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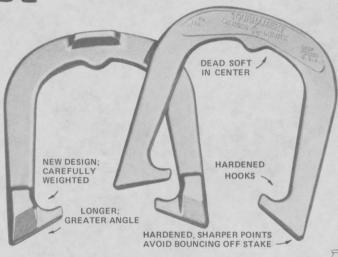


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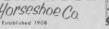
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<u>Fulogy</u> to Pale Eberhart

The NHPA, New Jersey and Horseshoes has suffered a GREAT loss in the passing of Dale Eberhart from Middlesex, New Jersey.

Dale was an outstanding NHPA Regional Director for New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland. His reports and letter writing were always prompt and interesting. Dale was the type of person who put everything into the assignment, but always willing to do more. He was 100% supporter for the sport and a perfect gentleman. I will say it again now as I told him many times before, on behalf of the NHPA thanks a million for your hard work and support. Also, thanks to his family for allowing him to be a part of Horseshoes. Those of us that knew him, deeply appreciate both of their efforts.

If there is not organized Horseshoes in Heaven by now I am sure there will be soon. If there is, it will be greatly improved with Dale's help.

I authorized a Floral in the shape of a Horseshoe be sent from the NHPA. I received a thank you card addressed to the NHPA members stating "The large Horseshoe Floral arrangement was so very beautiful."

On behalf of the NHPA and all of its affiliated clubs our deepest sympathy goes out to his wife and the entire family.

Sincerely,

Wally Shipley

NHPA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Let's welcome three new Regional Directors to the NHPA team:

Rich Paul, 2223 Third Avenue North, Great Falls, Mt. 59401. Director of East and West Montana and Wyoming. Rich is State Secretary for West Mt. He replaces Harold Bindschadler who resigned.

Claude White, 685 Stockton Place, East Orange, N.J. 07917. Director of Maryland, Delaware and New Jersey. Claude is presently Secretary for New Jersey. Replaces Dale Eberhart.

Ed Yankowske, 199 Broadway, Berlin, Wisconsin 54923. Director of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan. Ed replaces Ralph Maylahn who resigned.

Thanks to all three for accepting this very important NHPA position. Again my regards and

thanks to the Directors they replaced for their hard work and support.

Forgot to mention in the April issue Don Koso and his wife were also in attendance at the Valley of the Sun Tournament. They were really selling the game related items. He brought 400 lbs. of Horseshoes and sold them all. Good to see you and the wife, Don. Keep up the good work.

In the April Digest it was requested that all State Secretaries bring or send their State Flags. Pete Shepard still has all Flags that were on display last year. So, if we have your Flag it's not necessary to send another. Pete will clean, press and ship what Flags he has to Greenville. We would certainly appreciate receiving those Flags we don't have for they add color and prestige to the World Tournament.

The Council has approved the W.T. cash prize list and special prizes listed elsewhere in this issue along with the qualifying fees.

Agenda and trophy list will be in the June issue.

Sincerely,

Wally Shipley

COVER PICTURE... Featured this month is Ed McFarland of Conroe, Texas, an outstanding pitcher and booster of the game. He is a veteran of over 35 years of horseshoe pitching and has been the Texas champion for 16 years and is a Charter member in the Texas Hall of Fame. He has pitched in three World tournaments and currently carries a 66 percent ringer average. -- Photo by Al Ransom, San Antonio Light.

NAT'L PUBLICITY AND PROMOTION PROGRESS REPORT

By Sol Berman, Chairman

Articles of national interest including World tournament stories have been sent to all parts of the country. Excerpts to be used for local news stories. Lloyd Fredrickson, Bernard Herfurth and Pete Shepard have done a lot of work in this area.

Marge Ovellette, Information Director, Ed Domey and Pete Shepard have worked with the St. Pierre Mfg. Co. in having two more pages about the NHPA information added to their booklet that is inserted into each box of horseshoes. As a result many inquiries have been received. Diamond Tool Company has agreed to do the same thing with its booklet. Other manufacturers are to be heard from.

Lou Gancos has been working on a directory of Clubs and courts, while Col. Portt is in charge of our nation-wide raffle in which we hope to raise money for publicity, promotion and prize money. Roy Bonquartz, a free lance writer has been contacted. He wrote a recent article for Sports Illustrated called the \$100,000 Bowling Machine. He is interested in writing an article about Carl Steinfeldt and the NHPA.

A report on the meeting held on April 19 with Michael O'Hara our promoter and Richard Moore a merchandising consultant in New York will be given in a forthcoming issue of the Digest in which we hope to come up with some promotional ideas. Also of the meeting with a representative of Civitan and with Joe Goldstein our publicity man.

1977 WORLD TOURNAMENT FRIENDS OF HORSESHOES

The Darke County Horseshoe Club extends an opportunity to horseshoe pitchers from throughout the country to help finance the 1977 World Tournament in Greenville, Ohio. The club is accepting Friends of Horseshoes donations and has reserved space in the 1977 World Tournament Brochure to recognize contributors.

If you are interested in supporting the tournament in this fashion, please send your contribution to Rollin Futrell, 3468 Brumbaugh Rd., Greenville, Ohio. (If your contribution is in the form of a check, please make payable to Darke County Horseshoe Club.)

1977 WORLD TOURNAMENT PITCHING SCHEDULE

The Darke County Horseshoe Club feels an obligation to communicate with NHPA members relative to the pitching schedules planned for the Men's Championship Division. The NHPA Executive Council has approved a schedule which provides for two 18 man groups rather than one 36 man groups. Each participant will pitch 26 games rather than 35.

The Darke County Horseshoe Club did not approve of this schedule, as was indicated in the March issue of the Digest. We believe that each pitcher who qualifies for the Championship Division has earned the right to play all of the other top players. There is a thrill in pitching against present and past World Champions and occasionally the "underdog" does win. The Darke County Horseshoe Club submitted their bid for the 1977 Tournament with the belief that the same championship schedules as were used in prior years in Greenville, would be followed.

We recognize that the NHPA Executive Council has the right and responsibility of running the Tournament as efficiently as possible and in a manner that is representative of the wishes of NHPA members. As host Club we will do our best to make this the most successful Tournament ever. However, we would have much preferred the 36 man round robin schedule. We believe the majority of pitchers feel the same way.

April 4, 1977

NOTE:

The above release, for mailing to the News Digest, was approved by members of the Dark County Horseshoe Club at a special meeting on March 30, 1977. An information copy is being sent to each of the National officers.

Attest:

Attest:

Dan Schlosser

ROLLIN FUTRELL

HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE NEWS

By Bernard Herfurth

The chairman of the Hall of Fame committee plans to get the voting ballots to the committee members earlier this year so that there will be sufficient time to get the plaques engraved for presentation at the time of induction. There should never again be a delay in receiving plaques at the induction as the chairman will order plaques one year in advance.

President Wally Shipley will request the convention delegates to allow the Hall of Fame committee to elect rather than nominate candidates. No convention, to date, has ever rejected a committee nomination, however, the possibility exists. The nominees are notified well in advance and are requested to be present at the induction ceremonies. The plaques are usually engraved in advance. The possibility of a rejection to the nominee should not exist. It is hoped that the delegates will honor his request.

Our new committee member, Paul Focht, who replaced Donnie Roberts, will be voting with the committee for the first time. Donnie turned all of his Hall of Fame information to Paul, who with his long association with our sport should have no trouble voting for the candidates selected.

The Hall of Fame induction ceremonies will be held during the convention as it was last year. This allows for a larger audience of interested delegates to welcome the newly elected Hall of Fame members. This procedure will also eliminate any interference with the tournament contests.

ANNUAL MISSOURI TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS — MAY 28-29

The annual Tournament of Champions will be held on May 28 and 29 at the Phelps Grove park in Springfield, Missouri. All tournament winners of 1976 will be seeded in Class A, all others by percentages. Trophies to all winners plus cash and special prizes to others. Send entry fee of \$5.00 to Earl Winston, LaMonte, Missouri 65337.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN OPEN, JULY 23-24, BOULDER, COLORADO

The annual Rocky Mountain Open tournament will be held in Boulder, Colorado on Saturday and Sunday, July 23 and 24. Deadline for entries is July 18. Entry fee \$5.00. Class A will pay an extra dollar. All classes will play both days. NHPA card required. Send all entries to Ted Allen, 1045 Linden Ave., Boulder, Colorado 80302. Phone 303-442-1436.

ANNUAL CARTHAGE, ILLINOIS OPEN, JUNE 11

The annual Carthage Spring Open tournament will be held on Saturday, June 11 on the Jaycee park courts on the west edge of Carthage, Illinois. There will be six classes with trophies for first three places in each class. Lower classes will play in the morning beginning at 9:30 a.m. Upper classes start at 1:00 p.m. Qualifying scores are to be turned in by 9:15. Entry fee \$5.00. Advance entries may be sent with fee and score to Chalmer McClain, 717 Wabash Ave., Carthage, Ill. 62321. Phone 217-357-3427.

ANNUAL EAU CLAIRE, WIS. OPEN — JUNE 11-12

The annual Eau Claire Open tournament will be held on Saturday and Sunday, June 11 and 12 on the Carson park courts in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Send entry fee of \$6.00 for men and \$5.00 for women with 100 shoe score to Gary Olson, 1903 Hoover Ave., Eau Claire, Wisconsin 54701 before May 29. No fee for Juniors.

HAGERSTOWN, ILLINOIS OPEN TOURNEY - JUNE 11

Harold Swofford of Hagerstown, Illinois invites all pitchers to be a part of his annual Hagerstown Open tournament to be held on Saturday, June 11 in Hagerstown, 3 miles west of Vandalia on Route 140. Classes A and B will start at 10 a.m. with Classes C and D starting play at 1 p.m. Field will be limited to the first 32 paid entries. Entry fee of \$5.00 together with a 50 shoe score should be mailed to Harold Swofford, Box 102, Hagerstown, Illinois 62247. Phone 618-283-3622 not later than June 1.

BELTON, MISSOURI TEAM TOURNAMENT - OCTOBER 2, 1977

J.W. Brown and John West of Belton, Missouri will conduct a team tournament on Sunday, October on the Belton park courts in Belton, Missouri starting at 11 a.m. Entry fee will be \$5.00 per person and each entrant is to bring his own partner. It will be a double elimination contest. First place prize money to be \$50.00 or 1/2 of all money will go to the top 3 teams. Contact either J.W. Brown, 816-331-5760 or John West, 816-331-7824.

1977 WORLD TOURNAMENT BUMPER STICKERS NOW AVAILABLE

Bumper stickers promoting the 1977 World Tournament are now available to individuals for 50 cents each, including postage. Clubs may order 6 or more for 40 cents each. Requests should be mailed to Rita McEldowney, 5494 Horatio, Harris Creek Road, Greenville, Ohio 45331.

WEBB & DOUCHANT WIN HONORS IN 1976 O'FALLON, MO. MEETS

[Late Report]

The Fourth Annual Singles Tournament and the First Annual Doubles Tournament O'Fallon, Mo. were held in conjunction during last season.

The First Annual Doubles Tournament consisted of an Eight Team Round Robin pitching all games to a score of 50 points. All tied standings were settled by the involved teams final scores. 1st place was hard fought for and finally won by Charles Webb and Joe Douchant of Illinois, with a won & lost record of 6-1 with a final score of 271 points. 2nd place by Mark and Mike Lynch of Missouri with a record of 5-2 & final score of 254 points. 3rd place by Bill Courtwright & Al Ewertz of Mo. with a record of 4-3 & a score of 239 points. 4th place by Chuck Carlson of Ill. & Herb Thiel of Mo. with a record of 3-4 & a score of 239 points. 5th place by Sam Carter & Greg Marter of Mo. with a record of 3-4 & a score of 235 points. 6th place by Jim Walters & Ed Tayoan of Mo. with a record of 3-4 & a score of 231 points. 7th place by Gene & Rolly Wittlich of Ill. with a record of 3-4 & a score of 224 points. 8th place by Bob & Geo. Hoelting of Mo. with a record of 1-6 & a score of 155 points. We are planning on having two traveling trophies to be given away to the team that can repeat as the Doubles Tournament Champions for 3 years consecutively.

The Fourth Annual Singles Tournament was once again successful due to the players who were in the tournament. Practically to the man, they worked as score keepers and kept the pits turned over making the day a most enjoyable one. Thank you one and all. Remember for you players who have children, there is a playground and a large swimming pool plus a kiddie pool on top of the hill, plus barbecue pits and picnic tables for your family to enjoy.

All tied standings were decided by the players total score. All classes were 6 man round robins Champion Class 1st place Charles Webb 4-1 score 235 R% 62. 2nd place Joe Douchant 3-2 score 250 R% 57. 3rd place Sam Carter 3-2 score 247 R% 58. 4th place Rolly Wittlich 2-3 score 223 R% 56. 5th place Al Ewertz 2-3 score 184 R% 54. 6th place Mike Lynch 1-4 score 135 R% 45.

Class AAA 1st place Bill Courtwright 5-0 score 259 R% 61. 2nd place Earl Douglas 4-1 score 236 R% 50. 3rd place Gene Wittlich 3-2 score 206 R% 51. 4th place Al Forsyth 2-3 score 216 R% 42. 5th place Wm. Fahland 1-4 score 148 R% 34. 6th place Bob Hoelting 0-5 score 143 R% 34.

Class AA 1st place John Johnsen 5-0 score 151 R% 40. 2nd place Mark Lynch 4-1 score 183 R% 43. 3rd place Chuck Carlson 3-2 score 145 R% 46. 4th place Arlie Reinwald 2-3 score 159 R% 36. 5th place Roy LaBrot 1-4 score 118 R% 24. 6th place Tony Rohe 0-5 score 99 R% 26.

Class A 1st place Herb Thiel 4-1 score 182 R% 40. 2nd place Jay Davis 3-2 score 123 R% 28. 3rd place Rex Bidlake 3-2 score 154 R% 27. 4th place Dennis McHawes 3-2 score 123 R% 28. 5th place Franklin Draude 1-4 score 78 R% 17. 6th place Geo Johnsen 1-4 score 77 R% 22.

