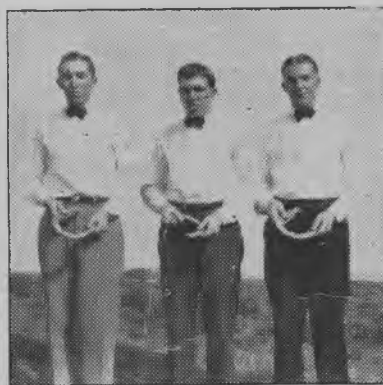


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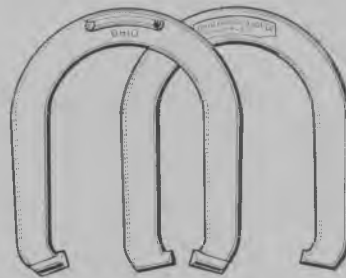
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WE ARE indebted to Andrew Casper, secretary-treasurer of the Metropolitan Horseshoe Club, of Washington, D. C., for an honorary membership in the club . . . our membership card has been added to a big collection of greatly valued membership cards received from other clubs . . . and today's mail brings a funny letter . . . we always print nice letters telling us how good the Horseshoe World is, but listen to this one: "The boys say here that the Pumpkin Seed News (it is a paper about the size of a sheet of fools cap paper) and your paper (last month it had 4 sheets about this size and it covering the United States, too) are the smallest newspapers in the world. There are hundreds of clubs and news enough for 30 or 40 pages if you had some way of getting it." Wow! Wan't that a sock on the chin? . . . but while we appreciate the news sent by the author of the letter, which he says "is to help increase the size of your paper," we can't live on news . . . if you horseshoe pitchers will buy your equipment of firms that advertise with us and help us boost we can make it bigger . . . it isn't a matter of news, it's a matter of advertising. Why buy from firms that don't help

April, 1931

GOOD NEWS!



GOOD NEWS comes from Secretary D. D. Cottrell that he has several offers for a summer tournament from Northern cities and horseshoe clubs.

After having been forced to forego a winter tournament due to lack of funds for such things, horseshoe fans will welcome this good news from Mr. Cottrell and if a tournament is held this summer, no doubt it will enjoy the biggest entry list in the history of the game. Many new pitchers have been developed and all are waiting for a chance at the championship crown.

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In publishing THE HORSESHOE WORLD, our readers come first. The magazine is printed monthly for them and every article is run with the idea of interesting them. Suggestions to the editor for the betterment of the magazine are always welcomed.

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STEWART STRAW WINNER IN TOURNAMENT

EDITOR'S NOTE

The accompanying article is written by W. R. Gordon and appeared in the March 21 issue of the Pennsylvania Farmer, well-known Pennsylvania farm magazine.

Horseshoes! The air was full of 'em. Like the grasshoppers that descended on Brigham Young's little settlement on Salt Lake way back in 18—something.

We are told on reliable authority that in the day of the horse no really estimable equine would venture forth without his set of properly tempered half soles. His less respectable relative, the mule, it is said, possessed an amazing skill at planting his shoe with dazzling accuracy, and in the lease expected moments and places.

Some people hang horseshoes over their doors—with the open side up—as a guarantee against misfortunes or as an invitation to lady luck. If you have a real shapely horseshoe tacked up somewhere you might pull a pearl necklace out of an oyster stew most any time. So you see the horseshoe has an enviable background in utility and service. But there is still another use for this fascinating little instrument, and that is to "throw 'em." Now there's a real game.

There are those who choose to demonstrate power of mind over matter by pounding a little white ball about the size of a bantam egg, all over the outdoors. This game is an adaptation of the time honored indoor pastime of "Button, Button, Where Is the Button? But don't prejudge that horseshoe throwin' lacks dignity and prestige for the want of a seasoned and respectable past.

But like so many things in life, one may fall an easy victim to its attractions. And to make it an even more treacherous affliction, it is dreadfully contagious. Whole communities may become afflicted in a week.

No one is safe from its ravages. It afflicts old and young alike. The most respected and settled members of the community may become wild devotees overnight, neglecting fami-

lies and business in pursuit of its alluring charm.

The only known remedy is to treat it like a fever, just let it burn itself out. A sure, though temporary, expedient is for the sufferer to meet humiliating defeat at the hand of some one newly afflicted with the disease. But there is no permanent cure. The sight of a peg sticking out of the ground or a cast-off horseshoe may bring on an attack worse than any previous one.

