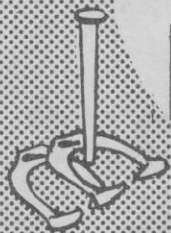


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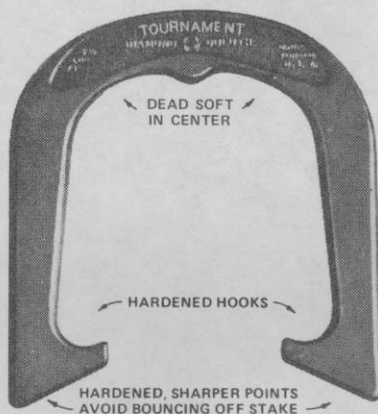
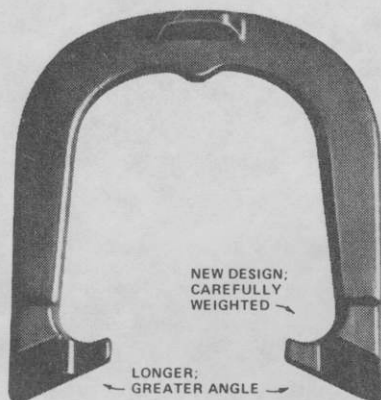
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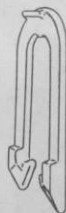


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## NHPA President's Message

I had requests in Lafayette that we give some special cash prizes to provide more incentive making for a better World Tournament.

So, I proposed to the Council we take \$500.00 from the total cash prizes and use for special prizes as follows: COUNCIL APPROVED.

- Highest tournament percentage in each championship class, excluding Juniors.
- Highest game percentage in each championship class, excluding Juniors.
- High qualifier each championship class, excluding Juniors
- Award trophies to the Juniors (Girls and Boys) championships classes for the same accomplishments as above.

Money broken down as follows:

	A	B	C
Men's	\$100.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Women's	50.00	25.00	25.00
Seniors	50.00	25.00	25.00
Inter.	50.00	25.00	25.00
Total	\$250.00	\$125.00	\$125.00

The trophies for the Juniors would be in addition to the \$500.00 and come out of the general fund.

Regional Director Lloyd Frederickson from Minn. has an idea and interest in promoting a pro-circuit tournament at the Civic Center in Minneapolis. He would set up 4 portable courts or more like he had on display in Lafayette. Lloyd would appreciate knowing the availability and desire of some Class A pitchers. If you are interested please write to him at 1010 D-Garland Lane, N. Wayzata, Minn. 55391.

Notice the interesting reports from two Regional Directors in the February issue. Lee Davies and Willie Stephens, thanks. Hope we hear from others from time to time.

Dr. Sol Berman has an excellent 3 page article on Horseshoes in the January issue of the "MD" magazine. Sol tells me it has a 200,000 circulation. Maybe you can ask your Doctor if he takes the subscription. Good work Sol.

Ray Greenlaw assures me everything is on schedule for the 1976 World Tournament. He wants me to remind you to make your reservations NOW for lodging and the Bi-centennial Show July 30 and 31. In addition support your 1976 W. T. by ordering the W. T. Patches and contribute to "Friends of Horseshoes." Write to Ray Greenlaw, PO Box 699, Levittown Pa. 19858.

Sincerely,

Wally Shipley

## Harry Henn Memorial — March 13-14 — Dayton, Ky.

The Harry Henn Memorial Tournament will be held Saturday and Sunday, March 13 and 14 at the Day-Bell indoor courts in Dayton, Kentucky. Entry fee for the Harry Henn Memorial only, will be \$6.00. In place of trophies, a beautiful imitation diamond horseshoe ring, will be won by the first, second and third place winners, plus a Day-Bell Patch for first place. We hope for a real fine turn out for our "BIGGIE".

## 1976 World Tournament Lodging Information

Players and their families attending the 1976 World Tournament and Bicentennial Celebration are urged to make their motel reservation as soon as possible.

There are three motels within one mile of the courts and we have reserved 165 rooms for the week of the Tournament, so please mention you are attending the World Horseshoe Tournament.

Bristol Motor Inn — 50 Rooms Filled

Holiday Inn 75 Rooms  
6201 Bristol Pike  
Levittown, Pa. 19057  
Tel 215-946-1100

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Rt. 13 & Beaver Dam Rd.  
Bristol, Pa. 19007  
Tel 215-788-9272

There are several other motels located at Exit #28 Pa. Turnpike and Rt. #1 which is about 7 miles from the courts.

Facilities for camping and trailers have not been finalized at this time but will be announced later in the digest. May we request all those who need a camping site to write and let us know so we can prepare an area large enough to accommodate all who are camping.

Also bus tours, historical and places of interest are being planned as well as a Bicentennial show and celebration to be held July 30th and 31st at a local stadium, and will include a Phila. String Band of Mummers Day Parade fame. Horseshoes and Jukskei demonstrations, fire fighting and more. Please let us know if you're planning to attend.

## Arnie Coleman Paces Seaside, Calif. Class B Open

It was indian summer at Seaside and several Northern California pitchers drove four hours plus to enjoy the next to last competition of the season. Arnie Coleman got to Vince Mauricio in the playoff 51-25 to wrap up a fine showing including a 47.2% for the day. Arnie tied with Marty Dunn for high game of 60%. Group B-2 went to Frank Cravalho, as the veteran of the 1930's began his comeback. Thanks go to former Northern California Class A champ Sam Jensen and his wife Esther, and to Genevieve McNally for their invaluable help to make the tournament a success.

**CHAMPIONSHIP** — Arnie Coleman, Stockton 5-2-47.2; Vince Mauricio, San Jose 5-3-40.0; Wayne Chambers, Golden Gate 4-3-46.0; Clair Benthin, Vallejo 4-3-40.6; Ernie Hall, Unafi. 3-4-41.1; Marty Dunn, Mosswood 3-4-40.0; Elton Cowles, Unafi. 2-5-41.4; Virgil Gwaltney, Sacramento 2-5-40.0.

**GROUP B-2** — Frank Cravalho, Golden Gate 5-1-36.2; Ernie Kim, Mosswood 4-2-30.5; Bill Henry, Seaside 3-2-37.1; Lou Pitney, Seaside 3-2-39.3; Art Rector, Mosswood 1-4-20.1.

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## 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.

### Bud Lathe Earns No. Calif. Class D Crown

It was an all Sacramento finish at Stockton as lefty Bud Lathe won 6 of 7 games pitching right-handed to edge out John Hintzman. Bud, unable to pitch lefthanded due to an injury, has been coming on strong the past two years and is Northern California's most determined competitor and showed real desire to win over adversity. Ray Sandoval knocked off both Lathe and Hintzman but lost two games and the up and coming Turlock pitcher will have to wait until next year. Clyde Lamb of Livermore won a playoff over John Howell of Sacramento to gain the consolation championship.

**CHAMPIONSHIP** — Bud Lathe, Sacramento 6-1-35.6; John Hintzman, Sacramento 5-2-35.1; Ray Sandoval, Turlock 5-2-31.3; Jim Arnold, Turlock 4-3-34.7; Glenn Kelly, Sacramento 4-3-32.6; Ed Anderson, Stockton 2-5-30.0; Robert Hughes, Livermore 2-5-26.9; Sonny Hatsme, Vallejo 0-7-23.0.

**CONSOLATION** — Clyde Lamb, Livermore 7-1-33.9; John Howell, Sacramento 6-2-29.4; Erling Brekke, Rio Del-Scotia 4-3-27.6; Jim Long, Sacramento 4-3-30.0; Sam Franks, Sacramento 4-3-24.7; Leo Nebergall, Mosswood 2-5-23.9; Al Lewis, Stockton 2-5-21.8; Mel Long, Sacramento 0-7-11.1.

### Weathers Clips Seven, Wins No. Calif. Seniors Open

Bill Weathers, 1974 Northern California was master over all seven opponents at Tahoe Park, Sacramento (with only George Greeott getting within 6 points) to win the Northern California Seniors Open. Bill's teammate, Al Crabtree, tied him for percentage honors but last in the final game to place second. Ernie Hall won 5 straight to take the Class A group. High game of the day honors also went to Bill — a 78.0% effort.

**CHAMPIONSHIP** — Bill Weathers, Turlock 7-0-62.3; Al Crabtree, Turlock 6-1-62.3; Max Vice, Unaf. 5-2-56.6; Herb Rushing, Grass Valley 4-3-47.7; Earl Blanton, Mosswood 3-4-49.1; Harry Lucas, Sacramento 2-5-46.3; Don Wheeler, Mosswood 1-6-44.0; George Greeott, Sonoma 0-7-42.6.

**CLASS A** — Ernie Hall, Unaf. 5-0-42.4; John Hagerman, Sonoma 4-1-24.9; Virgil Gwaltney, Sacramento 3-2-32.8; Clair Lenz, Shasta 2-3-20.8; Page Kesler, Sonoma 1-4-23.6; Shorty Robb, Sonoma 0-5-15.2.

### New Brunswick Assoc. Sets Date For Moosehead Meet

The Maritime Horseshoe Pitcher's Association received two bids to host the 1976 - Sixth Annual Maritime Moosehead Horseshoe Pitching championships.

On October 1, 1975, a written bid was received from the New Brunswick Horseshoe Players Association through its secretary-treasurer, Ron Oliver making a formal application to host the championships in Saint John.

Then, on October 7, 1975 a second letter was received from the Town of Glace Bay requesting that the 1976 event be staged in the Nova Scotia town as Glace Bay will be celebrating its Seventy-fifth anniversary as an incorporated Town in 1976. The letter was signed by Robert McDonald, Secretary of the Seventy-fifth Anniversary Committee.

At the annual meeting of the MHPA held last September in Moncton, and at which time no bids had been submitted, the executive decided to accept the first favorable bid. As of the result of that motion made at that time, the MHPA has no alternative but to award the 1976 Maritime Moosehead Horseshoe Pitching Championships to the New Brunswick Association and to be held in Saint John, New Brunswick on the Labor Day weekend of September 4-5-6, 1976.

## Florida Horseshoe Pitcher's Association

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**April 3, 1976 — Starting At 9 A.M.**

Entry fee of \$5.00 must be mailed to Norman Gaseau, 1908 Nugget Drive, Clearwater, Florida 33515 by March 27th together with ringer average.

Note: This tournament was changed from April 10th to April 3rd.

## Fred Lavett Tops In Stockton, Calif. Turkey Shoot

Continuing his late season charge, Fred Lavett won five straight matches and averaged 67.2% to win the Stockton, California Turkey Shoot. Tom Webb had his bad game against Fred but picked up the smaller turkey. Barbara Hicok was tops in the Women's group with a 3-0 record with Donna Smith second. Other winners were: Class A - Millard Miller over Bob Mauzey 55-46 in a playoff; Class B - Virgil Gwaltney; Class C - Jim Miller; Class D - Glen Kelley; Class D-2 - Lee Thornhill in a playoff over Joe Kremer. Fred Lavett pitched the tournament's high game of 70.8%.

**CHAMPIONSHIP** — Fred Lavett, Seaside 5-0-67.2; Tom Webb, Rio Del-Scotia 4-1-58.3; Bill Vines, Turlock 3-2-60.7; Jack Seymour, Golden Gate 2-3-61.7; Herb Rushing, Grass Valley 1-4-46.9; Bob Hanlon, Sonoma 0-5-40.3.