Class B 1st place Floyd Nixon 4-1 score 123 R% 26. 2nd place Gerry Dieckhaus 4-1 score 96 R% 23. 3rd place Don Grotewiel 4-1 score 95 R% 19. 4th place Vic Ohmes 2-3 score 77 R% 12. 5th place Eric Beck 1-4 score 61 R% 10. 6th place Randy Bellah 0-5 score 56 R% 10.

As you can see by the final R% of these players many of them will be in different classes in the coming 1977 tournament.

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In Memoriam

Dr. Dale Eberhart, 70, of 319 Beechwood Ave., Middlesex, N.J., died Sunday, March 20, 1977, at the Somerset Hospital in Somerville, N.J. after a courageous battle with cancer.

Born in Savannah, Ohio, he attended Ashland College in Ohio and received his PH.D. as a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Ohio State University.

He retired from the American Ayanamid Co., Bound Brook, N.J. in 1970 after 35 years as senior research chemist.

Dale was a charter member of the Middlesex Horseshoe Pitchers' Club and served as its President for 3 years including 1971 when the Middlesex Club hosted the World Tournament. He also served as President of the New Jersey State Horseshoe Pitchers' Association and as Regional Director for the National Horseshoe Pitchers Ass'n.

To his loving wife, Phyliss and children the sincere sympathy of the Middlesex club together with that of the New Jersey State Association and the National Association is extended in this their hour of bereavement.

CORMIER WINNER — MCMAHON BIG SURPRISE — DESROCHES WINS HIS FIRST AT LANDRY MEMORIAL AT HERITAGE

Paul Cormier won a 40-39 playoff thriller over Don Weik to capture top prize in the Edgar Landry Memorial at the indoor courts of Heritage Recreation Center, Sutton, Mass. The men met twice earlier, Weik winning with 78.6%, then Paul two games later with 69.4%.

In other classes Russ Gadoury, Ron Prue, and Tom Bailliff all pitched near 59% to win classes 2, 3, and 4. Ron Prue was perhaps the happiest. He had begun to wonder if he ever could come back to his "normal" average after a very disappointing year of poor tournaments. Tom Bailliff wanted back in after averaging 44% the previous week in Class 5. No one expected 58.6%. Gadoury was pleased also — for the first time in months he felt he could drop a double when he really needed it.

However, the real story of this tournament, and of the winter season thus far, is "Big" Bill McMahon. Year after year you could predict his pitching — high tournament about 33%, season's average about 29%. During the 1976 Turkey Shoot Bill pitched 35.2% and finished third in Class 6. In the Christmas Classic it was 36.5% and first place in Class 6. Now it's first place in Class 5, with 43.7%! In four games Bill pitched steady throughout. But in the other three it was a strong finishing "kick" that resulted in a clean sweep. Bill's accomplishment is the equivalent of a perennial high 60's pitcher suddenly hitting middle 70's and low 80's. Grace McMahon is no longer saying, "I can't understand it. Billy boy is so good at everything else."

Class 6 was won by Bill English with, believe it or not, sixth high average in the class. After a long dry spell, Jay Benton moved back to the winners' circle in Class 7. Mike Desroches' first comment, after winning his first tournament in Class 8 was, "Now I'm in the Tournament of Champions." 26.4% looks mighty big to a fellow who started out a year ago trying to keep his shoe in the pit. Word has just been received that Mike hit a 60% game in the Monday Night doubles league.

For the first time in five years, a storm reduced the entries in a Heritage tournament. Classes 1 and 2 were forced to play six men each. To liven things up we switched from 35 to 40 point games and inserted a position round after the third game. The one-one split by Weik and Cormier in Class 1 resulted in a third-playoff-game. Gadoury and Norman went at it twice also, in Class 2, with Gadoury pitching his best games both times. Another winter first for Heritage was a full eight mens classes scheduled, showing the continuing increase in attendance and interest.

STEINFELDT TOPS IN CLEARWATER, FLA. FUN'N SUN MEET

It took only a short while for Carl to adjust from Rochester snow to Florida sunshine and return to his normal game. In a field of the best 9 players the Clearwater Club could muster for opposition, none scored more than 19 points against Carl. His high game of 94.5% startled the crowd of Fun 'N Sun spectators who came to see the World Champ pitch in this annual March festival event. Clearwater Mayor Gabe Cazares was on hand to greet and present Carl with a "Key to the City" as well as certificate making him an honorary citizen of Clearwater. City commissioners, Miss Clearwater and a contingent of vacationing Rochester residents were also on hand to welcome Carl on his first Florida visit as World Champ. His visit was a real "shot in the arm" to horseshoes in Florida and we hope he returns again soon. A Clearwater record of 82 entries.

CLASS A — Carl Steinfeldt, Rochester, N.Y., 9-0-79.4; John Rademacher, Plant City, Fla., 7-2-68.8; Jack Fahey, Bradenton, Fl., 7-2-68.2; Ken Drury, Sarnia, Ont., 4-5-64.2; Ken Jensen, St. Joseph, Mich., 4-5-61.9; Troy Harrison, Lakeland, Fl., 4-5-59.6; Bill Keegan, Live Oak, Fl., 4-5-55.9; Marve Richmond, Pequot Lakes, Minn., 3-6-56.4; Mark Freeman, Lapeer, Mich., 3-6-55.6; Rusell Blumerick, Sterling Hts., Mich. 0-9-31.3.

CLASS B — Paul Scheub, Sarasota, 7-0-56.0; Frank Bohun, Pa., 6-1-58.3; Mickey Broughton, Tampa, 4-3-55.2; Floyd Bartley, Mich, 3-4-55.6; Dick Ferguson, Sarasota, 3-4-51.7; Joe Holland, Mich., 3-4-50.6; Jerome Boesch, Ohio, 2-5-48.4.

CLASS C — Geo. Hale, N.Y., 4-1-51.2; R. Widdersheim, 3-2-54.2; Howard Lea, Ohio, 3-2-45.7; Dick Weigel, Clearwater, 2-3-52.7; Les Long, III., 2-3-51.1; J. Peterson, Orlando, 2-3-45.7.

CLASS D — Chas. Pitton, Clearwater, 5-2-49.6; Hank Kahle, Ohio, 5-2-39.5; Hartman Knutson, New Port Richey, 5-2-40.6; Dave Baker, Melbourne, 5-2-39.9; Joe Morgan, Bradenton, 4-3-41.7; Royce Wrucke, Wis., 3-2-35.5; Geo. Fields, Largo, 1-6-18.6.

CLASS E — Reg. Smoke, Ontario, Canada, 6-1-43.0; Chuck Ogline, Bradenton, 5-2-47.5; Swen Bowman, Bradenton, 5-2-44.3; Cliff Madren, Orlando, 3-4-42.5; Frank Stites, Bradenton, 4-3-42.4; Chas. Howery, Clearwater, 3-4-37.3; M. Gillespie, Sarasota, 2-5-53.0.

CLASS F — Gene Meyers, Clearwater, 6-1-41.8; Art Graves, Clearwater, 5-2-46.3; Harry Ellenberger, Pa., 5-2-42.9; Andy Doshna, Clearwater, 4-3-40.9; Pat O'Toole, Bradenton, 3-4-39.1; Les Haley, St. Petersburg, 3-4-37.9; Harvey Johnson, III., 2-5-37.6; Gary Gardner, Ohio, 0-7-34.3.

CLASS G — R. C. Babcock, Bradenton, 7-0-43.7; M. Rodocker, Ohio, 6-1-40.6; M. Collins, Clearwater, 4-3-40.9; Al Baldwin, St. Cloud, 4-3-33.6; Mert Bice, Ontario, 3-4-32.7; Claude Bostic, Ohio, 3-4-29.0; Les Peary, Bradenton, 1-6-22.1.

CLASS H — Ed. Tausch, Bradenton, 6-1-35.8; Ivan Gilman, Wis., 5-2-31.3; Ed. Scheutz, Bradenton, 4-3-35.6; Wm. Rowse, Clearwater, 4-3-29.0; Earle Johnson, Bradenton, 3-4-22.2; Milt Myhre, Bradenton, 3-4-20.7; Glen Baker, Melbourne, 2-5-25.4; N. Gaseau, Clearwater, 1-6-24.4.

CLASS I — Lee Hoyt, Orlando, 7-0-36.2; James Shilling, Ind., 5-2-24.1; Lee Davis, Seminole, 4-3-29.1; Einar Askeland, Clearwater, 4-3-24.0; Sarge Cooke, Seminole, 3-4-19.7; Wm., Wallschlaeger, III., 3-4-17.8; H. Anderson, St. Cloud, 2-5-18.7; Kevin Wallschlaeger, III., 0-7-12.4.

CLASS J — John King, Pa., 7-0-29.6; Paul Barrette, Noranda, P.Q. Canada, 5-2-22.2; Ralph Rollins, Brooksville, 5-2-20.2; Lorne Bagnall, St. Petersburg, 4-3-17.2; Archie Carter, Bradenton, 3-4-13.1; Harold Halstead, Winter Haven, 2-5-12.1; Tom Keltner, Clearwater, 1-6-10.0.

YUKON BANK INVITATIONAL, YUKON, OKLA. JULY 9

This annual tournament will be held July 9th, and \$200.00 in cash has been donated by the First National and Yukon National Banks for prizes in class A. Entry fee \$10.00. Deadline July 1st. All lower classes will have cash prizes. All entries not received in time will be returned. Send entries to: Pat Fitzmorris, 604 Kingston Place, Yukon, Okla. 73099. Phone (405) 354-3730.

GEM SUBURBAN OPEN TOURNEY, JUNE 5, ROCKFORD, ILL.

The Gem Suburban Club of Rockford, Illinois will hold an open tournament on the club courts on Sunday, June 5 located on Rte. #2 south of Rockford, Ill. Meet starts at 10 a.m. Entry fee of \$6.00 together with a 100 shoe score should be sent to Harvey Johnson, 1315 - 24th St., Rockford, Ill. Phone 815-397-1474.

PRUE MAKES IT TWO — HOWE GETS REVENGE — DOMEY BIGGEST HAM — ALL AT HERITAGE EASTER HAM SHOOT

Ed Domey's 84.2 tops, 76% average was too much for the men in Class 1 of the Ham Shoot at Heritage Recreation Center in Sutton, Mass. Norm Rioux had to settle for ham hocks when Joe Schultz smoked him with 77.8% in the final round. Elaine Prue picked up four percent and won her second successive tournament in the Womens' Division. Rick Howe avenged his New England Championship loss to Brian Simmons with 76.9% and a 69.1 overall. Not bad for a six-month layoff.

Mel Merritt had a few bad streaks but a lot of good ones to sweep Class 2. He began with 80% and later did a nice workmanlike slaughter job on Russ Gadoury, avenging a couple of recent league losses. Ray Peloquin, pitching in Class 2 for the first time, hit a personal high 70% game. Gardner Alden opened Class 3 proceedings with 70.8% and won five more games to finish on top with a new high, 54.1%.

Gil Lee won playoff games over Bill Knowles and Joe Grillo to step back into the winner's circle in Class 4. Never trust a guy who's hurting. Still recovering from pulled chest muscles, Joe Grillo fired a class high 66.7 in his second game. New Jersey's John Cottell parlayed six wins into a Class 5 championship ham. Only a 9 percent spread between his high and low games.

Bill Davis has a 32% league average. So what's he doing pitching a 65% game while winning Class 6? Heritage's "Star of the Week" award goes to Mike Desroches who has racked up 14 straight wins. He broke last month's new high, 26.4%, with 32.6% to win Class 7. Tony Nacewicz was untouchable in Class 8, and his 29.0% average looks a lot better than recent past performances. Bart Sargent doesn't look at the high side of 25% too often. So why did St. Moritz's new president have to pitch 41.3% against his Vice President?

MENS' CLASS 1 — Ed Domey, MA, 7-0-76.0; Norm Rioux, CT, 6-1-67.2; Joe Schultz, NY, 5-2-67.7; Charles Richardson, MA, 4-3-64.6; Bernard Davis, Sr., NH, 3-4-65.8; Art Tyson, NY, 3-4-63.5; George Trabucchi, CT, 2-5-64.2; Bob Traquair, NH, 1-6-63.3; Russ Sweeney, MA, 1-7-57.2.

WOMENS' CLASS — Elaine Prue, MA, 3-1-26.3; Virginia Alden, MA, 2-2-21.9; Peg Degrenier, NY, 2-2-17.5; Cam Shepard, MA, 2-2-15.0; Anne Domey, MA, 1-3-19.4.

BOYS' CLASS — Rick Howe, MA, 5-0-69.1; Brian Simmons, ME, 4-1-66.5; Joe Merritt, MA, 3-2-56.6; Jeff Bochese, CT, 2-3-55.2; David Martin, MA, 1-4-40.0; Paul Domey, MA, 0-5-31.8.

MENS' CLASS 2 — Mel merritt, MA, 7-0-60.1; Bill Saunders, NH, 5-2-59.5; Ray Peloquin, MA, 5-3-52.8; Al Boudreau, NH, 4-3-48.3; Paul Schultz, NY, 4-3-48.0; Russ Gadoury, MA, 3-4-51.3; Amos Whitaker, MA, 2-5-42.2; Dan Beane, MA, 1-6-47.1; Fran Norman, MA, 1-6-37.1.

CLASS 3 — Gardner Alden, MA, 6-1-54.1; John Paramenter, MA, 5-2-47.0; Sam Raymond, NH, 5-2-45.3; Ron Prue, MA, 4-3-49.0; Jerry Sojda, NY, 3-4-45.9; Joe Pepi, MA, 3-4-42.6; Bill Levesque, MA, 2-5-46.7; Paul Dumont, MA, 0-7-39.8.

CLASS 4 — Gil Lee, CT, 5-2-47.2; Joe Grillo, MA, 5-2-47.3; Bill Knowles, MA, 5-2-42.6; Bill White, MA, 4-3-48.6; Joe Guy, MA, 4-3-39.0; Ed Tyler, CT, 3-4-39.2; Ray Benson, VT, 3-5-29.7; George Prokolkin, CT, 2-5-34.6; Bob Martin, MA, 1-6-32.6. Playoff: Lee, 38 (42.1%): Knowles, 24 (34.2%): Lee 37 (45.0%): Grillo 29 (40%).

