

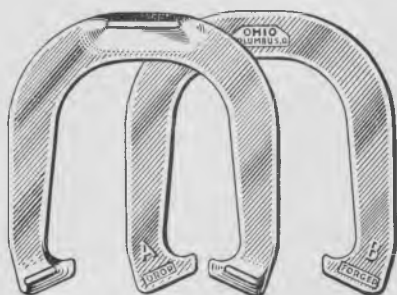
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We want to acknowledge the many fine letters we have received since the last issue was printed . . . these letters commended us for the great amount of small articles from all parts of the United States . . . these readers say the last issue suited them much better than those of the past . . . tournament time is coming and how can we follow this practice when long tournament tables are sent in? . . . should tables be printed? . . . it's your magazine and we try to meet your demands . . . personally we like the short snappy items ourselves . . . and we have a lot of them this month . . . it's hard to keep our zeal for the National association from creeping into our news articles . . . therefore a separate Secretary's page to carry such matter . . . we hope you read the earnest appeal we made on this page . . . we are depending on you . . . and you!

## April, 1936

### IS HE RIGHT?

A good friend of the horseshoe game—in fact an untiring worker in our ranks—makes an indictment against the game he loves so well. He declares that the game is too often controlled by the good pitchers and that the rules adopted at National Association conventions are made by the champions. He complains that not enough is done for the beginner and the run-of-the-mine pitcher.

This indictment was also made at the last convention. Some delegates at the Moline meeting said more must be done for the spectator and the beginner.

Is it true we have allowed the champions to inject selfish rules into the game?

Does our friend bring in a fair indictment and if so what can be done to get a more representative delegation from the various states to the next convention to remedy matters?

It's a subject worth discussing?

### OUR READERS COME FIRST

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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ARIZONA NEWS

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In an inter-city match between Peoria, Phoenix and Tucson, held at Phoenix, Ariz., the 22nd and 23rd of February, Peoria, the state team champions, defeated Tucson Saturday the 22nd, 12 games to 4. Then on Sunday, the 23rd, 10 games to 6. But Tucson had better luck against Phoenix, defeating them Saturday afternoon, 12 to 4, and on Sunday, they used a six-man team to defeat Phoenix 21 to 16.

The results of the match were:

Peoria	W	L	Pct.
Erlygood .....	8	0	50.4
Pullins .....	6	2	55.2
Melton .....	5	3	44.0
Pullins, Jr. ....	3	5	36.1
Phoenix	W	L	Pct.
Pruitt .....	6	0	52.5
Dykes .....	4	6	40.0
Wensel .....	7	3	45.4
Fulton .....	0	6	16.0
G. Smith .....	3	7	36.6
Smelser .....	0	10	21.1
Tucson	W	L	Pct.
Capron .....	7	3	50.2
Moser .....	6	4	45.5
Vermillion .....	8	10	42.6
Anderson .....	8	6	39.5
Soza .....	6	12	35.9
Denny .....	7	7	34.8

We held a state meeting but Prescott and Miami were not represented. We are corresponding with those two clubs and thing we will be ready for a charter soon.

Mr. Dykes, the secretary treasurer has resigned and they appointed me to take his place until the next state meeting. Mr. Anderson, the president, seconded the motion.

PRESTON C. CAPRON,

HORSESHOE AT WESTERN

Horseshoe pitching is mentioned among the sports indulged in at Western, a school at McComb, Ill., in a newspaper clipping which recently was sent to this magazine.

LODGE CHAMPIONSHIP

John Hansen, supreme vice president of the Danish Brotherhood in America, 710 River Drive, Bettendorf, Iowa, has been named chairman of a committee to run off a horseshoe tournament within the Danish Brotherhood. There are 290 lodges scattered throughout the United States.

It is hoped that the winner of the Danish Brotherhood meets may be sent to the National Association tournament. Some of you Iowa boosters give Mr. Hansen a hand in making this thing a success.

START NEW SEASON

Lee McGinley sends us a copy of a revised constitution adopted by the Marquette, Mich., Horseshoe club. Dues include a membership in the National association, which will be remitted through Lee Rose, of Detroit, representing the state association.

Under the new rules of the Marquette club teams are organized annually by mutual association of club members in team groups and the team captains comprise the advisory committee. Handicaps are given and are computed weekly, player being given one point handicap in each 50-shoe game for each full one per cent his ringer percentage for preceding week was under "scratch." Games of 50 shoes rather than 50 points will be played. If a player is substituted each of his opponents get 10 additional points handicap throughout the match.