**CLASS A** — Millard Miller, Turlock 5-1-54.7; Bob Mauzey, Sonoma 4-2-48.5; Boyce Miller, Reno 3-2-43.1; Don Wheeler, Mosswood 2-3-41.1; Ernie Hall, Colusa 1-4-44.2; Elton Cowles, San Lorenzo 1-4-40.0.

**CLASS B** — Virgil Gwaltney, Sacramento 4-1-41.3; Cliff Johnson, Sacramento 3-2-44.3; Jack Parnell, Colusa 3-2-41.3; Clair Benthin, Vallejo 2-3-40.3; Ken Woolery, Sonoma 2-3-40.0; Wayne Chambers, Golden Gate 1-4-41.0.

**CLASS C** — Jim Miller, Colusa 4-1-34.2; Clyde Lamb, Livermore 3-2-38.2; Bob Belden, Sacra-

### CLASS C — (Continued)

mento 3-2-37.7; Frank Cravalho, Golden Gate 2-3-35.0; Bob Blow, Livermore 2-3-32.3; Bob Kays, Turlock 1-4-35.8.

**CLASS D-1** — Glen Kelly, Sacramento 5-0-35.1; John Howell 3-2-32.7; Jim Long, Sacramento 3-2-32.1; Vern Brightman, Rio Del-Scotia 2-3-28.1; Bob Huges, Livermore 1-4-21.8; Larry Karlen, Shasta 1-4-21.7.

**CLASS D-2** — Lee Thornhill, Sacramento 5-1-22.4; Joe Kremer, Sacramento 4-2-20.0; John Mandich, Stockton 3-2-18.9; Mike Vanotti, Stockton 2-3-22.3; Ivan Grove, Shasta 2-3-19.8; Leslie Spivak, Sacramento 0-5-12.7.

**WOMEN** — Barbara Hicok, Stockton 3-0-37.8; Donna Smith, Mosswood 2-1-21.5; Lucie Hanlon, Sonoma 1-2-24.7; Mary Johnson, Stockton 0-3-18.9.

## 1976 Bicentennial W.T. Patches Now Available

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## 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.

## Clearwater, Florida Club To Hold Bicentennial Tourney

The City of Clearwater, Florida, will combine its Bicentennial Celebration with its annual Fun 'n Sun Festival to be held during the week beginning March 20, 1976. The Clearwater Horseshoe Club will hold a tourney on March 20th which is recognized by the City as an official Bicentennial Event. Each participant in the tourney will receive an official City Bicentennial Ribbon and the class winners will receive a Bicentennial Award. This tourney promises to be a memorable occasion. The Clearwater Club extends a special invitation, not only to Florida pitchers, but to all out of state pitchers who may be visiting Florida in March. Entry fee is \$5.00, which should be sent to Norm Gaseau, 1908 Nugget Dr., Clearwater, Fla. 33515 not later than March 13th, together with your current ringer average.

## Top Average Pitchers For Year 1975

### The top 100 men in the NHPA

1. Glen Henton, Iowa .. 84.7	34. J. Monasmith, Wash .. 74.7	67. J. Passmore, Ind. .. 70.8
2. Elmer Hohl, Can. .. 84.5	35. H. Knauft, Wash. .. 74.4	68. L. Mullins, Ind. .. 70.7
3. L. Griffin, Ill. ... 83.5	36. Don Weik, Conn. .. 74.2	69. Gene Reno, Ohio .. 70.7
4. R. Norwood, Tenn. .. 82.1	37. S. Manker, Ohio .. 74.2	70. C. Estelle, Ind. ... 70.6
5. Curt Day, Ind. ... 81.9	38. J. Schneider, Cal. .. 74.2	71. R. Baughn, Ind. .. 70.6
6. A. Zadrago, Pa. ... 81.8	39. F. Stinson, Minn. .. 74.1	72. J. Wood, Ind. ... 70.5
7. Bob West, Ore. ... 81.3	40. Roy Smith, Mich. .. 74.0	73. W. Kuchcinski, Pa. .. 70.5
8. M. Seibold, Ind. ... 81.1	41. J. Schultz, N.Y. ... 73.3	74. Curt Over, Pa. ... 70.5
9. Jim Knisley, Ohio .. 80.7	42. C. Kilgore, Mo. ... 73.1	75. Paul Day, Ind. ... 70.5
10. Clyde Martz, Pa. ... 80.3	43. R. Leggett, Ore. ... 73.1	76. R. Maylahn, Wis. ... 70.3
11. Ed Domey, Mass. ... 79.4	44. W. Henn, Ky. .... 73.0	77. R. Simmons, Cal. ... 70.3
12. Roy Martin, Ill. ... 79.1	45. L. Davis, Ore. ... 72.6	78. J. Ruskin, Pa. .... 70.3
13. O. Engle, Pa. ... 78.9	46. B. Herfurth, Mass. .. 72.5	79. T. R. Little, Tenn. .. 70.2
14. C. Steinfeldt, N.Y. .. 78.8	47. J. Solomon, Pa. ... 72.4	80. A. Stockholm, N.Y. .. 69.9
15. John Walker, Cal. .. 78.8	48. Art Hampton, Iowa .. 72.4	81. Ed Krull, Ind. ... 69.9
16. C. Bellman, Ind. ... 78.8	49. M. Latino, Cal. ... 72.1	82. S. Jackson, Iowa .. 69.8
17. N. Rioux, Conn. ... 78.5	50. J. Rainbow, Pa. ... 72.0	83. C. Sjurset, Ill. ... 69.8
18. W. Kabel, Ohio ... 78.3	51. C. Chapelle, Ore. ... 71.9	84. K. VanSant, Ind. ... 69.6
19. D. Kuchcinski, Ind. .. 78.1	52. L. Ambrose, Minn. ... 71.9	85. J. Johnson, Ohio .. 69.4
20. A. Copeland, Ohio .. 77.7	53. K. Fraser, Cal. ... 71.9	86. Vic Joyner, Ore. ... 69.4
21. R. Maddox, W. Va. .. 77.4	54. K. Kugler, Ohio .. 71.6	87. M. Roseberry, Ohio .. 69.4
22. H. Anthony, Ohio .. 77.2	55. O. D. Lebow, Tenn. .. 71.6	88. E. Fishel, Wash. ... 69.3
23. B. Vandegriff, Iowa .. 77.1	56. C. Bruce, Pa. .... 71.4	89. D. Baker, Mo. .... 69.3
24. Art Tyson, N.Y. ... 76.7	57. R. Plute, Mo. .... 71.3	90. R. Randall, Cal. ... 69.2
25. J. Gonzales, Cal. ... 76.7	58. H. Clippinger, Pa. .. 71.2	91. H. Sheets, Ohio ... 69.1
26. Chet Reel, Ind. ... 76.6	59. J. Rademacher, Fla. .. 71.2	92. J. Pillion, Ohio ... 69.1
27. Al Lord, Maine ... 76.3	60. H. Darnold, Iowa .. 71.2	93. R. Maroni, Pa. ... 69.0
28. Paul Facht, Ohio .. 76.3	61. Chas. Fix, Ind. ... 71.2	94. A. Paglarini, Minn. .. 69.0
29. G. Natale, N.Y. ... 76.2	62. S. Fenicchia, N.Y. ... 71.1	95. S. Bertrand, W. Va. .. 68.9
30. J. Burke, Ore. ... 75.5	63. G. Maison, Mich. ... 71.0	96. B. Saunders, N.H. .. 68.8
31. C. Monday, Va. ... 75.0	64. H. Peterson, Ore. ... 71.0	97. J. Pratt, Cal. .... 68.8
32. G. Riffle, Ohio ... 75.0	65. R. Billingsley, Ind. .. 71.0	98. D. Kienia, Me. ... 68.8
33. M. Potts, Kan. ... 74.9	66. Al Plank, Pa. ... 70.8	99. Geo. Sales, Ind. ... 68.6
		100. Bill Foss, Wash. ... 68.5

### Top 15 Women in the NHPA

1. Ruth Hangen, N.Y. 81.6	6. Opal Reno, Ohio .. 67.8	11. D. Ebert, Wis. .... 60.2
2. Helen Roberts, Ohio 74.7	7. B. Seibold, Ind. ... 66.8	12. J. Swarthout, Mich. .. 59.7
3. V. Winston, Mo. ... 73.5	8. K. Harrison, Ohio .. 66.6	13. Jo Ann Blunt, Va. ... 57.8
4. Deb Michaud, Mass. 71.8	9. D. McSwane, Wash. 61.4	14. Candie Loy, Ind. ... 57.6
5. L. Thomas, N.Y. ... 69.8	10. S. Giacommini, Wash 60.7	15. Pat Eaton, Wis. .... 55.8

### Top 20 Junior Boys in the NHPA

1. W. Williams, Jr. Cal. 86.6	8. Paul Domey, Mass. 69.9	15. Brian Simmons, Me. 62.5
2. Jeff Williams, Cal. 84.5	9. Steve Hohl, Can. ... 66.6	16. B. Kienia, Me. ... 62.5
3. Rick Howe, Mass. ... 84.3	10. J. Riedemann, Ind. 66.1	17. Robt. Howe, Mass. ... 61.0
4. Mike Stout, Ill. ... 80.6	11. A. Sandquist, Minn. 65.9	18. M. Daniels, Minn. ... 59.9
5. P. Schultz, N.Y. ... 75.3	12. D. Bussard, Ind. ... 64.0	19. R. Durfee, Wash. ... 59.0
6. R. Thibeault, Me. ... 74.2	13. C. Sandquist, Minn. 63.2	20. J. Sease, Iowa ... 58.3
7. Roy Statham, Cal. ... 71.2	14. J. Merritt, Mass. ... 63.0	

### Top 10 Junior Girls in the NHPA

1. S. Bartel, Ore. ... 58.6	5. R. Gibson, Ill. .... 44.0	8. Jan Domey, Mass. ... 35.4
2. Barb Domey, Mass. 57.5	6. A. Reno, Ohio .... 38.0	9. L. Leimbacher, Ind. 35.2
3. Kelly O'Brien, Wash. 57.1	7. L. Hottinger, Va. ... 37.0	10. Bev Holliday, Wyo. ... 32.9
4. A. Monday, Va. ... 47.0		

## Massachusetts — A Year-End Report

By Russell Gadoury

Pitching, praise and progress highlighted 1975, a year Massachusetts horseshoe pitchers will long remember.

### PITCHING

New records are not common occurrences. Massachusetts had four different World record setters in 1975. Rick Howe became holder or co-holder of eight records as a result of his classic game with John Passmore. Barbara Domey pitched a record-setting 85 per cent game for girls in our state tournament. Bernard Herfurth's 252 qualifying score in Men's intermediates is the new mark of excellence. And, Janice Domey's "hang-in-there-and-fight" 464 shoes in World Girls competition became the new endurance record. Locally, Ed Domey set a new record for New Englanders when he qualified for the Men's Division with a 528 mark, breaking James O'Shea's previous record.