CLASS 5 — John Cottell, NJ, 6-1-34.9; Ray Degrenier, NY, 5-2-39.1; Bill Dickinson, MA, 5-2-37.0; Dave Poole, MA, 3-4-34.5; Real Chenette, MA, 3-4-29.5; Bill McMahon, MA, 3-4-25.6; Bill Dupont, MA, 2-5-27.8; Ralph Lacerte, MA, 1-6-23.3.

CLASS 6 — Bill Davis, MA, 5-1-39.6; Jay Benton, CT, 4-2-28.5; Dick Shepard, MA, 3-3-32.3; Joe Szlozek, MA, 3-3-28.0; Don Fales, NH, 3-3-26.2; Al Doucette, MA, 2-4-29.1; Hub Sasse, MA, 1-5-19.5; Joe Pepi (pacer) - - 49.1.

CLASS 7 — Mike Desroches, MA, 7-0-32.6; Brian Turcotte, MA, 4-3-26.1; Bob Perham, MA, 3-4-24.6; Harry Schricker, MA, 3-4-24.5; Moe Farmer, MA, 3-4-22.2; Jim Laliberte, MA, 3-4-21.0; Don Moreau, NH, 3-4-20.5; Buddy Ploof, MA, 2-5-22.3.

CLASS 8 — Tony Nacewicz, MA, 7-0-29.0; Jim Taverna, MA, 5-2-23.1; Bart Sargent, MA, 4-3-23.1; Dennis Reardon, MA, 3-4-23.4; Ed Harrington, MA, 3-4-16.5; J.H. Styles, NH, 3-4-15.4; Ed Hamilton, MA, 2-5-16.3; Dick O'Brien, MA, 1-6-16.8.

COMMENTARY ON THE ANNUAL VALLEY OF THE SUN TOURNAMENT AT MESA, ARIZONA

By Paul Aurand, 3646 Herman, San Diego, California

This year there was an unprecedented number of entries in this popular and important early season outdoor horseshoe tournament held in the Southwest. The winners and various highlights of this event have already been reported, so that the writer's observations will be confined to what he considers to be certain faults in the procedure of admitting players and in the condition of one of the substitute court facilities, the use of which presumable was made necessary because of a limitation presented as to the number of players able to use the main 12-court facility.

The writer feels that the tournament director and his assistants are deserving of considerable commendation in making certain late adjustments to handle the fine turn-out. He raises two

questions, however:

1) Why were some horseshoe pitchers with low averages, as opposed to those with averages a little higher, not allowed to play in the tournament even though their entry fees were sent in well in advance of the tournament date?

2) Why was a sub-standard horseshoe court facility, located nearly 30 miles from Mesa and lacking in nearby refreshment and restroom accommodations, assigned to some of the lower average players when, during this time, a well-kept and standard horseshoe court facility located relatively near the main one was being used for the tournament, with 4 of these courts remaining idle?

In making these few comments on this fine tournament, the writer emphasizes the non-professional aspect of this event and the extreme caution that should be used to avoid showing preferential treatment for the higher average players. He welcomes any comments or observations which hopefully would not be confined to this particular event, but in the broader sense would contribute in some measure to the worthy cause of the grand old game of horseshoe pitching.

BAKER WINS ICE-BREAKER OPEN AT HUNTSVILLE, ALA.

The Alabama State Association began its 1977 tournament schedule in full gear at Brahan Springs park courts at Huntsville, Alabama on March 26.

Carl Baker squeezed by the current Madison County champion, Marion Price, by 3 percentage points to capture first place. As there was only the one class, the scores were wide spread near the lower end of the class.

Carl Baker, 6-1; Marion Price, 6-1; Donald Jones, 5-2; Fred Betterton, 4-3; Navace Lee, 3-4; Gary Floyd, 3-4; Bobby Gentry, 1-7; Ose Veesey, 0-7.

ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY OPEN, MAY 30, PEORIA, ILL.

The Peoria Horseshoe Club will hold its 4th Annual Memorial Day Open at the Bradley Park courts on Monday, May 30. There will be eight 8-man classes with Classes E, F, G and H beginning at 9 a.m. The upper four classes will begin pitching at 1 p.m. The entry fee will be \$5.00, payable at the courts. Trophies will be awarded to the top three pitchers in classes A & B will pay \$3.00 each in to a prize fund to be distributed to the top three pitchers in their respective classes. Mail or call 100 shoe qualifying score to Bob Switzer, 2811 W. James Rd., Peoria, IL 61614, 309-691-2521. Entries will be limited to the top 64 qualifiers.

HILLSBORO, KANSAS OPEN TOURNAMENT MAY 22

The fourth annual Hillsboro Open tournament will be held on the Memorial park courts in Hillsboro, Kansas on Sunday, May 22 starting at 9 a.m. The first 48 entries will be accepted. Entries close May 20. Women's and Junior's classes only if 4 or more entries are received in each class. These two classes will follow after the men's divisions. Cash prizes for Classes A, B, and C. Trophies for Classes D, E, F. Send highest 1976 percentage and \$5.00 entry fee to Herb Schroeder, Box 66, Goessel, Kansas 67053. Phone 316-367-2211.

PROV. OF SASKATCHEWAN INAUGURATES HALL OF FAME

Province of Saskatchewan, Canada, inaugurated its Hall of Fame in October 1976 - Three charter members of the newly formed Hall of Fame were inducted at the first annual general meeting of the Saskatchewan Horseshoe Players Association held at Preeceville, Saskatchewan, on October 16, 1976. The three members are Ben Meberg, Preeceville, Saskatchewan; William Mountenay, Bethune, Saskatchewan; and Arthur E. Adams, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. A short history follows:

BEN MEBERG - Born January 12, 1892, near Capetown, South Africa. With the threat of the Boer war on the horizon, the Meberg family moved to Norway in 1897. They later moved to the United States in 1910. In 1918 they moved to Canada settling in the Preeceville area. Ben has resided in the Preeceville area from 1918 to the present date. He started playing horseshoes during the 1920's and later became one of Saskatchewan's top pitchers, winning the northern Saskatchewan championship in 1956. He teamed up with Sverre Holms, in 1971 - a record 45 years of partnership in various tournaments throughout the Province. Ben was the main force in starting and organizing the Sportsman Club of Preeceville in 1947, being its first president. He was instrumental in renewing Provincial playoffs in 1956. They had been previously played in Regina and Saskatoon with 1944 the last known year recorded. He is not an active player now but continues to be interested in the sport and appears at most local tournaments as a spectator.

WILLIAM MOUNTENAY - Born September 19, 1892 in Bruce, Ontario. He came to Bethune, Saskatchewan, in 1906, moved to Regina in 1928, then back to Bethune in 1947. Mountenay was a barber by trade. He began pitching horseshoes during the 1920's and in the year 1931 won the Southern championship in Regina. He was one of Western Canada's greatest pitchers averaging 80% ringers in the 1930's. He won the Provincial championship 8 times between 1931 and 1950. In 1931 the President of the Canadian Horseshoe Pitchers Association toured Western Canada looking for top pitchers to participate in the Canadian championships to be held in Toronto, Canada. Mountenay threw 87 ringers out of 100 shoes, 55 consecutive, and easily qualified to go East. However, the economic situation in Western Canada at that time prevented Mountenay from competing. He is still active in competition to this date and played in the 1976 Men's Provincial Seniors event.

ARTHUR E. ADAMS - Born February 5, 1894, in Chestnut, England. In 1906 he came to Moncton, New Brunswick with his parents and migrated to Western Canada in 1909 where he homesteaded near Saskatoon. He moved to Saskatoon in 1921 where he started a very successful business and career in masonry contracting. He started playing horseshoes in 1925 and won his first tournament at Biggar, Saskatchewan, in 1928. He won the city of Saskatoon championship from 1931 to 1942 inclusive with a ringer percentage between 80 and 85. He was the Province of Saskatchewan singles champion from 1933 to 1944 inclusive, again with a ringer percentage of between 80 and 85. In 1938 he competed in the Canadian championships in Toronto, Ontario and missed qualifying for the final round robin series having lost two games by 30-28 scores in his group but had the highest group ringer percent. His last tournament win was the Northern Saskatchewan championship in 1958 at Waskesiu, Saskatchewan. Total years as an active player was 33. He has been a member of the NHPA since 1961 but was receiving the News Digest for many years prior to that date. He was a Canadian contact for Harry T. Woodfield, Hyattsville, Maryland, former editor of Horseshoe News.

He formed the first indoor horseshoe club in Saskatoon and Western Canada in 1930 which allowed players to pitch all year round. This club, a 4 court layout, operated continuously from 1930 to 1935 when it had to be dismantled for real estate improvements.

He was considered an expert in throwing horseshoes and performed such acts as: Throwing on a regular court, he would throw 2 shoes at the stake with the second thrown shoe landing on the stake before the first thrown shoe landed on the stake. Placing a chair over the stake and having a person sitting on the chair with his legs one on each side of the chair, he could pitch 4 shoes consecutively making a ringer on each front chair leg and two ringers on the stake. Placing a normal 45 gallon oil drum 3 feet in front of the stake and touching the outside edge of the foul line. Standing in the centre at one end of a 4 court layout (courts 10 feet apart) he threw 4 shoes consecutively, making a ringer on each of the 4 opposite stakes. He was able to pitch 9 shoes on the same stake before the 10th shoe pulled one or two shoes off. This was done with the no-hook shoes. He was undoubtedly one of the outstanding horseshoe players in Canada during his prime years of playing.

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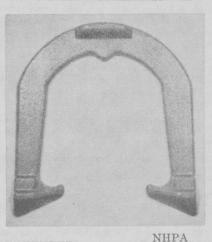
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BAUGHN & TATMAN SWEEP MARCH OPEN AT RUSHVILLE, IND.

Reece Baughn swept through all 7 games of Class A with ease, while hitting the high game of 87.5%. David Tatman won Class B with little trouble.

CLASS A — Reece Baughn, New Castle, 7-0-74.5; Estel Bills, Connersville, 5-2-60.3; Bob May, Glenwood, 4-3-65.6; Bob Wells, Jackson, Mich., 4-3-59.5; George Sales, New Castle, 4-3-59.4; Clarence Andrews, Centerville, 3-4-52.5; Lloyd Karstens, Rushville, 1-6-29.9; Kenny Perkins, Rushville, 0-7-39.4.

CLASS B — David Tatman, Greensburg, 7-0-44.7; Henry Franke, Centralia, III., 6-1-51.9; Sam Huffman, 5-2-44.5; Dick Dearinger, Rushville, 4-3-38.6; Lloyd Karstens, Rushville, 3-4-32.3; Tim Tatman, Hartsville, 2-5-28.9; Larry Bills, Rushville, 1-6-20.

WOMENS' CLASS — Judy White, Elwood, 6-0-44.5; Lorna Bills I, Rushville, 3-3-26.3; Dorothy Bills, Rushville, 3-3-26.

JUNIOR CLASS A — Mark Shepard, Rushville, 3-0-32.3; Steve Bills, Connersville, 2-1-32.7; Todd Alexander, Centerville, 1-2-22.9.

JUNIOR CLASS B — Shelly Wells, Jackson, Mich., 2-0-31; Phil Bills, Connersville, 1-1-15; Alicia Wells, Jackson, Mich., 0-2-11.

HEBRON OPEN TOURNAMENT - JUNE 18-19 - HEBRON, OHIO

The annual Hebron Open tournament will be held on Saturday and Sunday, June 18-19 at Hebron, Ohio. NHPA card is required. There will also be a Boys' tournament. Send entry fee of \$5.00 and ringer percentage to Lester Hite, 7915 Loudon Street, Rte. #2, Johnstown, Ohio 43031. Phone: 614-967-7113, or Mearle Bannister, Rte. #2, Thornville, Ohio 43076. Phone: 614-323-1592. Deadline for entry, June 11.

GRAHAM OVER McFARLAND FOR SHAMROCK (TEX.) OPEN

Bob Graham from Houston defeated Ed McFarland of Conroe in their pitch off to cap off a perfect 9-0 mark in winning his third straight Shamrock Open tournament. McFarland forced Graham to pitch an extra 7 frames in their game before dropping the close contest 36-31, and took second with an 8-1 record. Bill Campbell from Houston powered his way to third place on the strangth of a 5-4, 58.4% day, his best in Texas.

It was a perfect afternoon for the weather, bar-b-que and the groundskeeper - Bruney, Tillman, & Binge who did an excellent job. In Class B, Jack Campbell from Houston reversed a bunch of ringers on the stake to win over Jeff Gaston. Bob Emerson flipped his way to a perfect record in winning Class C over Nolan Morris of Arlington who had a fine 31.1%. In Class D, Bobby Williams took first with a 7-1 over Terrell Wilkinson. Lake Parlett of San Antonio had a perfect 7-0 mark to win Class E with young Joey Pizzini taking second. Class F action saw Dave Garcia take first over Joe Girard.

CLASS A — Bob Graham, 9-0-65.4; Ed McFarland, 8-1-64.1; Bill Campbell, 5-4-58.4; Bobby McCharen, 5-4-52.6; Archie Roach, 5-4-50.8; Jim Woodson, 4-5-50.4; Rod Hatton, 3-6-40.3; Zack Campbell, 3-6-36.0; Jim Burrow, 2-7-42.4; Marvin Burgess, 1-8-37.8.

CLASS B — J. Campbell, 6-1-49.1; Jeff Gaston, 5-2-41.7; H. Mineer, 4-2-41.3; S. Smith, 3-3-45.6; T. Tillman, 3-2-40.5; J. Noll, 3-2-39.2; J. Morrell, 3-2-34.8; G. Morris, 2-3-42.8; V. Callow, 1-4-39.6; B. Binge, 1-4-36.0; C. Zarnicki, 1-4-33.6; L. Gardner, 1-4-30.8.

CLASS C — B. Emerson, 7-0; N. Morris, 5-2; A. Anderson, 4-2; B. Williams, 3-3; C. Evilsizer, 3-2; B. Alexander, 3-2; R. Gettier, 3-2; C. Jenschke, 2-3; W. Bruney, 2-3; J. Pizzini, 1-4; L. McCaughey, 1-4; H. Burnett, 0-5.

CLASS D — Williams, 7-1; Wilkinson, 5-3; Johnson, 5-3; Roberds, 4-4; Lloyd, 4-4; Webb, 4-4; P. Emerson, 3-5; McCaughey, 2-6; Parlett, 2-6.