YAKIMA CLUB ELECTS

Affairs of the Yakima (Wash.) Horseshoe club for 1936 will be in the hands of Peter Cook, it was decided recently when members elected him president to succeed Joe Schreiner. Harry Scott was named vice president, and C. O. Kittilsen was re-elected secretary-treasurer for the tenth successive year and given a vote of thanks.

Seventeen players took part in Class A and B competition. Clarence Ross defeated Art Waterbury, 30 to 21, in the playoff for second place in Class A.

Class A	W	L	Pct
Cook .....	6	1	276
Ross .....	5	2	253
Waterbury .....	5	2	262
Elliott .....	4	3	242
Scott .....	4	3	237
Bewley .....	2	5	153
Miller .....	1	6	187
Dawson .....	1	6	178

Class B	W	L	Pct
Sebastian .....	7	1	228
Mellis .....	7	1	227
Taylor .....	5	3	207
Thome .....	4	4	203
Russell .....	3	5	213
Smith .....	3	5	206
Kittilsen .....	3	5	159
Schreiner .....	2	6	187
Rosser .....	2	6	157

PITCH MADISON HORSESHOES

INTERESTED IN GAME

The Texas Central Centennial celebrations special events department has written the Horseshoe World for information on what would be necessary to stage a horseshoe tournament. Not many pitchers in Texas, but a chance for "missionary work."

ST. PAUL ELECTS

J. O. Jeffrey is the new president of the St. Paul Horseshoe Pitchers association. Alex Dimm was elected vice president, and Henry G. Sorenson, 484 Winona St., St. Paul, retiring president, was chosen secretary-treasurer, succeeding Frank Dressal.

Plans are under way to adopt a new constitution and to join the National Horseshoe Pitchers association. The club evidently will have to affiliate direct as there is no Minnesota association.

Committees named for the year by President Jeffrey, were:

Membership, Alex Dim, chairman; P. O. Pederson, Dick Bamberry, Vince Piller and Earl Gregerson; courts, Ed Sieben, chairman; Art Meyers, Vic Ehnstrom and George Alexander; tournaments, E. I. Larson, chairman; Art Sydess, Art Schultz, Carl Pangborn and Waddell; publicity, Jeffries, chairman; Dim, Hays, Sr., and Sorenson; prizes, Dim, chairman; Schultz, Sorenson, Tomasek, Piller, Jeffries, Bauman, Waldera, Gold and Emmerson.

EDITORS TO TOSS 'EM

The championship in horseshoe pitching among the editors of the United States is to be determined at the National Editorial Association convention at Poland Springs, Me., June 21-27.

Robert H. Pritchard, Weston, W. Va., publisher, who tosses a pretty mean shoe himself, and who is the president of the National Editorial Association group, has asked R. B. Howard, a member of the Board of Directors of the NEA, to conduct a tournament at the convention to determine the champion.

Bill Daley, Washington representative of the NEA, also is a good horseshoe pitcher.

The management of the fashionable hotel at South Poland Springs has promised to have courts ready on the front lawn of this famous establishment.

TO MAKE TOUR

Blair Nunamaker expects to make an exhibition tour through Western and South Central Ohio during the early part of June. Clubs desiring to entertain the five-time world's champion, may write Dr. Alan Pottle, Louis Block, Dayton, for dates available.

Blair has been Ohio champion for three years in succession, defending his title in 45 games without a defeat. Blair is a fine sport, gives a fine exhibition and is a credit to the sport. Write for dates anywhere in the state.



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Drop us a penny postal card with the names of one or more of your horseshoe pitcher friends and neighbors who don't get the Horseshoe World. Be sure to give COMPLETE addresses so we can mail a sample copy.

Also sign your name and address and we will mail you a copy of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association rules in return for your courtesy to us. Just say "Send rules," and mail card to THE HORSESHOE WORLD, London, Ohio.

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PITCH MADISON HORSESHOES  
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JIM HOUGH SHOWS  
THEM HOW AT ST. PETE

That the famous sport saying, "they never come back," does not apply where Champaign county athletes are concerned is amply proven by the return to his former form of a prominent local athlete in the South this winter. Jim Hough, big chief of the tribe of Concord shoe tossers, cleaned up on all opposition in St. Petersburg, Fla., this season, as he amassed scores which equalled and in many cases surpassed his high water levels of a few years ago.

