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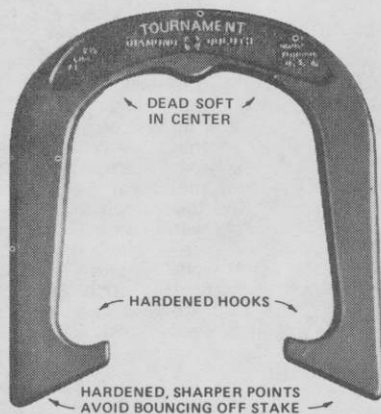
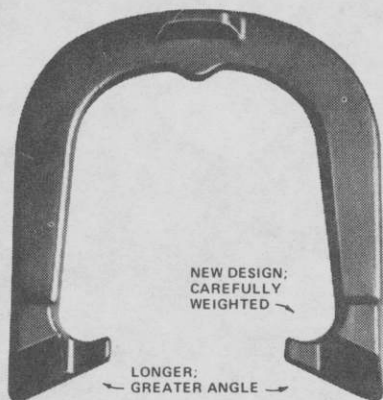
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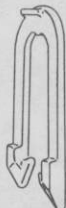
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NHPA President's Message

Congratulations to Jesse Gonzales for winning the Valley of the Sun Open tournament in Mesa, Arizona.

My trip to Mesa was very enjoyable and rewarding, both business and social. Seven other NHPA representatives were present. Regional Directors Clarence Giles and P. D. Riley; Hall of Fame Glen Henton and Jim Weeks; Constitution and By-Laws Committee John Walker, Bill Cessna and George Nick.

The By-Laws Committee had a successful meeting discussing the 29 proposed changes. What we approved were sent to the Executive Council for approval. The final proposed changes are printed elsewhere in this issue to be voted on at the 1976 convention.

Attention Colorado and Arizona, it was decided in Mesa to switch Regional Directors for your areas. Clarence Giles will represent Arizona and P. D. Riley, Colorado. Clarence suggested the change because he spends six months in Arizona and Riley agreed. Bob Graham also approved the change.

Again, I want to thank everyone for your encouraging words on the direction we are going and the progress being made. I really enjoyed seeing all of you again and meeting many new members. Believe me, Glen "Red" Henton and his wife Bernie added a plus to the tournament and the social life. As I stated in my January report, when I heard they were coming to Mesa, I would bring my dancing shoes, and I had a ball. Thanks for coming, Hentons, it will be a pleasure to see you back next year if your plans work out. In fact, I think every member should try to make the Mesa tournament at least once. They had a record breaking entry again and my congratulations are extended to all the officers and helpers for a job well done.

Council has approved Lloyd Frederickson's proposed layout and expense for the NHPA Hall of Fame scrapbook. It will be on display at the 1976 World Tournament, July 30 through August 8 in Levittown, Pennsylvania.

Executive Council has approved the following 1976 World Tournament expenses and other items. Office \$500.00; Judges \$175.00; Groundskeepers \$125.00; Posting, Qualifying and game results \$50.00 and paying scorekeepers and qualifying scorekeepers \$.50 per game.

Ray Williams will be in charge of the office and responsible for getting scorekeepers and getting someone in Levittown to handle groundskeepers and posting results. Leo McGrath in charge of the judges. In addition, any major changes to be made at the World Tournament from approved schedule will have to be agreed upon by four (4) or no less than three (3) of the Executive Council members.

The approved World Tournament prize list of \$16,640.00 by the Council is listed in this issue.

Council has approved the following dates for the 1977 World Tournament in Greenville, Ohio, July 29 through August 7.

Sincerely, Wally Shipley

8th Annual Carolina Dogwood Festival-April 9-10-11

The eighth Annual Carolina Dogwood Festival and Bicentennial Open Tournament will be held on April 9-10-11 at the Lakewood courts in Statesville, North Carolina.

4th Annual O'Fallon, Mo. Open To Be Held June 27

The 4th Annual O'Fallon, Mo., Open Horseshoe tournament will be held on Sunday, June 27. There will be eight six-man classes, three trophies each class. One of these classes will be for Ladies only and they will pitch 30 Shoe Games.

Championship Class will pitch to a 50 Point Score.

Triple AAA, Class will pitch to a 40 point score.

Classes AA & A, will pitch 40 Shoe Games.

Classes B & C & D, will pitch 30 Shoe Games.

Immediately after this tournament the 1st Annual Doubles tournament will begin. In the Doubles tournament, there will be Two Trophies, each for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. Only 48 pitchers will be accepted in the 4th Annual and only the 1st 12 teams to enter will be accepted in the 1st Doubles tournament. There will be No Refund Of Fee unless you do not qualify.

4th Annual Tournament — \$5.00 per pitcher.

1st Annual Doubles Tournament — \$10.00 per team.

Please state which tournament that you wish to enter. Either one or both. **ENTRY FEE MUST BE SENT ALONG WITH YOUR 100 SHOE RINGER PERCENTAGE AVERAGE, NOT YOUR SCORE.** No Fee, No Entry. Both tournaments are Scratch, No Handicap. Send all entries and fee to: Greg Marter, 90 Country Life Dr., O'Fallon, Mo. 63366. (No later than June 1st.) Ringer percentage need not be sent in if you have ever pitched in one of our tournaments before, unless you would like to raise your average and advance to a higher class. **TELEPHONE NUMBER: AREA CODE 314-272-4890.**

NOTIFICATION CARDS OF STARTING TIME WILL BE MAILED OUT.

Jesse Gonzales Wins The Valley of the Sun Open

With 94 participants making the 19th Annual Valley of the Sun Open in Mesa, Arizona, the largest ever, Jesse Gonzales of California took the top honors. Jesse's record was 10-1, losing only to young Ken Fraser, 9-2. John Walker of California was second with the high ringer percentage of 75.9. Glen "Red" Henton of Iowa was third and Fraser of California was fourth. Class B was won by B. Cessna of California with Eston Brown, Calif., and Bill Kamm of Arizona second and third. Class C winner was Jim McKissack, Arizona, followed by Vern Beard, Calif., and Guy Spitler, Iowa. First in Class D was Pete Roe, Iowa, with Ford Rackley, Arizona, second, and Raleigh Fisher, Arizona, third. First in Class E went to Clem Parker, Arizona and second to Art Amador, Calif. Ernie Hall, Calif., was first in Class F followed by Joe Raykowski, Calif. Class G winner was John Aaskow, Canada, with Wayne Chambers, Calif., second. Class H went to Fred Ash, Minn., with George Mitchell, Ohio, second. Herman Schneider, Calif., beat John Gould, Arizona in a playoff to win Class I. Bob Proctor, Calif., was first in Class J, followed by Elvin Luers, Iowa. Class K went to Erwin Klessig, Calif., with Wally Shipley, Calif., second. Carl Thomas, Arizona, was the winner in Class L with Earl Hogan, Calif., second.

Top pitchers Art Kamman, Arizona state champion and Jerry Schneider, Calif., were unable to compete due to illness.

COVER PICTURE . . . Pictured is Donnie Roberts, NHPA Regional Director for Ohio and Kentucky, presenting the 1975 State Championship Patch to Brian Neff, of Greenville, Ohio. Brian is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Neff. Brian won the title at Greenville over a very strong field.

The presentation was made prior to the start of Class A action in February 1976 at the annual Snowball Open Tournament held at the Indoor Horseshoe Courts in Greenville, Ohio. Greenville has three indoor courts where leagues and tournaments are held.

Schedule For 1976 World Tournament

Friday — 8 AM to 10 PM; Qualifying in all divisions, 24 courts.
 Saturday — 8 AM to 10 PM; Qualifying in all divisions, 24 courts.
 Sunday — 8 AM to 10 PM Qualifying in all divisions, 24 courts.

Courts 1-20 will be used to qualify MEN only and Courts 21-24 will be used to qualify Women, Girls & Boys.

* * * PLEASE READ QUALIFYING PROCEDURES * * *

- Monday — 8 AM to 3 PM; N.H.P.A. Convention
 4 PM; Opening ceremonies
 4:30 PM; Division Championships, 20 courts, 50 POINT GAMES
 Senior Championships, group of 8, courts 1 - 4
 Womens Championships, group of 8, courts 6 - 9
 Girls Championships, group of 8, courts 11 - 14
 Boys Championships, group of 8, courts 16 - 19
 Intermediate Championships, group of 8, courts 21 - 24
- Tuesday — 9 AM; Mens Class 'B', 24 men, groups of 12, 6 games, 35 POINTS
 Mens Class 'C', 24 men, groups of 12, 6 games, 35 POINTS
 1 PM; Division Classes as follows, groups of 8, 35 POINTS.
 Senior 'B' & 'C', Womens 'B', Girls 'B', Boys 'B'.
 5 PM; Mens Championship, 48 men, groups of 24, 6 games, 50 POINTS
- Wednesday—9 AM; Mens Class 'D', 24 men, groups of 12, 6 games, 35 POINTS
 Mens Class 'E', 24 men, groups of 12, 6 games, 35 POINTS
 1 PM: Division Classes as follows, groups of 8, 35 POINTS
 Womens 'C', Girls 'C', Boys 'C', 'D' & 'E' and Intermediate Mens
 'C' 35 POINTS.
 5 PM: Mens Championship, 48 men, groups of 24, 6 games, 50 POINTS
- Thursday — 9 AM; Mens Class 'B' 24 men, groups of 12, 5 games 35 POINTS
 Mens Class 'C' 24 men, groups of 12, 5 games, 35 POINTS
 1 PM; 24 open courts
 5 PM; Mens Championship, 48 men, groups of 24, 6 games, 50 POINTS
- Friday — 9 AM: Mens Class 'D', 24 men, groups of 12, 5 games, 35 POINTS
 Mens Class 'E', 24 men, groups of 12, 5 games, 35 POINTS
 1 PM; 24 open courts
 5 PM: Mens Championship, 48 men, groups of 24, 5 games, 50 POINTS
- Saturday — 9 AM: Mens Classes 'B', 'C', 'D', 'E' FINALS, groups of 12, 6 games, 35 POINTS
 1 PM: 24 open courts
 5 PM: Mens Championship Finals, 48 men, groups of 24, 6 games, 50 POINTS
- Sunday — 1 PM: Mens Championship Finals, 48 men, groups of 24, 6 games, 50 POINTS
 8 PM: Presentation of Championship Awards.

Archie Roach Appointed Assistant Regional Director

Archie Roach, the genial Biology Professor from Denton, Texas, has been appointed Assistant Regional Director by Wally Shipley, N.H.P.A. President. Archie's responsibilities include coordinating state and national activities in the North Texas and Oklahoma areas and working closely with Bob Graham, Regional Director Chairman.

Archie joined the N.H.P.A. in 1964 and, in his 13 year career, has won the Texas State B Class Championship twice and was runner-up in Class A in 1971. He has been a Texas Officer since 1965 and in 1972 began a 2 year term as N.H.P.A. President. He now serves as Chairman of The Hall of Fame Committee in Texas.

1976 World Tournament Schedule

Approved by Executive Council

The 1976 World requires a change in procedures and schedule of events. The important item is extending the Mens Championship group to include 48 men as passed by the 1975 convention delegates, also that we will be required to pitch all scheduled groups to 35 points except championship groups. **Qualifying must be concluded within 3 days** if we are to have a day time convention. The championship men must be extended to 6 nights because of the type of schedule, 48 men. It will be necessary for the division championships to all be pitched on the same evening, this is not by choice, but is dictated by the courts available and the number of nights to pitch. This schedule will accommodate the following number of pitchers:

Mens division:		Senior Championship	8
Championship	48	Senior 'B'	8
Class 'B'	24	Senior 'C'	8
Class 'C'	24	Total	24
Class 'D'	24	Intermediate Championship	8
Class 'E'	24	Intermediate 'B'	8
Total	144	Intermediate 'C'	8
		Total	24
Womens division:		Girls division:	
Championship	8	Championship	8
Class 'B'	8	Class 'B'	8
Class 'C'	8	Class 'C'	8
Total	24	Total	24
Boys division:			
Championship	8		
Class 'B'	8		
Class 'C'	8		
Class 'D'	8		
Total	32		

This is a total of 272 scheduled pitchers which is a scheduled increase over previous years of 32. Extra groups (ALL WHO REGISTER WILL PITCH), must be scheduled on courts located away from the main World Tournament site.

Qualifying Procedures

QUALIFYING WILL START AT 8 AM and END at 10 PM. NO ONE WILL BE ASSIGNED A COURT AFTER 10 PM.

QUALIFYING WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY. QUALIFYING MUST BE CONCLUDED SUNDAY EVENING in order to conduct the scheduled CHAMPIONSHIPS and DIVISION GROUPS.

REGISTER TO QUALIFY AT THE N.H.P.A. OFFICE.

SIGN UP FOR A COURT TO QUALIFY UPON, AT THE COURT CONTROL OFFICE. You may specify a specific court and/or time if you wish.

COURTS #1 through 20 will be for Mens division ONLY.

COURTS #21 through 24 will be used by Women, Girls & Boys.

WHEN YOUR COURT IS AVAILABLE, or assigned, YOU WILL BE ALLOWED UP TO 15 minutes to warm up. YOU MUST DECLARE THAT YOU ARE READY TO START BEFORE YOU PITCH YOUR FIRST QUALIFYING SHOE FOR SCORE.

SCOREKEEPERS WILL BE OBTAINED BY THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE.

YOU MUST COMMENCE YOUR QUALIFYING AFTER THE ALLOTTED WARM UP PERIOD, OR IF REQUESTED, VACATE THE COURT TO THE NEXT QUALIFIER.

Cards indicating your name and State must be in place during qualifying. Your pitching uniform should be neat and your NAME and STATE must be on the back of your shirt.