CLASS E — L. Parlett, 7-0; J. Pizzini, 6-1; Kunz, 4-3; L. Shelton, 3-4; Noll, Sr., 3-4; Shivers, 3-5; Partlow, 2-5; Chapman, 0-7.

CLASS F — Garcia, 5-1; Girard, 4-2; De La Rosa, 3-2; Little, 2-3; Filizola, 2-3; Appel, 0-5.

J. WOOD TOP MAN IN JOHN GALL SPECIAL AT PINECREST

Wood and Holland were both undefeated until they met in the last game. Jerry winning by only 4 points. Bill and Jerry had high games of 84%.

Henry Franke was too tough a competitor in Class B. Jr. Guthrie won over Bill Lewis in a playoff in Class C. Ed Howdeshell winning Class D, while Judy White and Steve Gall won their respective classes, Women and Juniors.

CLASS A — Jerry Wood, PIHC, 5-0-77.2; Bill Holland, Ind'polis, 4-1-74.4; John LeMond, Anderson, 2-3-69; Frank Baxter, Tipton, 2-3-66.8; John Gall, Anderson, 2-3-64; Charles West, Elwood, 0-5-38.

CLASS B — Henry Franke, Centralia, III., 6-1-58; Dan Dunn, Kokomo, 5-2-54.2; Ed Weyer, Ferdinand, 5-2-48.8; Max Gunyon, Frankfort, 4-3-53.4; Charles Batts, Holland, 3-4-49.7; J. W. Cox, Wabash, 3-4-49.1; Les Moore, Forest, 1-6-44.5; Doyle Mink, Ind'polis, 1-6-43.7.

CLASS C — Jr. Guthrie, Bremen, 6-1-48.8; Bill Lewis, Elwood, 6-1-46; Elmer Branson, Gaston, 4-3-40.5; Sylvester Hahn, Elwood, 3-4-42.5; Bob Henderson, Elwood, 3-4-36.4; Pat Kluesner, Jasper, 3-4-36; Gilbert Campbell, Kokomo, 2-5-44; Butch Hahn, Elwood, 1-6-23.7.

CLASS D — Ed Howdeshell, Rochester, 7-0-38.4; Sam Huffman, Rushville, 5-2-43.4; David Towell, Richfield, III., 5-2-37.3; Al Whitmore, N. Manchester, 5-2-33.6; Lloyd Karstens, Rushville, 3-4-29.6; Al Bills, Sr., Rushville, 2-5-23; Tony Gall, Anderson, 1-6-19.3; Andy Gall, Anderson, Forfeit.

WOMENS' CLASS — Judy White, Elwood, 6-0-49.3; Dorothy Bills, Rushville, 3-3-32.3; Lorna Bills I, Rushville, 3-3-27.6; Myrna Henderson, Elwood, 0-6-28.

JUNIOR CLASS - Steve Gall, Anderson, 2-0-27; Todd Henderson, 0-2-11.

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

Walter Mrozak of Connecticut



By Joe Festa

One of my most interesting personalities is Walter Mrozak of 94 Pleasant Drive, Hamden, Connecticut. To see him he gives you the impression of a man 55-60 years of age although he is 70 years old. He is an active member of the Connecticut Association and of the NHPA.

He introduced me to the game of horseshoes after having participated previously in all sports, football, basketball, boxing and others and did not think that horseshoe pitching would bring me any enjoyment or particular interest. However, thanks to his urging, and interest I would not play any other game today but horseshoes.

He helped me build my pro court and helped many others in local clubs over-seeing proper lighting, use of right clay and many other details that go into the game.

He has participated in all the New England tournaments and has visited World tournaments taking part in the Intermediate and Senior divisions.

This man has given of himself in that he has purposely kept out of Connecticut tournaments so that he might direct, give advice and help anyone and care for the courts while tournaments are in progress. The game needs more men like Walter Mrozak with the love and devotion that he lends to this wonderful sport.

We salute "Mr. Horseshoes" of Connecticut.

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TO HOLD TWO OPEN TOURNAMENTS AT PITTSFIELD, ILL.

The Pittsfield, Illinois club will conduct two open tournaments beginning on June 25 and the second one on September 10. Tournament will be held on the new 12 court layout in Kings park in Pittsfield. Qualifying score with entry fee of \$5.00 should be sent to Lynn Lyman, 335 Cherry Street, Pittsfield, Illinois 62363 previous to tournament date. Round robin play starts at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 25 continuing until all eight classes of six men groups are completed. Same qualifying and playing requirements in effect for the September 10th tournament.

JACK FAHEY WINS SEMINOLE, FLORIDA POW-WOW OPEN

The fourth annual Seminole, Florida Pow-Wow horseshoe tournament was a smooth running, well managed tournament. Several entries had to be denied because of limited courts and lack of lighting. The players that did participate had a great day. Ringers clanging rang loud and clear in tune with the passing bands of the Pow-Wow Parade: hawkers and actors of the Florida Rangers Western Show matched voices and noise with the calling of scores by pitchers to the scorers. The heavy odor of barbecuing chicken lingered over the courts. A more perfect day would be next to impossible.

Amid all this, came a colorful figure by the name of "Kentucky Jack Fahey" in his most patriotic dress to win all his games and become the tournament champion. Jack has won 11 tournaments in Florida and is becoming a hard man to beat. His name is now engraved on the Mayor's Trophy that is hanging in the Seminole Mayor's office at Seminole City Hall. Taking second place honors is a fine competitor in Richmond from Minn. Fahey's average of 71.5% was the highest recorded to date in this tournament. Since this tournament was started four years ago no individual has won it twice. Mayor Gene Neff and Councilman-Recreational Director William Cheetham were on hand to present the awards.

A grand day was had by all and the Seminole Club would like to thank all those fine men that pitched in and assisted in the scoring, spading of the courts, posting of records, and the many little things that go into making a tournament a success venture. N.H.P.A. Vice Presidents Leo McGrath and John Rademacher were also present and their assistance was greatly appreciated. We bid you all to come back again next year for a bigger and better affair. Our humble apology for the promised mini-bus that never arrived.

UNIT 1 — Jack Fahey, Bradenton, 5-0-71.5; Marv. Richmond, Minn., 4-1-60.4; Mark Freeman, Mich., 2-3-59.2; Ken Drury, Canada, 2-3-57.3; Paul Scheub, Sarasota, 2-3-52.1; Frank Bohun, Penn., 0-5-57.7.

UNIT 2 — Abe Austin, III., 5-0-52.9; Floyd Bartley, Mich., 4-1-58.5; Dick Ferguson, Sarasota, 3-2-53.6; Duaine Whitmer, Winter Haven, 2-3-46.7; Leo Fitzpatrick, 1-4-48.6.

UNIT3 — Bob Widdersheim, Clearwater, 4-1-48.5; Joe Holland, Mich., 4-1-57.5; Dick Weigel, Clearwater, 3-2-52.5; Les Long, III., 2-3-48.0; Charles Pitton, Clearwater, 1-4-44.1; Hank Kahle, Ohio, 1-4-43.3.

UNIT4 — Leland Jones, 4-1-49.6; Frank Stites, Bradenton, 3-2-49.2; Royce Wrucke, Wis., 3-2-46.3; Henry Mullet, Sarasota, 2-3-43.6; Joe Morgan, Ind., 2-3-36.5; Swen Bowman, Wis., 1-4-33.5.

UNIT5 — Harvey Johnson, III., 5-0-44.9; Gene Meyers, Clearwater, 3-2-35.6; Charles Howery, Clearwater, 2-3-38.1; Marion Collins, Dunedin, 2-3-36.9; Pat O'Toole, Canada, 2-3-32.3; Cris Miller, 1-4-34.7.

UNIT6 — Andy Doshna, Clearwater, 5-0-42.9; Speed Gillespie, Ind., 4-1-44.9; R. C. Babcock, III., 3-2-39.0; M. Rodocker, Ohio, 2-3-36.3; Walter House, Sarasota, 1-4-33.9; Oscar Gaudette, New Smyrna, 0-5-32.9.

UNIT 7 — Myhre, Milt, Bradenton, 4-1-29.8; Earl Johnson, Bradenton, 4-1-27.5; Ivan Gilman, Wis., 3-2-25.2; Ed Scheutz, Bradenton, 2-3-29.7; Ed Tausch, Bradenton, 2-3-23.9; Don Preston, Ohio, 0-5-25.2.

UNIT 8 — Jim Fourman, Ohio, 4-0-33.5; Bill Rowse, 2-2-29.7; Norman Gaseau, Clearwater, 2-2-23.8; Bill Wallschlaeger, III., 1-3-26.1; Earl Colgan, III., 1-3-21.8.

UNIT 9 — John King, Penn., 5-0-27.7; Bill Diehl, Canada, 4-1-18.3; Paul Barrette, Canada, 3-2-20.3; Ralph Rollins, Maine, 2-3-20.9; Frank Gottorff, Madeira Bch., 1-4-14.3; Archie Carter, III., 0-5-10.0.

"PROPOSED BY-LAWS CHANGE"

By Russell Sweeney of Mass.

I have submitted a proposed change to Rule 14, Sections a & b for the consideration of the delegates at the coming 1977 convention. The changes are as follows:

Section a: NOW READS "A regulation game shall consist of (50) points in all contests where a National title is involved. Any other contests may be decided in any manner acceptable if National Rules, Constitution and By-Laws are not violated".

PROPOSED CHANGE, delete the present text and substitute: "At the World Tournament a regulation game and the method of play for all contestants shall be as determined by a majority vote of the Executive Council".

Section b: NOW READS "Game points in other Tournaments, leagues or contests may be determined by local authorities to fit their conditions".

PROPOSED CHANGE, delete the present text and substitute: "A regulation game in other Tournaments, leagues or contests may be determined by local authorities in any manner acceptable if National Rules, Constitution and By-Laws are not violated".

There are many reasons for submitting this proposal, most of which you are aware of. Some of the more important ones are:

1. The Executive Council should be allowed to negotiate with the W.T. host with no restrictions and formulate a playing schedule that would be in the best interests of promoting the N.H.P.A. and yet be satisfactory to the majority of its members.

2. Our past and present methods of play in championship classes tend to create playing sssions that are too lengthy, especially the mens class. Many of our interested members find it quite tiring, as spectators, to sit through one full evening of play, not to mention five or six consecutive evenings. We continually have high hopes of attracting local spectators and the news media but never will with our present policy and offerings. Should we really expect the general public to be enthusiastic, when in fact many of us find it difficult to be?

3. Championship play offs consistently have been starting too late and running too long, after which the final presentations are made. Too few people are in attendance for the climax of this tournament. Does that not disturb you? It should if you are interested in the promotion of our sport.

4. The past scheduling does not properly allow for inclement weather postponements, except for running beyond the scheduled dates. Passage of this change will not in itself eliminate this problem but it could possibly remove another restriction.

If the delegates approve of this change, it would merely grant to the Executive Council the authority to exercise other options of play. There are many alternate methods of conducting this tournament and it is evident that the Council is considering and implementing some.

I believe we are now recognizing the fact that the manner in which things have been done in the past are not necessarily the better way. We have all read much about the pros and cons of limited shoe games and shorter point games. We in Massachusetts have been quite open minded on this subject and have experimented with several options. Our attitude toward changes in tournament play was not a "let's get it over with" one, but one with goal to reduce the length of playing time to something more reasonable and desirable. The majority of players favor a (35) or (40) point game.

I have asked a number of times of people as to the history of the (50) point game. I have been unable to learn why the (50) point game was established. Was it merely because it was half of one hundred? I would like response to this question, in the Digest, from those that have the difficulty accepting a point game of a number other than (50). I have been in attendance when our president has requested of our mens championship class that they consider a shorter length of game than (50) points, the result by the majority has been negative.

What is the reasoning behind these rejections? Are these rejections to something different in the best interests of promoting our sport? I would be most interested in the responses of our championship players and extend to them the opportunity to make us all more knowledgeable.

PROPOSED CHANGES — (Continued)

I requested this be published at an early date in order to allow time for rebuttal. I would prefer any responses be printed in the Digest for the benefit of all. Communicate your feelings to your delegates in order to better prepare them for the voting on this proposed change.

Many changes in our World Tournament are long overdue. If we can free the hands of the Executive Council, I'm sure they will come forward with a more reasonable and beneficial schedule and method of play. A favorable response to this change will be an assist to reach that goal.

Submitted by,

c/c Wally Shipley - Pres. N.H.P.A. Peter Sheperd - N.E. Reg. Director Russell J. Sweeney 114 Montclair Avenue N. Quincy, MA 02171

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KUGLER WINS ANNUAL GREENVILLE, OHIO SNOWBALL OPEN

Ken Kugler of Hamilton, Ohio posted a perfect 5-0 record to win the Men's Class A competition in the annual Snowball Open held at Greenville, Ohio in February.

Helen Roberts of Lucasville, Ohio also posted a perfect 5-0 record to successfully defend her title as Ladies Class A Champion.

CLASS A — Ken Kugler, 5-0-68.7; Dick Carpenter, 4-1-68.9; Joe Pillion, 3-2-62.0; Tom McEldowney, 2-3-62.4; Carl Young, 1-4-56.3; Gary Roberts, Forfeit.

CLASS B — Elmer Harrison, *4-1-59.9; John Napier, *4-1-64.6; Knute Wagonfield, 2-3-56.8; Jim McCombs, 2-3-53.2; Gary Kline, 2-3-51.9; Earl Waggoner, 1-4-48.9. *Playoff.

CLASS C — Lester Rose, *4-1-54.5; Earl Noe, *4-1-59.4; Ottie Reno, 3-2-51.7; Bob Chappel, 2-3-50.3; Ken Waggoner, 1-4-48.7; Dave Rose, 1-4-46.5. *Playoff.

CLASS D — Rollin Futrell, 4-1-48.4; Francis Asher, 3-2-51.9; Estill Glass, 3-2-48.6; Jack Wilson, 3-2-47.5; Don Stump, 2-3-41.0; Al Davis, 0-5-36.7.

CLASS E — Jim Linville, 5-0-55.7; Dale Buckingham, 3-2-50.3; Cliff Hannah, 3-2-45.8; Bob Detrick, 2-3-41.9; Dale Dombrowsky, 2-3-41.5; Jerry Schaffner, Forfeit.

