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## ARTISTIC PITCHERS

The cover of this issue is by Bill Woodfield who did considerable pitching before taking part in the European invasion. Because page 6, is devoted to news of the ladies and their coming National championship at Milwaukee we decided to add a little glamour to our cover. The cartoon on page 2, is from the pen of Ed Henry who made the finals in all of the Metropolitan tournaments sponsored by the "Washington Evening Star" from 1929 to 1942 inclusive, the final event backed by that newspaper.

The March cover of The News will be by Lloyd L. O'Ree, Route 2, Skaneateles New York. who when not at work as a commercial artist, pitches horseshoes in the neighborhood of Syracuse. To make it certain that the print on the cover will be an exact duplicate of his drawing, O'Ree sent the stencil also. When Pop cuts the stencil from one of the artistic drawings it falls short of being a true reproduction.

Another horseshoe pitching artist is Paul Lattray, of St. Louis. He did several covers for the "Horseshoe World" in 1940. Not one news item has come from that city since the death of Jack Claves. There was lots of pitching there before the war and several top notch pitchers are located there. We would like to break through the curtain of silence that has enveloped that city for two years. Come on Saint Louis lets hear from some one there.

So much news is coming in that we feel sure will have more general interest that we will have to hold over the tournament results we promised in this month's issue for the March number. We should have the use of both legs by that time and will help a lot.

Time now to plan your vacation to include the week of August 16, to 21 and come to Milwaukee for the 1948 championships. You cannot afford to miss this one Guy C. Wertz, National 2nd. vice president is Tournaments manager for the Centennial and you can be sure he will come up with some unique ideas that will be different

If you are not a member of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Assn. Join Now and help to put this grand old game at the top. For membership information write Harvey W. Clear, National Secretary, 912 Melrose Ave. Santa Cruz California. Better than that send him a dollar and get a card by return mail. If you are a member and haven't paid your dues. Do it now and come to Milwaukee with your card in your pocket.

A list of hotels and rates will be sent out next month. Here is the first reminder for those who will drive to Milwaukee with space for extra passengers List your name and address, point and time of departure and number of passengers you can take. Riders also list names and addresses with the NEWS.

Just received a letter from Dr. Geo. Siebert 14 (a) Glengen-Brenz 71, Marktstr. Germany Europe He has a large group of German High School Boys really anxious to learn the American Game of horseshoe pitching. The doctor cannot get shoes or pegs. The Diamond Calk Horseshoe Co. are sending two pairs of Super Ringers direct to Dr. Siebert. The Horseshoe News will send rules and instructions how to build courts But they will need more pitching shoes.

## HORSE LOVER MAGAZINE

Leland S. Mortenson, 863 W. 41st. St. Des Moines is Horseshoe Editor for The Horse Lover Magazine published in San Francisco. Many years experience in all phases of the sport besides his unquestioned ability as a writer should make the horseshoe pitching section of more than passing interest to those who love our sport.

Mort Leve, Associate Editor "Sports Condensed News" Here is a suggestion. Sat, August 21, 1948 we will know who is 1948 world's champion horseshoe pitcher. If in your next issue after that date the front cover page is not already reserved why not a picture of our new champion. "Pop Woodfield.

# ALPHA DUES

## ARE THEY USED FOR PRIZES?

THE ANSWER IS NO! DEFINITELY THAT IS FROM 1941 TO DATE. 1941 to 1945 War years the income from dues gradually decreased. Never enough to carry on the routine business of the National Association. The active officers during these years quite often using their money to keethings in motion. The same condition applies to both 1946 and 1947 but in a lesser degree as the National memberships have increased slightly in those two years.

This is writton to clear up once for all a misunderstanding that exists in several membership groups. Actually the cash awards set up for our annual tournaments come from these sources. The amount of money put up by the sponsor plus a percentage of the "Stamp Fund" and special prizes sometimes offered by local fans.