After a number of years on the list as No. 1 man of the Champaign county horseshoe pitchers, Jim "called it a day" and retired to the arduous duties of cultivating the acres which the government refused to pay him for allowing to remain idle on his Concord township farm.

This winter after several years without a trip to sunny Florida the Houghs learned of the "old fashioned winter" only through the newspapers and letters received by them at St. Petersburg. Needless to say Jim just couldn't keep his hands off the shoes and was soon developing a fever for just a little competition. One toss led on to another until the season was in full swing with the concorder doing his full share of the swinging.

He won a large majority of his matches. Recently he allowed his name to go on the list of entries for the big "St. Pete" tournament along with stars from that horseshoe pitching section of the state. When the list boiled down by competition to 12 a round-robin was played, each contestant meeting each of the other 11. Hough won 10 and lost one to win easily. His average percentage of ringers was 55.5 per cent.

The meet was managed by Ave Crifffield, a former resident of Urbana, who stops here each fall and spring, as he moves with the season between St. Petersburg and Gaylord, Michigan.—Urbana (Ohio) Citizen.

BREEN IS CHAMP

Frank Breen, one of the leading amateur horseshoe pitchers of the country, has recently completed another successful year of competition. Breen, who is employed in the Aircraft department, won the city championship for the fifth successive year. He is also Northern Illinois champ and holds the Kane county championship.

In the first round of the Kane county tournament, Breen pitched a perfect game of ten straight double ringers. This is the second time that this feat has been performed. In the qualifying round for the city championship he set a new record with 247 points, 79 ringers and 33 double ringers in 100 shoes.

Out of 945 games Breen has won all but three with a grand total of 47,222 points, 38,013 ringers and 10,388 double ringers in 56,698 shoes pitched. But to do this he figures he walked 215 miles from stake to stake and tossed approximately eight tons of steel!—From The Watchword Magazine of the Elgin Watch Co., Elgin, Ill.

PLAN BIG SEASON;  
N. Y. FACTIONS SCRAP

The Knickerbocker league, in the Greater New York area, comprised of several important clubs in that territory, are planning a big season this year.

The same is reported by the Metropolitan league, through Victor Larsen, New York advertising executive, who is head of that group.

The Frank Gamble group or State Island group, and the Lou Ziegler or Woodlawn group are affiliated with the Knickerbocker outfit and have been at odds with the Larsen group all winter. Efforts of the National secretary to get all factions together has thus far failed and both Gamble and Larsen have petitioned the National association for recognition of their groups as the official representatives of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association in the Greater New York Area. Secretary Howard had planned a trip to New York to settle the matter, but National Association funds have been too short to permit such a trip. "Wotta life," is Secretary Howard's only comment.

Order the D. D. Cottrell score-sheets from us. THE HORSESHOE WORLD, London, Ohio.

PLAN NIGHT HORSESHOE  
GAME AT WELLES PARK

Chicago — Before another month rolls around, the tinkle of the horseshoes on the peg will be an indication of the popularity of the game. It is the one thing that present economical conditions has not stifled. Over at Welles Park the horseshoe courts are undergoing a complete change. New "bleacher seats" will be erected. Night match games will be featured under flood lights recently installed. Match games will be arranged for Sunday afternoons with leading clubs in the city and suburbs and with the North-West Horseshoe league regular Sunday morning schedule, it will be a busy season for the Welles Park Horseshoe club.

ST. PAUL CHAMPS

Following are the St. Paul, Minn., champions of 1935, who will soon be called upon to defend their titles:

Spring Tournament—Class AA—R. Baumann.

Class A—M. Madigan.

Church Legua—Faith Lutheran.

Commercial League—Phalen Club.

Class B—J. Bovee.

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Class AA—H. Zahrbock, Dispatch trophy.

Class A — A. Jwanoskos, club trophy.

Class B—A. Argetsinger, club trophy.

HAVE 97 MEMBERS

The Buffalo, N. Y., Indoor club has had a most successful season with 97 members enrolled.

The membership fee for the season was \$3.00. Card parties and dances were held in November and when all debts had been paid at the end of the season a balance in the treasury of almost \$200 was reported, according to Wallace C. Voorhees, team captain.

Ten of the members pitch over 60 per cent, and Don Bickerton, former state champ, who pitches with the Buffalo outfit didn't drop a game on the local courts the past season.

Syracuse, Niagara Falls and Auburn were among the teams played last season.