Until the past summer, the occurrence of this malady throughout the state seemed scattered and sporadic. But during the season past—some attribute it to the drouth—its virulence surpassed any previous outbreak. Counties held great festivals, and tournaments of horseshoe pitching, selected their best and sent abroad throughout the state defiant challenges.

Since it seemed largely confined to the rural areas, the public agencies concerned with agriculture adopted emergency measures to curb the outbreak. With some hazard of spreading the infection, all those showing developed stages of the disorder were encouraged to attend the Farm Show at Harrisburg. Preliminary plans consisted of having pegs and pitching boxes set up in the livestock arena with several sets of shoes strewn carelessly about. The plan worked. No sooner did these addicts discover the instruments of their obsession, than they climbed into the arena and a desperate struggle ensued that lasted for two days.

The result of the semi-finals is shown on the accompanying table. This left Straw and Fulmer to fight it out in the finals.

Well it ended finally with a mighty tussle right out in the middle of the arena on Wednesday night. You never saw such shoe heavin' in all your life. Young Dick Fulmer from over in Indiana county gave Steward Straw a wearisome half hour. Dick just kept close enough behind to make him feel pestered and nervous. Then it all ended with Straw showing 50 points and Dick 42. And Straw became the first state farmer horseshoe champion. He made 22 ringers and three double ringers in the first game, 26 ringers and four double ringers in the second game. His opponent made 15 ringers and

one double ringer in the first game, and 23 ringers and three doubles in the second.

Results in the Semi-Finals

Name	County	W	L	R	Pts
S. Straw	Clearfield	14	0	127	350
R. Fulmer	Indiana	12	2	120	337
C. Barr	Jefferson	10	4	82	320
N. Steffy	Indiana	9	5	92	320
G. Mickey	Bedford	9	5	70	292
C. Dayton	Susq.	9	5	59	280
V. Moore	Huntington	8	6	70	275
R. Witter	Fulton	7	7	57	268
V. Mickey	Bedford	6	8	68	307
G. Chalk	Montgomery	6	8	49	266
P. Lochevich	Blair	4	10	45	228
R. Benscoter	Luzerne	4	10	39	244
J. Heinly	Berks	3	11	29	199
E. Hess	Luzerne	2	12	39	182
C. Bagshaw	Blair	2	12	43	250

REAL RINGER PITCHING

The following are the scores of 8 games pitched by Bert Duryee, Ohio State champion, and Jimmy Cash, champion of Cleveland:

Feb. 25—					
Duryee	.....	50	74	28	96 77.0
Cash	.....	28	67	22	96 69.7
Duryee	.....	50	43	14	68 63.2
Cash	.....	34	39	13	68 55.8
Duryee	.....	50	44	17	58 75.8
Cash	.....	21	36	11	58 62.0
March 4—					
Duryee	.....	50	43	18	56 76.7
Cash	.....	14	31	9	56 55.3
Duryee	.....	50	54	17	86 62.7
Cash	.....	40	52	16	86 60.4
March 6—					
Duryee	.....	50	74	28	96 77.0
Cash	.....	37	69	23	96 71.8
March 18—					
Duryee	.....	50	70	25	96 72.9
Cash	.....	42	66	26	96 68.7

Duryee used the Ohio Horse Shoe Co.'s new model shoes. In the 8 games he averaged 72.1 per cent ringers. Jimmy Cash averaged 49.7 per cent ringers. Jimmy is champion of Cleveland and only 14 years old. According to Duryee, Jimmy will give them all a run for the championship of Ohio next summer.

C. A. Benedict, Johnstown, Ohio, is a dyed-in-the-wool fan.

FINISH INDOOR SEASON IN CAPITAL CITY

Washington's first indoor horse-shoe organization, the Metropolitan league, which finished its season on the Greenway courts last week, produced in Carl Vonder Lacken a dangerous contender for the Metropolitan district crown won by H. Fraser Saunders last summer in The Evening Star tournament.

Vonder Lacken led the league in percentage of games won and in ringer average. He won 17 out of

18 games and averaged 39 ringers out of every 100 pitches. The winner of the only game he lost was Andrew Casper, league secretary.

The Midwesterns finished first with 39 games won and 15 lost.