In 1946 at Des Moines to increase the amount put up by the sponsor the entry fees were added. Again at Murray the entry fees were added. This was an oversight. It would be more appropriate to use them for expenses incidental to the tournament. It clearly evident, that the oft' repeated reply of the average pitcher when requested to become a member of the National Assn. that; he did not care to contribute to a fund, earmarked for expert pitchers only; has no foundation in fact. Signed Harry T. Woodfield, Pres. N. H. P. A.

## PITCHING SCHEDULES BY HARVEY W. CLEAR

Just received a copy of the official, tournament and team pitching schedules published by, our National Secretary, Harvey W. Clear in an attractiv 16 page book, 4½ X 6 inches. Tournament schedules are for round robin play in, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14 and 16 men set ups. Team schedules are for two four man, six man and eight mantteams.

Book cover nice shade off green, inside pages fine quality of paper printed in large type. If instructions are followed in tournament schedules best matches will be played in final rounds.

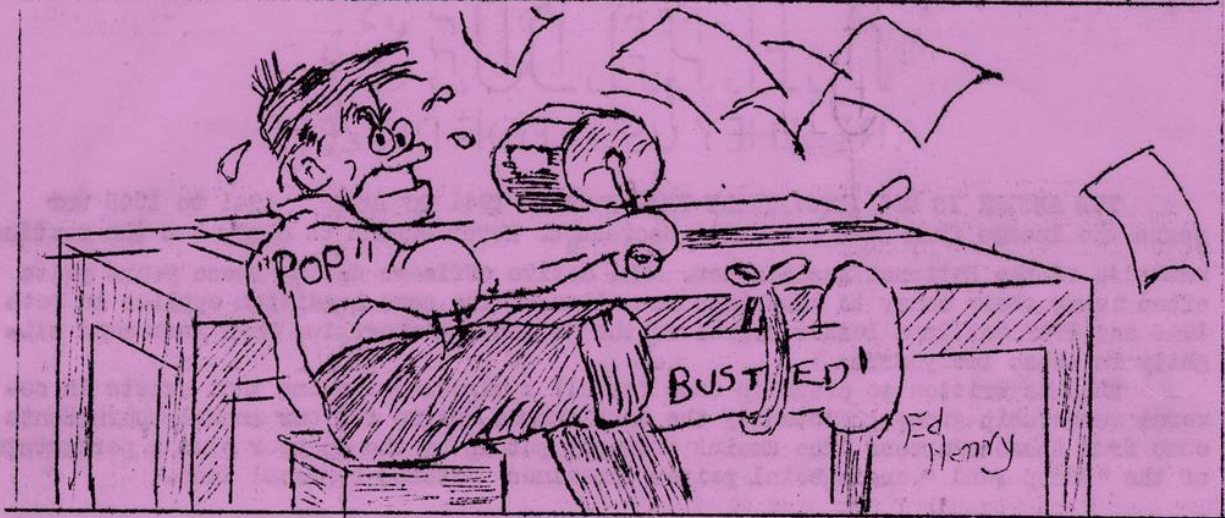
Horseshoe Assns. and Clubs, Industrial organizations, High Schools, Universities, Recreation Assns. for annual picnics or for any occasion where horseshoe tournaments or team matches are conducted one of these books will save confusion and hours of labor. You cannot afford to be without a copy at the low price of 25 cents.

Fasten a Quarter to paper or thin card board with Scotch tape, enclose in envelope addressed to, Harvey W. Clear, National Sec. 912 Melrose Ave. Santa Cruz California. Your schedules will come by return mail. The small profit from the sale of the books goes into the treasury. Round robin schedules for 18 - 20 - 24 - 32 and 36 men on request also percentage charts and score sheets.

The invitation to readers to send in their views on State charters has one early response. It is from A. L. McNeil of Cheyenne Wyo. He favors one charter to a State with officers from widely separated sections. Also every member of the Wyo. State Assn. is a National member. The National card is used for both. The Northern California Association requires its members to have National Cards. Both Assns consider this to be the only, the proper way.

The combined membership card if adopted by other State Assns. will result in bringing the National Association up to it's required numbers to accomplished benefits to all concerned. To take something out, You gotta put something in. H. T. W.