Our state champions, Ed Domey, Barbara Domey, Debby Michaud and Rick Howe also dominated their divisions in the New England Tournament. Not to be outdone, New England class titles fell to Paul Drowne, Dick Shepard, James Wyllie, Jim Taverna, Ronald Howe, and Cam Shepard. It is nice to be at the top of any list. Whenever a list of Massachusetts Doubles Champions is published, Hub Sasse and Ed Harrington will always top it as our first champions.

### PRAISE

Two of our members were recognized and honored nationally this past year. Bernard Herfurth was awarded the prestigious Arch Stokes Memorial Trophy. Russell Sweeney was the recipient of an NHPA Recognition and Achievement Award. Both men are to be congratulated for their efforts that resulted in such recognition.

Mel Merritt was inducted into both the Massachusetts and the New England Hall's of Fame as a pitcher. His election was by two independent committees acting without knowledge of the voting of the other. Russell Sweeney was inducted into our state Hall of Fame as an organizer. Both were well deserving of the awards. Cam Shepard received two awards for the most improved woman pitcher in Massachusetts and in New England. William Knowles was the most improved Massachusetts men's pitcher. Cam had some stiff competition for her awards. Four other Massachusetts women improved by more than 100 per cent, Anne Domey, Debby Michaud, Beverly Fontaine and Edith Gadoury. Strong contenders for the men's award were: Tom Cook, Ed Domey, Paul Dumont, Tony Dziuba, Ed Harrington, Bill Progen, Charles Richardson and Fred Simon.

### PROGRESS

Our News Digest support was good. 62 per cent of member families subscribe to the Digest. Seven members expressed their positive interest by submitting letters, articles or reports to the Digest — Debby Michaud, Joe Grillo, Bill Progen, Bernard Herfurth, Pete Shepard, Russ Sweeney and Russ Gadoury. We welcomed 33 new members to the NHPA this past year and already have a number of "live prospects" for the coming year.

Promotional and development activities continue. The city of Springfield is constructing 16 new courts with members of the West Side Club acting in an advisory capacity. This may well be the new site of their club, which presently is in need of costly repairs. The Second Annual Amateur Tournament at St. Moritz drew many new members for the club, due mainly to the activity available — the first year of league play. Over half the entrants joined the club and those new members did a lot of recruiting. Ron Prue finally succeeded in getting his group of Haverhill pitchers to travel to the Lowell Club and later to Heritage, and also succeeded in getting them to keep records. They now appear to be enthusiastic future participants in programs other than their own. The newly-formed South Hamilton Club is busy adding to their court layout and will no doubt become more interested in our state association in the near future. Members of the association were on hand to talk and demonstrate horseshoe pitching at the "Do-it-yourself" show at Worcester auditorium. As a featured exhibit we were able to set up a 30-ft portable court, and the sounds of pitching could be heard throughout the building.

In 1975 we began a mixed doubles tournament, which will be continued by popular demand. There is a chance that a state team league will be formed in the near future. The theory is that not everyone digs tournaments. Let's find something for the rest of the pitchers and incidentally boost our membership.



## Massachusetts — (Continued)

### PARTICULAR PRAISE

This report would not be complete without making special mention of Ed Domey. Ed "tore the league apart" this past year, winning thirteen of fifteen tournaments and averaging just over 75 per cent ringers. He posted a 53-game win streak in one stretch. He was the first Massachusetts pitcher since James O'Shea to qualify for the Men's Championship Division of the World Tournament. He went on to win 22 games for a creditable 13th place finish. Among his victims were: Kuchcinski, Knisley, Solomon, Potts, Gonzales, Martin and Maddox. Not bad for a rookie! Back home, Ed continues to promote in many and varied ways. He was responsible for arranging the television special which will be reported upon at a later date. He spent a goodly sum for the horseshoe exhibit in Worcester. He is now working on pitching and "Meet the Champ" exhibitions at shopping malls to further promote the sport. All that and running two businesses also!

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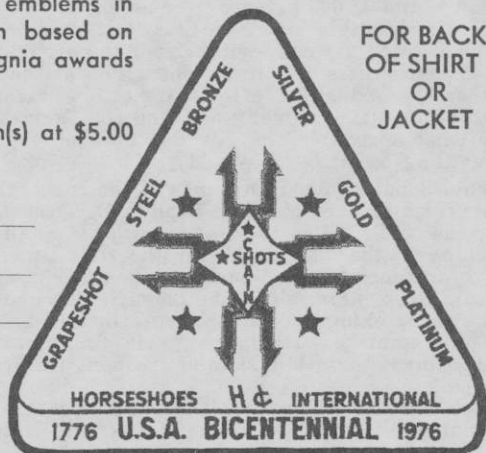
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## January Day-Bell Tournament Won By Ken Kugler Of Ohio

The month of January 1976 blew in hard and furious, just as Ken Kugler did with his horseshoe. Pitching seven games, the lowest being 70.3, Ken took on the opposition, allowing only 138 points to be scored against him. The closest game, came from Kentucky state champ, Bill Henn, with Ken coming out on top by better than 10%. Ed Metz took Class "B" with a 55% average and Larry Rose, of Butler, Kentucky taking all games in Class C with a 46.8 average. Entries were cut considerably by weather forecast, and near zero temperatures.

**CLASS A** — Ken Kugler, Ohio 7-0-74.2; Bill Henn, Ky. 6-1-64.5; John Napier, Ohio 3-4-57.2; Boop Rogg, Ohio 3-4-56.3; Knute Waggonfield, Ohio 3-4-51.4; Elmer Harrison, Ohio 2-5-57.1; Gary Kline, Ohio 2-5-52.2; John Hughes, Ohio 2-5-47.8; Glenn Riffle, Ohio Forfeit.

**CLASS B** — Ed Metz, Ohio 5-1-55.1; Roy Murrath, Ky. 4-2-49.3; Chick Henn, Ky. 4-2-48.8; Vince Stoner, Ohio 4-2-43.9; Dan Moore, Ky. 3-3-

**CLASS B — (Continued)**

42.8; Dan Moore, Ky. 1-5-29.0; Clarence Duncan, Ohio 0-6-30.0.

**CLASS C** — Larry Rose, Ky. 7-0-46.8; Bob Gibbons, Ohio 6-1-43.5; Dan Moore, Ky. 5-2-39.9; Len Martini, Ohio 4-3-32.9; Jim Schulkers, Ky. 3-4-25.5; Clarence Duncan, Ohio 2-5-32.9; Merl Paxson, Ohio 1-6-29.1; Carl Sandfoss, Ky. 1-6-25.7.

## Anne Domey, Ed Hamilton First-time Winners In January Thaw Open

Anne Domey buried the competition in the Womens' division of the January Thaw tournament at Heritage Recreation Center, Sutton, Mass. for her first trip to the winners' circle. Two days earlier Anne wondered if arthritis would put a halt to her "career". Her 36.2% average, seven percent better than any previous outing, and a 53.1% high game stopped her speculation. We'll talk about her husband's performance later.

Ed Hamilton tired of finishing in the top half of the bottom half and pulled out a Class 7 championship, his first. Ed has shown steady, if slow, improvement in his two years of pitching, moving through the three stages of keep it in the pit, to get it near the stake, to putting it where it belongs. His 26.2% average and 38.0% game were new highs. Bob Perry won a close playoff game over Charles Hanson to win Class 6. Bob is now 2 for 3 in tournament play. A quick learner, he can switch from the friendly chatter of league play to the quiet earnestness of tournament action at the drop of a shoe. Joe Guy put together one of his best efforts, if not his best ever, for a 7-0 sweep of Class 5, on a 42.5% day, including 54.2 and 50% games. Ralph Lacerte finished second, but what a second. The guy has been on the 1¼ for about a year now and struggling to hit 30%. Would you believe 52.8, 72.2, and 53.1% in succession?

Paul Schultz joined the ranks of the Heritage champs with a powerful 57.7% playoff game over Murland Bradley in Class 4. This class had a real dogfight. Gardner Alden filled the stands with his rooting section. In game 5 Joe Grillo, pitching in the "big time" for the first time, put the brakes on his pennant drive. Gardner bounced back to take out Bradley 35-30, and needed a win over Schultz to put himself in the playoff. But Paul spoiled everybody's day except his own by eking out a 37-32 win. Gil Lee, on the come-back trail, dropped an opening game and then swept six for first place in Class 3. Gil has been struggling of late but showed frequent flashes of his former self in his title march.

Bob Traquair came from the drifts of Keene to surprise a number of people, including himself, by winning Class 2 in convincing fashion. Seven wins, no losses was the most satisfying aspect of his efforts, not to mention a 59.6% average. Russ Gadoury pitched his best ever, 67.7%, but couldn't stand Bob's late-game heat in game 2. Russ could only sit there and squirm as Bob poured on a 69.2% final game to wrap it up. Russ couldn't even win the high game pool. He gave it three shots, but Dan Beane's 78.9% held up. "Mean" Dan was tired of reading about being on the short end of high games and decided to have some fun of his own.

## January Thaw — (Continued)

You've all been wondering who won this here tournament. If you guess Ed Domey, we'll accept it. For some unknown reason Ed did not have half the field join him in the 70% bracket this month and pretty much coasted into the win at 76.2%. Mel Merritt pushed him the hardest but couldn't quite pull it out. Ed picked a good spot for his high game. Bernie Herfurth has been a thorn in his side for some time, usually checking in at about 78%. How do you like 85.7%, Bernie? Unfortunately for Ed, Bernie will probably keep that little item in mind. Next time. . . .

**WOMEN** — Anne Domey, Mass. 6-0-36.2; Cam Shepard, Mass. 4-2-24.0; Peggy Degrenier, N.Y. 3-2-26.0; Beverly Fontaine, Mass. 1-4-22.6; Janice Domey, Mass. 0-6-8.5.

**CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS** — Ed Domey, Mass. 7-0-76.2; Bernard Herfurth, Mass. 5-2-62.6; Art Tyson, N. Y. 4-3-66.8; Joe Schultz, N. Y. 4-3-65.4; Mel Merritt, Mass. 3-4-63.4; Charles Richardson, Mass. 2-5-62.3; George Trabucci, Conn. 2-5-59.9; Paul Cormier, Mass. 1-6-64.5.

**CLASS 2** — Bob Traquair, N. H. 7-0-59.6; Russ Gadoury, Mass. 6-1-67.7; Fred Simon, Mass. 5-2-54.7; Dan Beane, Mass. 4-3-58.8; Al Boudreau, N. H. 2-5-56.1; John Renfro, Mass. 2-5-55.2; Ron Prue, Mass. 2-5-51.5; John Parmenter, Mass. 0-7-48.4.

**CLASS 3** — Gil Lee, Conn. 6-1-50.0; Paul Dumont, Mass. 5-2-48.7; Joe Pepi, Mass. 4-3-42.9; John Parmenter, Mass. 4-3-48.3; Sam Raymond, N. H. 4-3-42.9; Guido Giorgetti, Conn. 3-4-47.6; Fran Norman, Mass. 1-6-40.6; Ed Bodinski, Mass. 1-6-40.2.

**CLASS 4** — Paul Schultz, N. Y. 6-1-50.7; Murland Bradley, Conn. 6-1-51.7; Gardner Alden,

### CLASS 4 — (Continued)

Mass. 5-2-40.6; Joe Grillo, Mass. 4-3-43.3; Dick Shepard, Mass. 2-5-37.4; Jim Wyllie, Mass. 2-5-38.8; Rene Rodrigue, Conn. 2-5-36.2; Bill White, Mass. 1-6-41.5.