PUBLICITY . . . By Bernard Herfurth

- 1—It is hoped that each club would sponsor an "amateur tournament", requiring no club membership or entrance fee, to interest new players into organized horseshoe pitching.
- 2—Each state is requested to publish the state tournament schedule for the season as well as the 1976 world meet.
- 3—It is suggested that state publicity directors should try to get more publicity by sending in individual accomplishments regardless of class. The news paper will be more receptive to "Human Interests Write-Ups" rather than a list of box scores of tournaments and clubs. A low class player can be written up as well as an "A Class champion".
- 4—If your state has no official stationery, your publicity can request N.H.P.A. stationery for publicity purposes. Write to Ray Williams, if stationery could perhaps help your effort.
- 5—It would be good advertisement if each member would order a \$1.00 "license plate", plugging our sport. If it cannot be attached to the regular plate, perhaps you could display it in the lower right corner of your rear window where it would obstruct very little vision.
- 6—Massachusetts is planning a "Horseshoe Circular" for their state explaining the sport and its benefits. Also a brief out-line of the past, present and future of the sport. The circulars will be distributed by the state membership at tournaments and other sporting events and at sporting good stores or clubs. It is hoped that other states may try this method of letting the public know we have an organized sport which hopefully will become better known in the near future.
- 7—A suggestion has been made that Oattie Reno's book, "Pitching Championship Horseshoes; be distributed to public libraries throughout the country. This suggestion has been offered by Ross Sweeney, president of the Mass. State Association. It will be suggested that the N.H.P.A., state associations, clubs, and individuals get behind this move to promote this idea. This suggestion will be promoted and discussed in detail at the annual publicity meeting at the 1976 world meet. It would be an excellent gesture by individuals buy this book and donate it to your library. It is suggested that each member take part in promoting the sport this year to make it better known.

Missouri Annual Tournament Of Champions — May 29-30

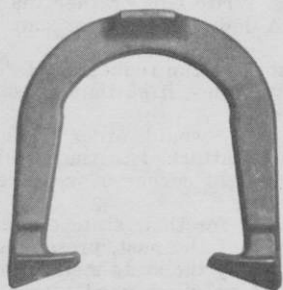
The tournament will be played at Springfield, Mo. on May 29 and 30 at Phelps Grove Park. There will be five classes of 8 men each with trophies and cash prizes. Entry fee \$4.00. Contact Earl Winston at LaMonte, Mo. 65337. All 1975 tournament winners will be seeded into Class A automatically.



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1976 W. T. Schedule — (Continued)

EXTRA GROUPS

These will be conducted at the additional courts located away from the main World Tournament.

In order to offset the additional expense required to conduct these extra groups a \$5.00 entry fee will be collected. If there are 16 courts available, we should be able to schedule 5 six man groups in each time period of 9 AM, 4 PM & 7 PM.

We suggest that there be no qualifying required for these extra groups. Place these pitchers in a group according to past ability.

Summary of projected cost, based on 270 additional pitchers

2 persons in charge of extra groups	\$150.00 (45 groups of 6)
estimate scorekeeping cost at	675.00 (45 groups of 6)
3 groundskeepers at \$25.00 each	75.00
3 Judges at \$25.00 each	75.00
Estimated Total	\$975.00

These extra groups would be considered as an official part of the 1976 World Tournament and all games would be 35 POINT cancellation.

Eastern National, June 19, 20, Erie, Penna.

The Eastern National Tournament will be held at Glenwood Courts in Erie, Penna., June 19, 20. Please send entry 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 4 P.M. Saturday — 16 man round robin — 50 point games. Other classes will pitch at 10 A.M. Saturday and Sunday. Deadline for entries will be June 10.

Hall Of Fame Committee Report

The Hall of Fame committee will vote to nominate candidates to the 1976 Hall of Fame in June. Therefore, it is requested that anyone interested in presenting his candidate to the committee for consideration should do so before June first. No histories for the 1976 voting will be considered after this date. Fifteen (15) xeroxed copies of histories should be sent to the chairman. At voting time they will be forwarded to the committee with the ballot sheet.

As in 1975, two players and one organizer will be selected, plus one "old timer", meaning a member 70 years of age or over, player or organizer, living or deceased. The committee is especially interested in receiving candidates in this category.

Chairman Bernard Herfurth, will gladly answer all questions or criticism regarding Hall of Fame activities by correspondence.

The following are the names of members that have already been inducted into the NHPA Hall of Fame since its inception in 1966. 1966 — Ted Allen, Dave Cottrell, Archie Gregson, Roy Howard, Fernando Isais, Frank Jackson, Archie Stokes. 1967 — Elmer Beller, Putt Mossman, Guy Zimmerman. 1968 — Charles Davis, Casey Jones, Harry Woodfield. 1969 — Curt Day, Elmer Hohl, Robert Pence. 1970 — Ellis Cobb, Blair Nunamaker, Vickie (Chapelle) Winston. 1971 — Fred Brust, John Gordon, Mrs. C. A. Lanham, Leland Mortensen, Jimmy Risk. 1972 — Ralph Forsstrom, George May, Carl Steinfeldt. 1973 — Dale Dixon, Ralph Dykes, Frank Stinson. 1974 — Leo McGrath, Dean McLaughlin, Harold Reno. 1975 — Paul Focht, Henry Franke, Katie Gregson, Ruth Hangen. Bernard Herfurth, (Chairman), 17 Fort Street, Northampton, Massachusetts 01060.

Annual Spring Tournament — May 16 — St. Louis, Mo.

The annual Spring Open tournament will be held on Sunday, May 16 on the Carondelet Park courts in St. Louis, Missouri.

There will be 6 eight-man classes with 3 trophies in each class. Send entry fee of \$5.00 and 100 shoe score to: Al Arunski, 5914 Leona Ave., St. Louis, Missouri 63116, phone 314-832-0578. Tournament is limited to the first 48 entries due to park limitations. Entries close May 6. Classes D, E and F will start at 9:00 a.m. and Classes A, B and C will play at 1 p.m.

Cummins Continues To Win — Tops Orlando, Florida Open

The Orlando Horseshoe Club held their annual Orlando Open tournament, Saturday, February 14 at Sunshine Park in downtown Orlando, Florida. There were six classes of six pitchers in each class.

Since February 14th was also Bill Keegan's birthday, a birthday cake was presented to Bill to share with his many friends.

The first and second place winners in each class besides receiving money, also received a necklace and earring set for their "Sweethearts," which were made by Opal Corbett.

CLASS A — Clarence Cummins, Ida. 4-1-56.2; Marv Richmond, Minn. 4-1-61.6; Bill Keegan, Fla. 2-3-55.6; Les Long, Ill. 2-3-52.0; R. Poutanen, Fla. 2-3-51.2; Swen Bowman, Wis. 1-4-43.6.

CLASS B — Dwight Thatcher, Fla. 4-1-53.2; Pete Peterson, Fla. 3-2-51.2; Sam Raymond, N.H. 3-2-48.4; Don Allen, Minn. 2-3-47.6; Paul Scheurb, Fla. 2-3-44.8; Henry Franke, Ill. 1-5-32.8.

CLASS C — Ken Reeb, Fla. 4-1-51.2; Duane Whitmer, Fla. 4-1-40.8; W. Wellman, Pa. 3-2-44.0; R. Widdersheim, Fla. 3-2-36.4; Wilbert Blum, Wis. 1-4-32.8; Herb Hitchcock, Fla. 0-5-32.0.

CLASS D — Oscar Gaudette, Fla. 5-0-46.8; George Buskey, Fla. 4-1-47.0; Charlie Pitton, Fla. 2-3-38.4; Charles Howery, Fla. 2-3-31.6; Carroll Johnson, Minn. 2-3-34.5; George Bauman, Pa. 0-5-25.6.

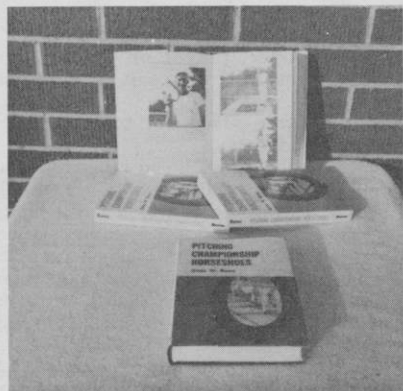
CLASS E — Ray Osbourne, Fla. 5-0-36.4; Irvin Motsinger, Ind. 4-1-30.8; Pat O'Toole, Fla. 2-3-32.8; George Rankin, Fla. 2-3-23.4; Harry Walters, Ind. 1-4-31.6; Bill Wallschlaeger, Ill. 1-4-25.6.

CLASS F — Joel Berrall, Fla. 4-1-24.4; George Kuhn, Fla. 4-1-24.4; Fred Armentrout, Ind. 4-1-19.3; Lee Hoyt, Fla. 2-3-23.5; Archie Carter, Ill. 1-4-14.0; Arthur Carter, Conn. 0-5-13.6.

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"From Out Of The Mail Bag"

January 13, 1975

Dear Editor:

The many friends and admirers of Dr. Dale Eberhart of Middlesex, New Jersey and Regional Director will be sorry to hear that Dale has been having a rough time since last August.

In November he had an operation. Everything seemed fine for four or five weeks when complications set in. He returned to the hospital on an emergency basis the first of February. The complications, as Dale writes, "almost did him in". After 18 days in the hospital he again returned home in a weakened condition but reports he is getting stronger daily.

To top it off, he broke his ankle the end of August which cut short his 1975 pitching season.

Those of us who have the pleasure of knowing him regard him as one of the nicest gentlemen in NHPA land.

We look forward to seeing Dale at the 1976 World Meet which is only an hour's drive from his home.

We wish him a speedy recovery.

Bernard Herfurth

"From Out of the Mailbag"

Haagdoornlaan 36
2080 Kapellen, Belgium
8 February, 1967

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

Dear Ellis:

The most positive force for horseshoe pitching progress today is the work of Twin Peaks Horseshoe Club of San Antonio, Texas, spearheaded by Jim Woodson. Woodson is what I call a practical visionary. He has taken a dream and through hard work with his colleagues will have a country club for pitchers. Even among out-of-state pitchers he is a prophet of better things to come; they've invested money in his dream with little hope of gain—except for the future of the game of horseshoes. A bold stroke to give our game some class. With this letter, I nominate Woodson to receive the Arch Stokes Memorial Trophy.

On the other hand there are a large number of pitchers who prefer to wallow in and pull the game further into the pit mud. They wish to shape the rules and game to their own pitching deficiencies. Imagine a World Tournament with a point or percentage handicap. We might have an NHPA champ with a 29.8% average. That would end the spirit and growth of our sport for all time. Handicaps are fine for club functions and picnics, but let's keep them out of championships where people expect excellence to prevail and not subsidies.

The following saga typifies what our game is all about—discipline, hard work, excellence, respect and enjoyment. Lefty, in this series of doublets, is a composite person. On reading you'll see pieces of him in pitchers that you have known—in Kansas, in Indiana, in California, in your own home town. I prefer to travel with Woodson and Lefty.

THE ONE-ARMED BANDIT

I

The wind still whispers of the Golden Days,
Across the prairies and to where he lays.
His forgotten stakes have long been incrust
With lacy crystals of neglect and rust.
Around the stakes it is no longer grey,
For grass now covers those beds of clay.
Lefty Hufeisen has been two years dead,
Struck by steel in the temple of the head.

II

This tale begins when Lefty was but nine,
He lost his right in a harvest combine.
Denied of the sports of the "quadruped",
He took to shoes behind the old mill shed.
Without a teacher he was not to learn
How to pitch a common clockwise turn.
At first it was slow—and arduous, too,
Till he won the secret—the open shoe.
Hour upon hour he stacked the steel,
A tribute to his loss, his will and zeal.

III

At the county fair in his first contest
The "big-boys" laughed and rolled in jest.
"A left-hand pitch with a quarter reverse,
Only a flip-flop shoe might be worse."
Lefty bit his lip and held back a tear,
Kept on pitching and feigned not to hear.

He held in mind those days behind the shed,
'Twas ringer on ringer until he led.
Now after a hundred shoes or so,
You could see the respect begin to grow.
Against the champ he lost but three,
But for himself, a moral victory.

IV

In the West, his name spread like a prairie fire,
His fame was surpassed by only desire.
The one-armed bandit was the name to fear,
As he controlled the game year-by-year.
His percentage and records grew and grew;
For more than forty years, he lost but few.

V

One day when pitching a tournament game,
He stepped on a stone and pulled-up lame.
As he bent in pain to massage his leg,
A thrown-high shoe ricocheted off a peg.
Two-and-a-half pounds at forty plus feet,
A lethal weapon, and no retreat.
The wind still whispers of the Golden Days,
Across the prairie and to where he lays.

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Sincerely yours,
G. R. Kahle

Annual No. Carolina Dogwood Festival Open — April 9-10-11

The 8th annual Carolina Dogwood Festival Horseshoe Tournament sponsored by the Statesville Recreation Department will be held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 9, 10, 11. The popular event will be held on the cities sixteen lighted-paved courts in Lakewood Park. Past mens Class A winners have been: 1969-Woody Thomas, High Point, N.C.; 1970-Gurney York-Harmony, N.C.; 1971-John Rademacher-Plant City, Florida; 1972-James Burns (deceased) Chattanooga, Tenn.; 1973-John Rademacher-Plant City, Florida; 1974-Roger Norwood-Knoxville, Tenn.; 1975-Wilbur Kobel-New Madison, Ohio. 1976?? The three past Womens Class A winners: 1973-Helen Roberts, Lucasville, Ohio; 1974 & 1975-Opal Reno, Lucasville, Ohio. Wilbur Kabel and Opal Reno will be the Mens and Womens Class A defending champions. The qualifying round of 100 shoes will be held Friday, April 9 from 7 to 9 p.m. and on Saturday morning April 10 from 8 a.m. til 12 noon. The Round Robin tournament will start at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 10th. Trophies will be awarded to the top 5 pitchers in both the Mens and Womens Class A divisions. All other divisions in mens and womens will also receive trophies for winner and runner-up, and boys and girls divisions. Also to the person traveling the greatest distance and to the state having the most participating. Top cash awards will be for Mens A and B and Womens A Classes. The Mens Class A trophy is 54" tall. Write: Carolina Dogwood Festival, Recreation Department, 432 West Bell Street, Statesville, NC 28677 for more information. There are four new motels, and campers parking available. The committee in charge of the tournament are Jack Springer, J. T. Goforth, Gurney York, Donald Douglas, Villa Sloan, Alice Adams, and Howard Johnson.

Van Dusen Victor In 1975 Heart Of Illinois

LATE REPORT

The Heart of Illinois Horseshoe Tournament was completed in late August under 90 degree plus temperatures. Some of the pitching was almost as hot and the competition was very intense. Clint Van Dusen, Knoxville, Illinois has been doing very well in tournaments won the playoff game from Woody Martin, Pekin, for top honors in Class A. Rose Gibson, Centraia, Illinois, won first place in the first ladies class for this tournament. All of the ladies enjoyed the competition and expressed interest in future tournaments. Trophy winners in the seven men classes and one ladies class in the two day tournament were as follows:

CLASS A — C. Van Dusen, III. 5-2; W. Martin, III. 5-1; R. Sornberger, III. 5-1; P. Monahan, III. 4-2; R. Phillips, III. 3-2; C. Bettisworth, III. 3-2; E. Damarin, III. 3-2; F. Travis, III. 1-4; D. Wade, III. 1-4; R. Switzer, III. 1-4; W. Williamson, III. 1-4; F. Hammitt, III. 0-5.