SHALL THE "HORSESHOE NEWS" CONTINUE PUBLI—



The Illustration above shows how the publication of the "Horseshoe News" was brought to a dead stop and it's entire staff (excepting the Art Dept.) placed in a temporary state of inertia suddenly on the evening of Jan. 20. The cause. A driver who for several years had made right turns without slacking speed and, without meeting an obstruction thereto.

This time, his right front bumper hit me on the right leg just before it was in a forward motion. I was knocked . . . clear of the car and quite a distance through the air. Executing a SOFT FALL. The impact of the bumper caused the break in the bone. There wasn't even a bruise from the fall. Three doctors in the hospital who had never heard of a soft fall just wouldn't believe there wasn't other injuries. Then they asked What is a soft fall.

A SOFT FALL is the art of falling relaxed. Three humans have it down pat. A baby, a drunken man and, an acrobat. I was an acrobat for several years.. To the handicap of wearing a cast until Mar. 7. other complications are added. 734 19th. 3t Where I have been living alone for the past two years (since my step-fathers death) was to become mine at his death. That was his intention. Rent free, a small truck and a shop in the rear made it possible for me to carry on a roof repair business. The income from this helped at times in getting out "The Horseshoe News" That income is stopped, due to my accident and may never be resumed.

the property has been sold.

DO YOU WANT ME TO CONTINUE PUBLISHING THE PAPER? The 450 subscribers now listed were made possible by friendly cooperation in all sections for which I am deeply grateful and many have written requesting that I keep going. Although the first official subscription year began with May 1947 issue four subscribers have sent renewals to start with Jan. 1948 number.

It maybe that others will want to do likewise. It would solve the problem of getting all necessary supplies to publish the NEWS during this real emergency. It is a real pleasure for me to work on the paper. It has been my hopes that through it all who love this grand old game may be brought closer to gether and that ideas that are successful in one section can become known in others and that the fine principles of HEALTH and GOODFELLOWSHIP with which horseshoe pitching is saturated be spread EVERY WHERE MOST CERTAINLY THERE IS NO ROOM FOR HURTFUL DISSENSION in organized groups. The opportunity for our sport to accomplish much good is here and NOW as never before. WE MUST NOT FAIL Pop Woodfield

CATION BEYOND SUBSCRIPTION OBLIGATIONS? —

# ON THE COURTS

**PENNSYLVANIA** — George Giron, of 469 Bedford Ave. Rochester is manager of a team, picked from the now 30 members of the Rochester Horseshoe Club, wants home and home games with other teams in Penna. and Ohio. He has an idea that Pa. State League will boost the game in the Keystone State. ( He's right ) Teams in other sections of Penna. get in touch with George and form a State League. If you send them in names of teams and their managers will be published in the HORSESHOE NEWS. A lot of preliminary work in forming a league can be arranged by mail. Rochester is not far from Pittsburg.

Before the war, there was a lot of action in Erie. Sam White of that city was in the center of it. Where is Sam now? Like to have his address or others from Erie. D. Eric Bron 2900 Carman Ave. Camden New Jersey How about The Eastern Pennsylvania Tournament at Willow Grove Park?

John Fulton Route # 5, Carlisle Pa. writes of the 1948 tournament sponsored by the Penna. State Farm Show. It is staged in Harrisburg in a large auditorium and limited to Farmer pitchers. Early in Jan. of each year 9000 spectators watch an elimination contest. RANDOLPH BOURRENT of Pittsburg was the favorite but was eliminated in the first round. J. Baker of Bedford and Ivan Luke of Barnsboro with one loss each met in the finals. With the 1948 title riding on one game Baker had a commanding lead at the halfway mark, 29 to 7. Luke, the under dog by a sensational rally knotted the count at 47 all. HE THEN HELD Baker scoreless while collecting the three remaining points for a surprise win 50 to 47. Fulton the 1947 winner will lay his title on the line in 1949. He has seven straight victories to his credit. The rules of the event are, winner in one year is not permitted to enter the next year. Fulton will enter his first World's championship tournament at Milwaukee. He will bear watching.