READY TO GO

The Patchogue (L. I.) Horseshoe club is getting off to a good start, according to advice from Edwin F. Usher, one of the leaders in the movement. A constitution will be adopted and everything placed in readiness for the 1936 season.

The club undoubtedly will join the New York State association, thus affiliating its members with the state and national associations.

# BUCKEYE STATE NEWS

*A Page Devoted to the News and Views of the Buckeye State Horseshoe Pitchers Association*

## THE SECRETARY SAYS:

### Greetings:

While making final check on last year's shoes, equipment, league schedules, club programs, outfits to be worn by teams, etc., it might be well for us to reflect somewhat on whether or not we have become just a little more conscious of our sport by what was accomplished during the past year. Following are some reactions, together with some "food for thought," of very great future importance of national scope which merits careful study.

The per capita fee for affiliating with the national and state associations adopted by the convention at Moline, Ill., stands out as the greatest single accomplishment, because, with our full co-operation, our sport will become self-supporting, besides, finance both a national and state tournament at least once each year beginning with 1937. Do we realize fully, what this means?

Progress was made in some instances in inter-club and league playing methods which stand out next in line respecting good sportsmanship and fair play for all of varying abilities. Those responsible for this merits our just and sincerest commendations. This year, the Buckeye State "OHIO" under the guidance of Dr. Alan Pottle as president, is steadily pressing forward "toward the mark" in organizing the entire state, including each county, and is receiving grand support.

While progress has, and is being made, those of us who have been students of sports, sports history, and aided by "inside" contacts respecting our own, "and this might be considered confidential," do not need to be reminded that our sport still stands indicted before the bar of the sports world because our playing method (cancellation) is considered unfair; i. e., stressing too much the "ringer" in favor of the good players, and stressing too little the "point" which the little fellows "who are expected to pay and make the sport" must depend upon, thereby discouraging and crowding them out. Be that as it may, we read of the Olympic games and naturally

it occurs to us as to why our sport is not included. Also, why the newspapers do not go for our sport in a big way.

The method, it seems, is the answer. Sports writers and leaders of ranking sports know this, and can hardly be blamed. The national officers who are our servants and whose duties are to execute the desires of the players, also cannot be blamed. Thus, it would seem that the players of championship ability who compete in national tournaments and who also are those who attend the national conventions and make, or change the rules by their majority vote. They have stuck to the old method, possibly for personal reasons rather than the good of the sport as a whole, which is most natural, because we are born with a bias in our own interests, and are, by nature, selfish. We cannot get away from this fact.

What is the solution? The one and only force that dissolves this selfishness we are told, is love and devotion to a cause, let it be home, job, or fellows, sports or anything that attracts our interest sufficiently that we are willing to sacrifice and serve for the general good. It has been said that, among other things, no cancellation is uninteresting; however, it may be observed during the 100-shoe qualifying period at national and state tournaments that they are enormously interested, and this is "individual" no cancellation.

If they were to go into the finals under under this same qualifying method it is reasonable to assume they would be no less interested in taking the champions into camp. If in doubt, we should try it, not for a day, nor a week, nor a month; but, give it a fair trial for a year in order to become accustomed to it and the change. Any method that includes the all-appealing factor of giving credit for all that is earned in clubs and league activities, is readily grasped by the newer members and those "on the outside looking and hoping to get in," and should increase club memberships and interest for this very sane reason.

After such trial, then to approach the national convention with an unbiased and open mind respecting the sport as a whole, as your views will

be accepted by the officers in the same spirit as they are given. Your decision will also be their decision.

Great are the possibilities of our sport if numbers mean anything; however, to become really great, it must be recognized by other ranking sports and "get in favor" and "into the newspapers," by adjusting playing methods so as to be acceptable to them, and be included in the Olympics. After which, those of influence and means will be attracted and there will be no stopping it. These are cold, hard facts, gained through the positive school of experience.

As in golf and other ranking sports, ours should become a sport where all classes may associate and play on equal terms, and should mean a very great deal more than just a game. As it now stands, if you are a ringer pitcher, you're in, if not, you're out.