CLASS B — H. Franke, III. 5-1; J. White, III. 4-2; V. Bunge, III. 5-1; H. Anderson, III. 3-3; D. Swank, III. 3-2; C. Janssen, III. 3-2; G. Catton, III. 3-2; A. Lester, III. 2-3; S. Brooks, III. 1-4; C. Ray III. 1-4; L. Ruckman, III. 1-4; G. Sharp, III. 1-4.

CLASS C — C. Janssen, III. 6-0; W. Savage, III. 4-2; W. Pietryla, III. 5-1; J. Sveta, III. 4-2; A. Johnson, III. 3-2; D. Bradley, III. 3-2; P. Dohrman, III. 2-3; B. Neville, III. 2-3; D. Grove, III. 1-4; D. Ellis, III. 1-4; L. Gilespie, III. 1-4; W. Willard, III. 0-5.

CLASS D — C. Tisdale, III. 8-0; R. Orlowski, III. 6-2; C. Globis, III. 5-3; T. Spencer, III. 6-2; G. Fuller, III. 5-2; R. Whited, III. 4-3; R. Himmel, III. 4-3; J. Brand, III. 4-3; J. Davis, Ia. 3-4; C. Gardner, III. 3-4; W. Miller, III. 3-4; W. Reinking, III. 2-5; R. Slater, III. 2-5; C. Chris-

CLASS D — (Continued)

man, III. 2-5; R. Porter, III. 1-6; A. Felgenhaur, III. 0-7.

CLASS E — W. Rebbec, III. 6-0; E. Walker, III. 5-1; R. Wheeler, III. 5-1; R. St. George, III. 4-2; D. East, III. 3-2; G. Sharp, III. 3-2; C. Coddington, III. 2-3; W. Coffee, III. 2-3; J. McDonough, III. 1-4; R. Ellinger, III. 1-4; P. Gibson, III. 0-5.

CLASS F — N. Tisdale, III. 5-0; P. Slane, III. 5-1; C. Turner, III. 4-2; T. Ports, III. 4-2; D. Sisson, III. 3-2; A. Billingsley, III. 3-2; R. Pietryla, III. 3-2; N. Dring, III. 2-3; M. Markley, III. 1-4.

CLASS G — A. Kaisershot, III. 7-0; D. Church-ill, III. 5-2; A. Frederickson, III. 4-3; E. Walloch, III. 4-3; C. Chrisman, III. 4-3; Halbert, III. 2-5; J. Jones, III. 2-5; C. Stevenson, III. 0-7.

LADIES — Rose Gibson, III. 5-0; Juanita Hasselbacker, III. 3-2; Pauline Sisson, III. 3-2; Coleen Walker, III. 3-2; Elda Churchill, III. 1-4; Dortha Thompson, III. 0-5.

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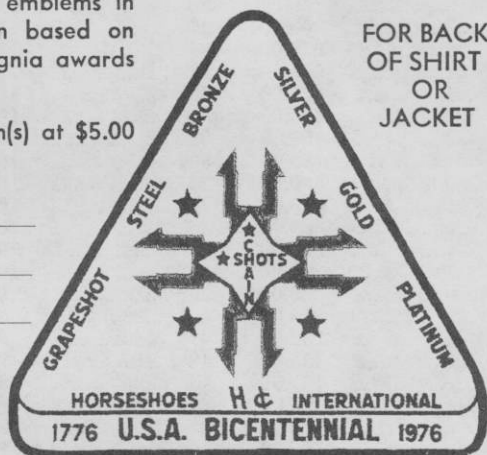
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This show is being promoted, in conjunction with the World Horseshoe Tournament for the benefit of the local Fire Companies who are also helping to promote the Bicentennial World Horseshoe Tournament.

In order to keep our promise that everyone who qualifies will have a chance to pitch in some class, we are building 12 more courts adjacent to the 24 which are already completed.

From Here And There

In the Monmouth, Illinois Open Tournament held last fall, Bill Vandegriff of Fairfield, Iowa playing against Glen Henton of Maquoketa, Iowa defeated Henton by a score of 50-21, finishing with 22 consecutive double ringers and posting a ringer percentage of 84.5 percent. This was the contributing factor in his winning the tournament with 7 straight victories. He and Glen were vying for top honors.

\$16,640.00 Prize List For 1976 World Tournament

Approved by Executive Council

Men's Championship

1	\$1,400.00	25	115.00
2	800.00	26	115.00
3	700.00	27	115.00
4	635.00	28	110.00
5	575.00	29	110.00
6	525.00	30	110.00
7	475.00	31	105.00
8	450.00	32	105.00
9	425.00	33	105.00
10	400.00	34	100.00
11	350.00	35	100.00
12	325.00	36	100.00
13	300.00	37	100.00
14	275.00	38	100.00
15	250.00	39	90.00
16	225.00	40	90.00
17	200.00	41	90.00
18	175.00	42	90.00
19	150.00	43	90.00
20	125.00	44	80.00
21	120.00	45	80.00
22	120.00	46	80.00
23	120.00	47	80.00
24	120.00	48	80.00

\$11,580.00**Men's Class B**

1	\$80.00	13	65.00
2	75.00	14	65.00
3	70.00	15	65.00
4	70.00	16	65.00
5	70.00	17	65.00
6	70.00	18	65.00
7	65.00	19	60.00
8	65.00	20	60.00
9	65.00	21	60.00
10	65.00	22	60.00
11	65.00	23	60.00
12	65.00	24	60.00

\$1,575.00**Added entry fee recap, Men:**

48 X 25	\$1,200.00
24 X 5	120.00
24 X 3	72.00
24 & 1	24.00
24 X 1	24.00
Senior: 8 X 5	40.00
Intermediate: 8 X 5	40.00
Women: 8 X 15	120.00
Total recap	\$1,640.00
Add NHPA's	3,000.00
EPA's Bid	12,500.00

\$17,140.00

Special Cash Prizes 500.00

1976 List \$16,640.00

Men's Class C & D

1	\$55.00
2	50.00
3	45.00
4	40.00
5	40.00
6	40.00
7	40.00
8	40.00

\$350.00**Men's Class E**

1	\$40.00
2	35.00
3	35.00
4	35.00
5	30.00
6	30.00
7	30.00
8	30.00

\$265.00**Women's
Championship**

1	\$275.00
2	165.00
3	115.00
4	95.00
5	85.00
6	75.00
7	70.00
8	65.00

\$945.00**Senior &
Intermediate Men's
Championships**

1	\$125.00
2	90.00
3	80.00
4	65.00
5	60.00
6	55.00
7	50.00
8	45.00

\$570.00**Women
Senior & Intermediate
Class B**

1	\$45.00
2	35.00

\$80.00**Women
Senior & Intermediate
Class C**

1	\$35.00
2	30.00

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Change for Progress

By Sol Berman

The executive council has approved the hiring of Mr. Joe Goldstein and Mr. Michael O'Hara to handle the publicity and promotion for the NHPA.

They will need the help and cooperation of all NHPA members in order to carry out a successful campaign. I have given them the names and addresses of all the officers and active members of our organization. If they call for your help, please cooperate.

If each member would call their local newspaper and inform the sports editor that we have hired these two men, we will undoubtedly get nationwide coverage. Since both are well known to most sports writers. This will cause the sports writers to call Mr. Goldstein for further information. Their qualifications are listed in the January issue of the digest.

They would like the names of any celebrity that you know of that pitches horseshoes. They would like to eventually have a Pro-celebrity (Am) double match or matches. If you know of any celebrity that pitches horseshoes send me their names and addresses (if possible). If you have any other information or ideas present send them to. Sol Berman, M.D., 351 Rahway Ave., Elizabeth, N. J. 07202 201-353-3764.

3rd Annual P. D. Riley Spittoon Open — May 29-30

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Send your average and your \$5.00 entry fee to P. D. Riley, Tournament Director, 2736 Rhode Island NE, Albuquerque, N. M. 87110 so as to reach him by noon on May 26th. Ladies entry fee \$4.00 and all Juniors play free. This is an NHPA sanctioned tournament and all participants must present their 1976 NHPA cards. Officers for 1976 are: Leo Bressen, Pres., Howard Bentz, Vice-Pres. and Robert Schuch, Sec.-Treas.

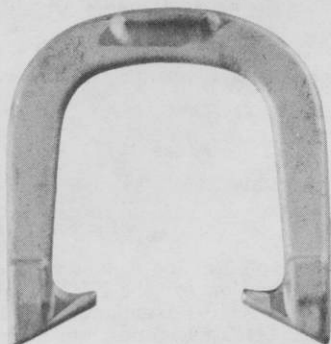
Third Annual Hillsboro, Kansas Open — June 5-6

The Third Annual Hillsboro, Kansas Open tournament will be held on Saturday and Sunday, June 5-6. Singles competition will start at 8:30 a.m. on June 5 with the Doubles tournament beginning at 1 p.m. on Sunday, June 6.

The Ladies and Juniors will play on Saturday, June 5 immediately after the Class A singles are through, either late in the afternoon or early evening.

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Lamar Open Tournament, June 12, Lamar, Missouri

The Lamar Open Tournament will be held on the City Park courts in Lamar, Missouri on Saturday, June 12. There will be six classes and entries will be accepted on a first come basis. Trophies sponsored by O'Sullivan Industries, Inc. will be awarded to the first three places in each class. Entry fee of \$5.00 and ringer percentage should be sent to Bill O'Brien, 804 Hagny St., Lamar, Missouri 64759. Phone: 417 - 682-5887, or to Bill Moritz, Rte. 3, Lamar, Missouri 64759. Phone: 417 - 682-5916.

New Year's Open At Rushville, Indiana Won By Sales

CLASS A — George Sales, New Castle, 5-2-56.2; Gerry Schultz, Brazil, 5-2-58.2; Lonnie Mullins, Muncie, 5-2-54.4; Reece Baughn, New Castle, 4-3-64.8; Glen Stone, Anderson 4-3-52; Kenny Perkins, Rushville, 2-5-46.0; Walt Lane, Anderson 2-5-45.7; Estel Bills, Connersville, 1-6-41.5.

CLASS B — Bob Sheppard, Rushville, 5-0-63.6; Harold Tatman, Greensburg, 4-1-44.0; Lloyd Gasnell, Seymour, 3-2-42.8; Jim Pierson, Maoresville, 2-3-44.4; Larry Walters, Dublin, 1-4-45.2; Sylvester Hahn, Elwood, 0-5-39.6.

CLASS C — David Tatman, Greensburg, 4-1-44.8; Frank Laurie, New Castle, 3-2-42.4; Vern Holland, Veedersburg, 2-3-41.2; Maurice Duncan, Greenwood, 2-3-36; Nick Wise, Indianapolis, 2-3-39.6; Dick Dearing, Rushville, 2-3-35.2.

CLASS D — Larry Tunin, Ind'polis, 6-1-32; Sam Huffman, Rushville, 6-1-36.2; James C. Watson,

CLASS D — (Continued)

Ind'polis 5-2-28.5; Ron Payne, Ind'polis 4-3-25.7; Lloyd Karstens, Rushville, 3-4-23.1; Jesse Walker, Rushville, 2-5-23.4; Brian O'Conner, Ind'polis 1-6-21.1; Owen Fagan, Fairland 1-6-16.2.

CLASS E — Tim Tatman, Hartsville, 5-0-25; Ernie Sharer, Ind'polis 3-2-30; Al Bills, Sr., Rushville 3-2-25; Owen Gagan, Fairland 3-2-19.5; Bob Hillman, Ind'polis, Forfeit.

WOMEN'S CLASS A — Phyllis Laurie, New Castle, 6-0-26.6; Lorna Bills, Rushville, 2-4-25.3; Dorothy Bills, Rushville 2-4-23; Carolyn O'Conner, Indianapolis 2-4-19.6.

JR. CLASS A — Al Bills, Jr., Rushville 2-0-38; Steve Bills, Connersville 0-2-17.

JR. CLASS B — Lorna Bills, 2nd., Rushville, Mark Shepherd, Rushville 2-1-14; Debbie Bills, Connersville 1-2-4.6; Phil Bills, Connersville 0-3.

Proposed NHPA 1976 Constitution And By-Laws Changes (Approved By The NHPA Executive Council)

ATTENTION ALL STATE OFFICERS we would appreciate if you and your membership would read carefully and instruct your delegates how to vote for these changes This should certainly save time, confusion and bickering on the convention floor.

ADMINISTRATION

- ARTICLE 2 — SECTION 2 (DELETE)
"or more than twelve (12) delegates to the National Convention." (It was voted in 1974 to have no maximum delegates.).
- ARTICLE 2 — SECTION 4 (ADDITION)
To be a Delegate to the National Convention, a person must be a resident of the State or Charter which he is representing, and be a current member of the NHPA.
- ARTICLE 2 — SECTION 12 (ADDITION)
No member will be permitted to speak on any subject (pro or con) more than twice, and the first time no longer than five (5) minutes and the second time no longer than three (3) minutes, with the exception of a committee report and recommendations and visiting guests who have a message to impart.

JUDICIARY

- ARTICLE 4 — SECTION 1 (ADDITION)
Juniors may join the NHPA by payment of a reduced fee, if so designated in the By-Laws. If the fee is lower, those Juniors who pay the lower fee will not be counted when computing a Charter's delegate strength.
- ARTICLE 6 — SECTION 1 (ADDITION)
All players in a World Tournament who average 80% ringers or more automatically qualify for the next year's World Tournament. If a player doesn't participate then he will be required to qualify for the next World Tournament he attends.
- ARTICLE 6 — SECTION 4 (CHANGE)
THE WORLD TOURNAMENT site will be awarded to the highest bidder.
- ARTICLE 8 — AMENDMENTS (CHANGE)
The Constitution and By-Laws may be amended at any Convention of Delegates by a two-thirds vote of those present.

BY-LAWS

- ARTICLE 1 — SECTION 2 (NEW SECTION) (ADDITION)
All Regional Directors and Chairman of the By-Laws Committee shall be informed of any Executive Council decisions pertaining to the NHPA Constitution and By-Laws.
- ARTICLE 3 — SECTION 3 (CHANGE)
Change "\$500 to \$2500.
(This is increasing the bid for sponsorship of a title match if someone wants to contend for the World title.)
- ARTICLE 5 — SECTION 1 (CHANGE)
Junior dues shall be one dollar (\$1.00) plus the amount set by his State Charter. They will be designated as a Junior on their membership card.
- ARTICLE 5 — SECTION 3 (CHANGE) (DELETE)
Entry fees only will be put back into each respective class cash prizes. (The 1975 Delegates voted on the NHPA adding \$3,000.00 to the World Tournament prize list. But they failed to understand it meant deleting the above.)