CLASS F — Herman May, *4-1-33.6; Clarence Duncan, *4-1-31.4; Bill Kuhn, 2-3-33.0; George Neff, 2-3-29.5; Tony Sullenbarger, 2-3-29.5; G. Gardner, 1-4-31.1. *Playoff.

CLASS G — Edwin Ehemann, *4-1-21.5; Fritz Worner, *4-1-16.8; Jerry Williams, *4-1-20.6; Harold Cole, 2-3-13.5; Ken Moehl, 1-4-12.9; Neil Teaford, 0-5-6.8. *Playoff.

WOMEN'S CLASS A — Helen Roberts, 5-0-68.3; Katheryn Harrison, 4-1-70.3; Janet Reno, 3-2-59.2; Jackie McCombs, 2-3-47.3; Ruth Kirk, 1-4-48.8; Avanelle Brown, 0-5-28.9.

GREENVILLE, OHIO RINGER CLASSIC — JULY 1-2-3-4

The Darke County Horseshoe Club has announced that a \$200 first prize will be awarded the winner of the 1977 Ringer Classic.

The Ringer Classic will be pitched from Friday, July 1 through Monday, July 4 at the City Park Courts in Greenville, Ohio, site of the 1977 World Tournament.

All pitchers (except Juniors) must qualify for this tournament by pitching 100 shoes. The current World and Ringer Classic Defending Champions are exempt from qualifying. Courts will be open for qualifying Friday, June 1 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and Saturday, July 2 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Men who have not qualified by 12:00 noon on Saturday may qualify at the fairgrounds courts from noon until 2:00 p.m.

Women must qualify before 12:00 noon deadline on Saturday, July 2.

Men and juniors must be signed in by 12:00 noon on Saturday.

Women and juniors will begin pitching in competition at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday. The lower mens' classes will pitch Saturday evening.

NOTE: ALL TIMES STATED ARE LOCAL TIME [EASTERN DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME].

REOUALIFYING WILL NOT BE PERMITTED.

Entry fee will be \$7.50 for men and women. Pitchers who qualify for Class A in the Men's Division will be required to pay an additional \$5.00 while those in Class B will pay an additional \$2.00.

A current NHPA membership card will be required.

Two trophies will be awarded in each class. A trophy will be awarded to the highest qualifier. Requests for tournament information should be directed to Harold Anthony, Route 2, Arcanum, Ohio 45304 or Jerry Williams, 104 Belair Drive, Greenville, Ohio 45331.

N.B. CLARK WINS EARLY WINTER MONTANA OPEN

With the weather man cooperating to allow traveling, N. B. Clark of McLeod, Montana took top honors in an early winter indoor open tournament held in Montana. All games were 60 shoes or 50 points with the last point option. Clark had the longest game of 76 shoes over J. Belzer. Shortest game went to Belzer over B. Ford with 26 shoes. This was Ford's first attempt after being out of action for 3 years. He wond second place in Class A.

CLASS A — N. Clark, McLeod, 5-2-47.1; B. Ford, Bozeman, 5-2-42.8; J. Belzer, Bozeman, 4-3-48.3; F. Rada, Choteau, 4-3-44.4; D. Holbert, Billings, 3-4-47.4; I. Kershner, Bozeman, 3-4-42.5; S. Smith, Manhattan, 3-4-39.5; H. Lartch, Gt. Falls, 1-6-32.6.

CLASS B — H. Hefty, Bozeman, 6-1-40.6; R. Paul, Gt. Falls, 6-1-39.3; K. Harman, Bozeman, 4-3-41.1; K. Willis, Laurel, 4-3-31.6; W. Willis, Billings, 4-3-26.7; S. DeBoer, Manhattan, 3-4-32.8; T. Veltkamp, Manhattan, 1-6-22.4; G. Warwood, Bozeman, 0-7-26.9.

CLASS C — R. Casad, Billings, 7-0-36.7; H. Van Winkle, Bozeman, 5-2-30.3; H. Philhower, Laurel, 4-3-24.5; B. Cooper, Manhattan, 3-4-25.2; G. Kamps, Manhattan, 3-4-22.5; S. Hofman, Manhattan, 3-4-21.6; W. Patch, Billings, 2-5-20.3; A. Dyk, Manhattan, 1-6-29.1.

CLASS D — D. Poelman, Manhattan, 7-0-24.4; G. Wagner, Bozeman, 5-2-27.7; O. Bridgewater, Bozeman, 5-2-22.3; J. Poelman, Manhattan, 5-2-21.2; D. Krueger, Billings, 3-4-11.6; H. Van Dyken, Manhattan, 2-5-9.5; V. Lyon, Bozeman, 1-6-8.8; T. Dighans, Bozeman, 0-7-10.5.

CLASS E — F. Love, Bozeman, 7-0-14.6; B. Hefty, Bozeman, 5-2-8.6; L. Hefty, Bozeman, 4-3-11.2; R. Mahana, Bozeman, 4-3-4.3; G. Hefty, Bozeman, 3-4-7.9; S. Paul, Gt. Falls, 3-4-6.0; D. Larson, Bozeman, 2-5-6.3.

CECIL MONDAY CAPTURES VA. MID-WINTER INVITATIONAL

For the second year the Mid-Winter Invitational tournament was held at F.C. "Red" Britten' hitch-shop indoor courts in Richmond, Virginia on February 26-27. He plans to make this an annual affair each February. This year's title was won by Cecil Monday. Thanks are expressed to "Red" and others involved for the success of this event which was the only tourney held during the winter in Virginia. Other clubs are urged to try a similar event during the winter. For the benefit of Virginia pitchers, NHPA membership cards are available thru Cecil Phelps, Elmont; Cindy Dean, Waynesboro; Clyde Martin, Buena Vista; Jesse Grim, Winchester; and Brenda Wiles, Lynchburg.

CLASS A — Cecil Monday, 5-0-67.0; Alvin Perry, 4-1-66.7; Robert Toney, 2-3-52.3; Clyde Martin, 2-3-51.3; Allen Perry, 1-5-49.0; Bob Dean, 1-5-44.7.

CLASS B — Frank Cooper, 4-1-40.0; Floyd Hix, 4-1-47.0; Elwood Smith, 3-2-37.8; Phil Law, 2-3-36.0; Cecil Phelps, 2-3-35.9; Dean Routen, 0-5-25.8. Cooper won playoff over Hix.

CLASS C — Bubba Hill, 4-1-31.4; Jesse Grim, 4-1-29.4; Fred Blankenship, 3-2-33.4; Red Britten, 2-3-29.9; Tom Faderson, 2-3-28.5. Hill won playoff over Grim.

JUNIOR CLASS — Ross Perry, 3-0-56.2; Frank Cooper, Jr., 2-1-39.3; Keith Perry, 1-2-20.1; Junior Wilkins, 0-3-10.8.

MICHIGAN WOLVERINE STATE ASSOCIATION

The Wolverine State Horseshoe Pitcher's Association tournament schedule opens May 7-8 at Burr Oak, Michigan. This is the same spot the Water Wonderland national open will again be held June 18-19. The dead line for entries will be June 11 and may be sent to James Ostrander, 5717 Hilliard St., Lansing, Michigan 48910, Telephone 1-TU2-8685.

The fifth annual Michigan-Ontario international team matches will be held at the Chief Okemos-C.O.S.C.-Sportsman's Club, Dimondale, Michigan, July 9-10. The Ontario team will be headed by four time world champion Elmer Hohl.

Holiday tournaments are scheduled for Dimondale over Memorial Day weekend Nashville, July 4. They will consist of 3 tourneys each weekend.

Lake Orion will be the site of the 1977 W.S.H.P.A. sponsored Michigan state championships over the Labor Day weekend.

WATERWONDERLAND TAKE TO BE BIGGER — JUNE 18-19

The cash pay off in the Michigan National open meet will be higher than in recent years, according to W.S.H.P.A. tournament director, Jim Compton and Secretary Casey Moubray. The Water Wonderland in its 15th year, will pay down to 5th places in the A and B classes. As in recent years, \$100 will go to the winner of the Class A division, they said.

Entries will pay \$11 in A and \$10 in B classes. In case of ties for first place the regular prize money will be equally divided, except the \$100 sum would go to the final winner in the A group. With the Burr Oak and Sturgis businesses putting up \$225.00, this could be the richest of the 15

Water Wonderland tourneys, they believe.

Curt Day, Indiana is the defending champion, while such top pitchers as Paul Focht, Ohio, Wilbur Kabel, Ohio and Ken Jensen, Michigan, both several times state titlests are expected to compete. Others who have participated over the years include Clarence Bellman, Ind., Jim Knisley, and Harold Anthony, Ohio, Roy Smith and Doc Maison, Michigan could be back.

James Ostrander will handle entries again this year. His address is 5717 Hilliard St., Lansing,

Michigan 48910. Phone 1-517-TU2-8685.

Pat Smith - Public Relations Director W.S.H.P.A.

WALNUT DAYS OPEN — JUNE 18-19 — WALNUT, ILLINOIS

The Walnut Days Open tournament will be held on Saturday and Sunday, June 18-19 at Walnut, Illinois on Walnut park courts on Depot Street in Walnut, Illinois. Pitchers that average 35 percent or 150 points in 100 shoe qualifying score will register by 9 a.m. on Saturday, all those above that will register on Sunday, by 9 a.m. Entry fee is \$5.00. Trophies will be awarded to the top two in each class. Tournament director is Archie Carter, 303 Liberty St., Walnut, Ill. 61376. Phone 815-379-2407.

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COMING EVENTS

May 14-15 - Third Annual Spring Open Tournament, Jermain Park Courts, Sanctioned. Entry fee of \$6.50 to be sent to Dale Dombrowsky, 1013 Cresceus Road, Oregon City, Ohio 43616. Phone: 1-419-698-1733. Deadline, May 8, midnite.

May 30-Annual Memorial Day Open tournament. Bradley Park courts, Peoria, Illinois. Contact R.A. Switzer, 2811 West James Road, Peoria, III. 61614

June 5-Annual Fairbury Open tournament, Fairbury, Nebraska. 100 shoe score to Jacob Isaac, 1208 3rd St., Fairbury, Nebraska 68352 one week before tournament date.

June 5 — Annual Gem Suburban Open tournament. Gem Suburban courts, 4830 South Main St.,

Rockford, III.

June 11 - Annual Hagerstown Open, Hagerstown, III., 4 classes only. Send \$5.00 fee and 50 shoe score to Harold Swofford, Box 102, Hagerstown, III., 62247 by June 1.

June 11 - James Gaines Open, Avon, Kentucky (Lexington).

June 11-Reno Indian Colony tournament, Anderson Park courts, Reno, Nevada, Class B, 10 a.m. Class C, Class D, 1 p.m. Fee, Men \$5.00, Women \$4.00, Juniors \$1.00. Pre-entry fee of \$1.00 to Jessie Astor, 73 Reservation Rd. Reno, Nevada 89502. Phone 786-0503 one week prior to tourna-

June 11-12—Annual Silver Dollar Open tournament, Lancaster, Ohio. Sanctioned. Entry fee \$7.00 to Weldon Martin, 611 Edgewood Ave., Lancaster, Ohio 43130, 614-654-1817. Deadline, midnight June 5. Early entries given priority.

June 18 - Walnut Days Open, Walnut park courts, Depot St., Walnut, III. Entry fee \$5.00. Register

by 9 a.m. Archie Carter, 303 East Liberty, Walnut, III. 61376. Phone 815-379-2407.

June 18-19-Annual Hebron Open tournament. Hebron, Ohio. NHPA card required. There will be a Boys class. Send entry fee of \$5.00 and percentage before June 11 to Lester Hite, 7915 Loudon St., Rte #2, Johnstown, Ohio. 43031. Phone: 614-967-7173.

June 19 - Annual Champaign Open Tournament, Centennial Park Courts, Kirby Ave., Champaign, III. NHPA card. \$6.00 bring score. 9:15 a.m.

June 25-26—Annual Cowboy Open tournament, Rawlins, Wyoming. Fee \$6.00 Deadline, May 23. Send to K. Raymond, Ferris Mt. Ranch, Lander Rte. Rawlins, Wyoming. 82301. Class A Sanctioned. Time 9 a.m.

June 25-26 — George Curley Memorial Open Tournament, Jermain Park Courts, Sanctioned. Entry fee Class A and B \$8.50, all other classes \$6.50. Entry deadline June 19, midnight. Send to Dale Dombrowsky, 1013 Cresceus Road, Oregon City, Ohio 43616. Phone: 1-419-698-1733.

July 3 - Annual 4-State Tournament, City Park courts, Falls City, Nebraska. 100 shoe score to Don Koso, 803 12th St., Falls City, Nebraska 68355.

July 4 — Annual Casey, Illinois Open Tournament. City park courts, 6 classes. Starts at 9 a.m. Sponsored by Clark City Shrine Club. Enter-

July 4 - Annual Mound City Open Tournament, 8 a.m. Send 100 shoe score to Stanley Brickey, Mound City, Missouri 64470.

July 16-17 - Kansas City Open Tournament, Kansas City, Missouri. \$5.00 entry fee and percentage to J.W. Brown, 17241 Cerrito Dr., Belton, Missouri 64012. Phone 1-816-331-5760.

July 16 - Millville Open, Milville, Kentucky. July 29 thru Aug. 7 - 1977 World Tournament, City

Park Courts, Greenville, Ohio.

Aug. 13-Indian Colony tournament, Anderson Park courts, Reno, Nevada. Women's class at 10 a.m. Class A at 1 p.m. Class B at 2 p.m. Contact Jessie Astor, 73 Reservation Rd., Reno, Nevada 89502. Phone 786-0503

August 13 - Avon Warm-Up Open, Avon,

Kentucky (Lexington).

Sept. 3-4-5 - Kentucky State Tournament, Millville, Kentucky.

Sept. 4-5-Annual Wyoming State tournament, Frontier park courts, Cheyenne, Wyoming. Start 9 a.m. All classes sanctioned. Details will be sent to members.

Sept. 18-19 - Annual Statesville Autumn Open Tournament, Lakewood Park Courts, Statesville, North Carolina. Trophies and cash awards. Men's, Juniors, Ladies' and Girls' divisions.