**CLASS 5** — Joe Guy, Mass. 7-0-42.5; Ralph Lacerte, Mass. 5-2-41.1; Bill White, Mass. 4-3-44.1; Hub Sasse, Mass. 3-4-32.9; Don Blomquist, Mass. 2-5-34.6; Ray Degrenier, N. Y. 0-7-27.4.

**CLASS 6** — Bob Perry, Mass. 6-1-29.6; Charles Hanson, N. H. 6-1-27.2; Harold Thomas, Mass. 5-2-29.4; Tony Nacewicz, Mass. 4-3-26.0; Bill McMahon, Mass. 4-3-23.9; Harry Schricker, Mass. 2-5-23.9; Larry Riendeau, Conn. 1-6-19.5; Al Doucette, Mass. 0-7-20.0.

**CLASS 7** — Ed Hamilton, Mass. 8-1-26.2; Moe Farmer, Mass. 7-2-23.9; Ed Harrington, Mass. 6-3-23.5; Mike Desroches, Mass. 6-3-20.8; Don Fontaine, Mass. 6-3-19.7; Verne Drew, N. Y. 5-4-23.3; Paul Landry, Mass. 3-6-20.7; Bill Capozzi, N. Y. 3-6-17.1; Charles Roos, N. Y. 1-8-8.8; Jim Gallant, Mass. 0-9-11.2.

## Walter Schmeckpeper Wins Wonewoc, Wisconsin Scenic Valley Open

Walter Schmeckpeper of LaCrosse, Wisconsin, was the winner in Class A competition of the fourth annual Wonewoc, Wisconsin Scenic Valley Open held late last fall. He pitched his way to five consecutive wins posting a 47.6 ringer percentage. George Kuffer of Milton, losing only to Schmeckpeper, placed second. Oscar Pynnonen ran third followed by Erv Pennshorn, Stan Severson and Cliff Gunderson.

Gerald Punzel of Waterloo won the playoff from Richard McGinnis, West Bend, for first in Class B. McGinnis posted a 36% ringer percentage, but Punzel put it all together in the playoff game as McGinnis fell off.

Class C meet was captured by Dale Moldenhauer of Watertown with a four and one record. Don Stittleburg, Reedsburg, pitching in his first tournament edged second place from Raymond Hanel, Janesville, by percentage points.

Donald Stull, of Wonewoc, took Class D, defeating John Pekala of Mauston in a playoff game.

**CLASS A** — Walter Schmeckpeper, LaCrosse 5-0-47.6; George Kuffer, Milton 4-1-38.8; Oscar Pynnonen, Wonewoc 2-3-39.2; Erwin Penschorn, Wonewoc 2-3-37.6; Stan Severson, LaCrosse 1-4-32.4; Clifford Gunderson, LaCrosse 1-4-24.4.

**CLASS B** — Gerald Punzel, Waterloo 5-1-27.0; Richard McGinnis, West Bend 5-1-36.0; Eber Janzen, Reedsburg 4-2-26.3; Ivan Schwartz, Reedsburg 3-3-26.3; Ray Garves, LaCrosse 2-4-24.0; Leonard Kudrna, Janesville 1-5-21.7; Bob Isler, LaCrosse 1-5-16.3.

**CLASS C** — Dale Moldenhauer, Watertown 4-1-22.4; Don Stittleburg, Reedsburg 3-2-24.4; Raymond Hanel, Janesville 3-2-22.8; Clarence Binstock, Delavan 3-2-18.0; Alvin Kudrna, Janesville 1-4-15.6; Jerry Sherwin, Germantown 1-4-10.0.

**CLASS D** — Don Stull, Wonewoc 4-1-24.0; John Pekala, Jr., Mauston 4-1-24.3; Everett Solberg, Mauston 3-2-15.6; Sidney Schroeder, Wonewoc 3-2-13.2; Richard Hainstock, Wonewoc 1-4-19.2; Steve Rasch, Wonewoc 0-5-4.4.

## 1976 Bicentennial World Tournament

By Ray Greenlaw

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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.

Everything to make your stay here enjoyable is being done. Tours to historical sites in Bucks County and Philadelphia will be available and will be posted at the courts.

We would appreciate black and white pictures of all Horseshoe Pitchers who are planning to come and a resume of your pitching careers to be published in our local papers prior to the tournament.

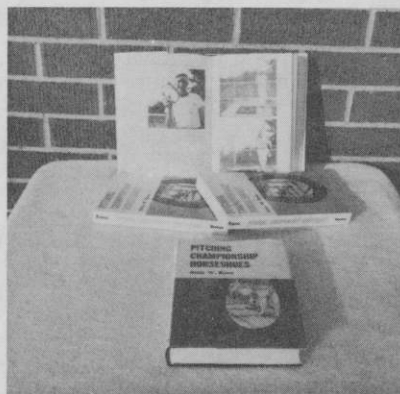
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## Something Nice To Know

by Jim Woodson of Texas

There was a time, not too long ago actually, when the mental stability of Texas NHPA members who offered a plan of buying land for the good of competitive horseshoes, and for standing a clubhouse on that very same place, was a matter of honest concern. Perhaps pure insanity is an indelicate term, and comes on too strong, but at least it makes clear the expected outcome for such a mad exercise. Down the drain, of course!!

It was just three years ago when NHPA members throughout the State of Texas were approached, and artfully persuaded to offer up hard money for a place of their own. To prudent observers, it looked like a crime of some substance was being committed. Then later, it seemed that absolute piracy was going on when NHPA members outside the border of Texas were intrigued with the opportunity of becoming involved with private ownership for horseshoe pitching, and shipped money into Texas by the carload, if you will pardon a slight exaggeration.

Larceny was never intended. My goodness, no!! The handful of Texans that started the idea, claim the effort stemmed from dedication. That the plan was carefully constructed and marvelously negotiated. In truth, the wild idea for the Twin Peaks Horseshoe Pitching Country Club, as it turned out to be called, was a classic case of over-re-acting. The desperate act of a few, who tired of having the general public out there look on the NHPA as a hayseed game, were determined that a new approach was needed if the image was to be improved. After all, and quite bluntly, organized pitching events are rarely burdened with the problem of crowd control. That's a joke, son!!

But why quibble? Cleverly planned or the luck of a fool. It matters not at all. The delightful thing is that a group has finally come together under the banner of the Independent Horseshoe Pitchers Of Texas Association. A legal corporation. Owners of a horseshoe pitching country club near San Antonio. Saying it still another way, there is now a body of NHPA investors that own four acres of beautiful hill country land, and right now are starting to stand a nice two story clubhouse on that four acres.

Precisely, the IHPTA, Inc. is made up of some seventy NHPA members who have offered up more than \$20,000 for shares of stock costing \$75 each. Over fifty of these investors are from all parts of Texas, and their outlay exceeds \$15,000. For those who are always looking for ways to please the "little guy" this should be happy news, since Texas has only four pitchers who average over 50%. The rest of the investors, a bakers dozen plus five, are outside of Texas, and their funding of more than \$5000 gives them considerable influence in the corporation.

The names of those NHPA members who would ship a bunch of money to another State because they feel it is good for the game? Ed Domey, Ralph Forsstrom, Russ Gadoury, Bernard Herfurth, and Pete Shepard, all from Massachusetts; and Eston Brown, Bill Cessna, Jerry Schneider and Wally Shipley from California; and Lee Davis and John Rademacher of Florida; and Curt Day, Indiana; Red Henton, Iowa; Lloyd Frederickson, Minnesota; Sol Berman, New Jersey; P. D. Riley, New Mexico; Donnie Roberts, Ohio; and Jerry Kahle, Oklahoma, but now in Belgium. Surprised?

If nothing else, the up to now success of the Twin Peaks Country Club because of the strange inclination of seventy NHPA pitchers to put money into the game should end, once and for all, the notion that all horseshoe pitchers want a cheap game, without frills, and that the destiny of the NHPA is tied to public parks.

The fascinating experiment with a horseshoe pitching country club is not offered as a magical solution for curing the under populated ailment of the NHPA. Mercy, no!! But it does suggest that maybe, after all, horseshoe pitchers are no different than mainstream America. That given a choice, most would select something fanciful over plain vanilla, and would happily pay for the privilege.

Ed Domey knew this when he built the Heritage for Massachusetts and New England pitchers. And it is suspected that a scattering of others around the country also knew this. Now the rest of the NHPA knows it also.

Who can tell. It might be something nice to know.

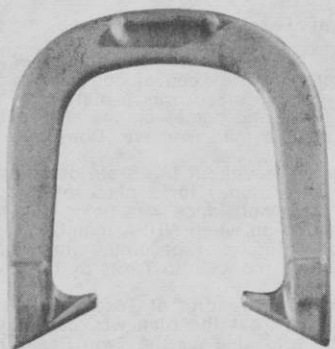
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## First Annual Eli Reno Memorial Open Huge Success — Many Class Winners Named

Elmer Harrison, Maurice Wipert, Vernon Holland, Tic Bryant, Winnie Woods, Chuck Pate, Darren Penn, Helen Roberts, Betty Jordan, and Audrey Reno came out winners in the First Annual Eli Reno Memorial Tournament held at the Pike County, Ohio Indoor Courts. Elmer Harrison of Hamilton, Ohio won the Class A title winning six of seven games. Glen Riffle of Dayton, Ohio the 1975 Ohio State Champ was second at 6-1. Stan Manker the Senior World Champ for 1975 was third at 5-2. Stan Manker hit 56 ringers out of 66 shoes for 84.8 against Gary Roberts four time Junior World Champion. Stan had 10 consecutive doubles. This was the first Class A Championship for Harrison but it probably won't be the last.

This tournament was sponsored by Ottie W. Reno, the well known author of books on horseshoe pitching. First, Second, and Third place in every class received a copy of PITCHING CHAMPIONSHIP HORSESHOES. All players received \$1.00 prize money for every game that they won.

Eli Reno died in 1966 at the age of 72. He had pitched horseshoes for 60 years and was a 70% pitcher in his prime. He took great joy in the fact that several members of his family played the game, and had the simple philosophy, "To enjoy pitching horseshoes, do the best you can and accept the results." I agree with that!!!!

We had amateur classes for men and women who had not played in a tournament before. The only way you can get out of the amateur class is to win first place. Then you are out. There were 77 entries in this tournament.

Maurice Wipert of Ohio hit 65.5% in Class B to win all seven games. Vernon

## Eli Reno — (Continued)

Holland, NHPA Regional Director from Indiana won Class C at 6-1. Arnold Griffith from West Virginia participated in C. Tic Bryant hit 60.8% to breeze through Class D. Winnie Woods stopped cutting logs long enough to go 6-1 to capture Class E. In the amateur men's class Chuck Pate hit 16.8% to win first place. Darren Penn won the Junior Boys group with a 33.7% average with Mike Higgins second. Audrey Reno pitched her way to the Jr. Girls championship. Helen Roberts hit 72.9% to win the Class A Women's event. Katherine Harrison of Hamilton, Ohio finished second. In the amateur women's class Betty Jordan went 8-1 to win with Rosie Stevens and Nita Turner at 7-2.