By-Laws Committee consists of, Chairman John Walker, Bill Cessna, Jerry Schneider, George Nick and Wally Shipley.

As President, thanks to the committee and council for a job well done. Also to those members who submitted changes. The committee and council vetoed 17 proposals.

Wally Shipley

Regional Director Herb Pinch Reports

The weather has kept me from doing much travelling this winter, but I am looking forward to a busy 1976 season. The sale of game related material has kept both my wife and me busy. We have been getting many orders for shirts to be lettered. I guess this means that a lot of pitchers are getting ready for the World Tournament. This is good.

I would like to suggest that you do not wait too long if you intend to order a shirt from the NHPA to be lettered. Your order should be sent no later than July 1 to insure delivery of your shirt in time to pitch in the World Tournament. I would also suggest that you order the sport shirt instead of the tee shirt for lettering. The reason for this suggestion is that the material in tee shirts does not letter as well as other types of material.

Southern California — Baldwin Park Doubles

	W	L		W	L
Harold Slagg — Erwin Klessig..	7	1	Newell Flann — Cliff Young....	4	3
L. Mahlstedt — A. Hoggatt.....	6	2	H. Drogemuller — R. Alvine....	4	3
G. Koepfer — E. Strauss.....	6	2	J. Schoonover — F. Reimer.....	4	3
Earl Johnson — Earl Hogan....	5	3	Fred Pearcy — Bob Tutich.....	4	3
Kermit Pardue — Ed St. Pierre..	5	2	Art Amador — Virgil Dickey....	2	5
A. McCallum — S. Birt.....	4	3	Carl Dennis — Robert O'Neill..	2	5
J. Raykowski — G. Van Sant....	4	3	T. Buck — D. McAllister.....	1	6

Special notice — the Burbank Doubles has been moved up from May 9, to April 25. The Burbank courts are located at Victory and Alameda, Joslin Center.

Northern Calif. Ass'n. Has Highly Successful 1975 Season — Girds For 59 Tournament, Bicentennial '76 Ringer Fest

The NCHPA membership in 1975 was 346, one less than the first place finisher and we were also second in Digest subscriptions with 150. President Lloyd Potter ably guided the association through a 56-tournament season which included the largest State tournament turnout in California history — 102 entrants. The event held on the 19-court Louis Park complex in Stockton was well organized and very successful because of the many hard working people in the association (as mentioned earlier in the Digest). NCHPA division winners were: Class B — Bill Weathers, Marty Dunn in Group C-1; Oscar Statham in Group C-2; Jack Parnell, Class E; Jim Cooper, Class F; Donna Smith, Group II of Ladies; the new State Junior Girls champ, Rhonda Moon, and Walter Ray Williams added to his World Junior Boys title by winning the California State Junior Boys championship. Two new charters were granted by the association, they went to the Auburn and San Lorenzo clubs, bringing the total NCHPA club memberships to 18.

Stockton hosted the first regular night tournament in NCHPA history, and President Potter appointed Class Directors to promote better understanding among players of all our pitching classes.

Lynda Ervin was our able statistician for 1975 and she did a yeoman job of handling mountains of paper work. Millie Schultz performed admirably as our secretary-treasurer.

Our year-end dinner-dance and annual meeting was held the first weekend of November in Stockton. Elected to the NCHPA Hall of Fame at the meeting was: Monte Latino of Sacramento and Bill Weathers of Modesto; both gentlemen having won Northern California championships in 1975 and 1974, respectively. The option of 50-shoe or 50-point game tournaments will be left to the club running the tournaments in 1976, and the San Jose Golden Eagle club volunteered to host the annual meeting and dinner-dance in 1976.

A 59-tournament schedule was approved for 1976, with the kickoff event, being the Tom Brownell Memorial Open held in San Jose the first Sunday in March. The Association lost Tom Brownell, an outstanding human being, to cancer on March 3rd and he will be immortalized for his outstanding contribution to our sport by having a tournament named for him to open every future NCHPA season. Tom was a true gentleman on and off the courts, and our loss is a loss for all horseshoe enthusiasts everywhere. He loved the game and we all loved him. Tom was only 53 at the time of his passing.

The NCHPA 1976 officers are: President Lloyd Potter, 1st V. P. Verdan Zelman; 2nd V. P. Lefty Williamson; 3rd V. P. Lucie Hanlon; 4th V. P. John Morehouse; Secretary-treasurer, Millie Schultz; Statistician, Lucie Hanlon; Constitution and By-Laws Chairman, Lefty Williamson.

The 1975 Class Champions were:

Class AA — Monte Latino (Sacramento)
Class A — Tom Webb (Rio Del Scotia)
Class B — Earl Blanton (Mosswood)
Class C — Bob Blow (Livermore)

Class D — Bud Lathe (Sacramento)
Class E — Lee Thornhill (Sacramento)
Women's — Lucie Hanlon (Sonoma)
Junior Boys — Walter Williams (Auburn)
Junior Girls — Rhonda Moon (San Jose)

Northern Calif. Assn. — (Continued)

THE NCHPA Slipper Slammer Awards for 1975 follow:

Slipper Slammer Awards - (Men's Division)

NCHPA pitcher of the year Monte Latino (Sacramento)
 Comeback of the Year Bud Lathe (Sacramento)
 Most exciting new pitcher Larry Kelly (Golden Gate)
 Most improved pitcher Millard Miller (Turlock)
 Most determined pitcher .. Bud Lathe, Sacramento) Bill Weathers, (Turlock)
 Most tournaments won Monte Latino (6) (Sacramento)
 Most consistent pitcher Monte Latino (Sacramento)

Best dressed pitcher (tie) John Morehouse, (Golden Gate) Don Wheeler (Mosswood)
 Mr. congeniality (tie) Fred Lavett (Seaside) Duane Brewer (Sacramento)
 Smoothest pitching style Jack Seymour (Golden Gate)
 High % game of year (89.1) Bill Weathers
 Most games won (93) Bob Mauzey
 Most shoes pitched (8,442) Bob Hanlon
 Most rings pitched (4,384) Bob Hanlon
 Most tournaments played (23) Ernie Kim
 Best won-lost % 4 tour (82.1) B. Proctor
 Most talkative Paul Van De Veere

Slipper Slammer Awards - Women's Division

NCHPA First Lady Millie Schultz
 Most improved pitcher Virginia Sturla
 Most determined pitcher Lucie Hanlon
 Prettiest pitcher Marisella Mauricio
 Ms congeniality Fran Van De Veere

Slipper Slammer Awards - (Junior Division)

Jr. Boy pitcher of the year W. Williams
 Junior Girl pitcher of the year ... Rhonda Moon
 Most exciting new pitcher M. Borrenkott
 Most determined pitchers N. Williams
 Rhonda Moon
 Most improved pitcher R. Statham

Manatee Co. Florida Won By Ken Drury

The Manatee County tournament held January 30 and 31 with beautiful weather was a huge success with 72 contestants from all parts of the United States and Canada. Ken Drury from Canada topped the list followed by Idaho State champion, Clarence Cumming who was second.

CLASS A-1 — Clarence Cumming 5-0-63.0; John Rademacher 4-1-60.9; Wm. Riley 2-3-58.0; Joe Holland 2-3-54.9; Marv Richmond 2-3-51.6; Willard West 0-5-46.5.

CLASS A-2 — Jack Fayhe 4-1-61.8; Ken Drury 4-1-53.3; Levi Miller 3-2-55.6; Dick Ferguson 2-3-50.0; Roger Poutanen 2-3-48.7; Char Fix 0-5-53.8.

PLAYOFF

Ken Drury First place
 Clarence Cumming Second place
 John Rademacher Third place
 Jack Fayhe Fourth place

CLASS B-1 — Mark Freeman 4-1-58.9; Virgil Bunge 4-1-51.3; Dwight Thatcher 2-3-53.8; Phil Zozzaro 2-3-47.7; Paul Scheub 2-3-46.7; Schenk Brooks forfeit.

CLASS D-2 — M. Gillespie 4-1-41.9; Ed Brake-man 3-2-43.0; Jay Wagner 3-2-38.4; Maurice Rodocker 3-2-36.3; Earl Ronemus 1-4-29.8; G. Myres 0-5-39.6.

PLAYOFF

Charles Howery First place
 M. Gillespie Second place
 William Blum Third place
 Ed Brake-man Fourth place

CLASS B-2 — Les Long 5-0-52.3; Paul Dumont 3-2-46.3; Dick Weigel 3-2-44.4; Pete Peterson 3-2-41.4; Clyde Hewitt 1-4-33.9; Bill King 0-5-32.2.

PLAYOFF

Mark Freeman 3 0 73.5
 Virgil Bunge 2 1 44.1
 Dick Weigel 1 2
 Paul Dumont 0 3

CLASS E-1 — Roy Gravink 4-1-35.7; Ivan Gilman 4-1-34.0; Andy Goshna 3-2-38.2; Lee Davis 2-3-31.8; John Wortel 1-4-29.3; D. Preston 1-4-26.8.

CLASS E-2 — Earle Johnson 4-1-29.0; Pat O'Toole 3-2-36.9; Harold Shaw 3-2-32.2; Wm. Wallschlager 3-2-29.6; Ed Tausch 1-4-22.5; Bob Graham 1-4-19.3.

PLAYOFF

Roy Gravink First place
 Earle Johnson Second place
 Ivan Gilman Third place
 Pat O'Toole Fourth place

CLASS C-1 — Joe Morgan 4-1-46.5; Geo. Buskey 3-2-47.6; Harvey Hochstetler 3-2-47.3; Earl Morris 2-3-40.0; Bob Widdersheim 2-3-38.1; Henry Mullet 1-4-41.5.

CLASS C-2 — Ken Reeb 4-1-44.1; Marion Collins 4-1-41.7; Dwayne Whitmer 3-2-41.7; Charlie Lentz 2-3-39.3; Charlie Pitton 1-4-37.8; Mathews 1-4-29.2.

PLAYOFF

Ken Reeb First place
 Joe Morgan Second place
 Marion Collins Third place
 George Buskey Fourth place

CLASS D-1 — Chas. Howery 5-0-42.3; Wm. Blum 4-1-37.7; Carol Johnson 2-3-35.2; Ed Schuetz 2-3-32.5; Frank Stites 0-5-27.9; Bye.

CLASS F — Milton Myhre 4-1-25.4; Ed Miles 4-1-27.1; John Smith 3-2-20.5; Chris Miller 2-3-30.5; Don Marsh 1-4-21.7; Joel Barrell 0-5-19.6.

CLASS G — Earl Colgan 3-1-25.2; Einger Ashland 3-1-17.4; Tom Keltner 3-1-15.6; Art Carter 1-3-10.7; Paul Barrett 0-4-15.3.

J. Rademacher Top Man In Florida Suncoast Open

The Suncoast Open Tournament held Feb. 20 and 21 at Kiwanis houseshoe courts in Bradenton, Fla. with beautiful weather with several players that played in Class A in the World Tournament. What a Class of A's with 2-6 man classes. John Rademacher was the winner of the Suncoast Open for the 4th year in a row.

CLASS A-1 — John Rademacher 3-2-63.4; Wm. Riley 3-2-55.1; Karl Van Sant 3-2-55.0; Clarence Cummings 2-3-53.7; Frank Stinson 2-3-53.6; Bernard Herfurth 2-3-50.0.

CLASS A-2 — Dick Ferguson 4-1-60.4; Marv Richmond 4-1-56.0; Mark Freeman 2-3-51.8; Len Miller 2-3-51.7; Dwight Thatcher 2-3-51.4; Joe Holland 1-4-51.0.

CLASS B — Jack Lentz 6-1-56.2; Byron Hafner 5-1-52.1; D. Allen 4-2-45.2; Willard West 2-4-47.4; Les Long 2-4-46.0; Sam Raymond 2-4-39.8; Swen Bowman 0-6-39.0.

CLASS C-1 — Paul Scheub 5-0-53.0; Chalmer McClain 4-1-50.4; Ken Peer 3-2-41.2; Royce Wrucke 2-3-30.2; Charlie Lentz 1-4-42.4; Henry Mullet 0-5-37.4.

CLASS D-1 — Charlie Pitton 4-1-34.8; B. Widdersheim 3-2-37.7; H. Hitchcock 2-3-40.0; Charlie Howerly 1-4-34.2; E. Gallant 1-4-24.8 Dick Weigel forfeit.

CLASS E — Harold Shaw 7-0-45.7; Ivan Gilman 5-2-37.2; Ed Schuetz 4-3-44.3; Frank Stites 4-3-41.9; B. Dove 4-3-38.6; Joe Hightower 2-5-30.6; Pat O'Toole 1-6-34.5; J. Lowe 1-6-29.2.

PLAYOFF

	W	L	%
John Rademacher	3	0	67.3
Dick Ferguson	2	1	58.8
Marv Richmond	1	2	48.3
Wm. Riley	0	3	50.0

CLASS C-2 — L. Bartley 4-1-45.2; Speed Gillespie 4-1-45.8; Geo. Buskey 2-3-41.6; O. Gaudette 3-2-38.1; Marion Collins 2-3-36.7; Maurice Rodocker 1-4-38.6.

PLAYOFF

L. Bartley	3	0	57.0
C. McClain	2	1	43.2
Paul Scheub	1	2	45.3
Speed Gillespie	0	3	37.8

CLASS F — Milton Myhre 4-1-42.4; Lee Davis 4-1-35.6; Ed Tausch 3-2-28.4; Bob Graham 2-3-26.6; Chris Miller 1-4-28.7; Norman Gaseau 1-4-26.6.

CLASS G — W. House 4-1-28.6; Paul Barrett 4-1-24.4; Ed Miles 3-2-29.4; John Smith 2-3-17.8; Art Carter 2-3-11.7; Fred Armentrout 0-5-10.2.

Gem Suburban Tourney — June 6 — Rockford, Illinois

The Gem Suburban Club will hold an open tournament on June 6 at the Gem Suburban courts located on Route 2, south of Rockford, Illinois. Please send 100 shoe qualification. Deadline May 29. Also the club will hold an open tournament on Sept. 12, at the Gem Suburban courts located on Route 2 south of Rockford, Illinois. Please send 100 shoe qualification. Deadline Sept. 4.