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA SCHEDULE

Entry fee of \$8.00 and your highest percentage must accompany your entry 10 days prior to tournament date. No refund of entry fee if you are unable to attend. All tournaments will be sanctioned so all participants must be a member of the NHPA. Please wear a shirt with your name on the hack

June 4-5 - Spring Fling, New Castle, Pa. June 11-12 - Dormont Open, Dormont, Pa. June 18-19 - Eastern Nationals, Erie, Pa. July 9-10 Beaver County Open, Beaver, Pa July 16-17 - Kunzua County Classic, Warren, Pa.

July 23-24 — North Western, Erie, Pa. Aug. 13-14 — Three Rivers Open, Dormont, Pa.

Aug. 20-21 - All County Tournament

Aug. 27-28 - Bradys Run Park Open, Beaver, Pa. Sept. 3-4-5 - Penna State Tournament, Bristol, Pa. Sept. 10-11 — Don Verrico Open, Beaver, Pa. Sept. 24-25 — Fall Round Up, New Castle, Pa.

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PINECREST 1977 INDOOR SCHEDULE Elwood, Indiana

May 1 — Ladies Day Open. Mailing deadline Apr. 20. Phone deadline Apr. 22

May 7-8 - Red Bud Open. Mailing deadline May

4. Phone deadline May 6.

SOUTH CAROLINA SCHEDULE

May 28 — Open Tournament, City Park Courts, Simpsonville, S.C.

June 25 — Sanctioned tournament, Joslin Park Courts, Rock Hill, S.C.

July 23 — Second Annual July Invitational, Open, City Park Courts, Simpsonville, S.C.

August 20 — Open Tournament, Joslin Park Courts, Rock Hill, S.C.

Sept. 10 — Sanctioned Tournament, City Park Courts, Simpsonville, S.C.

Sept. 20 — Annual South Carolina State Tournament (Closed), Joslin Park Courts, Rock Hill, S.C.

October 15 — Sanctioned Tournament, City Park Courts, Simpsonville, S.C.

NEVADA ASSOCIATION SCHEDULE

May 21 — Nevada State Open tournament. All juniors start at 10 a.m. Classes C and D at 11 a.m. (Non-sanctioned).

May 22 — Dedication of new 20 courts, 9:30 a.m. Men's Class A and B and Women's class start 10 a.m. (Non-sanctioned).

Sept. 10-11 — Nevada State Closed tournament. Saturday, All Juniors and the Women's classes start at 10 a.m. Classes D and E at 1 p.m. Classes A and B on Sunday at 10 a.m. Class C at 1 p.m. (Non-sanctioned)

Entry fee for the above meets, Men \$6.00, Women \$5.00 and Juniors \$1.00. Pre-entry fee of \$1.00 must be sent in to Marge Bower, 2880 Kietske Lane, #31, Reno, Nevada 89502. Phone: 825-1571 one week prior to tournament.

ALABAMA ASSOCIATION SCHEDULE

May 14—Huntsville Classic, Entry Deadline, May 9.
June 18—2nd Annual Northern Alabama Open.
Entry Deadline June 11.

July 16—High Temp. Open. Entry Deadline July 11. August 13—Annual Alabama State tournament. Entry deadline August 8.

Sept. 17—Cotton Pickin' Open tournament. Entry deadline Sept. 12.

Oct. 15—Witches and Goblins Open tournament. Entry deadline Oct. 10.

Contestants must have NHPA card and Alabama state card. Tournaments are played at the Brahan Springs Park courts in Huntsville, Alabama. Entry fees for adults \$3.00, Juniors \$2.00 16 and under. No refunds after deadline date. Contact W.A. Nelson, Secretary, P.O. Box 48, Calera, Ala. 35040.

VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION SCHEDULE

May 14-15 — Elmont Spring Warm-Up Open, Sanctioned. Elmont, Virginia.

May 28-29 — Waynesboro Twin Valley Open. Sanctioned. Waynesboro, Virginia.

June 18-19 — Winchester Apple Capital Open. Sanctioned. Winchester, Virginia.

June 25-26 — Winchester State Doubles. Sanctioned. Winchester, Virginia.

July 2-3 — Russell Robey Open tournament. Nonsanctioned. Buena Vista, Virginia.

July 9-10 — Hill City Open tournament. Sanctioned. Lynchburg, Virginia.

July 16-17 — Boo Henson Open tournament. Classes A and B sanctioned. Waynesboro, Virginia.

Aug. 20-21 — Glen Maury Open tournament. Sanctioned. Buena Vista, Virginia.

Sept. 3-4-5 — Annual Virginia State Singles tournament. Sanctioned. Elmont, Virginia.

Sept. 17-18 — Winchester Frye Memorial Open tournament. Sanctioned. Winchester, Virginia.

Oct. 1-2 — Elmont Fall Open tournament. Sanctioned. Elmont, Virginia.
Oct. 8-9 — Virginia State Cash tournament. Sanc-

tioned. Lynchburg, Virginia.

State fee, \$2.00 — NHPA fee, \$5.00 — Digest, \$5.00 Each club please send \$25.00 for the Lynchburg Cash tournament. Must be in by Labor Day. Contact Brenda Wiles, Coleman Falls, Virginia 24536.

NEW MEXICO SCHEDULE

May 4—Albuquerque League Begins, Albuquerque. May 28-29—P.D. Riley Spittoon Open, Sanctioned, Albuquerque.

June 18-19—Albuquerque City Singles, Albuquerque.

July 16-17—Los Altos Open, Sanctioned. Albuquerque.

August 13-14—Sandia Laboratories Assn., Albuquerque.

August 21-22—Parker Burns Doubles, Albuquerque Sept. 7—Albuquerque League Playoffs, Albuquerque.

Sept. 3-4—Howard Cundy Doubles, State Fairgrounds, Albuquerque.

Sept. 17-18, Sept. 24-25—New Mexico State Tournament. Sanctioned. State Fairgrounds. Albuquerque.

For further information contact Robert L. Schuch, 2808 Mesilla, Albuquerque, N.M. 87110.

O'FALLON, MO. SCHEDULE

May 22 — 2nd Annual Handicap 50%. Entry fee \$8.00. Deadline, May 7. First 16 players will be accepted, and divided into two groups of 8. Top 3 of each group to play for trophies in 6-man round robin.

June 19 — 5th Annual Scratch Singles tournament, Entry fee \$8.00. Deadline, June 4.

July 17 — 2nd Annual Doubles Tournament. First 8 to 12 teams will be accepted. Entry fee, \$15.00 per team. Deadline, July 2.

New players must send ringer percentage of 100 shoes pitched (not score) along with entry fee. Other players to be classified by their last tournament average. Players may ask for higher classification, but must be able to prove that their average has improved. Past players can check on their averages by reading last years tournament results. Send all qualifications and entry fees to Greg Marter, 90 Country Life Dr., O'Fallon, Mo. 63366. Phone 314-272-4890.

NEW YORK SCHEDULE

May 1 — Sojda's Indoor Open, Men's Classes 37% & below, Sun., 38% and above, Sun., May 15th. Contact Gerald J. Sojda Sr., 56 Harvester Ave., Batavia, NY 14020. Tel. (716) 343-9763.

June 4, 10 a.m. - Carl Von Der Lancken Open, New Rochelle, Horseshoe Club, Sharkey Pk., Ft. Slocum Rd., New Rochelle, N.Y. Contact Wm. N. MacLeod, 12 Mt. Etna Pl., New Rochelle, N.Y. 10805. Tel. (914) NE2-8667.

June 12 - Doubles Open, NE-OS-CO Horseshoe Club, Pulaski, N.Y. Dunbar Field. Two man teams. Send combined % for classification. Contact Paul Wilson, 7638 Erie St., Pulaski, N.Y. 13142. Tel. (315) 298-2277

July 9-10 - NE-OS-CO Open, NE-OS-CO Horseshoe Club, Pulaski, N.Y. Dunbar Field-Ringer % classification. Contact Paul Wilson, 7638 Erie St., Pulaski, N.Y. 13142. Tel. (315) 298-2277. Aug. 20, 10 a.m. — Dominic P. Sharkey Memorial,

New Rochelle Horseshoe Club, New Rochelle, N.Y. Sharkey Pk., Ft. Slocum Rd. Contact Walter J. Barker, 15 Hutchinson Blvd., Mt. Vernon, N.Y. 10553. Tel. (914) MO7-1723.

Aug. 20-21 - Northern Open, Northern Horseshoe Club. Canton, N.Y. Raindate following weekend. Contact Jack Townsend, 11 Pine St.,

Canton, N.Y. 13617.

Sept. 3-4-5 - State Tournament, Sat., Sun., Mon. NE-OS-CO Horseshoe Club, Pulaski, N.Y Dunbar Field. Contact William Fuller, Box 239, Lacona, N.Y. 13083. Tel. (315) 892-3372.

Sept. 17, 10 a.m. - Joseph Zichella Open, New Rochelle Horseshoe Club, Sharkey Pk., Ft. Slocum Rd. Contact John Loughery, 270 Throgsneck Blvd., Bronx, N.Y. 10465. Tel. (212) 892-1017

Sat., Oct. 8, 10 a.m. - Metropolitan N.Y., A.A.U. Sharkey Pk., Ft. Slocum Rd., New Rochelle, N.Y. Contact Harry Barr, 80-75 208th St., Queens Village, N.Y. 11427. Tel. (212) HO5-5662.

PEAVINE HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT

June 4-5 — Class A starts at 9 a.m. Class B at 1 p.m. Women's class starts at 9 a.m. Sunday. All juniors start at 11 a.m. Class Calso at 11 a.m. Classes D and E at 1 p.m. Sunday.

July 23-24 — Saturday, Class A, 9 a.m. Class B, 11 a.m. Class C, 1 p.m. Women's class at 9 a.m. Sunday with Juniors at 11 a.m. Class E at 1 p.m.

Fees for Peavine meets: Men \$5.00, Women \$4.00, Juniors \$1.00. These are non-sanctioned. Contact Mike Fredrick, 11142 Green Mtn., Reno, Nevada 89506 or Phone 972-8622.

EASTERN MONTANA SCHEDULE

June 12 — Froid — Jerry Krohmer, Homestead, Mt. June 19-Plentywood-Bennie Lee, Plentywood, Mt.

June 26-Fairview-Paul Trudell, Fairview, Mt. July 3-Wolf Point-Murl Martin, So. Wolf Point, Mt.

July 10—Culbertson—Rodney Iverson, Culbertson, Mt.

July 24-Glendive-Mike Glaser, Glendive, Mt. August 3-Sidney (Divisional) Gene Trudell, Sidney, Mt.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA SCHEDULE

May 14 (Sat.) - City Parks & Recreation Open, Stockton.

May 15 - Class A Open, Vallejo. May 15 - Class D Open, Turlock

May 21 (Sat.) - Class A Open, Turlock. May 21 (Sat.) - Class C Open, Colusa.

May 22 — Class B Open, Stockton. May 29 — Memorial Day Open, Golden Gate. June 4 (Sat.) - State Fund Open, Stockton (co-host San Jose).

June 5 - Class B Open, Mosswood.

June 11 (Sat.) - Class B & Srs., Shasta. June 12 - Open, Shasta.

June 18-19 - Gold Country Open, Grass Valley.

June 19 - Class D, Livermore.

June 25 (Sat.) - Class D Open, Colusa.

June 26 - Class C Open, Golden Gate. June 26 - Ole Hanson Open, Seaside.

July 2 (Sat.) - Open, Auburn. July 3 - Women & Jrs., Auburn.

July 4 - Independence Day Open, San Jose.

July 9 (Sat.) - Class B, Turlock.

July 10 - Bill McNally Open, Livermore.

July 16 (Sat.) - Class B Open, Colusa. July 17 - Santa Rosa Fair Open, Santa Rosa.

July 17 - Capt. Weber Day Open, Stockton (non-sanctioned).

July 23 (Sat.) - Open, San Lorenzo. July 24 - Class A Open, Golden Gate.

July 24 - Class D Open, Sacramento. July 30 - State Fund Open, Stockton (Night, Sign

in by 3:00, Play time 4:00) August 6 (Sat.) - Open, Turlock.

August 7 — Class C Open, Colusa.

August 13 (Sat.) - Women & Jrs., Turlock.

August 14 — Class A Open, Rio Dell. August 14 — Class E Open, Sacramento. August 20 (Sat.) — Class B Open, Sacramento. August 21 - Pacific Coast Open, San Jose.

August 27 (Sat.) - Class C Open, Vallejo.

August 28 — Open, Mosswood. August 28 — Fair Open, Grass Valley.

Sept. 3-4 - State Championship, Stockton (Qualifying Starts Sept. 2nd).

Sept. 11 — Mayor Douglas Open, Vallejo. Sept. 11 — Women & Jrs. NCHPA Championship, San Jose.

Sept. 18 -NCHPA D & E Championship -Stockton.

Sept. 18 — NCHPA B Championship, Livermore. Sept. 25 — NCHPA A Championship, Santa Rosa.

Oct. 2 - NCHPA AA Championship, Sacto. Oct. 9 - NCHPA C Championship, San Jose.

Oct. 16 - Seniors Championship, Mosswood. Oct. 23 - Class B Open, Auburn.

Oct. 30 - Class D & E Open, San Lorenzo.

Nov. 5 (Sat.) - Annual Business Meeting

NORTHERN NEVADA ASSOCIATION

June 18-19—Women's Class at 10 a.m. on Saturday with Class A and B following at 10:15 a.m. Classes C and D will play on Sunday at 10 a.m. with the Juniors starting at 11 a.m.

July 16-17-Starting times for all classes will be the same as specified for June 18 and 19

Fees for Northern Nevada, Men \$6.00, Women \$5.00, Juniors \$1.00. Usual pre-entry fee of \$1.00 sent one week prior to tournament. Contact Ann Osoric, 73 Reservation Rd., Reno, Nevada 89502.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SCHEDULE

May 15 - Fernando Isais Open, Orange.

May 22 - Classes B, E and G Open, South Gate.

May 28-29 - C. Birkenbach Memorial, Baldwin Park.

June 5 - Sam Haigh Doubles, 12 noon, San Bernardino.