**CLASS A** — Elmer Harrison 6-1-65.4; Glen Riffle 6-1-64.8; Stan Manker 5-2-63.8; Max Roseberry 3-4-60.2; Gary Roberts 3-4-58.8; Gary Kline 3-4-59.8; Mel Montgomery 2-5-57.6; Kenny Dawes 0-7-50.7.

**CLASS B** — Maurice Wipert 7-0-65.5; Bud Christman 4-3-55.0; Sam Conley 4-3-54.3; Lester Rose 4-3-51.8; Ray Cochran 4-3-44.0; Earl Waggoner 2-5-44.7; David Rose 2-5-42.8; Ken Waggoner 1-6-36.1.

**CLASS C** — Vernon Holland 6-1-44.5; Danny Penn 6-1-43.6; Ronald Penn 5-2-42.0; Orval Cross 2-5-44.7; Arnold Griffith 3-4-29.3; Bill Williams 2-5-33.9; Tim Penn 1-6-19.9.

**CLASS D** — Tic Bryant 7-0-60.8; Claude Crabtree 4-3-43.4; J. D. Rhymer 4-3-41.9; Gib Palmer 4-3-41.0; George Moon 3-4-46.5; Francis Asher 3-4-44.8; Elmer Altman 3-4-41.2; Danny Penn 0-7-37.9.

**CLASS E** — Winnie Woods 6-1-34.5; Ronald Penn 6-1-41.7; Roy Roberts 5-2-35.4; Gene Crabtree 4-3-30.5; Danny Penn 3-4-34.6; Cliff Han-

**CLASS E — (Continued)**  
nah 3-4-28.9.

**AMATEUR MEN'S CLASS** — Chuck Pate 4-1-16.8; Paul Buckley 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -10.0; Bob Anderson 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -15.2; Danny Stultz 2-3-5.2; Keith Roberts 1-4-5.6; Tim Penn 1-4-20.8.

**JUNIOR BOYS** — Darren Penn 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -33.7; Mike Higgins 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -29.7; Kevin Anderson 2-5-12.6; Doug Anderson 1-6-6.0.

**WOMEN - CLASS A** — Helen Roberts 7-0-72.9; Katherine Harrison 6-1-57.2; Janet Reno 5-2-54.1; Juanita West 4-3-53.0; Ruth Kirk 3-4-48.0; Rosie Stevens 2-5-35.5; Avanelle Brown 1-6-32.6; June Roberts 0-7-28.5.

**AMATEUR WOMEN** — Betty Jordan 8-1-28.0; Rosie Stevens 7-2-39.5; Nita Turner 7-2-30.5; June Roberts 6-3-25.3; Paula Penn 6-3-22.3; Mary Higgins 5-4-11.3; Sue Colley 3-6-10.0; Rhonda Penn 2-7-5.0; Julia Penn 1-8-3.0.

**JUNIOR GIRLS** — Audrey Reno 6-1-34.2; Sheila Roberts 4-3-23.1; Lorna Reno 3-4-17.4; Janie Higgins 0-7-2.8.

## "Pappy" Goodwin Inducted Into Kentucky Hall Of Fame

Leo "Pappy" Goodwin may not be the best horseshoe pitcher in these parts, but for 82-years-old he sure does a pretty good job putting a shoe around the steel peg 40-feet away.

Goodwin, who has been pitching horseshoes for better than 50 years now, was just recently given the state's highest honor by being inducted into the Kentucky State Horseshoe Hall of Fame, which was voted on during the state pitchoff held at Dayton's Day-Bell Indoor Courts.

A retired plaster mason for the last 17 years, Goodwin was inducted into the Hall over such greats as six-time state champion Bill Henn and owner of the Day-Bell Horseshoe Courts, Don Moore.

Goodwin, born in Ohio's Bedford Township, has lived with his wife Mattie in Silver Grove for the past 34 years.

Through the years he has won several Northern Kentucky championships in Class B and C.

Never having won a state championship, Goodwin's best game ever was a 74 per cent ringer contest. Now days he's satisfied with 40 per cent.

## 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.

## Notes From Middlesex, New Jersey Club

The officers recently installed to head the Middlesex, New Jersey Club for 1976 are as follows: President, Hal Hanania; First Vice-Pres. Dr. Dale Eberhart; Second Vice-Pres. Al Price; Secretary, Ron Vogel; Treasurer, Dr. Ralph Coleman.

These men were very prominent during Middlesex's 1971 World Tournament and are eager to again offer members of the NHPA the opportunity to visit our state for another "Big One". Plans along that line will be announced at a later date.

We would like to make a retraction of a previously announced World Warm-Up Tournament for this year. After careful consideration, our club has decided NOT to host a World Warm-Up Tournament in 1976.

We extend our sincere apologies to anyone who may have begun to make their plans around a Warm-Up Tournament. We have arrived at the decision that a Warm-Up Tournament would not be in the best interest of our good friends and neighbors, The Bristol Township Horseshoe Pitchers Association, who are hosts of the 1976 World Tournament.

Rather, we would prefer that all those who are planning to attend the 1976 World Tournament, arrive early and avail themselves of the opportunity to fully enjoy the historic sites and programs offered by the BTHPA during this Bicentennial year.

Keeping in mind that Bristol Township neighbors Philadelphia, the seat of our great country's independence, we are sure that you will not regret passing up a Warm-Up Tournament to be able to spend a few more days in this historical area.

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**Athlete Of The Year for 1975**

The following article by Jim Young, sports writer, appeared in the Aberdeen, South Dakota American News.

Winning a state title can be a once-in-a-lifetime achievement for most people, but not the South Dakota Independent Athlete of the Year for 1975 as selected by the South Dakota Sportswriters Association. He won his 25th state title the past summer.

Leigh Dunker of Warner won the South Dakota horseshoe pitching title in Rapid City. It was the sixth title in a row for the 59-year-old bachelor, who won his first title in 1934.

But what made his effort even more remarkable this year is that he lost only one game all summer enroute to his "silver" win. Pitching doesn't command top priority for his time.

Being a farmer, he spent the week before the state tournament plowing and didn't get a chance to practice. He has yet to compete for the world title because it is held during harvest.

The southpaw is cool under pressure. If it is windy, he is able to switch from his normal 1½ rotation on the toss to a more wind resistant 1¾ rotation with ease.

He seems to get just good enough to win each game. The better the competition, the better his ringer percentage becomes.

Dunker averaged 73.3 per cent to win the 1975 South Dakota state title.

"Everyone enjoys playing him," says Ed Schaunaman, a fellow pitcher from Aberdeen. "He's a perfect sportsman in every way. He has an easy-going nature and never has any excuse. Someone can throw eight, ten doubles in a row, but he just hangs in there until the guy cools off."

## Clarence Cummings Wins Sarasota Florida Open

Clarence Cummings of Idaho came through with a close play-off victory over John Rademacher to capture the top honors for the day in the annual Sarasota Open held January 24th at Bee Ridge Park in Sarasota. Third place went to Marv Richmond of Minnesota by nosing out Joe Holland of Michigan 40-39 in the play-off for third place. Other winners were Paul Scheub in Class B, Clyde Hewett Class C, Ken Peer Class D, Charles Howery Class E, Ed Schuetz Class F, Jewel Ingram Class G, and Norm Gaseau and Walter House in Class H.

Players from Canada, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Idaho, Wisconsin, Nebraska, Massachusetts, Maine, New Jersey, Minnesota, Ohio, and Iowa were

*COVER PICTURE . . . Heritage did it again. Horseshoe pitching highlighted Boston, Massachusetts' television programming on a major station. On January 13, Channel 5's Good Morning Show featured a six minute horseshoe pitching segment which had been filmed earlier at Heritage. It opened with an interview with Pete Shepard, who explained about the NHPA and the differences between types of shoes. Then, Debby Michaud gave the announcer, Ken Stahl some pitching lessons. Finally, a six shoe game was played by Ken and the sister of the State Girl's runner-up, Barbara Domey. Ken did not realize he was playing the champ. Barbara won the game as Debby narrated the scoring. Background action and sound was furnished by our other women and girls, who pitched continuously during the presentation. The program was very well presented and certainly will be a boost to horseshoe pitching. Special thanks go to Ed Domey, who made the original contact with the station and followed it up. — Photo by Fred Simon.*

## Sarasota — (Continued)

on hand for the event. They all proved not only to be able contenders but fine sportsmen as well.

Leo McGrath along with able help from Norm Gaseau, Bob Widdersheim, and John Rademacher took charge of recording the results to keep things running smooth in that department.

A big thank you goes to Mrs. Ken Peer for a fine job in preparing and operating the concessions, and to Bill Deedrick in the coffee and donut department.

**CLASS A-1** — Clarence Cummings, Idaho 4-1-61.0; Marv Richmond, Minnesota 3-2-59.2; Dick Ferguson, Sarasota 3-2-59.0; Paul Fix, Okeechobee 3-2-58.7; Phil Zozzaro, New Jersey 2-3-50.0; Jim O'Shea, Massachusetts 0-5-45.7.

**CLASS A-2** — John Rademacher, Plant City 5-0-66.0; Holland, Michigan 3-2-63.5; Willard West, Bradenton 3-2-56.8; Ken Drury, Canada 3-2-53.5; Dwight Thatcher, Brooksville 1-4-47.6; Virgil Bunge, Illinois 0-5-47.7.

**CLASS B** — Paul Scheub, Sarasota 6-1-50.2; Dick Weigel, Clearwater 5-2-48.5; Marion Collins, Dunedin 5-2-45.6; Harvey Hochstetler, Sarasota 5-2-42.7; Ken Reeb, Winter Haven 4-3-48.0; Bill Wade, Lehigh Acres 2-5-43.7; Duaine Whitmer, Winter Haven 1-6-42.0; Ray Cochran, Ohio 0-7-25.2.

**CLASS C** — Clyde Hewitt, Maine 7-0-50.0; Henry Mullet, Sarasota 6-1-47.5; Bob Widdersheim, Clearwater 5-2-46.3; Tom Durham, Nebraska 3-4-39.7; Harold Shaw, Iowa 2-5-32.0; Charlie Pitton, Clearwater 3-4-31.8; George Buskey, Tarpon Springs 1-6-34.8; Craig Herington, Naples 1-6-31.3.

**CLASS D** — Ken Peer, Sarasota 6-1-41.9; Charlie Lentz, Canada 4-3-43.7; Ronnie Ronemus, Brad-

## CLASS D — (Continued)

enton 4-3-38.8; Vern Wagoner, Indiana 4-3-38.2; Carroll Johnson, Minnesota 4-3-37.1; Speed Gillespie, Sarasota 3-4-39.3; Wilbert Blum, Zephyrhills 3-4-36.8; Art Mathews, Okeechobee 0-7-23.6.

**CLASS E** — Charles Howery, Clearwater 4-1-38.5; Oscar Gaudette, N. Smyrna Bch. 3-2-41.8; Gene Myers, Clearwater 3-2-40.8; Bill King, Sarasota 2-3-39.7; Frank Stites, Bradenton 2-3-33.5; Bill Packard, Venice 1-4-29.5.