Send entries to: Harvey Johnson, 1315-24th Street, Rockford, Ill. 61108. Phone: 815-397-1474



Pictured above are the courts in the city park in Simpsonville, South Carolina. There are 14 courts, eight with red clay and six with limestone dust. Each court is set off 10 to 12 inches and are 12 feet apart. Willie Stephens reports that the club is working to make more improvements each year and hope to put up lights next year.

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Send entry to Weldon Okey Martin, 611 Edgewood Ave., Lancaster, Ohio 43130. Phone: (614) 654-1817.

Rush Indoor Open Taken In Tow By Reece Baughn

CLASS A — Reece Baughn, New Castle 6-1-66.8; George Sales, New Castle 5-2-59.1; Lonnie Mullins, Muncie 5-2-55.4; Darrell Glover, Rushville 3-4-54.2; Kenny Perkins, Rushville 3-4-52; Walt Lane, Anderson 2-4-53.7; Estel Bills, Connersville, 2-5-52.8; Gerry Schultz, Brazil 2-5-52.2.

CLASS B — David Tatman, Greensburg 4-1-43; Larry Walters, Dublin 4-1-45; Lloyd Gosnell, Seymour 4-1-44.5; Frank Laurie, New Castle 2-3-42; Tim Tatman, Hartsville, 1-4-24.5; Jim Pier-son, Mooresville, Forfeit.

CLASS C — J. C. Watson, Ind'polis 4-1-32.8; Sam Huffman, Rushville 3-2-34.0; Larry Tunin, Ind'polis, 3-2-24.8; Ron Payne, Ind'polis 2-3-33.6; Lloyd Karstens, Rushville 2-3-23.2; Al Bills, Rushville 1-4-24.

CLASS D — Lloyd Karstens, Rushville 4-1-21.5; Brian O'Connor Ind'polis, 4-1-25; Owen Fagan 4-1-20; Bob Hillman, Ind'polis 2-3-15.6; Jim Tatman, St. Paul 1-4-16.5; Jim Jackson, Ind'polis Forfeit.

WOMEN'S CLASS A — Lorna Bills, Rushville 6-1-34.4; Phyllis Laurie, New Castle 5-2-29.2; Dorothy Bills 2-4-13.5; Carolyn O'Connor Forfeit.
JR. CLASS A — Al Bills, Jr., Rushville 2-0-56; Steve Bills, Connersville 0-2-23.

JR. CLASS B — Lorna Bills II, Rushville 4-0-20; Mark Shepherd, Rushville 3-1-14; Debbie Bills, Connersville 2-2-9.5; Steve Gall, Anderson 1-3-9.5; Phil Bills, Connersville 0-4-1.5.

**1977 WORLD TOURNAMENT DATES WILL BE JULY 29
THRU AUGUST 7 AT GREENVILLE, OHIO**

Rioux Back On Top — Two Landry's & Riendeau Win For 1st Time At Heritage — Sutton, Massachusetts

Norm Rioux returned to his accustomed top spot during the playing of the Lincoln's Birthday Open at Heritage Recreation Center. His 7-0, 75% record made it a walkaway this month. Second place went to Joe Schultz on percentage, his highest finish in the tough Heritage competition. Mel Merritt pitched a fine 65.2% to take Class 2. Mel broke a tradition of long standing in this class by winning with the highest percentage. It could have been otherwise. A final game loss would have meant a three-way tie, but 76.9% opposite his opponent's 67.2% laid that possibility to rest.

John Parmenter won a four-way playoff for Class 3 honors. His 52.0% average does not reflect playoff games of 70.0% and 67.4%! Joe Comeau, whose pitching now suffers from shoulder miseries, placed second. Miseries and all, Joe can still show the boys why he is a charter member of the Mass. Hall of Fame. Dick Shepard came out of his recent slump and defeated Bill White in a Class 4 playoff game. Joe Guy swept seven for top spot in Class 5.

Classes 6, 7, and Women had first-time winners. Roger Landry has been pitching tournaments for just one year and finally hit the jackpot in Class 6 via the playoff route. Bill McMahon had taken the measure of Moe Farmer in the first game only to fall to Landry in the second game. Larry Riendeau also won his first tournament with a playoff victory over Ed Harrington in Class 7. Barbara Landry has been pitching for just a few months. That makes her 6-0, 31.9% winning record amongst the women all the more impressive. Roger and Barbara may have jumped the gun a little. It would have been nicer if they had waited until next month's "Edgar Landry Memorial" to win their titles. Perhaps they will repeat.

As usual, the New Jersey contingent made its presence felt during their yearly pilgrimage to Heritage. Ron Vogel and Ted Lewis were the other men involved in that Class 3 playoff battle. Ed Severs in Class 2 and Ray Shober in Class 4 didn't finish as high in the standings but certainly made their presence felt.

CHAMPIONSHIP — Normand Rioux, Ct 7-0-75.0; Joe Schultz, NY 4-3-72.6; Art Tyson, NY 4-3-68.6; Don Weik, Ct 3-4-71.5; Ed Domey, Ma 3-4-69.7; Paul Cormier, Ma 3-4-67.0; George Trabucci, Ct 2-5-64.9; Charles Richardson, Ma 2-5-59.3.

CLASS 2 — Mel Merritt, Ma 6-1-65.2; Dan Beane, Ma 5-2-57.7; Jack Moore, Ct 4-3-56.8; Fred Simon, Ma 4-3-56.4; Russ Gadoury, Ma 4-3-53.4; Ed Severs, NJ 2-5-54.6; Paul Drowne, Ma 2-5-50.6; Ed Courville, Ma 1-6-49.3.

CLASS 3 — John Parmenter, Ma 5-2-52.0; Joe Comeau, Ma 5-2-56.5; Ron Vogel, NJ 5-2-49.3; Ted Lewis, NJ 5-2-45.9; Ed Bodinski, Ma 3-4-46.8; Joe Pepi, Ma 3-4-46.6; Paul Domey, Ma 2-5-42.4; Paul Schultz, NY Forfeit.

CLASS 4 — Dick Shepard, Ma 5-2-44.8; Bill White, Ma 5-2-47.3; Gardner Alden, Ma 4-3-44.3; Jim Wylie, Ma 4-3-42.9; Joe Grillo, Ma 3-4-43.9; Vic Peckaitis, Ct 3-4-39.7; Ray Shober, NJ 2-5-

CLASS 4 — (Continued)

39.9; Don Harrison, Ma 2-5-38.6.

CLASS 5 — Joe Guy, Ma 7-0-47.2; Bill White, Ma 5-2-47.7; Ralph Lacerte, Ma 5-2-36.9; Rene Rodrigue, Ct 3-4-36.4; Hub Sasse, Ma 1-6-33.2; Don Blomquist, Ma 0-7-30.3.

CLASS 6 — Roger Landry, Ma 5-2-35.8; Bill McMahon, Ma 5-2-31.6; Moe Farmer, Ma 5-2-32.5; Harold Thomas, Ma 4-3-28.7; Harry Schricker, Ma 3-4-30.8; Charles Hanson, NH 3-4-25.9; Al Doucette, Ma 2-5-25.2; Tony Nacewicz, Ma 1-6-26.6.

CLASS 7 — Larry Riendeau, Ct 6-1-27.3; Ed Harrington, Ma 6-1-26.4; Mike Desroches, Ma 5-2-21.1; Chris Borglund, Ma 3-4-21.7; Bill Capozzi, Ct 3-4-20.2; Don Fontaine, Ma 2-5-19.3; Ed Hamilton, Ma 2-5-18.1; Charles Roos, NY 1-6-8.7.

WOMEN — Barbara Landry, Ma 6-0-31.9; Cam Shepard, Ma 3-3-23.1; Anne Domey, Ma 2-4-24.2; Beverly Fontaine, Ma 1-5-21.5.

Fairbury, Nebraska Bicentennial Open — July 4

The annual Fairbury Open Tournament will be held on Sunday, July 4 in conjunction with the Bicentennial celebration in Fairbury, Nebraska, tournament to be on the city park courts. 100 shoe qualifying scores should be sent to Jacob Isaac, 1208 3rd St., Fairbury, Nebraska 68352, one week prior to tournament date. Tournament will start at 8:30 a.m.

The second Fairbury Open will be held on September 5 at the city park courts with same rules prevailing.

Father Defeats Son In Play-off For Plant City, Florida Strawberry Festival Open Championship

Seventy-two pitchers representing 19 states and Canada participated in the 1976 Strawberry festival tournament held at the Plant City fairgrounds on Feb. 26, 27 & 28th.

Class A was divided into two groups of 6 with the top two advancing to a final 4-Man round robin. The end of this placed Gene and John Rademacher tied, necessitating a sudden death playoff. John won this game with an 83.8% effort against Gene's 72.7. Both pitchers ended the day with identical records of 560 shoes pitched and 405 ringers (72.3%), very unusual.

40 Point games were played in all classes on all days.

CLASS A-1

	W	L	%
G. Rademacher	5	0	73.4
C. Cummings	3	2	67.5
M. Freeman	2	3	63.7
G. Portt	2	3	53.3
D. Thatcher	2	3	53.1
L. Miller	1	4	56.9

CLASS A-2

	W	L	%
J. Rademacher	4	1	71.9
Jack Fahey	4	1	63.8
William Riley	3	2	63.4
Marv Richmond	2	3	59.9
R. Ferguson	1	4	58.6
J. Holland	1	4	57.2

CHAMPIONSHIP

	W	L	%
J. Rademacher	3	1	72.8
G. Rademacher	2	2	71.0

	W	L	%
J. Fahey	1	2	65.4
C. Cummings	1	2	60.8

CLASS B-1 — Ken Drury, Can. 5-0-63.8; F. Bartley, 3-2-61.0; D. Peterson 3-2-47.9; C. Lentz, Can. 2-3-49.1; Les Long 1-4-51.8; K. Reeb 1-4-49.5.

CLASS B-2 — R. Poutanen 4-0-61.7; Byron Hofner 3-1-54.9; J. Helbling 2-2-50.0; D. Sawyer 1-3-40.5; C. Sommerfield 0-4-30.3; W. West forfeit.

CLASS C — P. Scheub 4-1-56.9; S. Bowman 4-1-48.8; H. Hochstetter 3-2-40.8; E. Morris 2-3-45.9; D. Whitmer 2-3-43.7; M. Collins 45.9.

CLASS D — W. Wrucke 6-1-44.5; Ray Wilson 5-2-41.9; M. Collins 4-3-42.0; H. Mullett 3-4-44.9; H. Marlin 3-4-40.7; R. Duff 3-4-37.0; E. Anderson 2-5-39.0; Joe Morgan 2-5-37.5.

CLASS E — H. Ellenberger 5-0-47.5; Vilko Mack 4-1-38.6; G. Buskey 3-2-37.1; Pete Brake-man 2-3-29.6; Pat O'Toole, Can. 0-5-34.4; W.

CLASS E — (Continued)

Walt Schlager 1-4-25.4.

CLASS F — Bob Widdersheim 5-0-52.1; Harold Shaw 4-1-34.5; M. Rodacker 3-2-37.9; H. Hitchcock 2-3-30.8; Art Matthes 1-4-31.4; Chas. Pitton 0-5-35.5.

CLASS G — C. Howerly 4-1-40.5; E. Scheutz 4-1-39.7; I. Gilman 4-1-32.8; C. Herrington 2-3-30.2; N. Gaseau 1-4-30.1; M. Johnson 0-5-22.5.

CLASS H — F. Sites 4-1-38.5; F. Bogardus 4-1-32.2; W. Blum 3-2-27.8; L. Davis 2-3-33.1; P. O'Toole 2-3-31.4; Frank Sirak 0-5-31.7.

CLASS J — J. Berrall 3-2-24.2; J. Lukse 3-2-25.2; E. Johnson 3-2-34.4; H. Hawes 3-2-28.2; M. Myhre 3-2-27.0; F. Armentrout 0-5-9.8.

CLASS K was won by Walter House, 5-0-29.5; Lee Hoyt, 4-1-19.4; P. Barrett, 3-2-26.3; Don Marsh 2-3-16.7.

G. Rademacher Wins Pinellas County, Florida Open

By Sarg Cook

The scene at Seminole, Florida for the Pinellas County Open tournament, February 7, was reminiscent of days gone by when St. Petersburg, Florida was the horseshoe capitol of the world. Old man winter, although not bringing snow, did however, bring forth his cold and wind to dampen the enthusiasm that normally goes with this wonderful game. The spirit of the players was not dampened however, as they braved the elements with grim determination. 52 horseshoe pitchers from Florida and 10 states as well as Canada vied for the honors of a class championship. Being entirely sanctioned by the NHPA did not keep the entries down as predicted, in fact, many were turned away from participating in this sport that they love.

Shivers, hot coffee, blankets and gloves were the order of the day and appeared in abundance. Under the eagle-eye of Seminole's Lee Davis, the tournament ran smoothly while Sarg Cook and the other record-keepers were near the freezing point.

Pinellas County Open — (Continued)

Many entries were not able to participate due to the lack of additional courts and light that could cause a time factor for completion of the tournament. Gene Rademacher won the overall championship while pitching a fine 62.4 ringer percentage. Dick Ferguson of Sarasota won the Class B title.

The Seminole Horseshoe Club invites all interested persons to join them at the beautiful City of Seminole horseshoe courts to pitch or learn this fine sport. Courts are located on corner of 70th Avenue and 113th Street North Seminole. For information call either Lee Davis or Sarg Cook at 392-8504 or 391-0053.

CLASS A — Gene Rademacher, Plant City 4-1-62.4; Marv Richmond, Minn. 3-2-60.8; Clarence Cummins, Idaho 3-2-59.2; Levi Miller, Sarasota 2-3-55.2; Donald Allen, Minn. 2-3-49.6; Joe Holland, Mich. 1-4-45.2.

CLASS B — Dick Ferguson, Sarasota 4-1-55.6; Bill Riley, Bradenton 3-2-55.6; Dwight Thatcher, Brooksville 3-2-51.2; Mark Freeman, Mich. 3-2-52.4; Ken Drury, Ontario 2-3-45.2; Henry Franke, 0-5-44.4.

CLASS C — Leslie Long, Ill. 4-1-56.8; Dick Weigel, Clearwater 3-2-54.0; Byron Hafner, Iowa 3-2-47.2; Paul Scheub, Sarasota 2-3-40.0; Swen Bowman, Wis. 2-3-37.2; Joe Morgan, Mich. 1-4-31.2.

CLASS D — Marion Collins, Dunedin 5-0-42.0; Henry Mullett, Sarasota 3-2-41.2; Bob Widdersheim, Clearwater 3-2-37.6; Pat O'Toole, Bradenton 2-3-33.6; Ivan Gilman, Wis. 1-4-33.6; Speed Gillespie, Ind. 1-4-31.5.

