It is ridiculous not to seed 80% players automatically in the World Tournament. Besides not having any money in the sport, we have the gall to ask supposedly professional athletes to travel across the country to spend several days wasting their time qualifying for a tournament they and everyone else should already know exactly where (in which class) they belong. (Perhaps it would not be a bad idea to have regional tournaments to determine who gets in the World Tournament).

Sincerely,

HUGH S. WAGNER

McFarland Wins First Grapeland, Texas Open

Ed McFarland, the classy twirler from Conroe, Texas and 1974 Texas State champion again proved he is number one by chalking up 7 straight wins enroute to the Class A Grapeland Open with a fine 65.1% average. Only Bob Graham of Houston who placed second gave Ed a scare by going down to the wire before losing 40-52. Art Ullom of Grapeland had his finest tournament ever to take third with a 4-3, 50.9% effort.

In Class B, Chester Zarnicki of Houston swept the field with a 6-0 31.3% day while Jeff Gaston placed second with a 4-2 record. Ken Maupin of Arlington had a field day as he won both Class C and Class D with George Meyer and Tommy Howard placing second in both respective classes. Nolan Morris of Grapeland survived a field of sixteen pitchers in Class E to win top spot with Russ Gettier in the runner-up spot. Many agreed this was our finest tournament in years and all the credit must go to the hard-working Junior Barkley, Jim Watson, Dale Wilkens, Larry Lang and Art Ullom all with the Nucor Corporation who worked around the clock to construct the beautiful 8-court layout. Bouquets must also go to the Beta Sigma Theta sorority who provided the excellent food and drinks for the two-day affair.

CLASS A — Ed McFarland, Conroe 7-0-65.1; Bob Graham, Houston 6-1-61.5; Art Ullom, Grapeland 4-3-50.9; Jim Woodson, San Antonio 4-3-50.2; Lee Gardner, Arlington 3-4-42.1; Marvin Burgess, Ballinger 2-5-41.6; Chester Zarnicki, Houston 1-6-39.3; Archie Roach, Denton 1-6-36.8.

CLASS B — Zarnicki 6-0; Gaston 4-2; Platt 3-3; Gardner 3-3; Burrow 3-3; Emerson 1-5; Alexander 1-5.

CLASS C — Maupin 6-1; Meyer 5-2; Caito 5-2; Crane 4-3; Alexander 4-3; Lang

CLASS C — (Continued)

3-4; Howard 1-6; Emerson 0-7.

CLASS D — Maupin 8-1; Howard 6-3; L. Shelton 6-3; Meyer 5-4; Jenschke 4-5; Lang 4-5; Howard 4-5; J. Shelton 4-5; Emerson 3-6; Miles 2-7.

CLASS E — Morris 8-2; Gettier 8-2; T. Duhon 7-3; Cunningham 8-2; Poole 5-2; R. Duhon 5-2; Quintanilla 4-3; Head 4-3; Ellis 4-3; Richardson 2-5; Cargill 2-5; Barkley 2-5; McDowell 2-5; Koehler 1-6; Pittenger 1-6; Watson 0-7.

McFarland — (Continued)

COVER PICTURE . . . Shown this month is the veteran Illinois pitcher Henry Franke of Centralia, who in his 62 years of competition has won 200 trophies acquired in various tournaments around the country. He is the only player that has played in the last 10 Senior World Tournament class. Also, he played in the 1928 Illinois State Tournament and was still competing in that meet in 1974. Travelling to all these tournaments is no problem for this amiable horseshoe enthusiast. He is now 75 years old.

An interesting horseshoe personality . . .



Ed Domey of Sutton, Massachusetts

Ed lives with his wife, Anne, in Sutton, Massachusetts and makes his living as an excavating contractor. His specialty is building swimming pools. They have three children, Paul, Barbara, and Janice. All of Ed's family help him at his avocation, the Heritage Recreation Center. Those of you who have played at Heritage know how fortunate the New England pitchers are.

During Ed's youth he was interested in many sports. About age 12 he discovered horseshoe pitching and, at first, threw a shoe which turned just once. This off-turn gradually evolved into a 1¼ which Ed throws to this day. He is now, and has been for several years, one of New England's leading pitchers.

Interestingly, although he has won games in which he pitched as high as 90 per cent, Ed's favorite game is a game he lost shortly after Heritage opened in 1972. He played an exhibition game with Ruth Hangen, a many times Women's World Champion, which lasted more than one and a half hours, the final score was 50-35. Ruth averaged 90 percent, Ed shot 85 percent. After the first 34 shoes, the score was 9-0 in favor of Mrs. Hangen, who hadn't missed a shoe! At this stage Ed was averaging 91.2 percent and had not yet scored! Quite a game!