**CLASS F** — Ed Scheutz, Wisconsin 5-0-38.4; Ivan Gilman, Wisconsin 4-1-31.3; Ed Tausch, Bradenton 2-3-34.5; Maurice Rodocker, Ohio 2-3-31.6; Pat O'Toole, Canada 1-4-34.3; Earl Colgon, Illinois 1-4-31.4.

**CLASS G** — Jewel Ingram, Palmetto 4-1-33.2; Chris Miller, Sarasota 3-2-27.1; Earle Johnson, Bradenton 3-2-26.9; Ernest Rush, LaBelle 2-3-29.4; Milt Myhre, Bradenton 2-3-23.2; Lee Davis, Seminole 1-4-25.7.

**CLASS H** — Norm Gaseau, Clearwater 4-1-28.6; Walter House, Sarasota 4-1-23.6; Russ Adcock, Bradenton 3-2-21.5; Tom Keltner, Clearwater 2-3-17.8; Einar Askeland, Clearwater 2-3-21.1; Paul Barrette, Canada 1-4-20.5.

## My Dad The Horseshoer

My Dad has two shoes,  
That he shoots every day.  
He shoots them in the air,  
In the most particular way.  
There are long heavy poles  
That are deep in some mud,  
When his shoe takes off high

he hopes it's no dud.  
But when he hears a clinger,  
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—By Sherry Brochu

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## 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

Boys Championships, group of 8, courts 11-14

Girls 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.

## 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.

**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.

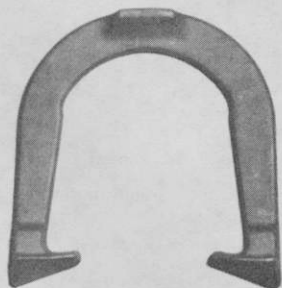
Summary of projected cost, based on 270 additional pitchers

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.

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## Reg. Dir. Holland Reports For Ind., Ill. and Mich.

Being a new comer in the sport of Horseshoe, I have had the privilege of meeting and working with a lot of wonderful people. I have attended two W. T. & one reg. dir. meeting and one nat. convention as a delegate and Reg. Dir. It is my candid opinion that the N.H.P.A. officers and committees are doing a superb job.

In meeting with and attending various state meetings and state tourneys, I would offer these suggestions for the betterment of our sport. Some of which were discussed at 1975 W.T. Reg. Dir. meeting.

1. Standardize the calling of score.
2. Devise some means of covering courts in foul weather, similar to the system used in baseball, either plastic or canvas, at least those facilities with potential for state and world site.
3. Exchange of ideas and communications. A big problem which we must improve upon, and I would mention the work being done by Robert Wells of Jackson, Michigan who edits a monthly report called "RINGER REPORT".
4. Horseshoe need not be a seasonal sport. Indiana has several indoor facilities without a doubt some of the best in the country.
5. I have sent the following proposals to John Walker for consideration at 1976 W. T. Convention:

100 shoes for all qualifiers, except Jrs. and Women.

Reduce the number of delegates to convention. We now have 20 Reg. Dir. The hall of fame committee has 15 members, my proposal would automatically include them along with one or two delegates from each state that has a national charter. All major proposed changes in Constitution and By-Laws are presented, and available to N.H.P.A. members in plenty of time for all to let, or make known their wishes to delegates or Dir. Most of the main decisions that most players are concerned with are decided by the executive council at the tourney site, or by majority of the players involved. Why have a convention like 1975?? Let's promote not destroy horseshoe.

Eliminate the possibility of discouraging our junior boys and girls from participating in our sport and perhaps jeopardizing their amateur standing by paying for national card.

Articles such as Sol Berman had in the January Digest, all members should be able to read. I believe he is on the right track.

In closing, let us all resolve to do the best that we can in working and improving the game.

### FINANCIAL REPORT - Oct. 1 thru Dec. 31, 1975

#### RECEIPTS:

MEMBERSHIPS:	
1975 - 242 @ \$5.00 .....	\$1210.00
1976 - 263 @ \$5.00 .....	1315.00
DIGEST SUBSCRIPTIONS:	
245 @ \$5.00 Regular .....	1225.00
52 @ \$6.20 1st class .....	322.40
2 @ \$10.00 2 year sub. ....	20.00
Sales by Don Koso, itemized .....	2500.00
Sales by Ray Williams, itemized .....	39.75
Donations, postage .....	67.16
Total receipts .....	6699.31
Money deposited .....	7194.31

#### EXPENDITURES.

DIGEST:	
Printing .....	\$2310.95
Postage .....	816.47
Addressograph plates .....	35.60
Allowance, Cobb .....	300.00
Freight, 1975 World Tournament .....	70.11
Patches .....	361.33
Auburn office expense, phone, postage .....	237.91
Supplies .....	773.77
Executive council expenses, phone, postage .....	71.08
Allowance, Williams .....	500.00
Tape recorder rental .....	49.82
Advance on materials for score devices repair .....	150.00
Total expenditures .....	5677.04
Check book balance Oct. 1, 1975 .....	\$18003.48
Deposits .....	7194.31
Total .....	\$25197.79
Less Expenditures .....	5677.04
Check book balance Dec. 31, 1975 .....	\$19520.75
Cash on hand - Dec. 31, 1975 .....	\$254.60

Respectfully submitted by W. Ray Williams,  
NHPA Secretary-Treasurer.

## Jersey Eliminates Scorekeepers For The 1976 Season

Be prepared for an exciting experience in horseshoe pitching when you arrive at the Jersey tournaments this year. "Freedom '76" carries its theme into the realm of scorekeeping as it now exists.

Many Jersey pitchers, realizing the need to replace traditional scorekeeping procedures, have been busy in the winter "off season" developing innovative methods for recording tournament results. Pioneers in this effort include: Dr. Berman, Bill Herrmann, Paul Puglise, Al Cherry, John Dykstra, Pete Albers, Tom Balliff, Leo Oullette, (N. Y.), and Al Ward.

At a recent Association meeting, the New Jersey State players voted to adopt the score-keeping package developed by Leo and Al. Although much refining has transpired since its inception, rudimentally, this system has been used with success at Leo's Mt. Prospect courts in Brooklyn, the Elizabeth indoor pitching site at Dr. Berman's, and at the four year old indoor lay-out of the Clifton Inter-City Club located in Passaic (Phil Zozzaro, President). Incidentally, the Clifton Inter-City Club is undertaking the construction of the system and John Dykstra has us off to an impressive start as he has completed all the carpentry work already.

As Tournament Director for New Jersey activities this year, I look forward to a pleasant, smoothly run operation as a result of the implementation of this scoring system.

If the National A.A.U. tournament arrangements are finalized, a scheduled date will be announced.

**Important:** Registering one half hour before the starting time of each tournament is mandatory and will be strictly enforced. This will give your tournament directors time to set up the necessary paper work.

To save unnecessary delay and complication, make it a habit to register as soon as you arrive at the pitching site or as soon as the registration desk is in operation.

We, here in Jersey, invite our fellow horseshoe pitchers to come and enjoy the "Freedom '76" spirit that will enhance the pitching atmosphere at our tournaments.

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## Silver Dollar Open Tournament — Lancaster, Ohio

### June 12 & 13

The top four classes will be sanctioned all 50 point cancellation. One trophy per class plus silver dollars in every position in all 8 men classes. Entries will close Saturday at midnight, June 5th 1976. Early entries will be given priority. Entry fee \$7.00.

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

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## *In Memoriam*

Donald S. Corle, 55 of Osterburg, Pa. died suddenly Saturday December 27, 1975 at 4:30 P.M. at the family home.

He was born August 6, 1920 at Derry, Pa. he was married to the former Marie Lindsey, of Pavia. Mr. Corle was a retired Supervisor at Kennametal Inc. in Bradford, Pa. with 21 years service, a veteran of World War II serving in the U.S. Marine Corps Air Force, and a member of the Western Pennsylvania Horseshoe Pitchers Association. The sincere sympathy of the Western Pa. association is extended to the bereaved family.

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## Ind. State Champ Captures Top Honors At Pinecrest

The winter Round-Up at the Pinecrest Club in Elwood, Indiana was the scene of a hard fought battle. Eight of the high percentage men in our area battled it out, with Clarence Bellman, Bremen, Indiana bringing in the high percentage game of 84.0. Karl Van Sant of Cayuga, Indiana came in second with 4-3, breaking a second place tie with Bus Schamp, St. Mary, Ohio with a 70.6 average. Bob Wells of Jackson, Michigan came in first place in Class B. Frank Baxter of Tipton, Indiana gave Bob his best game, losing by one point and both pitching 70%. Frank also had two 76.0% games, only to come in third.

**CLASS A** — Clarence Bellman, Bremen 7-0-77.1; Karl Van Sant, Cayuga 4-3-70.6; Bus Schamp, St. Mary, Ohio 4-3-65.4; Larry Griffin, Paris, Ill. 3-4-72.3; George Sales, New Castle 3-4-65.7; Frank Baxter, Tipton 3-4-65.1; John LeMond, Anderson 3-4-64.6; John Gall, Anderson 1-6-61.1.

**CLASS B** — Bob Wells, Jackson, Mich. 5-0-60.8; Henry Franke, Centralia, Ill. 4-1-65.9; Frank Baxter, Tipton 3-2-68.4; Lonnie Mullins, Muncie 2-3-56.4; Glen Teter, Tipton 1-4-58.1; Bob Dwigans, Russiaville 0-5-44.8.

**CLASS C** — Al Quebe, Kirkland 6-1-57.7; Max Gunyon, Frankfort 5-2-57.3; Herb Dwigans, Tipton 5-2-51.0; J. W. Cox, Wabash 4-3-50.7; Lowell Dearingler, Greenfield 3-4-46.0; Frank Laurie, New Castle 3-4-39.3; Les Moore, Forest 2-5-45.0; Nick Wise, Indianapolis, forfeit.

**CLASS D** — Kevin Dwigans, Tipton 5-2-52.3; Vernon Holland, Veedersburg 5-2-44.8; Buddy Hodgdon, Lebanon 4-3-51.1; Larry Walters, Dublin 4-3-48.6; Al Whitmore, N. Manchester 4-3-41.1; Sylvester Hahn, Elwood 3-4-43.7; George Roadruck, Tipton 3-4-43.1; Gilbert Campbell, Greentown 0-7-40.0.

**CLASS E** — A. W. Thomas, Speedway 5-1-41.6; Maurice Duncan, Greenwood 4-2-37.2; Gary Pearson, Newport 3-2-40.0; Everett Bowyer, Peru 3-2-

### CLASS E — (Continued)

28.0; Jeff Bowyer, Frankfort 1-4-26.0; Fred Armentrout, Speedway 0-5-19.2.

**CLASS F** — Walt Vctor, Alexandria 5-0-37.2; Gene Mendenhall, Noblesville 3-2-28.8; Paul Cunningham, Marion 3-2-26.8; Charles West, Elwood 2-3-24.8; Ed Howdeshell, Rochester 1-4-24.4; Bob Cunningham, Marion 1-4-18.8; Jim Clark, Cayuga forfeit; Buck Shively, Kokomo, forfeit.

**CLASS G** — Sam Huffman, Rushville 5-0-30.5; Al Bills, Sr., Rushville 4-1-31.0; Lloyd Karstens, Rushville 3-2-18.5; Mike Cherry, Atlanta, 2-3-11.5; Pete Dwigans, Tipton 1-4-9.0; Ernest Sharer, Indianapolis forfeit.