CLASS E — Ken Peer, Sarasota 4-1-43.2; Ed Brakeman, St. Petersburg 3-2-41.2; Vilko Mack, La. 3-2-39.2; Carrol Johnson, Minn. 2-3-36.0; Ed

CLASS E — (Continued)

Rosser, W. Va. 2-3-33.6; Bernard Warsech, Minn. 1-4-24.8.

CLASS F — Oscar Gaudette, New Smyrna Beach 5-0-42.8; Charles Pitton, Clearwater 3-2-35.6; Ed Schuelz, Wis. 3-2-30.8; Ed Rosser, W. Va. 2-3-34.0; Andy Doshna, Clearwater 1-4-28.8; Charles Howery, Ill. 1-4-24.4.

CLASS G — Carl Rosser, W. Va. 4-1-26.2; Donald Lyons, Ohio 3-2-33.2; Ivan Gilman, Wis. 3-2-26.8; Pat O'Toole, Bradenton 2-3-29.2; William Wallschlaeger, Ill. 2-3-24.4; Frank Stites, Bradenton 1-4-32.4.

CLASS H — Earl Colgan, 4-1-35.2; Earl Johnson, Bradenton 4-1-27.2; Roger Zobel, Madeira Beach 3-2-35.6; Jewel Ingham, Bradenton 2-3-30.4; Milt Mhyre, N. D. 1-4-27.2; Norman Gauseau, Clearwater 1-4-25.2.

CLASS I — Walter House, Sarasota 3-0-22.6; Paul Barrette, Canada 1-2-20.0; James Young, W. Va. 1-2-14.6; Tom Keltner, Clearwater 1-2-12.7.

Annual Michigan Water Wonderland Open — June 19-20

June 19 & 20 — Michigan annual Water Wonderland Open will be played at site to be named later. Cash prizes and trophies awarded for all classes, with an extra \$100.00 to the champion of Class A. Entry fee is \$11.00 Class A, \$8.00 Class B and \$6.00 for all remaining Classes with ladies entry at \$4.00. Juniors there is no charge. Entry deadline is June 12th.

Send entries with average or for more information to: Jim Ostrander, 5717 Hilliard, Lansing, Michigan 48910 — Phone 517-882-8685.

1976 World Tournament Plans Move Forward

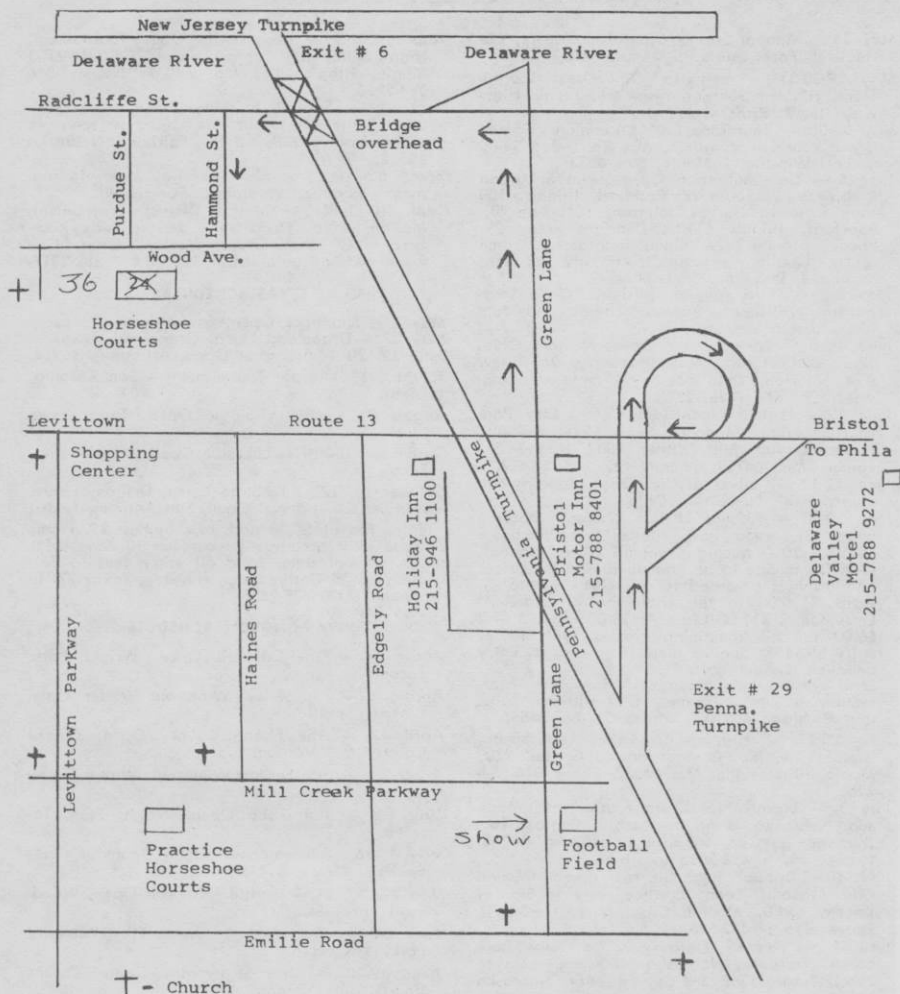
Information in regards to trailer space, motels and camping sites should be addressed to the Housing Committee: The Bristol Township Housing Committee, P.O. Box 699, Levittown, Pennsylvania, 19058. Therefore, if any questions arise write to above address. As we have said in the past, all pitchers will play in the 1976 World Tournament.

We are still looking for contributions to our "Friends of Horseshoes" fund. If you care to donate, please do so.

Madison, Nebraska Bicentennial Open — July 3

The Madison, Nebraska Bicentennial Open tournament will be held on the city park courts, Madison, Nebraska, starting time 1 p.m. Bring your own score before noon on tournament day. Six place ribbons will be given. Small amount of cash from entries to first 3 places. Contact Tom Durham, Box 42, Madison, Nebraska 6748. Phone: 402-454-2632 evenings.

Location Of The 1976 World Tournament — July 30 - August 8



Spring Fever Open, June 4-5-6, Marion, Ohio

The Spring Fever Open will resume again this year June 4-5-6 at Marion, Ohio. We have a good tournament planned for everyone. Due to limited time, the first entries in will participate in the tournament. We are planning a 16 man A-Class with a \$150-1st place, \$100-2nd, \$50-3rd, \$40-4th and on down to 7th for \$10 last place. Class A will be divided into a 2 day affair. We will have 3-6 man classes on Friday night. In all 6 men classes, \$3.00 will be given for each game won. We also have an A & B Ladies' Class planned.

The Marion Horseshoe club has put a lot of hard work on 9 beautiful lighted courts which you will enjoy. This will be a sanctioned tournament with a \$7.50 entry. Send all entries to Max Roseberry, 267 Thew Ave., Marion, Ohio. Phone 614-382-2817. All entries must be in 1 week in advance of the tournament. We also reserve the right to place men as we see fit. Send highest 1975 percentage. Two trophies will be given per class.

COMING EVENTS

May 16 - Annual Spring Open Tournament, Carondelet Park courts, St. Louis, Mo.

May 29-30-31 - Memorial Day Open Tournament, Hjalmer Johnson residence, Scenic Highway No. 7, Bigfork, Minn.

May 29-30 - Tournament of Champions, Phelps Grove courts, Springfield, Mo. Entry fee \$4.00 to Earl Winston, LaMonte, Mo. 65337.

June 6 - Gem Suburban Open, Gem Suburban Club, Rte. 2, South of Rockford, Illinois. 100 shoe score to Harvey Johnson, 1315-24th St., Rockford, Illinois 61108. Deadline, May 29. Phone: 815-397-1474. Open tournament, same courts. Qualifying score to Harvey Johnson, as above. Deadline, September 4.

June 5-6 - Third Annual Hillsboro, Open Tournament, Hillsboro, Kansas. Ladies and Juniors, June 5 evening.

June 4-5-6 - Spring Fever Open, Marion, Ohio. \$7.50 entry fee to Max Roseberry, 267 The Ave., Marion, Ohio one week before tournament. Ph. 614 - 382-2817.

June 12 - Lamar Open tournament, City Park courts, Lamar, Missouri. Send \$5.00 fee and percentage to Bill O'Brien, 804 Haggy St., Lamar, Mo. 64759. Phone: 417 - 682-5887.

June 12-13 - Silver Dollar Open Tournament, (Sanctioned) Lancaster, Ohio.

June 19-20 - Annual Eastern National Tournament, Glenwood Park courts, Erie, Penna.

June 19 & 20 - Michigan annual Water Wonderland Open. Site to be named later. Cash prizes and trophies awarded for all classes, with an extra \$100.00 to the champion of Class A. Entry fee is \$11.00 Class A, \$8.00 Class B and \$6.00 for all remaining classes with ladies entry at \$4.00. Juniors there is no charge. Entry deadline is June 12th.

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June 25-27 - Higginsville Open Tournament, Higginsville, Mo. Contact Harold Griffel, 2703 Maple, Higginsville, Mo. 64037. Phone 816-584-2256.

July 3 - Bicentennial Open tournament, Madison, Nebraska. Bring own score. Contact Tom Durham. Box 42, Madison, Nebraska 68748. Phone: 402 - 454-2632 evenings.

July 4 - Annual July 4th tournament, Mound City, Missouri. Send 100-shoe score to Stanley Brickey, RFD, Mound City, Missouri 64470. Phone 816 - 442-5883.

July 4 - Annual Fairbury Open, City Park courts, Fairbury, Nebraska. 100-shoe score to Jacob Isaac, 1208 3rd St., Fairbury, Nebraska 68352.

July 11 - Annual 4-State tournament, Falls City, Nebraska. Send score to Don Koso, 803 East 12th St., Falls City, Nebraska 68355. Phone: 402 - 245-3540.

July 30 thru August 8 - 1976 World Tournament, Levittown, Pennsylvania.

August 7-8 - Columbia Open tournament, Cosmo Park courts, Columbia, Mo. \$5.00 entry fee and latest percentage to Kenneth Wood, Rte. 5, Columbia, Mo. 65201 by July 31. Phone 314 445-2278.

Aug. 8 - Annual Falls City, Nebraska Open tournament. Send score to Don Koso, 803 East 12th St., Falls City, Nebraska 68355. Phone: 402 - 245-3540.

Aug. 15 - Annual Mound City, Missouri Open tournament. Send score to Stanley Brickey, RFD., Mound City, Missouri 64470. Phone: 816 - 442-5883.

August 13-15 - Higginsville Open Tournament, Higginsville, Mo. Contact Harold Griffel, 2703 Maple, Higginsville, Mo. 64037. Phone: 816 584-2256.

Sept. 5 - Second Fairbury Open, City Park courts, Fairbury, Nebraska. 100-shoe score to Jacob Isaac, 1208 3rd St., Fairbury, Nebraska 68352.

Sept. 5-6 - Annual Wyoming State Tournament. Laramie, Wyoming. Sanctioned.

Sept. 10-11-12 - Central District Tournament, Marion, Ohio. \$5.00 entry fee to Max Roseberry, 267 The Ave., Marion, Ohio. One week before tournament. Ph. 614 - 382-2817.

TEXAS SCHEDULE

May 1 - Shamrock Open, San Antonio, Texas.

May 22 - Grapeland Open, Grapeland, Texas.

June 19, 20 - Arlington Open, Arlington, Texas.

July 10, 11 - State Tournament - San Antonio, Texas.

August 21 - Berlin Sipple Open, Twin Peaks Club.

September 18, 19 - Lakeside Open, San Antonio, Texas.

October 16, 17 - Tri-State Open, Denton, Texas.

November 6 - Harvest Open, San Antonio, Texas.

Entry Fee of \$5.00 and your highest 1975 percentage must accompany your fee 10 days prior to tournament date. Send all entry fees to Bob Graham, 5926 Darlington, Houston, Texas 77045 or phone (713) 729-9528.

WASHINGTON SCHEDULE

April 3-4 - The Daffodil Open, Wright Park, Tacoma.

April 11 - 7th Series. Winetrout Winter Open Classic, Seattle.

April 17 - The Skagit County Open, Owens Courts, Mt. Vernon.

April 25 - 8th Series, Winetrout Winter Open Classic, Seattle.

May 1-2 - The Gilbo Open, Wright Park, Tacoma.

May 15-16 - Bicentennial Open, Franklin Park, Spokane (State & National).

May 29, 30, 31 - Seattle Memorial Open, Woodland Park, Seattle.

June 5-6 - The Yakima Open, Elks Memorial Park, Yakima.

June 19-20 - The Strawberry Open, Owens Courts, Mt. Vernon.

July 3-4 - Walla Walla Open, Fairgrounds, Walla Walla.

July 3-4 - The Allens Open, Bremerton, Evergreen Park. (Tentative).

July 10-11 - The Spokane Open, Franklin Park, Spokane (State & National).

July 17-18 - The Tacoma Open, Wright Park, Tacoma.

Aug. 7-8 - The Skagit County Fair, Mt. Vernon. Aug. 14-15 - Snohomish Co. (closed), Forest Park, Everett.

Aug. 21-22 - Bellingham International Open, Cornwall Park, Bellingham.

Aug. 29 - The Ellensburg Rodeo, Ellensburg.

Sept. 4-5-6 - Washington State Tourney, Fairgrounds, Walla Walla.

Sept. 18-19 - Pac N. W. Championship Open, Elks Memorial Park, Yakima.

Coming Events—Continued

Wolverine State Schedule

May 1 — Lapeer — B. May 2 — Lapeer — A.
 May 8 — Adrain — A. May 9 — Adrain — B.
 May 15 — Sturgis — B. May 16 — Sturgis — A.
 May 22 — Lake Orion — A. May 23 — Lake Orion — B.
 May 29 — Dimondale — B. May 30 — Dimondale — A.
 May 31 — Dimondale — May be some doubles or team competition.
 June 5 — Jackson — A. June 6 — Jackson — B.
 June 12 — Lapeer — B. June 13 — Lapeer — A.
 June 19 — Water wonderland. June 20 — at Burr Oak.
 June 26 — Nashville — A. June 27 — Nashville — B.
 July 3 — Nashville — B. July 4 — Nashville — A.
 July 5 — Nashville.
 July 10-11 — Michigan — Ontario Tournament at New Hamburg, Ontario.