**ILLINOIS** — Edw. Babush of 2818 W. 39th. Place Chicago claims that John Lindmeier ( former AAU champ ) will prove a stumbling block to many who aspire to the world's title at Milwaukee this coming August. Lindmeier's past performances prove Babush to be a close observer. He watched the smooth swinging John at Des Moines in 1946 win from Casey Jones by gaining a commanding lead in the early stages of their game that was too much for Casey to overcome. That was Casey's only loss. Ted Allen had lost to Johnny Sebek in an earlier round. If Casey could have stood off Lindmeier he would have entered that last round one up on Allen and Ted would have to win that final game from Casey to tie him. As it was Ted won that game and the title.

It is expected that Illinois will have it's largest entry in the 1948 event. as the courts are nearer to that State than any other. And while they are at it why not come up with a State Assn. affiliated with N. H. P. A. It's easy when using the combined card that is proving so popular this year.

Horton, Jackson Co. Mich. is 11 miles from Jackson, the county seat, Raymond W. Wetzel of Horton wants blue or, grey clay for his courts. He doesn't like sand. Can some of you Michigan pitchers help Mr. Wetzel?

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Gerald L'abbe of Laconia N. H. sends a photo of beautiful courts in Salem Mass. ( the witch city ) It was taken in 1941 during the State tournament. L'abbe lists the ranking Mass. pitchers of that year as; J. O'Shea, - G. L'abbe, - S. McLeary B. Herfurth, - C. Larson, - D. Hurley, - D. Jackson and A. Phaneof. Carl Larson, passed away Dec. 1946. ——— Jimmy O'Shea why not sendin some names and addresses to THE NEWS from Brookton, Quincy, Salem, Fall River, etc. Why not a State Assn.

O.K? NOW READ PAGE (2)

# HOT STOVE LEAGUE

When the time has come to jot down items on this page our thoughts return to Murray Utah, the 1947 world's horseshoe tournament and the many incidents of whole hearted cooperation by the Utahns. One of these concerns Mrs. Maurine Cook, daughter of Arch Stokes, 1st. Vice President of M. H. P. A.

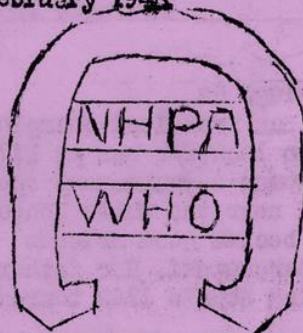
Mrs. Cook is an employee of the nationally famous Auerbachs Dept. store in Salt Lake City. With a cozy home and a growing family we can imagine her annual vacation was originally planned around these. When we arrived at the home of Arch and Mrs. Stokes as their guest for the duration of the tournament, Mrs. Cook and her car appeared shortly after and she stated that both were at our disposal during the entire tournament. An expert scorer she sat out several rounds of the finals in the sun drenched ceter of the courts. The pitchers will remember her and the gallery should as she made a striking picture of the west in leather thonged sombrero, blouse and tailored slacks. Thanks a lot "Mnueverer"

"The Electro Dealer" monthly trade magazine published by the Utah Power and Light Co. of Salt Lake City, show on page six of the Jan. number a picture of the now famous Murray Horseshoe courts. The original photo was taken on a moonless night with the court lights the only illumination. The result is a striking example of shadowless lighting.

Mr. Al Leick, Sports Lighting Specialist for the Utah Co. planned the lights Blue prints including specifications have been mailed to many who have sent in requests. Mr. Leick is anxious to learn what disposal has been made of them Please write him in care of Utah Power and Light Co. Salt Lake City Utah.