In giving you this analysis, the writer is absolutely unbiased, and does so with the very best interests in fact, I should not be considered of the sport at heart, and that only loyal if I did not do so. Mere words accomplish nothing if not put into action such as has been done in the Cleveland area. Come right out in the open, and think it through, thoroughly and seriously. The ringer will take care of itself and the ringer pitcher, whereas, by exemplifying the point should likewise take care of the little fellows, the point pitchers; then all should be satisfied. Could there possibly be anything more reasonable or fairer than this? I am, sincerely and always,

D. O. CHESS, Secretary  
The Buckeye State Horseshoe Pitchers' Association

Carl Hoff, contender in the Moline National Tournament and Southwestern Ohio champion, recently was reported as having a bad case of swelled head. Nope, not the haughty type — just plain old-fashioned MUMPS.

President Noah Stump of the Dayton Edgemont club writes your state president, "I'll turn in a membership of 75 members right off the bat. I guess that will make some of the clubs take notice." More power to good sports like our Noah.

BOOST  
YOUR  
GAME

THE NATIONAL  
**SECRETARY'S PAGE**  
R. B. HOWARD LONDON, OHIO

USE  
OFFICIAL  
SHOES

### WATCH WYOMING!

States wishing to lead in the membership campaign are going to have to watch Wyoming. Last month we had encouraging news from State Secretary Harrison, and this month he is backed up by the president, D. R. Kinsports, 606 W. 22nd street, Cheyenne. Wyoming is "going places."

### SO. CALIFORNIA, TOO!

And Southern California is back with more members also. In fact as this is being written, Wyoming and Southern California are the only ones that have shown much speed in the membership drive—at least so far as reports are concerned. Maybe some states are holding out on their reports. We would like to have the reports weekly and not later than monthly.

As this is written Southern California has the most members enrolled on our books.

Where are those Eastern states that were going to show the world? Is the 1937 tourney going West? And Ohio—well, we live just too close to these Ohio chaps to risk saying much, but we thought surely with all the long bulletins and everything that Ohio sends us to print every month, that Ohio would be out in front by now. Maybe these Buckeyes have something up their sleeve.

We are having difficulty in some states finding a live-wire city or district league or club willing to attempt the formation of a state group where none has been formed. This is to be regretted. It is a fine service you can render and we hope that the most of the states will either have a state group or a city club that will volunteer to accept the National's charter and solicit memberships and try to form a state-wide organization.

We have asked the St. Paul association to consider such a task in Minnesota. Is there a larger club in Minnesota that can better represent us. If so, let's hear from you folks. A LOT OF LETTERS WILL COME IN AFTER JUNE 1 CRITICIZING THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION ON APPOINTMENTS IN VARIOUS STATES. WE LOOK FOR IT. BUT IT WILL BE THE FAULT OF STATE LEADERS WHO SIT IDLY BY AND LET US HAVE TO HUNT

FOR SOME GROUP TO REPRESENT US. If you know the right group in your state you should write us. State associations have been located in some states after much difficulty and had we not heard from them when we did we would have had someone forming a new National-State group in that state. AND IT WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN OUR FAULT, EITHER. WHEN THE OFFICERS OF A STATE ASSOCIATION EVEN FAIL TO TAKE THE HORSESHOE WORLD AND SAY THEY DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT THE NEW NATIONAL SET-UP IT THEN LOOKS LIKE IT'S ABOUT TIME TO START A NEW ASSOCIATION IN THAT STATE ANYHOW. Little effort can be expected in a mammoth undertaking like this 1936 membership drive from such organizations.

This may sound pretty frank and pretty "preachy" but it's time to wake up. If this membership plan doesn't go over—and we must admit it is lagging—THIS YEAR — not next nor the next, but THIS YEAR —then we may as well fold up. This is the crucial test year.

### PENNSY MAY ORGANIZE

We have been in correspondence with a group of pitchers in Pittsburgh who seem willing to co-operate with all other groups in the state in organizing a state association, capable of filling the requirements necessary in accepting one of the National's charters June 1. Clubs in that state who are interested in getting in touch with the leaders in this movement should write the Horseshoe World.

### INTEREST SHOWN

Interest in organizing a state association in West Virginia has been shown, but not sufficient to thus far cause a date to be set for a meeting. The West Virginia tossers have been in communication with Dr. Alan Pottle, vice president of the National association, who had planned to go to West Virginia to aid in getting a state group formed. The last letter from Dr. Pottle indicated that he had not heard from the West Virginians since offering to go down there.

It is to be hoped that Dr. Pottle meets with success in getting West Virginia stirred up.

### HELP SUFFERERS

The National Horseshoe Pitchers Association recently gave a check for \$5.00 to the Red Cross to aid the flood sufferers. The money was paid through the Madison county, Ohio, chapter.