July 12 - South Gate Open (Hcp), South Gate, 12 noon. June 19 - Pomona Doubles (Club), 12 noon.

Pomona. June 26 - Gunnar Hansen Class D, 12 noon,

Baldwin Park. July 2 - Seman Nautical C and D Open, 10 a.m., Santa Barbara.

July 3 - Seman Nautical A and B Open, 10 a.m.,

Santa Barbara. July 10 - South Gate Cand E Open, 12 noon, South

Gate. July 16-17 - Elmer Beller Open and B, C and D, 3

p.m., South Gate.

July 23 — Burbank Doubles, 12 noon, Burbank. July 24 — 45 percent and under and Women, 12 noon, South Gate.

August 7 - Archie Gregson Doubles, 12 noon, South Gate.

August 13 - Jerry Schneider Doubles, 12 noon, San Diego.

August 14 - San Diego B and E (Hcp), 12 noon, San Diego.

August 21 — Wally Shipley Championship Doubles, 12 noon, South Gate.

August 28 - Championship B and F, 12 noon, South Gate.

Sept. 3-4 California State Championship, Stockton.

Sept. 11 - Championship C, E and G, 12 noon, South Gate.

Sept. 18 - 60 percent and under (Hcp), 12 noon, San Bernardino. Sept. 25 - Class C and F (Hcp), 12 noon, South

Gate. October 2 - 28 percent and under, (Hcp), 12 noon,

Orange.

October 8-9 — Barstow Open, 12 noon, Barstow. October 16 - Championship A, D and F, 12 noon, South Gate.

October 23 - Class E and G Open, 12 noon, South

October 29 - Jesse Gonzales Doubles, 12 noon, San Diego.

October 30 - Lowell Gray Open (Hcp), 12 noon, San Diego.

Nov. 6 - John Gordon Open, 12 noon, South Gate. Nov. 13 — Harry Morin Doubles, 12 noon, Pomona.

OHIO SCHEDULE FOR 1977

- May Date to be announced Toledo Open, sanctioned, Entries to Dale Dombrowski, 1013 Cresces, Oregon, Ohio 43616.
- May 21-22 Hamilton Open, sanctioned, Class A. B, C, D men, and Ladies Class A, Send \$7.50 entry to Katherine Harrison, 1921 King Ave., Hamilton, Ohio 45015. Phone: 1-513-863-7661.
- May 28-29-30 Piqua Open, sanctioned Classes A, B, C, D and Ladies Class A. Entry fee of \$7.50 and percentage to Francis Asher, 1425 Mulberry St., Piqua, Ohio 45356 by midnight May 21.
- June 3-4-5 Marion Open, sanctioned. Send entries to Max Roseberry, 267 Thew Ave., Marion, Ohio 43302.
- June 11-12 Silver Dollar Open, sanctioned. Lancaster, Ohio 43130.
- June 11-12 Northwest District, Fulton City. Fairgrounds, Wauseon, Ohio. Entry Fee \$6.50. Deadline with percentage, June 1 to Mrs. Geo. Schmith, Wauseon, Ohio 43567.
- June 18-19 Hebron Open, sanctioned. 2 trophies per class. Boy's class A only. Send \$5.00 entry fee to Lester Hite, 7915 Loudon St., Johnstown, Ohio 43031. Phone: 1-614-967-7173.
- June 24-25-26 Marysville Open tournament, No. Maple St. courts, Marysville, Ohio. Send \$7.00 entry fee and percentage to Garland Glassburn, 137 First St., Marysville, Ohio 43040 by midnight June 18. Phone 513-642-0641.
- July 2-3-4 Annual Greenville Ringer Classic, sanctioned. Qualify at courts, no requalifying. Entry fee \$7.50.

- July 16-17 Piqua Open. 60-shoe count-all. Entry fee \$6.00. 2 trophies per class. 6 men per class. Ladies welcome.
- July 23-24 Ft. Hamilton Days tournament, sanctioned, classes A, B, C, D and Ladies' Class A. Entry fee and percentage to Katherine Harrison, 1921 King Ave., Hamilton, Ohio 45015. Phone 1-513-863-7661.
- August Dates to be announced for Miami County Fair tournament and Darke County Horseshoe Club fair tournament.
- Sept. 3-4-5 Labor Day Weekend Ohio State tournament, Greenville, Ohio. Intermediate and Senior Men's class added this year. Indicate class when signing in to Ohio secretary. Qualify at courts, no requalifying. Convention before tournament.
- Sept. 17-18 Annual Polar Bear tournament, Fulton Cty. Fairgrounds, Wauseon, Ohio. Entry fee \$6.50. Deadline with percentage to Mrs. Geo. Smith, Wauseon, Ohio by Sept. 8.
- Date to be announced for Southwest District at Hamilton, Ohio. Sanctioned. Entry fee, \$6.00. Qualify at courts or use state qualification.

ARIZONA SCHEDULE 1977

- Oct. 23 State Tournament, Pioneer Park Courts, Mesa, Arizona.
- Nov. 13 and 20 Temple Parks Open, Daley Park Courts, Temple, Arizona.
- Dec. 4 Mesa Parks Open, Pioneer Park Courts, Mesa, Arizona.

Mail all entries to Ralph McCarty, 233 North Val Vista Drive, Mesa, Arizona 85203. Entries close one week prior to first playing date. Fees are \$3.00 for all except the Valley of the Sun which is \$5.00.

WESTERN MONTANA SCHEDULE

May 15 — Big Timber. Contact Ed Holmberg, 400 E. 5th, Big Timber, Montana 59011.

June 5 - Billings. Contact Steve Ketterling, 922

Mary, Billings, Montana 59102.

June 12 — Great Falls. Contact Rich Paul, 2223

3rd Avenue North, Great Falls, Montana 59401.

June 26 — Lewistown Contact Clayton Warner

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July 10 — Helena. Contact Jim White, 1831 Cannon, Helena, Montana 59601.

July 24 — Laurel. Contact Ken Willis, 802 - 2nd Ave., Laurel, Montana 59044.

August 7 — Butte. Contact Mike Gribben, 109 Rampart Drive. Butte. Montana 59701.

Rampart Drive, Butte, Montana 59701.
August 13-14 — Western Montana Championships,
Contact Jack Belzer, 2215 Bridger Drive, Bozeman, Montana 59715.

August 21 — Boulder. Contact Art Michelic, Box 143, Boulder, Montana 59632.

Sept. 3-4 — Laurel, Montana State Championships. Contact Rich Paul, 2223 - 3rd Ave. North, Great Falls, Montana 59401.

COLORADO SCHEDULE

June 4-5 — Speakeasy Open, Rocky Mtn. park courts, Denver, Colo. Mail deadline May 28, Phone deadline May 31.\$6.00 fee to Geo. Rogers, 3160 Wright St., Denver, Colo. 80216. Phone 303-237-3600.

June 11-12 — North Weld Open, Greeley, Colo. Island Grove park. Deadline by mail June 4. Phone deadline June 7. \$6.00 fee to Robert Engel, Nunn, Colorado 80648. Phone 303-897-2223.

July 9-10 — Denver Open, Rocky Mtn. park, Denver, Colo. Deadline July 2 by mail, entries by phone after July 2 not accepted. \$6.00 fee to Paul LaCrosse, 12433 Green Mountain Circle, Lakewood, Colo. 80228. Phone 303-988-7057.

July 23-24 — Rocky Mountain Open. Pow Wow Rodeo park, Boulder, Colo. Deadline by phone July 18. \$6.00 fee to Ted Allen, 1045 Linden Ave., Boulder, Colo. 80302. Phone 303-442-1436.

Aug. 6-7 — Crested Butte Classic. Town park courts, Crested Butte, Colo. Deadline August 1. \$6.00 fee to Mark Calve, Box 502, Crested Butte, Colo. 81224. Phone 303-349-5133.

Aug. 13-14 — Western Nebraska Open, Frank park courts, Scottsbluff, Nebr. Deadline by mail Aug. 6, by phone Aug. 8. \$6.00 fee to John Fiala, 1945 South St., Gering, Nebr. 69341. Phone 308-436-4209.

Aug. 20-21 — Ault Fall Festival Open, City Park courts, Ault, Colo. Deadline Aug. 13 by mail, Aug. 15 by phone. \$6.00 fee to Bill Bryan, 336 Jones St., Pierce, Colo. 80650. Phone 303-834-2189.

Aug. 27-28 — Pike's Peak Open, Memorial City park courts, Colo. Sprgs, Colo. Deadline Aug. 20 by mail, Aug. 22 by phone. \$6.00 fee to Ben Fields, 2307 Patrician Way, Colo. Sprgs, Colo. 80909. Phone 303-334-4741.

Sept. 3-4 — Colorado State tournament, Rocky Mtn. park courts, Denver, Colo. Deadline by mail Aug. 27, no entries accepted by phone after August 27. \$6.00 fee to Paul LaCrosse, 12433 Green Mountain Circle, Lakewood, Colo. 80228. Phone 303-988-7057.

NOTE — For those tournaments above that have a Youth group as scorekeepers, a \$2.00 donation will be added to the \$6.00 entry fee.

TEXAS SCHEDULE

May 21 — Matt Bowers Open, Twin Peaks Club June 11 — Arlington Open, Arlington, Texas July 9-10 — Texas State Tournament, Arlington, Texas

August 20 — B.E. Sipple Memorial, Twin Peaks

Sept. 17-18 — Tri-State Open, Denton, Texas Oct. 15-16 — Lakeside Open, San Antonio, Texas Nov. 5 — Harvest Open, VFW 4815, San Antonio Dec. 3 — Amistad Open, Del Rio, Texas

Entry fee of \$5.00 and your highest percentage must accompany your fee 10 days prior to tournament date. Send to Bob Graham, 5926 Darlinghurst, Houston, Texas 77085 or phone (713) 729-9528.

OKLAHOMA SCHEDULE

June 4 — Oklahoma Open Tournament, Nobile, Okla. \$5.00 fee and percentage to Janet Walrod, 524 So. 3rd St., Yukon, Okla. 73099 not later than May 28. Phone 405-354-3714.

July 9 — Yukon Invitational, sponsored by Yukon Nat'l Park and Yukon 1st Nat'l. Cash prizes. \$100 Class A. Contact Pat Fotzmorris, 604 Kingston Place, Yukon Okla. 75099. Phone 406-354-3730

405-354-3730. Oct. 1 — Yukon Czech Festival Open Tournament,

Yukon, Okla. \$5.00 fee and percentage to Janet Walrod, 524 So. 3rd St., Yukon, Okla. 73099 not later than Sept. 24. Phone 405-354-3714.

East. Pennsylvania Schedule

July 2-3 — New Freedom Open tournament, New Freedom, Pa. \$8.00 fee and percentage to Glenn Brown, Rte. #2, Felton, Pa. 17322. Phone 717-927-6997. Deadline 10 days prior to tournament.

July 16-17 — York County Open tournament, Shiloh, Pa. \$8.00 fee and percentage to Raymond Bechtel, 2210 Sycamore Rd., York, Pa. 17404. Phone 717-764-4065. Deadline 10 days prior to tournament.

Aug. 20-21 — Pennsylvania Open tournament, New Cumberland, Pa. \$8.00 fee and percentage to Daniel Beshore, Rte. #1, New Cumberland, Pa. Phone 717-938-2945. Deadline 10 days prior to

tournament.

FLORIDA SCHEDULE

April 2 — Orange County Open, Sunshine Park, Orlando, Fla. Contact Joel Berrall, P.O. Box 1802, Orlando, Fla. 32802 (305-894-3379).

April 9 — Bee Ridge Open, Bee Ridge Park, Sarasota, Fla. Contact Dick Ferguson, 4337 Midland Rd., Sarasota, Fla. 33581. (813-924-4117).

April 16 — American Legion Open, Titusville, Fla. Contact Joe Stafford, 1320 Sharon Drive, Titusville, Fla. 32780. (305-269-5700).

April 23 — Florida State (Closed). Ed Wright Park, Clearwater, Fla. Contact Norm Gaseau, 1908 Nuggett Drive, Clearwater, Fla. (813-443-2892).

Send \$5.00 entry fee to proper director 7 days prior to (or post marked) tournament date. Classes A and B in all tournaments are NHPA sanctioned. Contestants must hold current state membership card.

NEW ENGLAND SCHEDULE

May 14-15 - Franklin, NH, Warmup Open, West Franklin (Kibbee)

May 15 - Connecticut Closed, American Legion Park, Norwich (Van Dine)

May 21-22 - Maine Spring Open, Marcotte Park, Lewiston (Bolduc)

May 22 - Twin County Warmup, Massachusetts (Howe)

May 28-29 - Heritage Anniversary Open, Sutton, Ma. (Heritage)

June 5 - Connecticut Open, Mead Park, New Canaan (Van Dine) Vermont Spring Roundup, Closed,

Springfield (Knight) June 5 - Keene Warmup, Closed, Wheelock Park,

Keene, NH (Whippee) June 19 -Western Mass Invitational, West

Springfield (Forsstrom) June 25-26 - Maine Open, Marcotte Park,

Lewiston (Bolduc) July 10 - Rhode Island Open, Sutton, MA, but

possibly Providence, RI (Heritage) July 10 - Sam Bartram, Closed, American Legion

Park, Norwich, CT (Van Dine) July 16-17 Keene Open, Wheelock Park,

Keene, NH (Whippee)
July 29 to Aug. 7 — World Horseshoe Tournament, Greenville, Ohio

Aug. 13-14 - New Hampshire State, Keene (Fales)

Aug. 13-14 - Vermont State, Springfield (Knight) Aug. 14-21 - Connecticut State, Class A on 14th, place to be announced. Lower classes at West Rock Park, New Haven, on 21st (Mrozak)

Aug. 13-14, 20-21 - Massachusetts State, South Hamilton. Details to be announced. Adult singles on 14, 21. Juniors on 13th. Mixed doubles on

Aug. 20-21 - Maine State, Marcotte Park, Lewiston (Bolduc)

Sept. 3-5 - New England Championships, Horseshoe Park, Springfield, VT (Knight)

Sept. 10-11 - Franklin, NH, Open, West Franklin, NH (Kibbee)

Sept. 10-11 -Franklin County Fair Invitational, Springfield, MA (Howe)

Sept. 11 - MacDonnell Memorial, Closed, New Haven, CT (Mrozak)

Sept. 18 - Twin County League Singles, Closed, MA (howe)

Sept. 18-19 - Vermont Open, Horseshoe Park, Springfield, VT (Dressel) Oct. 2 - New Haven Fall Classic, Invitational but

make inquiries (Mrozak)

Oct. 15-16, 22-23 - 5th Annual Handicap Tournament of Champions, Sutton, MA (Russell Gadoury) Open to all class winners of sanctioned tournaments held between Oct. 1, 1976 and Oct.