## PICK UPS

J. E. Bacon, 3724 Kenyon St. in Little Rock is the first subscriber from Arkansas. He sends thanks to Doc Chess for literature explaining the Court All System. He thinks it will fit the small group of pitchers there nicely. He says he enjoys reading the Horseshoe News and maybe some day we'll create enough interest to form a a State Assn. and join the National. Come on "Little Rockers" do it now. Write to Nat. Sec. Harvey W. Clear 912 Melrose Ave. Santa Cruz, Calif. and get full details. It's easy. We need the support of all horseshoe pitchers. — Where is Ed Beardsley, 1944 Utah State Champ. Sam Anderson, 145 E. 9th. South Salt Lake City 4 Utah wants to locate him. Edw. Babush, 2818 W. 39th. Place Chicago Ill. has combed that city and surrounding territory without results. — Harry Duncan of Ted Allen Horseshoe Co. travelling by easy stages through Texas sent in names of four prospective subscribers. Four copies of Jan. News went out in the next mail. Before he could have received his copy, Frank M. Casner ( one of the four ) sent a subscription in an interesting letter. His home is at 1201 W. 6th. St. Bloomington Ind. he says the game is perking up there. They have five new courts and interest in horseshoes dormant since 1930 is growing rapidly. Sure, Friend Casner what happened on the Bloomington courts will be considered new. Be sure and send it to me. Pop Woodfield. — Chester R. Hall, Executive Sec. Vineland N. J. Y. M. C. A. What do you mean by 18 in. space The maximum width of the space around the peg is 3 ft. the minimum is 31 inches. Our advice is, to get the jump on your gang, drive two pegs in your back yard and practise. Hold a Roy Smith Book in your Left hand then pitch. ( Pop ) — Harvey Clear our National Sec. will meet with the Executive Sec. of the California Centennial Board Feb. 21, and with a group of Horseshoe Clubs in Los Angeles Feb. 27, 28 and 29. — The Florida State University are interested in horseshoe pitching. We suggested they get a flock of Roy Smith books and teach the science of the game like Iowa University.



## A CHALLENGE FROM INDIANA STATE!

Bryant Hodgins 3110 No. Leslie Indianapolis Secretary, has a chip on his shoulder. It carries a promise that, in 1948, Indiana is out to sell more NHPA membership than any other State Assn.

A sure fire method is, issue. The N. H. P. A. card. viz. National, State and Club Dues in one payment.



To the left is, a drawing of an emblem sent in by E. J. Cunningham 322 W. 22nd. St. Cheyenne Wyoming Sec. of the Cheyenne Horseshoe Club. This type is most popular probably because for it's simplicity. Cunningham was the first to add another bar on which the name of the state could be inscribed. He reports, his community will spend \$15,000 on it's youth program for 1948. His Horseshoe Club is on the committee.

Cunningham and the Cheyenne Horseshoe Club intend that horseshoe pitching will have a part in the youth program. They plan to build courts available to schools, and develop a team in the High Schools to compete with High School Teams in nearby towns. Last but not least, to keep spectators informed of the scores and names of players throughout the games by loud speaker and score boards.

The emblem to the right is from Arner Lindquist of W. Va. who placed 18th. in the Murray tournament. He is an expert glass blower. His drawing came etched on a crystal clear, 12 oz. glass with my name above. A unique and valued souvenir. Lindquist suggests that his emblem be made up as a watch charm. Cunningham suggests metal or plastic for his.

When we are not at work getting out the HORSESHOE NEWS we are making contacts to get nation-wide publicity for N. H. P. A. and our sport. We suggested emblems having in mind that in the finals of our annual tournaments the players should have attached to their shirts, to show that they were members of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Assn. We admit we are biased in this opinion. We want the public to become better acquainted with N. H. P. A. We admit little or nothing has been done in this respect in previous tournaments. While after publicity from newspapers and other agencies we should do something about it within our own organizations.

Mort (Delver) Lave Associate Editor of, "SPORTS CONDENSED NEWS" Chicago well deserves that middle name. When he becomes interested in a sport, his action, is similar to that of a scientist at work in, a research laboratory. He takes it apart, puts it together in various ways to come up with many good reasons why more people should adopt it. He did some work along those lines with volley ball last year and now that sport is coming right up the ladder.

This summer, an exhibition team will go to Europe as a selling point to gain entrance in the 1952 Olympics. He adds, "I do get a kick out of the efforts being made by your organization to put horseshoe pitching on the nation's sports map." We have Mort, just about one week after you typed the letter with the quotation above. Here it is.