### BROWN IS BUSY

Word from Bob Brown, secretary of the New York State Horseshoe association states he and the other officers of his association will get busy at once on a membership drive. New York state clubs should get in touch with Mr. Brown and affiliate so as to get the National-State membership cards. His address is 42 Canistoe St., Hornell, N. Y.

### SENDS IN 23 MEMBERS

The latest report from Raymond Putnam, secretary-treasurer of the Southern California Horseshoe Pitchers association contained 23 members for the National association. This brings Southern California up to a fine level, leading all states in the membership drive. (As this is written a report with 22 more came in!)

### WON'T BID THIS TIME

The National Association offices have been in communication with Hon. A. R. Corey, secretary of the Iowa State Fair and Exposition in an effort to get him interested in the 1935 world's championship tournament. Under date of April 3, Mr. Corey writes:

Mr. R. B. Howard, Secretary,  
National Horseshoe Pitchers Asso.  
London, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Howard:

Replying to your letter of April 2, I wish to say that our board has decided to put on the Mid-West Horseshoe Pitching Tournament again this year, in which we will offer \$500 in cash prizes.

They did not feel that we were quite ready to bid for the National Tournament. There is a possibility that we might be interested in it sometime in the near future.

Yours very truly,

A .R. COREY, Sec'y  
Iowa State Fair and Exposition

### WHERE'S OTHER HALF?

Southern California is doing her bit in the membership drive. Where's the rest of California?

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 \* LETTERS TO EDITOR \*

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 AN EXPLANATION

Dear Fellow Pitchers:

I regard it as my duty, at this time to offer you an explanation regarding the recent price reduction on my shoe pitching booklet, "Science at the Stake."

I have received many fine letters of praise from the various horseshoe manufacturing companies, state organizations, clubs and individual players. Several of these have advised me that these booklets should do much to promote the game, both from a scientific and organized standpoint and they believed the booklet would enjoy a greater distribution if the price could be reduced from 40c to 25c per copy. Many of the officers of these organizations have suggested several good plans to purchase quantities of these booklets and re-sell them to their present and potential members.

This has been my ultimate goal since I published this booklet last year, but I did not know exactly how to accomplish this. I hesitated about reducing the price of this booklet for several reasons. First, Mr. Howard advised me that reducing the price might result in complications which might arise among those who had already paid the 40c for their copies. He logically pointed out that these players might think they had been unfairly treated. I reduced the price against the advice of Mr. Howard, not because I wished to discriminate against anyone, but because I wished to make the price reasonable to all.

I work in the lumber mills for a living and publishing this booklet involved for me a great deal of hard work and expense. I do not suppose that I shall ever have the opportunity to become a prominent pitcher, but this does not prevent me from knowing and writing about the game for the benefit of others.

"Science at the Stake" is the result of several years of study and taking notes from expert players whom I have met. By publishing it, I have attempted to do my bit towards creating a more scientific, organized and advertised sport. I believe this splendid sport to be worth all our efforts in its interests!

Theodore Allen, world's champion recently complimented me on this work and recommended it to all pitchers. Many thanks, Ted. He stated that this new price of 25c should prove to be a popular one. Already many players have reacted

favorably to this and have re-ordered one or more copies. As yet, I have received no complaints and do not believe that I shall.

Although this reduced price greatly reduces my margin of profit, I stand willing to make arrangements with the various organizations, who may desire to resell them to their members. My supply is rather limited and these booklets may not be re-issued when this supply is exhausted, so I advise you to act now!

I wish to express my deep appreciation to Mr. Howard for the many courtesies and favors which he so kindly extended me in the distribution of this booklet. He certainly did a splendid printing job on the new cover and I urge you to patronize him for any and all kinds of printing. I should charge you \$5.00 for that compliment, Mr. Howard!

I shall greatly enjoy hearing from any and all players who may care to write; this not only includes any news and suggestions, which you may have to offer, but brickbats as well.

Hoping that this new booklet price of 25c will be favorably received by all, and wishing all of you and your splendid organizations and best of success this coming season, I am,

Sincerely yours for the best game out of doors,

ROY W. SMITH.

BUILD PLAYGROUNDS

Dover, O.—Nine Dover youths have been assigned to clear ground for two tennis courts on the city's property at W. 7th street in connection with the National Youth administration now in progress as a part of WPA.