Incidentally, Heritage has just completed its third winter season and business has quadrupled in this short time. Further expansion is being seriously considered, as a result. In view of this fantastic growth Ed would like to see all indoor "palaces" be affiliated with the NHPA. He feels, in short, that all indoor centers should be sanctioned. With this support from the parent organization, any investors interested in promoting horseshoe would be protected.

Regarding the World Tourney, Ed would like to see the format changed so that all pitchers who have winning chances would play their games **with each other** on the final day. He feels that this could be done by starting the tourney with — say 200 players and gradually reducing this number to the top eight on the final day. This, he believes, would greatly increase interest and prizes!

Needless to say, Ed is looking forward to seeing his many horseshoe friends at Lafayette this summer. If you talk to him you might find it interesting to ask about a "horseshoe players dream," an idea which Ed says simply will not leave his mind. Horseshoe is indeed fortunate to have Ed Domey!

Fire Fighters' Open — Jacksonville, Illinois, July 4

After a lapse of several years, the "Fire Fighters" Open tournament will be resumed at Nichols Park in Jacksonville, Illinois on July 4. Qualifying will start at 8 a. m. or scores can be sent to Sonny Campbell, Fire Department, Jacksonville, Illinois 62650. There will be six classes.

Class A winner will receive a trophy and \$50.00 plus a travelling trophy. Runner-ups will also receive a trophy and prize money. Entry fee will be \$5.00 plus \$2.00 for qualifying score of 100 shoes. Classes D, E and F will start at 10 a. m. and Classes A, B and C will play in the afternoon.

Edwards Edges Martinelli 35-34 In Playoff To Win Class D Open (No. Calif.)

Leonard Edwards of the Sacramento Club had one less ringer than Harry Martinelli of the host Cloverdale—Healdsburg club but the close ones count 1 each and Harry had more of those so he took home the trophy by one point in a pressure packed playoff game. James Long also of Sacramento won all 5 to capture the Group II first place cup, with veteran John Hagerman of Sonoma County placing second. It's good to have John back with us, a real competitor.

GROUP I — Leonard Edwards, Sacramento 5-1-24.6; Harry Martinelli, Clover-Healdsburg 4-2-25.3; Page Kesler, Sonoma Co. 3-2-28.8; Sonny Hatsme, Vallejo 3-2-17.6; William Fulwider, Sonoma Co. 1-4-18.8; Earl Conway, Clover-Healdsburg 0-5-21.2.

GROUP II — James Long, Sacramento 5-0-28.4; John Hagerman, Sonoma Co. 4-1-29.6; Art Ruonavaara, Clover-Healdsburg 3-2-25.6; Lee Thornhill, Sacramento 1-4-15.2; Clifford Longfellow, Sonoma Co. 1-4-8.4.

Southern California Association

SOUTH GATE E OPEN

	W	L	%
Archie McCallum, Riverside	8	1	37.9
Harry Morse, Beaumont	7	2	34.5
Kermit Pardue, Westminster	6	3	31.2
Bob Schmidt, Corona	5	4	31.2
Aaron Hoggatt, Sun City	5	4	28.6
Wally Shipley, Orange	5	4	26.2
Ralph Alvine, Chula Vista	5	4	25.9
Fred Reimer, Sun City	3	6	20.9
Joe Goode, Norwalk	1	8	18.2
Gene Van Sant, Bellflower	0	9	15.7

SAN DIEGO E OPEN

	W	L
Warren Lloyd, San Diego	5	0
Clyde Herren, Brawley	5	0
Wally Shipley, Orange	4	1
Aaron Hoggatt, Sun City	4	1
Curt Rogers, San Diego	2	3
Fred Reimer, Sun City	2	3
Ralph Alvine, Chula Vista	1	4
Earl Kerr, Anaheim	1	4
Paul Aurand, San Diego	0	5

SOUTH GATE G OPEN

	W	L	%
Al Harris, Santa Barbara	4	0	21.4
Lynn Conway, Cerritos	3	1	24.1
Earl Kerr, Anaheim	2	2	17.7
Ross Faulkner, Hun'gtn Pk	1	3	9.2
Bob Hamby, San Diego	0	4	10.3

SAN DIEGO DOUBLES

	W	L
Robert Hudson - Fred Reimer	6	2
Larry Ford - Wally Shipley	6	2
Charles Tucker - Clyde Herren	6	2
Jonas Snyder - Don Helmich	5	3
George Offen - Roger Zeller	5	2
Charles Kerr - Aaron Hoggatt	5	2
Thomas Buck - Ralph Alvine	4	3
Bill Cork - Paul Aurand	4	3
Arnie Mortenson - Harry Morin	4	3
John Walker - Bob Hamby	3	4
Ray Wood - Earl Hogan	3	4
Bill Cessna - Earl Kerr	3	4
Mike Moyer - Warren Lloyd	2	5
Harry Morse - Curt Rogers	1	6

Greenville, Ohio Ringer Classic — July 4, 5, 6

The Darke County Horseshoe Club has announced that a \$200 first prize will be awarded to the winner of the 1975 Ringer Classic.