THE MARCH ISSUE OF "TRUE MAGAZINE" IS ON THE NEWSSTANDS. In it is a two page color map of the United States. On it along with all the important sports events of 1948 horseshoe pitching is pictured by the artist just about where Milwaukee is located. The page opposite gives the dates of our 1948 world's tournament August 16. to 21. Our appreciation for this unique publicity goes to L. S. Berlin Research Editor of "TRUE" and also for his introducing us to the "DELVER" Mort Lave. (H.P.W.)

# WOMEN'S PAGE

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Virginia Coker, now Mrs. Jaeger, 485 Candlestick Road San Francisco, champion of California writes, she will get in lots of practise and to look for her at Milwaukee. Mrs. Heflin of nearby Virginia, winner of the last Women's tournament sponsored by "The Washington Evening Star" on the public courts near the White House, intends to be in shape for the trip to Milwaukee. These two became good friends by correspondence before the war. Then Mrs. Heflin was Stella Baranowski, Her father Ed, won the title of Northern Virginia champion in the Evening Star's 1942 tournament.

Ellen Forslund, Rt. 1, Box 348 Coos Bay, former Oregon champion most likely will make her first appearance in a Women's National tournament in Milwaukee. Ruth Allen now Mrs. Hoelzle, 414 Pecan St. Lindenhurst Long Island N. Y. has for the past few years been a top ranking horseshoe pitcher in the east. From the start she has pitched 40 feet (men's distance) with ease, due to an effortless swing. Her challenge to meet all comers of her sex at the 40 foot distance has never been accepted.

Her entry in men's tournaments on the east coast are accepted without question. There is every reason to believe if her entry is accepted in the men's tournament at Milwaukee in August. That she will make the trip. She will prove to be an added attraction in any event.

The women's tournament in Milwaukee will have tougher competition than at Murray. There was no advance information that the ladies could compete again in a National event. As a result there was not enough time to prepare for it, in 1947. So to the ladies who were such good sports in Utah last August, to open the way for an annual Women's National Championship, here is a word of warning. Come to Milwaukee prepared for a gruelling contest. Their names: The Mrs. Gregson, Rust, Doggett and Davis of California. The Mrs. Lindquist of West Va., Kampschroeder Kansas, DeLeary Arizona, Larson Utah and Jones of Wisconsin.

Mrs. Katherine Gregson, Crestline Calif. winner at Murray will no doubt be prepared to defend her title. There is another reason for her to be in the groove. Last year in a special match with her eldest son Jimmy. It was nip and tuck for quite a while until in the last stages of the game, she forged ahead to win. It's our guess that Jimmy feels sure he will win from his mother at Milwaukee. It won't be long before Jimmy move up to the 40 foot marker. That may afford Mrs. Gregson some relief. But not for long. Jimmy's brother, Donald six this year, is preparing by easy stages to take Jimmy's place. From a 3 foot distance he was making ringers around tent stakes at Des Moines in 1946. Last year on the Murray courts he was shooting at the pegs from about 10 feet. Under Jimmy's coaching he should be ready for mother in a couple of years.

Mrs. Pat DeLeary, 318 E. Arizona Park Phoenix Arizona. was a 40 ft. pitcher when she arrived at Murray. Changing to a 30 ft. pitch in the Women's tournament was too great a handicap for her. We had visions of a rare contest at Milwaukee Ruth-Allen Hoelzle and Pat DeLeary in a special match at 40 feet. Last Fall word came from her husband Stan (joint holder of the world's with Ted Allen of 12 straight 4 deads) that Pat was practising at 30 feet.

Last year there were a few babies too young to make the trip to Murray. Their Mothers and Dads had to stay at home. Several of these trips should be able to come to Milwaukee. Here is our solution to a problem. When Dad's pitching Mother can take care of baby. When Mother is on the courts Dad can take over. But if Mother is scoring while Dad is pitching. A mobile day nursery would take care of that nicely.

SCIENCE AT THE STAKE

50 cents Roy Smith 214 W. 77th St. Los Angeles.