Millard E. Peake, former Metropolitan district champion, was runner-up to Vonder Lacken, winning 15 out of 18 games with a ringer mark of .36.

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* CHAMPION *
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Final Team Standing

	W	L	P	OP	R	DR	Pct
Midwestern	39	15	2537	1838	1140	197	.34
Arlington	33	21	2360	2147	1064	150	.30
Plaza	32	22	2290	2233	1003	144	.27
Maryland	29	25	2268	2182	1000	147	.28
Col. Heights	19	35	2106	2258	851	105	.24
Falls Church	16	38	1982	2410	889	126	.25
Cherrydale	21	33	1886	2361	816	96	.24

League Records

Best ringer percentages — Peake, 21 ringers, 6 double ringers, 34 shoes, .61; 23 ringers, 7 double ringers, 40 shoes, .57; 21 ringers, 5 double ringers, 40 shoes, .52; Vonder Lacken, 23 ringers, 44 shoes, .52; 26 ringers, 6 double ringers, 52 shoes, .50; Wilson, 26 ringers, 6 double ringers, 52 shoes, .50.

Most ringers in one game—Vonder Lacken, 41; Sam Darnes, 35; Edmonston, 34.

Shortest game—Casper, 15 ringers, 5 doubles, 32 shoes, .46.

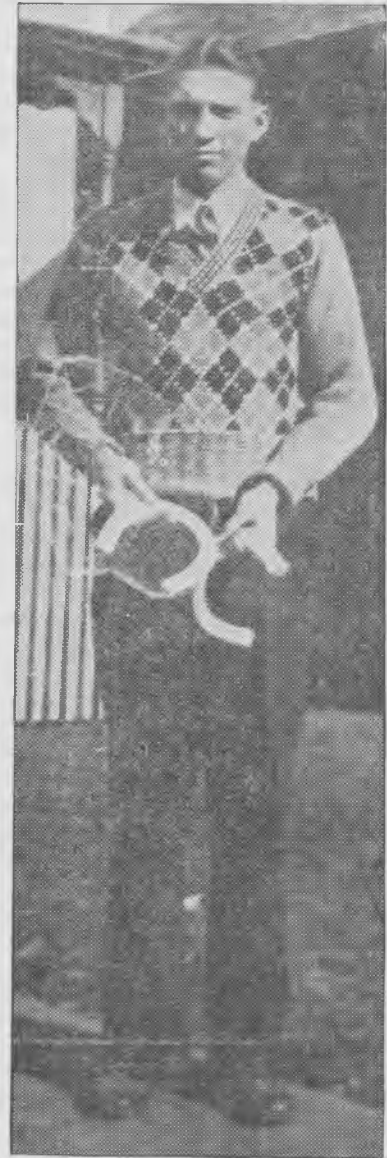
Most doubles—Crane, 30 ringers, 9 doubles, 66 shoes, .45.

Best three games—Peake, 62 ringers, 16 doubles, 126 shoes, .49; Vonder Lacken, 84 ringers, 16 doubles, 188 shoes, .44.

Individual Averages

	W	L	P	OP	R	DR	Pct
C. Vonder Lacken	17	1	894	508	405	81	.39
M. E. Peake	15	3	887	552	392	70	.36
A. A. Casper	14	7	925	771	407	61	.32
Leonard Westby	10	8	818	696	373	58	.32
Sam Darnes	5	7	549	499	260	37	.32
Wm. Greiner	9	9	792	768	369	52	.31
Roy Wilson	12	6	825	634	362	58	.31
Earl Crane	12	6	776	681	356	56	.30
Alex. Kirchner	11	7	777	693	329	44	.29
Ed. Edmonston	10	8	791	712	357	48	.29
Chas. Fort	12	6	811	772	372	57	.29
C. C. Hensen	10	8	784	754	382	54	.29
James Stant	3	3	267	236	118	16	.28
C. B. Darr	10	8	710	759	314	36	.27
Hubbard Quantrelle	5	10	568	636	258	37	.27
George Thompson	3	9	431	537	209	29	.27
Paul Morrison	8	10	756	746	292	27	.23
Ed. Henry	8	10	722	774	290	40	.23
J. Darnes	0	9	244	450	117	19	.21
A. P. Tallmadge	4	14	657	805	247	32	.20
R. H. Brown	5	13	599	862	239	25	.19
M. R. Welsh	5	7	436	544	157	15	.18
C. C. Darr	1	9	232	490	87	9	.14
R. R. James	0	8	153	400	58	3	.13
L. Anderson	0	3	36	150	13	1	.08

—Washington Star.