The Ringer Classic will be pitched on Friday, July 4, Saturday, July 5, and Sunday, July 6, at the City Park courts in Greenville.

All pitchers (except juniors) must qualify for this tournament by pitching 100 shoes. World Champion and defending champion are exempt. Courts will be open for qualifying Thursday, July 3rd from 6:00 p. m. to 10:00 p. m. and Friday, July 4th from 9:00 a. m to 4:00 p. m. Men who have not qualified by 4:00 p. m. on Friday may qualify at the fairground courts from 5:00 p. m. to 9:00 p. m.

Women must qualify before the 4:00 p. m. deadline on Friday, July 4th. Women and Juniors will begin pitching in competition at 6:00 p. m. on Friday. NO RE-QUALIFICATION PERMITTED.

Deadline is 9:00 p. m. Friday for men. Entry fee will be \$7.50 for men and women. Pitchers who qualify for Class A in the men's division will be required to pay an additional \$5.00 while those in Class B will pay an additional \$2.00. An NHPA card will be required as this is a sanctioned tournament.

Two trophies will be awarded in each class. A trophy will be awarded the highest qualifier. Further information may be obtained by contacting Harold Anthony, RR 2, Arcanum, Ohio 45304 or Jerry Williams, 104 Belair Drive, Greenville, Ohio 45331.

Your New England Director Reports

by Peter Shepard

I wish to announce that the Heritage Recreation Center will have a bus going to Lafayette, Indiana for the 1975 World Tournament. The cost will be \$60.00 per person for a round trip ticket. Many players have wanted to go to the tournament but because of the cost, were unable to go. Robert Traquair, secretary of the New Hampshire Association has sent his list in for tournament patches for all forthcoming meets. All secretaries in New England should send in for their patches. Russ Sweeney, secretary of Massachusetts sent for his state's patches as early as last December for the 1975 season. If all secretaries would act likewise, we would move forward in a business-like manner.

I am glad to see that so many members in the NHPA are sending in articles and comments to the News Digest. This is the only means of communication that the NHPA has. We must know what goes on all over the country. We are interested in other areas as much as you are interested what goes on in New England. So, all you people who would like to be authors or writers, send in your comments to the Digest. It also is the director's responsibility to keep the NHPA informed of what goes on in his particular area. It is only fair to keep the players informed.

I want to thank the Heritage American League members for inviting me to attend their banquet as a representative of the NHPA. This league is made up of many novices who do not belong to the NHPA and do not attend tournaments. However, they enjoy pitching in the Monday and Tuesday night leagues at the Recreation Center.

We will have the South African juksej group with us at the 1976 Bicentennial World Tournament. A special match will be played with the United States team organized by Ottie Reno. It will be played in a large baseball stadium with a seating capacity for several thousand spectators. It will have TV coverage and radio and newspaper coverage.

My congratulations to the Vermont State Association and its new corps of officers. I trust that the problems of the past have been resolved and that the Vermont group will move forward with flying colors under the direction of Mr. Georgina and Mr. White. Your director has attempted to travel throughout the New England area but will admit that I have missed some areas.

I want to thank all those who have sent in contributions to the "Friends of Horseshoes" fund. To those who would like to contribute, they can send their gift to the "Friends of Horseshoes", P. O. Box 699, Levittown, Pa. 19058. Plan NOW to attend this great Bicentennial celebration. Following are those contributors.

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World Tourney Motel Information

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Reece Wins Spring Special At Rushville, Indiana

CLASS A — Reece Baughn, New Castle 7-0-68.2; Jerry Wood, P.I.H.C. 6-1-72.5; Claude Estelle, Indpls 4-3-64.8; George Sales, New Castle 4-3-63.1; Henry Franke, Centralia, Ill. 3-4-61.7; Clarence Andrews, Centerville 3-4-54.0; Dwight Thatcher, Brookville, Fla. 1-6-58.2; Kenny Perkins, Rushville 0-7-54.5.