**WOMEN - CLASS A** — Phyllis Laurie, New Castle 3-1-30.5; Lorna Bills 1, Rushville 1-2-23.0; Barb Cunningham, Marion 1-3-18.5.

**JUNIOR GIRLS** — Tammi Cunningham, Marion 3-0-19.3; Lorna Bills II, Rushville 2-1-15.3; Shelly Wells, Jackson, Mich. 1-2-10.7; Alicia Wells 0-3-2.7; Diana Dwigans, Tipton and Deanna White, Elwood, forfeit.

**JUNIOR BOYS** — Al Bills, Jr., Rushville 3-0-40.0; Steve Bills, Connersville 0-3-20.7; Mike Whitten, Marion forfeit.

## Report Of Florida Regional Director, Lee Davis

To date the Florida Association has had twelve tournaments and all have been well attended except the East coast tournaments. The west coast tournaments have run from 40 to 60 entries (72 in the Manatee County Open), but the east coast has run from a doz. to 20 or so. Apparently the conditions and the weather wasn't very good, both cold and windy, and the travel for many is too far. Also the clay they got for the courts hasn't worked in the way they thought it would. I believe they have plans now to get a better clay.

We now have an eight team handicap league going in Clearwater and Seminole. Apparently every one likes it as they have asked for more games to be pitched each week. This league is run on 50 shoe game with the average points a man scores in 50 shoes subtracted from 150, then his handicap is 80% of this amount.

In order to try and get more interest on the east coast I have made up a set of rules and regulations on our type of handicap league for them and they seem interested. I hope by my next report they will have a league going over there.

On Friday Jan. 23 the State Association held a meeting to make plans for the Bicentennial Tournament. The first move was to change the date from April 10 to April 3, so that any one that wanted to, could come to the Orlando tournament and make the Statesville, N.C. tournament on the way home on April 10th.

Sarasota now has 12 clay courts in good condition. Bradenton has 9 clay courts in good condition and Plant City has 10. The 10 Clearwater and 9 Seminole clay courts are in nearly perfect condition.

Florida pitchers are now getting in letters of recommendation for the Florida Hall-of-Fame. Florida started its Hall of Fame last year by honoring



## Florida Regional — (Continued)

and dedicating the plaque to all of the outstanding Florida horseshoe men of the past. This year will be the beginning of men to be honored whose accomplishments are better known to the men of today.

The Director is happy to report he has had excellent cooperation from the State officers and the tournament directors.

## Hall Of Fame Report

Chairman Bernard Herfurth of the N.H.P.A. Hall of Fame committee, reports that the committee felt fortunate that 10 out of the 14 members were able to be present at the Lafayette World meet.

President Wally Shipley was also present at this meeting and we know he makes it a point to be present at all N.H.P.A. committee meetings.

Lloyd Fredrickson, of Minnesota was thanked for the fine work he is doing on our N.H.P.A. Hall of Fame book. In the future it will be referred to as the Hall of Fame book and not the "Scrap-book". When finished it will be the duty of the chairman to take proper care of this book and to keep updated in the style that it was organized.

It was also voted that the chairman will be responsible for the safe-keeping and the updating of the Hall of Fame Plaque.

Not being able to be present for her induction, Mrs. Katie Gregson sent a letter thanking the committee for nominating her to the Hall of Fame.

Committee member Ed Farland's article on "Halls of Fame" was on page 18 in the January issue of the Digest. This article is to be used as a "Forward" in the N.H.P.A. Hall of Fame book and the Massachusetts Hall of Fame book.

The same committee will be intact for 1976 at the request of Wally Shipley.

As one "Old-Timer" will be inducted annually it is hoped that more candidates with their histories will be forwarded to the chairman for this year's nomination. "Old-Timers" meaning 70 years or over, player or organizer.

All worthy suggestions to this committee for it's betterment will be accepted and discussed at the annual meeting of the committee this summer. All candidates (15 copies of histories) required. Should be sent to Bernard Herfurth, 17 Fort St., Northampton, MA 01060.

## Rademacher Retains Plant City, Florida Open Title

Thirty-nine pitchers entered the Plant City, Florida Open held at Plant City Fairgrounds on Saturday, Jan. 3. John Rademacher defended the title successfully although a playoff was necessary, Willard West won play-off over Les Long for Class B crown.

**CLASS A** — J. Rademacher, Fla. 5-2-68.0; C. Cummins, Idaho 5-2-59.7; J. Fahey, Fla. 4-3-70.0; D. Thatcher, Fla. 4-3-63.1; W. Keegan, Fla. 4-3-62.6; R. Ferguson, Fla. 3-4-62.3; L. Miller, Fla. 3-4-59.1; R. Jinkerson, Canada 0-7-50.3.

**CLASS B** — W. West, Fla. 6-1-54.3; L. Long, Ill. 6-1-56.4; E. Morris, Fla. 4-3-44.4; R. Weigel, Fla. 3-4-50.6; D. Whitmer, Fla. 3-4-48.2; P. Scheub, Fla. 3-4-46.6; E. Benner, Ore. 1-6-43.9; G. Buskey, Fla. 1-6-40.5.

**CLASS C** — M. Collins, Fla. 5-0-53.3; H. Hochstetler, Fla. 3-2-48.4; K. Reeb, Fla. 3-2-46.6; R. Widdersheim, Fla. 2-3-42.9; H. Mullett, Fla. 1-4-45.0; C. Pitton, Fla. 1-4-44.1.

**CLASS D** — C. Lentz, Canada 4-0-46.9; S. Gillespie, Fla. 3-1-35.0; O. Gaudette, Fla. 2-2-41.2; C. Howery, Va. 1-3-30.7; W. Wallschlager,

**CLASS D — (Continued)**  
Ill. 0-4-19.0.

**CLASS E** — K. Peer, Fla. 5-0-47.9; P. Brake-man, Fla. 3-2-39.0; P. O'Toole, Canada 3-2-35.8; E. Scheutz, Fla. 2-3-32.7; D. Lyons, Fla. 1-4-31.3; H. Hawes, Fla. 1-4-29.3.

**CLASS F** — T. Bailiff, N. J. 4-1-30.8; D. Lang-ford, Fla. 3-2-34.6; N. Gaseau, Fla. 3-2-29.7; J. Ingram, Fla. 3-2-28.0; J. Fourman, Ohio 2-3-23.9; W. House, Fla. 0-5-18.4.

### HIGH GAMES

	%
Class A — J. Fahey .....	87.4
Class B — L. Long .....	71.1
Class C — C. Pitton .....	65.2
Class D — C. Lentz .....	53.7
Class E — K. Peer .....	63.6
Class F — T. Bailiff .....	44.0

## From Here And There

From Heritage recreation at Sutton, Mass. comes the following: Bill McMahon and Don Blomquist beat Rick Howe and Dennis Reardon at Heritage on January 31.

## Darlene Ebert Wins Ladies' Title In Eagle, Wisc. Sand Count Tournament — Felix Kubly Wins Men's Title

Darlene Ebert, Wisconsin Womens State Champion, won the Class A womens title in first annual sand court tournament at Eagle, Wis. Felix Kubly of Watertown, won the Class A in the mens division.

Six courts with lights accommodated a total of 100 entries. We have just finished 2 more new courts to make a total of 8. New quartz lights are also planned for the 1976 season.

**WOMEN - CLASS A** — Darlene Ebert, Fredonia 7-0-57.0; Lois Lamers, Kimberly 6-1-39.8; Sarah Heitsman, Eagle 4-3-28.0; Susie Pritzlaff, Germantown 4-3-34.1; Bonnie Sherman, Eagle 3-4-26.6; Gail Dahlan, Germantown 2-5-33.1; Esther Voigt, Fredonia 2-5-28.0; Ann Opsteen, Combined Locks 0-7-18.5.

**WOMEN - CLASS B** — Shirley McDonald, Eagle 3-1-16.9; Connie Lutz, Eagle 3-1-13.3; Delores Ulvestad, Eagle 2-2-13.4; Karen Sagert, Eagle 2-2-6.9; Lynn Szymkowski, Eagle 0-4-4.6.

**WOMEN - CLASS C** — Betty Binstock, Delavan 4-0-15.7; Kathy Lutz, Eagle 3-1-7.5; Norma Capek, Eagle 2-2-4.1; Gladys Kudrna, Janesville 1-3-8.8; Charlotte Ellertson, Eagle 0-4-3.2.

**MEN - CLASS A** — Felix Kubly, Watertown 8-1-49.5; Butch Janke, Fort Atkinson 7-2-38.6; Robert Heyerdahl, Beloit 7-2-47.9; Wally Saeger, Ixonia 7-2-44.8; Chuck Hart, Milwaukee 6-3-46.7; Tom Sherman, Eagle 4-5-33.6; Wes Taylor, West Bend 2-7-40.0; Wally Michaels, Waubeka 2-7-34.1; Bob Braman, Fort Atkinson 1-8-31.2; Daryl Hagen, Evansville 1-8-17.2.

**MEN - CLASS B** — Clarence Voigt, Fredonia 6-1-38.2; Windy Weiss, Kewaskum 6-1-38.0; Ken Marx, Sussex 4-3-41.2; Wilbert Blum, Beloit 3-4-35.5; Les Furrer, Palmyra 3-4-30.0; Ed Schuetz, Milwaukee 2-5-32.5; Joe Flanagan, Oconomowoc 2-5-27.7; Al McGowan, Milwaukee 2-5-27.2.

**MEN - CLASS C** — John Milkint, Sussex 7-0-45.7; Russ Scheets, Palmyra 4-3-40.0; Harold Lamers, Kimberly 4-3-37.5; Orine Ulvestad, Eagle 4-3-39.2; Marvin Vogt, Fond Du Lac 3-4-33.9; Oscar Pynnonen, Wonewoc 3-4-30.3; Gary Schwartz, Adell 2-5-33.5; Roger Schwartz, Milton 1-6-30.3.

**MEN - CLASS D** — Gerald Punzel, Waterloo 6-1-33.5; Dave Hagen, Madison 5-2-33.5; Leon Voigt, Fredonia 5-2-29.5; Erv Penschorn, Wonewoc 4-3-33.5; Mike McDonald, Eagle 4-3-27.8; Frank Braman, Fort Atkinson 3-4-28.2; Greg Hine, Eagle 1-6-20.7; Ken Hagen, Evansville 0-7-7.5.

**MEN - CLASS E** — Sid Anderson, Jonesville 7-0-32.8; Roy Raduechel, Eagle 6-1-30.3; George Kuffer, Milton 5-2-32.8; Ed Zunk, Germantown 3-4-24.6; Russ Chapman 3-4-13.3; Ken Voigt, Fredonia 2-5-22.1; Fred Janke, Dousman 1-6-20.7; D. Moldenhauer, Watertown 1-6-16.4.

**MEN - CLASS F** — Chet Hill, Delafield 7-0-24.2; Bernard Carley, Albion 5-2-18.3; Gerald Lutz, Eagle 5-2-22.8; Ralph Raduechel, Eagle 5-2-18.0; Elmer Killian, Eagle 3-4-14.1; Harry Rady, Kewaskum 2-5-15.7; Ron Voigt, Fredonia 1-6-6.6; Paul Williams, Eagle 0-7-10.0.