Arnold Maki

Mr. Maki, of Hibbing, Minn., is city, county, state and northwest champion horseshoe pitcher. He also finished third in the amateur tournament in Chicago last fall.

He plans to give exhibitions in the northwest and in Canada this summer.

Gerald Smith, Wilmington, O., tosser, is a student at the University of Florida, Gainesville, and finds some time for horseshoe pitching down there.

FRED HAMILTON RETAINS CROWN

Meet Fred Hamilton, folks. He is the champion of Maryland, having won the state crown a second time last fall and here's a story from the Baltimore Sun that tells the whole thing:

"Fred Hamilton, who lives in Cumberland, went home last night wearing the crown that is symbolic of the horseshoe pitching championship of Maryland.

It was the second time he had won the title in state-wide contests sponsored by the Sunpapers and the Playground Athletic League. But, Mr. Hamilton's path to success was not strewn with roses; it had one distinctly thorny portion. The matches were held in Patterson Park, champions from the counties and Baltimore district competing.

Throne Nearly Topples

Mr. Hamilton sailed through the first and second-round matches and into the quarter finals an easy victor in each. In the semi-finals he faced a man who was determined to be Maryland's 1930 champion and who came within two points of ascending the throne.

Mr. Hamilton faced Harry Fowler, of New Windsor, Carroll county, in the semi-finals. The first game went to the champion, 50 to 39. Mr. Fowler came back in the second game and won, 53 to 23. A large gallery watched the slow start of the third and final game, which was either man's until they began to fight for the last few points that spelled victory.

The score stood 48-all and both men were nervous. There were several pitches with no scoring until Mr. Hamilton succeeded in getting over a ringer, gaining three points and the game.

Another Has Tough Game

In the meantime, on the next course another bitter semi-final fight was going on. John Gourvenac, a 16-year-old youth, the Patterson Park district champion, was having tough sledding with Eugene Oakley, representing Wicomico county, in the absence of Howard Smith, of Salisbury, district champion. John lost the first game, 44 to 51, but won the remaining two with scores of 55-42 and 50-41.

Hamilton coasted to victory in the championship matches. Gourvenac was tired out by the time the match

started and Hamilton had an easy time placing his shots to score. The champion won the first game, 52-26, after John had pulled his score up from 15 by fine pitching. The second game went 52-31, and the day's play was ended.

Made 24 Ringers

In the first of the championship games, Mr. Hamilton made 24 ringers and seven double ringers in 54 shoes. Mr. Gourvenac, in the same number of shoes, scored 14 ringers and one double ringer.

By his victory, Mr. Hamilton won a large silver loving cup. Mr. Gourvenac won a cup and Mr. Fowler, by defeating Mr. Oakley in a special match by scores of 54-8, 54-25, won a third cup. D. Hinks and J. G. Jory were the judges, and C. W. Ashley was the referee.

First Round Scores

Results for the first round:

Fred Hamilton, Allegheny county, won from Millard E. Peake, Montgomery county, 53-42, 48-51, 50-28.

John Sauers, Riverside Park, Baltimore, won over James Sanders, Garrett county, 51-24, 53-10.

Dawson Payne, Dorchester county, won from Louis Goldstein, Calvert county, 50-24, 51-12.

Merle E. Heilman, Prince George's county, won from Raphael Long, St. Mary's county, 50-46, 50-30.

Harry Fowler, Carroll county, won from Walter D. Kolb, Frederick county, 50-32, 55-23.

George Finn, Cecil county, won from S. Albert Thume, Talbot county, 22-50, 50-33, 52-46.

Raymond D. Gosman, Kent county, won from William Essex, Latrobe district, Baltimore, 52-20, 53-14.

James Greene, Harford county, won from Lawrence Moore, Howard county, 50-25, 51-45.

J. Trueman Miller, Washington county, won by default from Charles P. Arrlington, Queen Anne's county.

Joseph Whitaker, Easterwood Park, Baltimore, won from Harvey Jones, Caroline county, 51-27, 50-45.

John Gourvenac, Patterson park, Baltimore, won from Nickolas Stamm Carroll park, Baltimore, 51-11, 51-44.

Lewis Zepp, Baltimore county, won by default from Dewey Posey, Worcester county.