CLASS B — Darrell Glover, Rushville 6-1-53.3; Bob Sheppard, Rushville 5-2-45.4; Wayne Waggoner, Seymour 4-3-46.5; Harold Tatman, Greensburg 4-3-46.2; Estel Bills, Connersville 3-4-49.7; Joe Morgan, Scottsburg 3-4-45.4; Jim Pierson, Mooresville 3-4-43.2; Morris Gillespie, Indpls. 0-7-32.0.

CLASS C — Randell Martin, Osgood 7-0-44.2; David Tatman, Greensburg 5-2-42.2; Kenny Webb, Indpls 5-2-30.0; Don Newland, Connersville 4-3-35.4; A. W. Thomas,

CLASS C — (Continued)

Speedway 3-4-31.4; Lloyd Karstens, Rushville 3-4-28.2; Jack Reideman, Indpls. 1-6-31.1; Tim Tatman, Hartsville 0-7-18.8.

CLASS D — Lloyd Karstens, Rushville 3-0-30.6; Larry Bills, Rushville 2-1-23.3; Al Bills, Sr., Rushville 1-2-25.3; Sam Huffman, Rushville 0-3-16.0.

JUNIORS - CLASS A — Al Bills, Jr., Rushville 3-0-44.6; Bruce Patterson, Rushville 2-1-48.0; John Reideman, Indpls. 1-2-41.3; Mike Keal, Rushville 0-3-31.3.

JUNIORS - CLASS B — Anthony Lucas, Connersville 5-0-17.5; Lorna Bills, II, Rushville 4-1-9.5; Mark Shepherd, Rushville 3-2-6.5; Steve Bills, Connersville 2-3-8.5; Debby Bills, Connersville 1-4-4.0; Frank Carpenter, Rushville, forfeit.

Griffin Wins Geo. Johnson Special At Rushville, Ind.

Larry Griffin of Paris, Illinois poured on the ringers at a dizzy pace to overcome all opponents in the George Johnson special at the Rushville, Indiana indoor courts, Claude Estelle was runnerup.

CLASS AA — Larry Griffin, Paris, Ill. 7-0-83.1; Claude Estelle, Indpls 6-1-67.1; Al Hack, Indpls 4-3-66.3; Henry Franke, Centralia, Ill. 3-4-62.0; Charles Fix, Boswell 3-4-60.0; John Gall, Anderson 3-4-55.7; Lloyd Keller, Franklin 1-6-55.4; Jim Pierson, Mooresville 1-6-47.7.

CLASS A — Herb McCoskey, Pekin 7-0-57.4; Bob Moit, Indpls 4-3-57.7; George Patterson, Rushville 4-3-54.0; Lee Wilcox, Indpls 4-3-51.4; Al Overdorf, Brownsburg 3-4-52.0; Charles Sission, Greenwood 2-5-49.1; Ora Pearman, Newport 2-5-48.8; Jack Andres, Lafayette 2-5-43.4.

CLASS BB — K. L. Bunge, Martinsville 7-1-46.3; Buddy Hodgdon, Lebanon 6-2-45.2; J. W. Cox, Wabash 5-2-46.9; Martin Drummond, Veedersburg 4-3-43.1; Lloyd Gosnell, Seymour 4-3-41.4; Ken Burkhardt, Bargserville 2-5-38.9; Doyle Mink, Indpls 1-6-33.7; Jack Riedeman, Indpls 0-7-27.7.

CLASS B — Jr. Guthrie, Bremen 6-1-40.0; Lowell Dearinger, Greenfield 6-1-37.1; Har-

CLASS B — (Continued)

old Land, Crawfordsville 5-2-36.6; A. W. Thomas, Speedway 3-4-30.0; Kenny Webb, Indpls 3-4-27.4; Bob Windmiller, Indpls 2-5-28.6; Dick Hostetler, Indpls 2-5-17.1; Geo. Addison, New Castle 1-6-31.4.

CLASS CC — Turner Ridge, Greenwood 6-1-25.4; Lloyd Karstens, Rushville 6-1-25.1; Al Bills, Sr., Rushville 4-3-23.1; Sam Huffman, Rushville 4-3-21.7; Glen Bastin, Speedway 4-3-21.1; Larry Bills, Rushville 2-5-24.8; Sam Chatman, Lebanon 2-5-20.5; Fred Armentrout, Speedway 0-7-14.8.

CLASS A - JUNIORS — John Riedeman, Indpls 5-0-67.5; Chris Ridge, Greenwood 4-1-31.5; Bruce Patterson, Rushville 3-2-35.5; Al Bills, Jr., Rushville 2-3-30.0; Mike Keal, Rushville 1-4-19.5.