2, 1977. Womens' Division Oct. 22. Nov. 13, 20 — Heritage Turkey Shoot Open, Sutton, MA (Heritage)

Dec. 11, 18 - Heritage Christmas Classic Open, Sutton, MA (Heritage)

Following are addresses of persons to contact for above tournaments:

Bolduc, Roger, 120 Gill St., Auburn, ME 04210 Dressel, Granny, 20 Autumn St., Springfield, VT

Fales, Don, 276 West Main St., West Franklin, NH

Forsstrom, Ralph, 358 Wilbraham Rd., Hampden, MA 02036

Gadoury, Russell, 44 Edward Rd., Watertown, MA 02172. Phone 924-8068

Heritage Recreation, Rt. 146, Sutton, MA 01527. Phone 865-3657, Home 865-4619

Howe, Percy, 76 Brookside Rd., Orange, MA 01364 Kibbee, Bob, 28 Crescent St., Penacook, NH 03301 Knight, Mark, RFD #1, Chester Depot, VT 05144 Mrozak, Walter, 95 Pleasant Drive, Hamden, CT 06514

Van Dine, Ervin, 22 Elliott St., Hartford, CT 06114 Whippee, Cliff, West Surry Rd., Keene, NH 03431

SCENIC INDOOR OPEN TOURNAMENT — MAY 28-29-30

Hjalmer and Julia Johnson announce the Scenic Indoor Open to be played on their Indoor courts on Rte. #2, Bigfork, Minnesota on May 28, 29 and 30. Players must qualify with either a 100 shoe score or their league average. There will be 5 classes of men and also a women's and Junior's class. Entry fee for the mens class is \$7.00. Women's entry fee is \$6.00. There is no entry fee for the Juniors. Cash prize for Class A, other classes will have 3 trophies in each class. Juniors and Women will play on May 28. Classes C, D and E on May 29 and Classes A and B on May 30. Deadline for all entries is May 10, and should be sent to Hjalmer Johnson, Rte. #2, Bigfork, Minnesota 56628. Phone 1-218-245-1201.

ANNUAL SILVER DOLLAR OPEN — LANCASTER, OHIO — JUNE 11-12

The annual Silver Dollar Open tournament will be held on Saturday and Sunday, June 11-12 at Lancaster, Ohio. The top four classes will be sanctioned. All games will be 50 point cancellation, with one trophy per class plus Silver Dollars to every entrant. Minimum last place prize is two Silver Dollars. Send latest tournament average and entry fee of \$7.00 to Weldon Martin, 611 Edgewood Ave., Lancaster, Ohio 43130. Phone: 614-654-1817 by deadline date of June 5 at midnight. Early entries will be given priority.

OREGON HORSESHOE TOURNAMENTS FOR 1977

May 7th. Laurelhurst Open, Laurelhurst Park, Portland, Reg. 9:00 a.m. Sanc. Ore. plaque system. May 14th. Riley Memorial Open, Shute Park, Hillsboro. Reg. 9:30 a.m. Sanc. Ore. plaque system. May 21st. Old Timers Open, Clackamette Park, Oregon City. 60 years of age and over start at 9:30 a.m. Potluck picnic at noon. Mixed doubles appr. 2:00 p.m. Kids games. Jackpot pitch. Fun for all. No Entry Fee. Lots of prizes. EVERYONE WELCOME. Not sanctioned. 50 shoe handicap.

June 4th & 5th. Lebanon Strawberry Festival Open, River Park, Lebanon. Reg. 9:30 a.m. both days. Men below 42% and women and Jrs. pitch Sat. All others Sun. Camp sites. Ore. plaque system.

June 11th & 12th, Portland Rose Festival Open, Laurelhurst Park, Portland, Sanc, Ore, plaque system, Preregister by sending; Men 50% and over \$5.00, under 50%, \$4.00, women \$3.00, Jrs. free but must preregister; to Barry Chapelle, 2716 S.E. 61st. Ave. Portland, Ore. 97206 Ph. 503-775-7876. By 9:00 p.m. Thurs. June 9th.

June 19th. Fathers Day Open, Bush Pasture, Salem. Sanc. Ore. plaque system. Reg. 9:00 a.m.

June 26th. Corvallis Open, Avery Park, Corvallis. Sanc. Ore. plaque system. Reg. 9:30 a.m.

July 2nd. Territorial Days Open, Clackamette Park, Oregon City. Sanc. Ore. plaque system. Pre-register by sending % and \$4.00 to Norma Garrett 4920 S.E. Rinearson Rd. Milwaukie, Ore. 97222 Ph. 503-656-2832. Must be received no later than 9:00 p.m. Wed. June 29th. Jrs. free.

July 9th. Greater Portland Area, (limited) Laurelhurst Park, Portland. Sanc.

July 9th. Eastern Ore. and Vicinity, (limited) Geyser Pollman Park, Baker. Part sanc.

July 10th. Willamette Valley, (limited) Bush Pasture, Salem, Sanc.

July 16th & 17th. Hermiston Open, Weber Field, Hermiston. Sanc. Ore. plaque system. Reg. 9:30 a.m. both days. Men 40% and above and women pitch Sat. Men below 40% and Jrs. pitch Sun. Trailer and camper spaces, \$2.00.

July 24th. Roseburg Open, Stewart Park, Roseburg. Part. sanc. Ore. plaque system Reg. 9:00 a.m.

July 30 & 31st. La Grande Open, Riverside Park, LaGrande. Sanc. Plaque system.

Aug. 6th & 7th. Sandbaggers Open, Clackamette Park, Oregon City. Pre-register. Sanc. Plaques.

Aug. 13th. Hillsboro Open, Shute Park, Hillsboro. Sanc. Plaque system.

Aug. 20th. State Doubles Championships, Polk County Fairgrounds, Rickreall. Sanc. Oregon residents only

Aug. 27th. Coburg Golden Days, Lane County Championship. Residents Only.

Sept. 3rd, 4th & 5th. Oregon State Championships, River Park, Lebanon. Sanc. Oregon residents only.

NEW JERSEY SCHEDULE

All tournaments are 50-shoe cancellation with entry fee of \$6.00 (trophies and/or medals), except Mid-Atlantic (to be announced). All tournaments NHPA sanctioned; contestants must hold current State Association membership card.

April 30 — (R. D. May 1) AAU Masters (Closed), Branchbrook Park, Newark, under 40% 9:30 over 40% 12:30 p. m. Contact Bernard Mullady, 95 New St., Belleville, N. J. 07019 (201-759-2379)

May 15 — (R. D. May 22) AAU Masters (Open), Middlesex. N. J. all classes 12.30 p.m. Con-tact Vince Yannetti. 322 Longwood Ave.,

Boundbrook, N. J. 08805 (201-356-3862). June 5 — (R. D. June 12) Lois Kolb Memorial (Open), Middlesex, N. J. all classes 12:30 p. m. Contact Ron Vogel, 298 Lincoln Blvd., Middle-sex, N. J. 08846 (201-356-2046).

June 19 - (R. D. June 26) John Rosselet Memorial, Warinanco Park, Elizabeth (Open). under 40% 10:00 a.m.; over 40% 1:00 p.m. Contact Al Ward, 45 Maple Ave., Netcong, N.J.

Tack All Ward, 45 Maple Ave., Netcong, N.J. 07857 (201-347-2508) (Pre-registration).

July 10 — (R. D. July 17) Essex County Anniversary (Open) Newark, under 40% 10:00 a.m.; over 40% 1:00 p. m. Contact Al Ward, 45 Maple Ave., Netcong, N.J. 07857 (201-347-050).

July 24 — (R. D. July 31) Mid-Atlantic States (Open), Middlesex. N. J. all classes 12:30 p. m. Contact Vince Yannetti, 322 Longwood Ave., Boundbrook, N. J. 08805 (201-356-3862).

August 13 - (R. D. Aug. 14) New Jersey Senior AAU Championship (Closed), Newark; under 40% 10:00 a. m.: over 40% 1:00 p. m. Contact Paul Pualise, 77 Roosevelt Blvd., Oakland, N.J. 07436 (201-337-1405) or Harry Schmidt, 20 Linden Ave., Jersey City, N. J. 07035 (201-433-6412).

August 20 - (R. D. Aug. 21) Middlesex Club Open, Middlesex, N. J. all classes 12:30 p. m. Contact Ron Vogel. 298 Lincoln Blvd.. M ddlesex, N. J. 08846 (201-356-2046).

- (R. D. Aug. 28) New Jersey State (Open) (Art Scolari Trophy), Middlesex. N. J. all classes 12:30 p. m. Contact Ron Vogel, Lincoln Blvd., Middlesex, N. J. 08846 (201-356-2046).

September 17 — (R. D. Sept. 18) New Jersey State Sinales Champion (Closed) Middlesex, N. J. all classes 12:30 p. m. Contact Paul Pug-77 Roosevelt Blvd., Oakland, N. J. 07436 337-1405) or Harry Schmidt, 20 Linden

(201-337-1405) or Harry Schmidt, 20 Linden Ave., Jersey City, N. J. 07035 (201-433-6412). September 25 — (R. D. Oct. 2) Essex County Open, Newark, under 40% 10:00 a. m.; over 40% 1:00 p. m. Contact Phil Zozzaro, 176 Main St., Little Falls, N. J. 07424 (201-256-

8996).

Ortober 9 — (R. D. Oct. 16) New Jersey State Doubles Championship (Closed) Boundbrook. All classes 6:00 p. m. Contact Vince Yannetti, 322 Longwood Ave., Boundbrook, N. J. 08805 (201-356-3862). (Subject to change).

INDIANA SCHEDULE

Send all entries to Jerry Wood, RR#2, Box 114, Elwood, In. 46036. Mail entries must be received by midnight on deadline date. Phone calls for entries will be taken until Friday, 1:00 p.m. after Wed. deadline.

All tournaments will be 35 points except Indiana, Ohio, Illinois, Michigan; Midwest Ringer; and Indiana State which will be 50 points.

May 7-8 — Rebud Open, Pinecrest - Elwood, In. (outside) Mailing deadline April 27. Phone deadline April 29. Entry fee \$6.00.

May 14-15 — Newport Open, Newport, In. Mailing deadline May 4. Phone deadline May 6. Entry fee

\$6.00

May 21-22 — Ben Shores Memorial, Fairview Park, 29th St., Anderson, In. Mailing deadline May 11. Phone deadline May 13. Entry fee \$6.00.

May 28-29 — Memorial Day Open, Mill Race Park, Columbus, In. Mailing deadline May 18. Phone deadline May 20. Entry fee \$6.00.

June 4-5 — Ind. & III. Open, Cayuga Fairgrounds, Cayuga, In. Mailing deadline May 25. Phone deadline May 27. Entry fee \$6.00.

June 11-12 — Flagtown USA Open, Mellott, In. Mailing deadline June 1. Phone deadline June 3. Entry fee \$6.00.

June 11-12 — Huntington Open, Memorial Park, Huntington, In. Mailing deadline June 1. Phone deadline June 3. Entry fee \$6.00.

June 18-19 — Eastern Indiana Open, Baker Park, New Castle, In. Mailing deadline June 8. Phone deadline June 10. Entry fee \$6.00.

June 25-26 — Rose Festival, Clear Creek Park, Richmond, In. Mailing deadline June 15. Phone deadline June 17. Entry fee \$6.00

deadline June 17. Entry fee \$6.00 July 9-10 — Midwest Ringer, Riverfront Park, Lafayette, In. Mailing deadline June 29. Phone deadline July 1. Entry fee \$6.00.

July 16-17 — Orland Open, Orland, In. Mailing deadline July 6. Phone deadline July 8. Entry

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July 23-24 — Ind., Ohio, III., Mich. City Park, Park St., LaPorte, In. Mailing deadline July 13. Phone deadline July 15. Entry fee \$8.00.

July 29-Aug. 7 — World Tournament Dates, Green-

ville, Ohio.

Aug. 13-14 — Marion Open, 13th & Geneva St., Marion, In. Mailing entries deadline Aug. 3. Phone deadline July 28th. 1100 p.m. Due to World Tournament. Entry fee \$6.00.

Aug. 20-21 — Northeast Open, City Park, Park St., LaPorte, In. Mailing deadline Aug. 10. Phone

deadline Aug. 12. Entry fee \$6.00.

Aug. 27-28 — Central Indiana, Pinecrest - Elwood, In. (outside) Mailing deadline Aug. 17. Phone deadline Aug. 19. Entry fee \$6.00.

Sept. 3-4-5 — State Tournament, Donner Park, Clay St., Frankfort, In. Mailing deadline Aug. 24. Phone deadline Aug. 26. Entry fee \$8.00.

WESTERN MONTANA SCHEDULE

May 15 — Big Timber. Contact Ed Holmberg, 400 E. 5th, Big Timber, Montana 59011.

June 5 — Billings. Contact Steve Ketterling, 922 Mary, Billings, Montana 59102.

June 12 — Great Falls. Contact Rich Paul, 2223 -3rd Avenue North, Great Falls, Montana 59401. June 26 — Lewistown. Contact Clayton Warner,

Rte. #1, Casino Park, Montana 59457. July 10 — Helena. Contact Jim White, 1831

Cannon, Helena, Montana 59601. July 24 — Laurel. Contact Ken Willis, 802 - 2nd

Ave., Laurel, Montana 59044. August 7 — Butte. Contact Mike Gribben, 109

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Rampart Drive, Butte, Montana 59701.
August 13-14 — Western Montana Championships

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August 21 — Boulder. Contact Art Michelic, Box 143, Boulder, Montana 59632.

Sept. 3-4 — Laurel, Montana State Championships. Contact Rich Paul, 2223 - 3rd Ave. North, Great Falls, Montana 59401.

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