Results of Second Round

Fred Hamilton won from Alfred Beavin, Anne Arundel county, 52-11, 50-16.

Dawson Payne won from John Sauers, 50-27, 50-20.

Harry Fowler won from Merle E. Heilman, 50-24, 55-26.

George Finn won from Raymond D. Gosman, 50-45, 50-38.

James Greene won from J. Trueman Miller, 40-51, 50-28, 53-40.

John Gourvenac won from Joseph Whitaker, 51-34, 42-50, 51-34.

Lewis Zepp won from Joseph Muhmeister, 52-35, 51-28.

Eugene Oakley won by default from Frank Branford, Somerset county.

Quarter Final Results

Fred Hamilton won from Dawson Payne, 51-40, 51-12.

Harry Fowler won from George Finn, 50-14, 52-46.

John Gourvenac won from James Greene, 50-47, 50-43.

Eugene Oakley won from Lewis Zepp, 50-33, 45-50, 50-22.

Semi-Final Counts

Fred Hamilton won from Harry Fowler, 50-39, 28-53, 51-48.

John Gourvenac won from Eugene Oakley, 44-51, 55-42, 50-42.

Scores in Final

Fred Hamilton won from John Gourvenac, 52-26, 52-31.

Twenty-one of the 23 counties in Maryland were represented and Baltimore was represented by six contestants.



The Tourists' Horseshoe Club of Long Beach, Calif., is a widely known organization. Men from every state in the union hold membership, some of whom come to Long Beach because of this club and its associations.

There are lawyers, doctors, preachers, farmers and business men from other stations in life, who take advantage of pitching horseshoes for exercise in the sunshine, fresh air and ocean breeze.

The club is self supporting. Last year 1400 pairs of shoes were sold to the members at a profit of 25 cents on each pair. This, with the initiation fee of 50 cents a member, and the monthly dues of 25 cents each, paid the current expenses of the club, beside taking care of the donations of the Red Cross, the Community Chest fund and the dues of 10 cents a member to the state association.

The club was organized in 1900

with a membership of 15. In 1920,, by a vote of the people, space was granted the club in Lincoln park, in which the library is located. At that time, the plot, 70 by 100 feet was sufficient, but since the membership has grown to 650 with a monthly average of 250, the present need is of a larger amount of space. There are ten pegs, so only 40 men can play at a time. The members play early and late, but never on Sundays.

This club has the honor of having two members who are state champions of California, Bradfield in '22 and '23, and Hiett in '24 and '25. These members still hold their membership in the club, and continue to improve in skill.

The officers, elected annually on New Year's day are president, vice president, secretary and treasurer.

An aggregate of millions of dollars represent the holdings of its members, since some individuals are millionaires. The club is considered an important social and financial asset to Long Beach.—From a Kansas City Newspaper.

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Before me, a Notary Public, in and for the state and county aforesaid, personally appeared R. B. Howard, who, having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is the Publisher of the Horseshoe World, and that the following is to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management, etc., of the aforesaid publication, for the date shown in the above caption, required by the Act of August 24, 1912, embodied in Section 443, Postal Laws and Regulations, printed on the reverse of this form, to-wit:

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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 3rd day of April, 1931.

(Seal) MARGARET A. CONVERSE,
(My commission expires Feb. 11, 1934.)
Notary Public.

NEW ASSOCIATION

On April Fools Day, 16 delegates, representing eight clubs, with a membership of 150 members, scattered throughout this county met at the Winter Horseshoe Club, located at 123½ E. Main St., Springfield, O.

At this meeting a new organization was born unto the horseshoe pitching world.

The Clark County Horseshoe Pitchers Association, with headquarters in Springfield, Ohio, was formed for the purpose of organizing clubs and leagues in this county, and to foster a county championship tournament this summer. Also to co-operate with the Ohio State and National Association, in propagating the seed of horseshoe pitching.

The following officers were elected and installed:

V. H. McCarty, R. D. 1, New Carlisle, O., president; Ralph Driscoll, R. D. 1, Springfield, O., first vice president; Alva Smith, R. D. 5, Springfield, second vice president; Loy D. Johnston, 145 Willis avenue, Springfield, secretary; N. J. Bennett, 155 Willis Ave., Springfield, treasurer.

This association lost no time in filing their application with the Ohio State Association for membership.