CLASS B - JUNIORS — Steve Gall, Anderson 3-0-6.0; Lorna Bills, 2nd, Rushville 2-1-6.6; Jennifer Ridge, Greenwood 1-2-12.0; Mark Gall, Anderson 0-3-5.3.

Quincy, Illinois Open — June 14

The annual Quincy Open tournament will be held on Saturday, June 14 at the Reservoir Park courts in Quincy, Illinois. Entry fee will be \$5.00. Bring qualifying score before noon of tournament day. Trophies for first three places in each class.

Eighth Annual Marietta, Ohio Open — July 12-13

The eighth Annual Marietta Open tournament will be held July 12-13 in Marietta, Ohio, located at the Washington County Fairgrounds. Send entry fee of \$5.00 and latest percentage to Lester Groszklos, 102 Grayling Dr., Marietta, Ohio 45750 or phone 373-6817 no later than July 6. All classes will be 6-man classes, with 2 trophies per class. 50-points cancellation. Jim Knisley is the defending champion. Class A will pitch July 13 at 1 p. m.

AUTHORS' CORNER

Changing Of The Mind

By Jim Woodson of Texas

I am very comfortable in the NHPA. I have been in the game now for over ten years; which means I know all things, like other veterans of the game. It makes me feel good to be so smart.

After ten years, things are finally coming into focus. Looking back, I can see the mistakes we made in Texas while I have been around.

The way we sold the game cheap to attract new members is what bothers me most. We smiled nice to newcomers. Treated them special, and showed them how inexpensive it was to get involved and play our game. When talk came up about things costing more, and some threatened to quit because of the dollar, we backed off and held down the price. Funny thing though, they left us later anyway. Isn't that strange?

We tried other ways to keep our pitchers, and add new ones, without it costing much. We experimented with scoring different, and speeding the games, like people wrote about in the Digest being so good, and working so well at other places. But it didn't help us all that much. People still kept coming and going just like always. Isn't that strange?

The way we lost members sometimes was scary. We would have a real good club going strong; with happiness and friendship and everything. Then, one key member would leave and the whole club would disappear. Like the world opened up and gulped them down. Maybe they all died!! Isn't that strange?

In all, Texas signed over 400 different members to the NHPA in the ten years I have been around. Out of these, only about 30 members stayed around more than two or three years. I worked on these figures with other things I knew about, and came up with the idea that something was wrong. Wasn't that smart of me?

I gave up the idea that offering NHPA horseshoes as a cheap sport would help the game in Texas. We must be different down here because other States don't keep losing pitchers like we do. Do they?

That is why I changed my mind about the Twin Peaks Country Club idea, and take back all the bad things I said in the March 75 Digest (Pg 24).

The people that head Twin Peaks say that Texas NHPA competitive horseshoes is a great game, but that we have wrapped it in a bad package. They think an attractive place is more important to the "little guy" than the game itself. They could be right.

They proved me wrong about horseshoe pitchers not wanting to spend money. Can you imagine them getting 50 pitchers throughout the State to pledge almost \$10,000, and then keeping most on schedule in making promised payments? For two years now.

They worked up a 5 - 10 year plan that looks smart. They bought four acres of beautiful hill country land; incorporated; and are selling shares for \$60.00. In 5 to 10 years they figure the shares can be sold for \$150.00 to \$200.00.

I think though, what the pitchers like best is that they will have a very attractive clubhouse, with a locker room and showers; and a short order grill and Pro shop. Some thought planning for two tennis courts was a nice touch.

Most are looking forward to our prestige tournaments, with cash prizes of \$5,000.00 to bring our top pitchers down. No one seemed to mind that they will have to pay \$5.00 or \$10.00 to watch.

The Twin Peaks Country Club may not work, of course. The plan may be too ambitious. But it is a good shot. A little different than anything else done here in Texas.

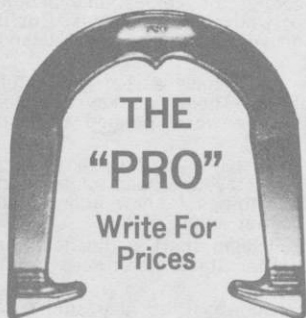
One thing is certain. The fifty members now involved won't be leaving right away, like they did before. Not until they see what happens with the money they paid out. If they did leave, that really would be strange.

New Jersey Tournament Information

All tournaments in New Jersey will be 8-man round robins and 50 shoes per game if possible. All entrants must pre-register in order to play in tournament. All pitchers under 40 percent will start at 10:30 a.m. Those over 40 percent will start at 12:30. Send all entries with ringer average to: Alvin B. Cherry, 320 Lee Place, Plainfield, New Jersey 07063. All decisions of tournaments will be made by the tournament director. .



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