July 17 — Burr Oak — A. July 18 — Burr Oak — B.
 July 24 — Lake Orion — B. July 25 — Lake Orion — A.
 July 31 — Dimondale — A. Aug. 1 — Dimondale — B.
 Aug. 7 — Jackson — B. Aug. 8 — Jackson — A.
 Aug. 14 — Lapeer — A. Aug. 15 — Lapeer — B.
 Aug. 21 — Sturgis — B. Aug. 22 — Sturgis — A.
 Aug. 28 — Adrain — A. Aug. 29 — Adrain — B.
 Sept. 4-5-6 — State Tournament at Dimondale.
 Sept. 25 — Open tournament.
 Sept. 26 — Open tournament.
 A — Top percent group will pitch first.
 B — Bottom percent group will pitch first.
 Women will pitch at the same times as Top Group.
 Juniors will pitch at the same time as Bottom Group.

NEW JERSEY SCHEDULE

May 2 — New Jersey State A.A.U. Junior Tournament (closed) at Newark, N.J., Sunday. Under 40% start at 10:00 a. m. — 40% and over start at 1:00 p. m. Rain date - May 9th Sun. Newark pitching site - Branch Brook Park.
 May 16 — Sunday. New Jersey A.A.U. (open) Middlesex, N.J. All classes start at 12:30. Rain date - May 23rd. Sunday.
 June 6 — Sunday. Lois Kolb Memorial Tournament (open) at Middlesex, N.J. All classes start at 12:30 p. m. Rain date - Sun., June 13th.
 June 20 — Sunday. John Rosselet Memorial Tournament (open) at Elizabeth (Warinanco Park) N. J. Under 40% start at 10:00 a. m. 40% and over start at 1:00 p. m. Rain date June 27th (Sun.).
 July 11 — Sunday. Essex County Anniversary Tournament (open) at Newark, N.J. Under 40% start at 10:00 a. m. 20% and over start at 1:00 p. m. Rain date if necessary will be announced.
 July 18 — Sunday. Mid-Atlantic States Tournament (open) at Middlesex, N. J. All classes start at 12:30 p. m. Rain date, Sat. July 24th 6:00 p. m.

July 25 — Sunday. New Jersey A.A.U. State Championships (closed) at Middlesex, N. J. All classes start at 12:30 p. m. Rain date, Sat., Aug. 14th, 6:00 p. m.
 Aug. 15 — Sunday. New Jersey State Open Tournament at Middlesex, N. J. All classes start at 12:30 p. m. Rain date - Aug. 29th (Sunday).
 Aug. 22 — Sunday. Middlesex Club open tournament at Middlesex, N. J. All classes start at 12:30 p. m. Tentative Rain date - Aug. 28th, Sat. 6:00 p. m.
 Sept. 12 — Sunday. New Jersey State Singles Championships (closed) at Middlesex, N. J. All classes start at 12:30 p. m. Rain date, Sat. Sept. 18th, 6:30 p. m.
 Sept. 19 — Sunday. Essex County Open Tournament at Newark, N. J. Under 40% start at 10:00 a. m. 40% and over start at 1:00 p. m. Rain date - Sun., Sept. 26th.
 Oct. 3 — Sunday. New Jersey State Doubles Championship Tournament (closed) at Bound Brook, N. J. All classes start at 12:30 p. m. Rain date - Oct. 10th.



Pictured is a group of amateur women who participated in the Eli Reno Memorial Horseshoe Tournament held at the Pike County Ohio Indoor Horseshoe courts. Standing left to right are: Betty Jordan, June Roberts, Otie Reno - Tournament sponsor, Mary Higgins, Rosie Stevens. Kneeling, left to right are: Nita Turner, Paula Penn, Sue Colley, Julia Penn, and Ronda Penn. Betty Jordan won first place, Rosie Stevens was second, and Nita Turner took third. The NHPA Hall of Fame Display can be seen in the photo. It is on display at the Pike County, Ohio Indoor Courts.

Coming Events—Continued

OREGON SCHEDULE

- April 3 — Hermiston Turkey Pitch Open, Weber Field, Hermiston.
- April 25 — Corvallis Open #1, Avery Park, Corvallis.
- May 2 — Sage Brush Open, Weber Field, Hermiston.
- May 8 — Laurelhurst Open, Laurelhurst Park, Portland.
- May 15 — Riley Memorial Open, Shute Park, Hillsboro.
- May 22 — Old Timers, Open to 60 years and older, Clackamette Park, Oregon City.
- June 5-6 — Strawberry Festival, Open, River Park, Lebanon. Men under 42% pitch on Sat. 42% and over plus Ladies and Juniors pitch on Sun.
- June 12-13 — Portland Rose Festival, Open, Laurelhurst Park, Portland. Pre-register by sending your latest N.H.P.A. ringer % and \$3.00 to Barry Chapelle, 2716 S.E. 61st. Ave. Portland, Oregon 97206, no later than June 8th.
- June 20 — O.H.P.A. Fathers Day Open, Bush Pasture Park, Salem.
- June 27 — Corvallis Open #2, Overy Park, Corvallis.
- July 3 — Territorial Days Open, Clackamette Park, Oregon City. Pre-register by sending your latest N.H.P.A. ringer % and \$3.00 to Norma Garrett, 4920 S.E. Rinearson Rd. Milwaukie, Oregon, 97222. Mail no later than June 29th.
- July 10 — Greater Portland, (limited) Laurelhurst Park, Portland.
- July 11 — Willamette Valley, (limited) Bush Pasture Park, Salem.
- July 17-18 — Hermiston Open, Weber Field, Hermiston. Men 40 % and over and Ladies pitch Sat. All others and Juniors pitch Sunday.
- July 25 — Roseburg Open, Stewart Park, Roseburg.
- July 31-Aug. 1st. — LaGrande Open, Riverside Park, LaGrande. Men 38% and over pitch on Sun. All others plus Ladies and Juniors pitch on Sat.
- Aug. 7 — Oregon City Sandbaggers, Open, Clackamette Park, Oregon City. Pre-register by sending your latest N.H.P.A. ringer % and \$3.00 to Norma Garrett, 4920 S.E. Rinearson Rd. Milwaukie, Oregon 97222. Mail by Aug. 3rd.
- Aug. 14 — Oregon State Doubles Championship, Polk County Fair Grounds, Rickreall. Oregon residents only.
- Aug. 21 — Coburg Gold Days, Coburg, Oregon. Open Tournament.
- Aug. 28 — Hillsboro Open, Shute Park, Hillsboro.
- Sept. 4-5-6 — Oregon State Tournament, Bush Pasture Park, Salem, Oregon residents only.

NEW ENGLAND SCHEDULE

Opens: Any member of National Horseshoe Pitchers Association may enter.

Closed or invitational: Some restrictions on entries.

- May 15-16 — Franklin Warmup Open, West Franklin, N. H. (Bob Kibbee).
- May 16 — Connecticut (closed), American Legion, Norwich, Conn. (Ervin Van Dine).
- May 23 — Keene, N. H. Warmup (closed) Wheelock Park, Keene (Cliff Whipee).
- May 29-31 — Heritage Anniversary Open, Sutton, Mass. (Heritage Recreation Center).
- May 29-31 — Maine Spring Open, Marcotte Park, Lewiston (Roger Bolduc).
- June 6 — Connecticut Open, Mead Park, West Canaan (Ervin Van Dine).
- June 6 — Vermont Spring Roundup (closed), Springfield (Mark Knight).
- June 12-13 — Massachusetts Open, Heritage Recreation Center, Sutton (Russell Gadoury).
- June 27 — Western Mass. Invitational, West Springfield, Mass. (Ralph Forsstrom).
- July 3-5 — Maine "Spirit of '76" Open, Marcotte Park, Lewiston (Roger Bolduc).
- July 11 — Rhode Island Open, Sutton, Mass. (Tom Robertson, c/o Heritage Rec. Center).
- July 17-18 — Keene Open, Wheelock Park, Keene, N. H. (Cliff Whipee).
- July 18 — Sam Bartram (closed), American Legion, Norwich, Conn. (Ervin Van Dine).
- July 25 — Greater Lowell Invitational. Nabnasset Legion Post, Westford, Mass. (John Gelinas).
- Aug. 8-15 — Connecticut State. Class A on 8th at Mead Park, New Canaan (Ervin Van Dine). Lower classes on 15th at West Rock Park, New Haven (Walter Mrozak).
- Aug. 14-15 — New Hampshire State, Wheelock Park, Keene (Malcolm Georgina).
- Aug. 14-15 — Maine State, Marcotte Park, Lewiston (Roger Bolduc).
- Aug. 14-15 — Massachusetts State, Nabnasset Legion Post, Westford (John Gelinas).
- Aug. 21-22 — Adult singles on 15, 22. Juniors on 14th. Mixed doubles on 21st.
- Aug. 21-22 — Vermont State, Springfield (Mark Knight).
- Sept. 4-6 — New England Tournament, Sutton, Mass. (Heritage Rec. Center).
- Sept. 11-12 Franklin, New Hampshire Open, West Franklin, N. H. (Bob Kibbee).
- Sept. 11-12 — Franklin County Fair Invitational, Springfield, Mass. (Percy Howe).
- Sept. 12 — MacDonnell Memorial (closed), West Rock Park, New Haven, Conn. (Walter Mrozak).
- Sept. 18-19 — Vermont Open, Springfield, Vt. (Mark Knight).
- Sept. 19 — Twin County League Singles (closed).
- Oct. 3 — New Haven Fall Classic (Invitational), but make inquiries, West Rock Park, New Haven, Conn. (Walter Mrozak).
- Oct. 16-17 — 4th Annual Handicap Tournament of Champions, Heritage Recreation Center, Sutton, Mass. (Russell Gadoury). Open to winners of any sanctioned tournament held between Oct. 1, 1975 and Oct. 3, 1976. Women's Division on Oct. 23.

Contact the following for information: Ervin Van Dine, 11 Harbison Ave., Hartford, Conn. 06106; Cliff Whipee, West Surry Road, Keene, N. H. 03431; Heritage Rec. Center, Rt. 146, Sutton, Mass. 01527; Roger Bolduc, 120 Gill St., Auburn, Maine 04210; Russell Gadoury, 44 Edward Road, Watertown, Mass. 02172; Ralph Forsstrom, 358 Wilbraham Road, Hampden, Mass. 01036; John Gelinas, 20 West Prescott St., Forge Village, Mass. 01828; Walter Mrozak, 95 Pleasant Drive, Hamden, Conn. 06514; Percy Howe, 76 Brookside Road, Orange, Mass. 01364; Mark Knight, RFD No. 1, Chester Depot, Vt. 05144; Bob Kibbee, 28 Crescent St., Penacook, N. H. 03301; Malcolm Georgina, 42 Portland Street., Keene, N. H. 03431.

Coming Events—Continued

OHIO SCHEDULE

May 2nd or 3rd week — Fort Hamilton Horseshoe Club Tournament. Date to be announced. Contact Kate Harrison, 1921 King Ave. Hamilton, Ohio 45015.

May 29-30-31 — Piqua Horseshoe Club, Eisenhower Open. Entry fee \$7.00. Sanctioned. Percentage and entry fee to Francis D. Asher, 1425 Mulberry St., Piqua, Ohio 45356. Deadline Saturday May 22, 1976 - 12 midnight. 8-men Classes A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H. \$1.00 for each game won and 1 trophy per class. There will not be any junior class. Ladies same as men.

June 4, 5 and 6th — Spring Fever Open, Marion, Ohio. 16 men classes: 1st \$150.00; 2nd \$100.00; 3rd \$50.00; 4th \$40.00 on down to \$10.00. Also 1st and 2nd place trophies. All six man classes will be given \$3.00 for each game won plus 1st and 2nd place trophies. Sanctioned. Entries to: Max Roseberry, 267 Thew Ave., Marion, Ohio 43302.

June 12 - 13 — Silver Dollar Open, Sanctioned. Lancaster, Ohio.

June 18-19-20 — Hebron Open, Hebron, Ohio. NHPA card required. Qualify before noon Saturday, June 19.

July 2-3-4-5 — Greenville Ringer Classic. Sanctioned. Qualify at courts. Greenville, Ohio 45331.

July 16-17 — Piqua Open, 50-shoe count-all. \$5.00 entry fee. 3 trophies per class of 8-men. Percentage and entry fee to: Francis D. Asher, 1425 Mulberry St., Piqua, Ohio 45356.

Toledo Area Horseshoe Club — No dates as yet.

June 12-13 — Northwest District, Sanctioned. Entry fee of \$6.50 due by June 3. Fulton County fairgrounds, Wauseon, Ohio 43567.

July 9-10-11 — Mid-Summer Tournament, Old Timers, July 9. Open Tournament. Entry fee \$5.00 due by July 1. Fulton County fairgrounds, Wauseon, Ohio 43567.

Sept. 5-6 — Labor Day Open Tournament. Entry fee \$5.00 due by Aug. 20. Fulton County fairgrounds. Wauseon, Ohio 43567.

Sept. 18-19 — Polar Bear - Sanctioned. Entry fee \$6.50 due by Sept. 8. Fulton County fairgrounds, Entries to Mrs. George H. Smith. P. O. Box 124, Wauseon, Ohio 43567.

Sept. 3-4-5-6 — Ohio State Tournament, Greenville, Ohio. Must have NHPA card. \$5.00 Entry fee plus qualify at courts. Will take qualifying on Thurs. nite, 6 to 9 p.m. This is for area men and women. Qualifying will start 12 noon Fri. Sept. 3 from 3 to 9 p.m. that nite, continue next morning until 12 noon. Pitching starts after convention.

Sept. 11-12 — Southwest District Tournament, Hamilton, Ohio.

May 5 — Albuquerque League Begins, Albuquerque, N. M.

May 29-30 — P. D. Riley Spittoon Open, Sanctioned. Albuquerque, N. M.

June 19-20 — Albuquerque City Singles, Albuquerque, N. M.

July 17-18 — Los Altos Open, Sanctioned. Albuquerque, N. M.

Aug 13-14-15 — Sandia Laboratories Assn., Albuquerque, N. M.

1975-76 FLORIDA SCHEDULE

Entry fee for all tournaments — \$5.00

Apr. 3 — Fla. H.P.A. Bicentennial Celebration, Orlando, Fla. Contact Norm Gaseau, 1908 Nugget Dr., Clearwater, Fla. 33515 (813-443-2892).

April 10 — Legion Open, American Legion, Titusville, Fla. Contact David Baker, 632 Buckingham Drive, Melbourne, Fla. 32935. Phone 305-254-7096.

Apr. 24 — **Florida Closed, Plant City, Fla. Contact Norm Gaseau, 1908 Nugget Dr., Clearwater, Fla. 33515 (813-443-2892).