Clubs affiliated with the new organization and number of members each have at this time are as follows:

Donnellsville, 20 members; Husted 35; Lowry Ave. Specials, 15; Pitchin 15; Rice St. Orphans, 15; Rockway, 15; Villa, 15; Willis Ave. Club, 20; total 150.

When their season opens Friday night, May 15th, 200 active pitchers are expected to be present.

The success of this new organization is due to the hearty co-operation of the several clubs and the hard work on the part of Loy D. Johns-

ton, president of the Willis Avenue club.

COME ON YOU HORSESHOE PITCHERS! HAPPY DAYS ARE HERE AGAIN!

Get your dues paid to your local clubs and have them send their dues into the Ohio State Association.

EIGHT TEAMS IN RACE

There will be eight teams in the St. Louis league this year, the season's pitching starting May 3.

The Sunset Burial Parks, managed by Jack Claves, winners in last year's race, and also victors in the night league games, will defend their title this year with the same players.

The players who won the pennant last year were: Left Steinman, St. Louis, individual champion; Frank Meyer, Louis Meilert, Bud Horton, Ben Gebhardt and Jack Claves, Mgr.

TO INSTALL COURTS

Indications are that many miniature golf courses will install horseshoe pitching courts this summer. They went over big last summer where tried out.

The Metropolitan Horseshoe League has been formed in Washington, D. C. Andrew Casper is secretary. Eight teams are included. Four nice indoor courts are used by the league, which invites visitors from any part of the country.

A WORD TO CLUBS

The Horseshoe World desires to call attention to the fact that many horseshoe clubs can have their own scoresheets without cost by selling an advertisement to some business firm in the community for the amount the Horseshoe World charges for furnishing them. Write us for particulars.

A COMING CHAMPION

Fernando Isias, of Los Angeles, Southern California champion, is mentioned as a possible contender for the world's championship. He is picked by many to wear the big crown.

WELCOME FANS

The Santa Barbara Horseshoe club away out in California, welcomes all fans to their headquarters, at 227 Equestrian St. If you are going West be sure to visit these boys. They are fine fellows.

A real horseshoe fan at Eaton, O., is Arnold Hensley.

NEWS, OFFICIAL
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From the
Secretary's Desk

D. D. COTTRELL
Secretary
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Your secretary answers all letters that come to him, but very few contain stamps for reply. While one stamp is a very small matter to the person asking for the information, the answering and paying postage on hundreds of letters, most of which do not come from persons who in any way are helping to support the National Association, is a considerable drain on the resources of this association. Please enclose a stamp for reply when writing.

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Your secretary has just received from the publisher a copy of the "All-Sports Record Book with Histories," 1931 edition. This book includes complete histories of over 50 major sports, names of champions, past and present and all outstanding records. It contains 448 pages bound in a substantial cover and is by far the most comprehensive work on the subject that your secretary has ever seen. In fact it is a mine of information about all the sports that most people ever heard of and of a great many sports, while played by a considerable number, are not generally considered as very important in the sport world.

My reason for mentioning this here is that a fine write-up of the horseshoe game is given on three pages, with a complete list of the champions and the date such championship was won, both for women and men. The editor and publisher is Mr. Frank G. Menke, 235 East 45th St., New York City. The price is \$1.00 post paid.

Mr. Menke for the past two decades has reported practically every important athletic contest which peculiarly qualifies him as a sports historian and in the publication of this book he shows the brilliant work of an expert in this line.

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It seems to be the ambition of Traverse City, Mich., to become the summer sport capital of the United States. This city calls itself "The Summer Home of Shuffleboard." The first winter tournament of this game was held at St. Petersburg in March and the summer tournament is announced to be held in this Michigan City. There they have a most

beautiful park entirely devoted to games, tennis, checkers, dominoes, cards, archery, horseshoes and a great many other sports and in this park is where the shuffleboard tournament is to be held and where they hope to hold also the summer National Horseshoe Pitching Tournament. They have a fine club house in the park, and at one side of the park is a gently sloping sand bathing beach. The city calls itself The Naples of America. Mr. Riley Sweers, chairman of the Sports Committee, who has had a number of conferences with the officials of the National Association, in St. Petersburg this winter, assures us that if the National Tournament comes to Traverse City, the best facilities will be furnished for holding the meet.