**MEN - CLASS G** — Ron Andersen, Eagle 6-1-24.7; Richard McGinnis, West Bend 5-2-30.4; Terry Sherwin, Germantown 4-3-16.0; Paul Breen, Dousman 4-3-18.5; Elmer Kopke, Edgerton 3-4-23.8; Dan Ebert, Fredonia 3-4-14.6; Gene Landers, Dousman 2-5-19.8; Jerry Richardson, Kewaskum 1-6-12.2.

**MEN - CLASS H** — Len Kudrna, Janesville 5-0-28.0; Jerry Tietz, Palmyra 4-1-20.6; Bob Curran, Eagle 2-3-20.6; Wally Pipp, Eagle 2-3-16.6; Jim Rindt, Neuburg 1-4-14.6; Jerry Anderson, Edgerton 1-4-10.0.

**MEN - CLASS I** — Clarence Binstock, Delevan 5-0-25.3; Jack Lovald, Muskego 3-2-21.3; Chuck Koehn, Eagle 3-2-18.6; James Lovald, Muskego 3-2-14.6; Bill Cafilisch, Edgerton 1-4-7.3; Terry Rupp 0-5-8.0.

**MEN - CLASS J** — Dick Searing, Eagle 4-1-19.3; Andy Szymkowski, Eagle 4-1-23.0; Harvey Wambold, Eagle 3-2-15.7; Harley Kramer, Eagle 2-3-5.3; Ed Usher, Waukesha 1-4-7.3; Den Ellertson, Eagle 1-4-5.3.

**MEN - CLASS K** — Terry Von Dahlen, Eagle 4-1-11.3; Tom Burton, Eagle 4-1-11.1; Larry Hagen, Madison 3-2-7.8; Augie Lupone, Eagle 2-3-6.0; Bill West, Eagle 2-3-3.3; John Cafilisch, Edgerton 0-5-3.3.

## Winter Invitational At Pinecrest, Elwood, Ind.

This tournament is one of many held at Pinecrest courts in Elwood, Indiana. Its purpose is to introduce new pitchers to the sport and let the avid pitcher participate along with them.

**CLASS A** — Glen Teter, Tipton, 6-1-55.7; Les Moore, Forest, 6-1-60.8; Kevin Dwigans, Tipton, 5-2-54.3; Al Quebe, Kirkland, 4-3-55.7; Bob Dwigans, Russiaville, 3-4-62.3; J. W. Cox, Wabash, 3-4-49.4; Sylvester Hahn, Elwood, 1-6-35.1; George Wheeler, Elwood, 0-7-19.6.

**CLASS B** — Walt Vctor, Alexandria, 4-1-42; George Roadruck, Titon, 3-2-46.4; Lowell Dearinger, Greenfield, 3-2-43.6; Ed Dunlap, Green-

**CLASS B — (Continued)**

town, 2-3-37.6; Jr. Guthrie, Bremen, 2-3-32.8; Glen Hoppes, Summitville, 1-4-36.4.

**CLASS C** — Everet Bowyer, Peru, 6-1-41.7; Charles West, Elwood, 5-2-30.3; Joe Holloway, Jonesboro, 4-3-34.3; Ed Howdeshell, Rochester, 4-3-31.7; Chub Cherry, Atlanta, 4-3-24.3; Bill Tom, Elkhart, 3-4-31.7; Bob Cunningham, Marion, 2-5-21.4; Mike Cherry, Atlanta, 0-7-16.9.

## 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.

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

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.

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

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

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.

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

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

#### HERITAGE RECREATION CENTER 1975-76 WINTER SCHEDULE

March 7-Edgar Landry

Memorial .....39% and under

March 14-Edgar Landry

Memorial .....40% and up

April 4-Easter Ham Shoot .....39% and under

April 11-Easter Ham Shoot .....40% and up

May 29, 30, 31-Anniversary .....All 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.

#### PINECREST INDOOR, ELWOOD, IND.

Entry Fee \$6.00 on all Tournaments

Mar. 13-14 - John Gall Special - Mailing Deadline March 3. Phone Deadline March 5 noon.

Mar. 27-28 - Spring Round-Up - Mailing Deadline March 17. Phone Deadline March 19 noon.

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.

#### 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.

#### 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.

Mar. 7-8 - March Open. Mailing deadline

Feb. 27. Phone deadline March 1 noon.

Apr. 4-5 - Rushville Open. Mailing deadline March 25. Phone deadline March 27 noon.

Apr. 25-26 - Spring Special. Mailing deadline April 15. Phone deadline April 17 noon.

## Coming Events—Continued

### 1975-76 FLORIDA SCHEDULE

Entry fee for all tournaments — \$5.00

Mar. 5 — Coronado Open, New Smyrna Beach, Fla. Contact David Cevasco, 105 Palm Breeze Dr., Edgewater, Fla. 32032 (904-427-7215).

Mar. 13-14 — \*Seminole Pow Wow, Seminole, Fla. Contact Lee Davis, P.O. Box 3426, Seminole, Fla. 33542 (813-392-8504).

Mar. 20 — Fun 'N Sun Festival, Clearwater, Fla. Contact Norm Gaseau, 1908 Nugget Dr., Clearwater, Fla. 33515 (813-443-2892).

Mar. 26-27-28 — Desoto Open, Bradenton, Fla. Contact Earle Johnson, 3031 -12th Ave. E., Bradenton, Fla. 33505 (813-746-8298).

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.

### 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 hours, both before and after the tournaments. On the first date, pitchers above 50% will be classed. The second date will be for pitchers 50%

and below. 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.

### PIKE COUNTY OHIO INDOOR SCHEDULE

Open Tournament March 26-27-28, April 2-3-4.  
 March 26—Amateur Men's Class 7:00 p.m.  
 March 27—Class C Men 12:00 noon  
 27—Class A & B Women 7:00 p.m.  
 March 28—Class A Men 12:00 noon  
 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.

### 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.

## Coming Events—Continued

### 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.

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.

### 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.

June 27 — Plentywood.

July 11 — Culbertson.

July 25 — Froid (Divisional).

Aug. 8 — Sidney.

Sept. 4-5-6 — Labor Day weekend, Annual State

### 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.

### WASHINGTON SCHEDULE

Mar. 14 — 5th Series, Winetrot Winter Open Classic, Seattle.

Mar. 28 — 6th Series, Winetrot Winter Open Classic, Seattle.

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

April 11 — 7th Series, Winetrot Winter Open Classic, Seattle.

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

April 25 — 8th Series, Winetrot 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

### 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,

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.



## “From Out Of The Mail Bag”

January 13, 1975

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

Dear Sir:

MD Medical News magazine published monthly by MD Publications Inc., 30 East 60th St., N.Y., N.Y. 10022 has a three page spread on horseshoe pitching in the January, 1976 issue.

Approximately 200,000 doctors receive the magazine each month.

Very Truly Yours,

Sol Berman, M.D.

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Horseshoe Pitchers' News Digest  
Aurora, Illinois

Dear Ellis:

Home for the National Hall of Fame Plaque?? Why isn't there a permanent home set up for the Hall of Fame for Horseshoes?? All other sports have them. I heard that a trailer is being considered to house the plaque enabling it to be transported to World Tournaments. If we are only going to show this to other horseshoe pitchers — it has no meaning. It is my opinion that it should be located in Minnesota, a central location, where the public can view it.

Herbert Okeson

Washington State Secretary

## Mailbag—Continued

Horseshoe News Digest  
Aurora, Illinois

February 2, 1976

Dear Editor:

In reply to Mr. Ernie Danielson's criticism of the Hall of Fame committee. All members of my Hall of Fame committee are "Thick-Skin", realizing that being on such a committee leaves one open to criticism. Our committee's feelings are not ruffled, we have a set of "guide lines" and try to do the best job that we can. We are very sorry that we can't accommodate everyone by nominating everyone's choice.

I would like to inform Mr. Danielson that all members that have been nominated in the past have been voted in by the membership at each annual convention.

Mr. Danielson has been misinformed that Frank Lundin, his worthy choice to the N.H.P.A. Hall of Fame, isn't being given proper consideration by the Hall of Fame committee. He said that he heard from a reliable source that Frank Lundin's name was not considered. Why couldn't Mr. Danielson get his source of information from me, as chairman of the committee? Let me give it straight to Mr. Danielson that (1st) Frank Lundin placed 8th in a field of 31 candidates for the 1975 nominations. (2nd) Frank Lundin has received votes on almost every election since the formation of the Hall of Fame. I'm sorry Mr. Danielson has been misinformed.

The Hall of Fame committee would accept a gentlemen's apology on this matter.

As chairman of the Hall of Fame committee I would appreciate a personal letter of criticism of the committee's activities. If after corresponding my explanation to a member wasn't satisfactory, perhaps then, criticism could be printed in our digest.

In the meantime the committee will function to the best of its ability until such time members are replaced by our President Wally Shipley.

Sincerely,

Bernard Herfurth, Chairman  
17 Fort Street  
Northampton, MA 01060

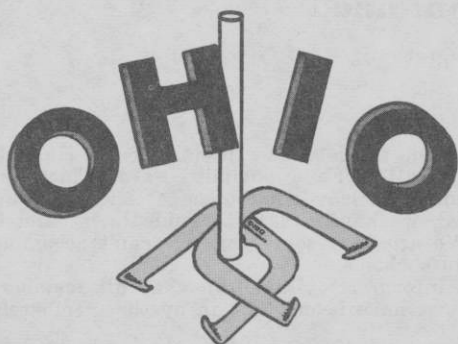
P.S. Starting last year the committee has been allowed by the membership to nominate "one old-timer" such as Frank Lundin to make sure that these worthy "old-timers" will not be forgotten.

## Schneider Tops Clark Bell Open At Baldwin Park, Calif.

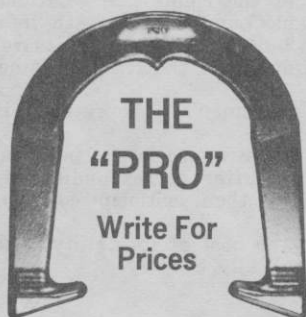
The 1976 Southern California tournament season got off to a good start as Jerry Schneider, the defending champion of this annual Open tournament, turned in some very sharp early season pitching and effectively subdued all of his opponents.

The membership turn out for this Tournament was excellent, the weather benign, and the open house hospitality of Mrs. Lucille Bell after the tournament was most enjoyable.

	W	L	%		W	L	%
J. Schneider, Anaheim ....	7	0	78.0	W. Berg Pasadena .....	2	4	53.6
J. Walker, Chula Vista ....	6	1	76.4	L. Mannebach,			
J. Weeks, Norwalk .....	5	2	69.5	Palm Springs .....	2	4	50.3
R. Hudson, San Diego .....	4	3	60.1	C. Tucker, La Jolla .....	2	4	47.8
A. Mortenson, Glendale ....	4	2	62.0	N. Flann .....	1	5	61.0
R. Randall, Barstow .....	4	2	55.2	A. Amador, Los Alamitos..	1	5	47.0
E. Brown, Anaheim .....	3	3	65.0	H. Slagg, Ontario .....	0	6	38.6
B. Cessna, Midway City ....	3	3	60.4				



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