May 1 — Bee Ridge Open, Sarasota, Fla. Contact Dick Ferguson, 4337 Midland Rd., Sarasota, Fla. 33581 (813-924-4117).

July 3-4 — Firecracker Open, New Smyrna Beach, Fla. Contact David Cevasco, 105 Palm Breeze Dr., Edgewater, Fla. 32032 (904-427-7215).

* Denotes NHPA sanctioned tournament — all classes.

** Denotes NHPA sanctioned tournament—Classes A & B.

PINECREST INDOOR, ELWOOD, IND.

Entry Fee \$6.00 on All Tournaments

Apr. 10-11 — Wood Ringer Classic — Mailing Deadline April 1. Phone Deadline April 3 noon.

May 1-2 — Redbud Open — Mailing Deadline April 21. Phone Deadline April 23 noon.

RUSH INDOOR RUSHVILLE, INDIANA.

Mail entry fee of \$6.00 for all tournaments to Emma Gall, 2217 E. 4th St., Anderson, Indiana 46012. Phone 317 - 642-2413.

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.

PIKE COUNTY OHIO INDOOR SCHEDULE

Open Tournament March 26-27-28, April 2-3-4.

April 2—Amateur Women 7:00 p.m.

April 3—Class D Men 12:00 noon

3—Jr. Boys & Jr. Girls 7:00 p.m.

April 4—Class B Men 12:00 noon

If a Class E or beyond is needed it will be scheduled. All Classes will play 50 point cancellation and all classes will be 8 players. For the men Class A is usually 60% and up. Class B is usually 50% to 59%. Class C is usually 40% to 49%. Class D is usually 30% to 39%. We always have a class around 20%. Send all entries to Donnie Roberts, Route 5, Lucasville, Ohio 45648 or phone 614-289-4101.

NEW MEXICO SCHEDULE

Aug. 21-22 — Parker Burns Doubles, Albuquerque or Los Alamos, N. M.

Sept. 1 — Albuquerque League Playoffs, Albuquerque, N. M.

Sept. 4-5 — Howard Cundy Doubles, State Fairgrounds, Albuquerque, N. M.

Sept. 18-19 - Sept. 25-26 — New Mexico State Tournament, Sanctioned. State Fairgrounds, Albuquerque, N. M.

Note: All sanctioned tournaments require a NHPA membership card.

Coming Events—Continued

HERITAGE RECREATION CENTER

1975-76 WINTER SCHEDULE

- April 4—Easter Ham Shoot39% and under
 April 11—Easter Ham Shoot40% and up
 May 29, 30, 31—AnniversaryAll Classes

Mail entries to; Heritage Recreation Center, Route 146, Sutton, Mass. 01527. ENTRY FEE \$8.00—Including fee for paid Scorekeepers.

Due to increased entries we may have to go to a three day playing schedule. Deadline for entries will be ten (10) days prior to tournament date.

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA SCHEDULE

- June 5-6 — Spring Fling, New Castle, Pa. Contact Clair Bruce, 119 Glen-more Blvd., New Castle, Pa. 16101. Phone 412-654-9909.
 June 12-13 — Dormont Open, Dormont, Pa. Contact Mike Reidl, 2631 Broadway Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa. 15216. Phone 412-314-0168.
 June 19-20 — Eastern National, Erie, Pa. Contact Joe Abbott, 5840 Peck Rd., Erie, Pa. 16510. Phone 814-899-9796.
 July 17-18 — Kinzua Country Classic, Warren, Pa. Contact Ken Carlson, 15 Orchard Street, Warren, Pa. 16365. Phone 814-723-1526.
 August 14-15 — Three Rivers Open, Dormont, Pa. Contact Mike Reidl, 2631 Broadway Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa. 15216. Phone 412-314-0168.
 August 21-22 — All County Tournament.

VIRGINIA SCHEDULE

- May 15-16 — Elmont Spring Warmup, Elmont, Va.
 May 29-30 — Twin-Valley Open, Waynesboro, Va.
 June 12-13 — Winchester Apple Capitol, Winchester, Va.
 June 26 — Virginia State Doubles, Buena Vista, Va.
 July 3-4 — Ladies Open, Winchester, Va.
 July 10-11 — Hill City Open, Twin-Valley, Lynchburg, Va.
 July 17-18 — Bo-Henson Open, Waynesboro, Va.

EASTERN MONTANA SCHEDULE

(All sanctioned tournaments)

- June 6 — Glendive.
 June 13 — Wolf Point - This will be their first tournament on their 12 new lighted courts.
 June 20 — Fairview.

WESTERN MONTANA SCHEDULE

All entry fees are \$5.00 per tournament. Each tournament will be fifty shoes or fifty points, whichever comes first, except the doubles and the WMHPA Championships, each of which will be 50 points. The WMHPA Championships will have a sixteen man round robin for the top sixteen pitchers.

- June 6 — Big Timber (doubles). Contact Ed Holmberg, 400 East 5th, Big Timber, Mont. 59011. Phone 932-2939.
 June 13 — Billings (singles). Contact Earl Brown, 420 Glen Dr., Billings, Mont. 59102. Phone 656-6185.
 June 27 — Lewistown (singles). Contact Bud Day,

1975-76 DAY-BELL SCHEDULE

Tournaments at the Day-Bell Indoor Horseshoe Courts will be held on the following dates. In order to allow pitchers from a wider area to participate, we are only scheduling tournaments on Sundays. All tournaments will start at 12:00 noon. We feel this will allow daylight driving

Every attempt will be made to equalize the classes. Entry, along with entry fee of \$5.00, percentage, must be in one week prior to tournament. No entries will be accepted without fee in advance. Winners will be given choice of money or trophy, plus a Day-Bell Champion Patch.
 March 13, 14, 1976, Harry Henn Memorial.
 April 10, 17, 1976, Spring Tune-up.

- Sept. 4-5-6 — State Tournament, Erie, Pa. Contact Joe Abbott, 5840 Peck Rd., Erie, Pa. 16510. Phone 814-899-9796.
 Sept. 18-19 — Fall Round Up, New Castle, Pa. Contact Clair Bruce, 119 Glen-more Blvd., New Castle, Pa. 16101. Phone 412-654-9909.

Entry fee of \$8.00 and your highest 1975 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. Pa. Sec.-Treas., Joseph J. Mancini, 1025 Dewey Ave., New Castle, Pa. 16101.

- Aug. 21-22 — Glen Maury Open, Buena Vista, Va.
 Sept. 4-5 — Virginia State Singles, Winchester, Va.
 Sept. 18-19 — Winchester Frye Memorial, Winchester, Va.
 Oct. 2-3 — Elmont Fall Open, Elmont, Va.
 Oct. 9-10 — Virginia Horseshoe Pitchers Tournament, (Tentative) Virginia Players Only. Lynchburg, Va.
 Contact Betty Inge, Rt. 1 Box 206-A Ashland, Va. 23005 for your NHPA cards now available. State fee \$2.00; NHPA fee \$5.00; Digest \$5.00. Total \$12.00.

- June 27 — Plentywood.
 July 11 — Culbertson.
 July 25 — Froid (Divisional).
 Aug. 8 — Sidney.
 Sept. 4-5-6 — Labor Day weekend, Annual State

P. O. Box 1035, Lewistown, Mont. 59457. Phone 538-5955.

- July 11 — Great Falls (singles). Contact Rich Paul, 2223-3rd Ave. No., Great Falls, Mont. 59401. Phone 452-7246.
 July 25 — Laurel (singles). Contact Ken Willis, 802-2nd Ave., Laurel, Mont. 59044. Phone 698-4405.
 Aug. 7-8 — Bozeman (singles) Western Montana HPA Championships. Contact Jack Belzer, 2215 Bridger Dr., Bozeman, Mont. 59715. Phone 586-2610.
 Aug. 21 — Helena (singles) Saturday night under lights. Contact Jim White, 1831 Cannon, Helena, Mont. 59601. Phone 442-6215.

Coming Events—Continued

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA SCHEDULE

(Sanctioned tournaments only)

- March 21 — Self scoring tournament - San Lorenzo.
 March 27 — Class B Open - San Lorenzo.
 March 28 — Class B Open - Santa Rosa (Sonoma County Fairgrounds).
 April 3 — Class D Open - Stockton.
 April 3 — Class A Open - Colusa.
 April 4 — Class B Open - Livermore.
 April 17 — Women and Juniors Open - Auburn.
 April 24 — Rain date.
 April 25 — Open - Stockton.
 May 1-2 — Western States Open - Sacramento (Pre-register).
 May 8 — Class C Open - Colusa.
 May 9 — Mother's Day.
 May 15 — Open - San Lorenzo.
 May 15 — Class D Open - Turlock.
 May 16 — Class C Open - Livermore.
 May 22 — Open - Stockton.
 May 23 — Class A Open - Sacramento.
 May 30 — Memorial Day Open - Golden Gate.
 June 5 — Class B Open - Sacramento.
 June 12 — Open - Stockton.
 June 13 — Class C Open - Vallejo.
 June 13 — Class A & E Opens - San Lorenzo.
 June 19 & 20 — Gold Country Open - Grass Valley.
 June 20 — Ole Hanson Open - Seaside (Father's Day).
 June 26 — Class D Open - Livermore.
 June 27 — Class B Open - Golden Gate.
 June 27 — Women & Juniors Open - Seaside.
- July 10 — Class B Open - Colusa.
 July 11 — Bill McNally Open - Alameda County Fair (Pleasanton Fairgrounds).
 July 17 — Class C Open - Turlock.
 July 18 — Fair Open - Santa Rosa.
 July 18 — Class E Open - Sacramento.
 July 24 — Class D Open - Sacramento.
 July 25 — Class A Open - Golden Gate.
 July 25 — Captain Weber's Day - Stockton (Unsanctioned).
 Aug. 7 — (Sat.) Stanislaus County Fair Open - Turlock.
 Aug. 8 — Class B Open - Mosswood.
 Aug. 8 — Class D Open - Colusa.
 Aug. 14 — (Sat.) Women and Juniors Open - Turlock.
 Aug. 15 — Class A Open - Rio Del Scotia (Rio Del).
 Aug. 21 — Class C Open - Sacramento.
 Aug. 28 — (Sat.) Class C and Seniors Open - Shasta.
 Aug. 29 — Open - Shasta (Redding).
 Aug. 29 — Grass Valley Fair Open - Grass Valley (Qual.).
 Sept. 4-5 — Calif. State Championships - South Gate (Qualifying starts Sept. 3).
 Sept. 12 — Mayor Douglas Open - Vallejo.
 Oct. 17 — Women and Juniors Open - Auburn.
 Oct. 24 — Class B Open - Vallejo.
 Nov. 6 — (Sat.) NCHPA Annual Business Meeting 9:30 a.m. - Dinner-dance 7:00 p.m. San Jose.

COLORADO AND ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA SCHEDULE

- June 5-6 — Speakeasy Open, Denver, Colo., Rocky Mountain Park, 18 courts. Entry Deadline, Wednesday, June 2. Entry fee \$6.00. Entries to George Rogers, 3160 Wright Street, Denver Colo. 80216. Phone (303) 237-3600.
 June 12-13 — North Weld Open Tournament, Greeley, Colo. Entry Deadline June 5, by mail, June 7, by phone. Entry fee \$6.00. Island Grove Park. Entries to Jim Tulk, 284 Ley Drive, Lasalle, Colo. 80645. Phone (303) 284-5276.
 July 10-11 — Denver Open, Denver, Colo., Rocky Mountain Park. 18 courts. Entry Deadline, July 3 by mail; July 6 by phone. Entry fee \$6.00. Entries to Paul LaCrosse, 12433 Green Mountain Circle, Lakewood, Colo. 80228. Ph. (303) 988-7057.
 July 24-25 — Rocky Mountain Open, Boulder, Colo. Entry deadline, Monday, July 19. Entry fee \$6.00. Entries to: Ted Allen, 1045 Linden Avenue, Boulder, Colo. 80302. Phone (303) 442-1436.
 Aug. 7-8 — Crested Butte Classic, Crested Butte, Colo. Town Park courts. Entry deadline, Mon., Aug. 2. Entry fee \$6.00. Entries to: Mark Calue, Box 502, Crested Butte, Colo. 81224 Phone (303) 349-5133.
- Aug. 14-15 — Western Nebraska Open, Scottsbluff, Nebraska. Entry fee \$6.00. Entry deadline by mail, Aug. 7, by phone, Aug. 9. Entries to: John Fiala, 1945 S. Street, Gering, Nebraska 69341. Telephone ((308) 436-4209).
 Aug. 21-22 — Ault Fall Festival Open, Ault, Colo. Entry deadline by mail, Aug. 14. By phone, Aug. 16. Entry fee \$6.00. Entries to: Lelya (Bill) Bryan, 336 Jones Street, Pierce, Colo. 80650. Phone (303) 834-2189.
 Aug. 28-29 — Pikes Peak Open, Colorado Springs, Colo. Memorial City Park. Entry fee, \$6.00. Entry deadline by mail, Aug. 21, by phone Aug. 23. Entries to: Ben Fields, 2309 Patrician Way, Colorado Springs, Colo. 80909. Phone (303) 633-4741.
 Sept. 4-5 — Colorado State Tournament, Denver, Colo. Mailing deadline Saturday, Aug. 28; Phone deadline, Monday, Aug. 30. Rocky Mountain Park. 18 courts. Entry fee \$6.00. Entries to: Paul LaCrosse, 12433 Green Mountain Circle, Lakewood, Colo. 80228. Phone (303) 988-7057.

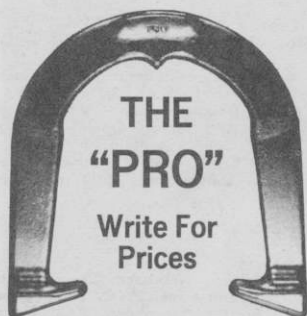
Note: For those tournaments above that have a youth group as scorekeepers, a \$2.00 donation fee will be added on to the \$6.00 entry fee.

ARIZONA 1976-77 SCHEDULE

- Oct. 23 — State Tournament, Rendezvous Park, Mesa, Arizona.
 Nov. 13 and 20 — Tempe Parks Open, Daley Park, Tempe, Arizona.
 Dec. 4 — Mesa Parks Open, Rendezvous Park, Mesa.
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- Jan. 22 — Valley of the Sun Warm-up, Rendezvous Park, Mesa.
- Feb. 11-12-13 — Valley of the Sun Open, Rendezvous Park, Mesa.
 Mar. 26 — Snowbird Open, Rendezvous Park, Mesa.
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