The national officials have had correspondence with Yakima, Wash., Denver, Colo., Jones Park, Babylon, L. I., N. Y., Oklahoma City, Okla., Ocean City, N. J., and Fort Wayne, Ind., about holding the tournament this summer and are notifying all of these places to make a decision about May first. The best interests of the players and the National Association will be carefully considered in studying the various propositions and in making their decision. Of course the amount of prize money offered and the facilities furnished will be large factors in deciding the place for holding the tournament.

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I have before me the printed notice reading "First official far-west horseshoe pitching contest—United States championship—San Diego City stadium, Sunday, March 15, at 3 p. m.; six best of 11 games. C. C. Davis vs. 'Putt' Mossman." This championship was not sanctioned by the National Association and has no official recognition as such by them. As far as the National is concerned it is only a series of games between two excellent players who have each competed in a number of National tournaments and have each been world's champions at different times. Both were in competition when Blair Nunamaker, the present world's champion, won this honor in Feb., 1929. Davis stood in fourth place in this tournament, winning 11 games

and losing 4. Mossman stood in fifth place, winning 10 games and losing 5. Mossman was tied with Hough and Elmeron for the fifth place, but in the play-off was successful in winning from each of the others. Nunamaker's percentage in all his tournament games when he won the world's championship, was .695, Davis, .670 and Mossman, .619.

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Old horseshoe pitchers who have kept track of the National Tournaments for the past eight or nine years will remember Al. King, of Akron, O., who worked with your secretary on the records at a number of these meets and who has been an enthusiastic lover of the sport for a great many years. King is spending the winter at 128 N. 11th Ave., Phoenix, Ariz. He has organized a fine club of horseshoe pitchers in that city. They have recently been playing a wire 4 men against 4 men, in San Diego, Calif., each man pitching 200 shoes. The results were San Diego 1676 points, .625 per cent, Phoenix 1681 points, .620 per cent. He also writes that he has heard from C. C. Davis at San Diego, telling him that he is the new world's champion, defeating Mossman 4 out of 6 games, Davis .676, Mossman, .675. He says, "I do not know whether that is O. K. by the National Association or not. If it is, it is easy picking." Best of wishes to old friend Al. He certainly has done a great deal for the horseshoe game.

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Mr. Wm. Maxwell, 806 Rutledge St., Spartansburg, S. C., has been spending a short time in St. Petersburg, and of course spent considerable of his time on the horseshoe grounds of the Sunshine Pleasure club, as he is an enthusiastic fan. He is assistant general superintendent of the Southern Railroad and president of a small but very interesting club of horseshoe pitchers in his home city. He says that they cannot pitch as many ringers as some can, but no players can have any more fun trying than they have.

Mt. Clemens, Mich., has several horseshoe pitchers who are ready for spring and summer pitching.

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The score:

	P	R	DR	SP	Pct
Davis	50	64	24	82	78.2
Mossman	37	61	22	82	74.5

We are indebted to Chas. E. Rob-

illard, of Santa Barbara, for a newspaper clipping regarding the match which reads as follows:

Before a crowd of more than 200 horseshoe pitching fans, two former world champion horseshoe pitchers staged an exhibition match in Oak Park yesterday afternoon.

C. C. Davis, of Kansas City, defeated Putt Mossman of Hollywood in the main tilt of the afternoon, both of the players having held the world crown in recent years. In another exhibition match, Fernando Isias of Los Angeles, who is now the Southern California champion, defeated Bob Nunn of Oxnard, a former state champion pitcher.

The crowd of spectators included players from Oxnard, Ventura, and Santa Paula, besides a large number of local players. Following the feature tilts, games were played by the local men.

Mossman and Davis will put on an indoor exhibition of their skill in the Santa Barbara Horseshoe club headquarters on Equestrian avenue, on Tuesday evening, April 7, according to Tom Secrest, president of the local organization.

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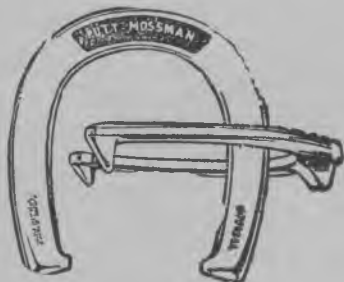
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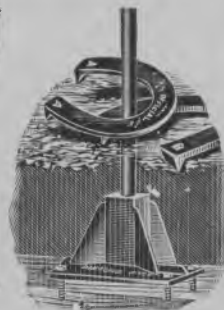
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