The entire program, for which the county has been allocated \$5,000 to last through June, is a part of a nationwide project to assist youths—both boys and girls—in vocational training.

In New Philadelphia, 26 boys are to make horseshoe pitching pits in the city's river bottom property.

Twenty-two young men reported for work at Dennison and Uhrichsville as a unit to construct tennis courts in Dennison and a baseball diamond at Uhrichsville.

MATCH PLANNED

There will be a match game between Vito Filiccia, Metropolitan Horseshoe Pitching Champion, and Harold Seaman, former New York State Champion, on the courts of Broadway Temple Horseshoe Club, 173 St. and Broadway, New York City, Saturday night, April 25, at 7:30 P. M. Admission will be free. Offering will be taken to defray expenses.

R. I. IS BUSY STATE

Rhode Island is a busy state these days so far as horseshoe pitching is concerned.

The Rhode Island Horseshoe Pitchers association is getting its membership drive under way, National association cards having been sent to Chas. A. Bassett, president, 100 Charles Field street, Providence.

Rhode Island hopes to entertain the world's champion, Ted Allen, in June or July and plans to hold the R. I. State Championship late in June; the New England Championship in July, and an Eastern Open Championship in August.

TO INSTALL NEW LANES

Twelve or 18 new horseshoe courts are to be installed in Riverview Park Dayton, Ohio.

SCHULTZ WINS

Howard Schultz won two uphill pitch-off games—Andree led 34-8 and Gunselman led 32-16—and became Cleveland's indoor champion. Benjamin Franklin club, fifth season, 35 members, 8 courts, and John Hay club, fourth season, 50 members, 6 courts, held preliminaries, each picked five tourney finalists.

The two clubs, located in school buildings, are part of the education board's community center adult recreation program.

The high school title, sought by 50 entrants, eluded Howard Schultz, went to left-handed younger brother, Arthur, Jr.

Pitch-off, March 19

	P	R	DR	SP	Pct
H. Schultz	50	51	13	82	62.7
Andree	45	48	11	82	58.6
H. Schultz	50	54	15	82	65.9
Gunselman	49	52	14	82	63.4

All on nine times.

City Finals, March 16-19

	W	L	R	SP	Pct.
H. Schultz	8	1	332	544	61.0
Vernon Andree	8	1	332	524	63.4
H. Gunselman	8	1	318	570	55.8
Wm. Barnum	6	3	229	526	43.5
John Wolf	5	4	300	614	48.9
H. E. Corfman	3	6	245	524	48.7
x C. E. Wargo	2	7	159	292	54.5
Art Schultz, Sr	2	7	252	570	44.2
Chas. Smith	2	7	191	490	39.0
Ed Fink	1	8	221	558	37.8

x Forfeited 4 games.

High School Finals, March 3

(25-point Games)

	W	L	R	SP	Pct.
A. Schultz, Jr	5	0	62	122	50.8
H. Schultz	4	1	58	94	61.7
W. Gunselman	2	3	44	142	30.5
Kosturbanik	2	3	35	156	22.4
Russo	1	4	32	154	20.7
Steffen	1	4	26	136	19.0

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## BUCKEYE STATE PAGE (Cont'd)

### THE PRESIDENT'S NOTE BOOK

Jule Guese, 539 Sunset Boulevard, Toledo, has been appointed District Commissioner for District No. 1. This is a new accomplishment for the state organization. The Toledo district has never been organized up to this time. However, Jule has been highly recommended by the boys up there and we are anticipating a big year at Toledo. Our old standby, E. L. Karns is ready to put his shoulder to the wheel and help the new commissioner put Toledo on the horseshoe map.

### S. O. S. FROM OHIO PRESIDENT

The March Horseshoe World indicates that Wyoming is leading in memberships registered, and that California is second. Ohio is trailing. You boys promised to back your president in the contest for first chance at the 1937 National tournament. I remind you of our slogan, "The 1937 National Tournament for Ohio."

Let's start now to get our club memberships to your district commissioner, who will get your membership cards from the state secretary. Now, altogether boys, let's put Ohio on top and keep on top. Push 'em up, boys.

### OPEN 1936 SEASON

Canton's horseshoe pitchers will get their 1936 season under way on Sunday, April 19, when an all-star team journeys to Cleveland to meet a picked outfit of the outstanding performers in the Forest City. The Stark county association has scheduled its next meeting for Sunday, April 5, at the Canton indoor courts, located at Cleveland and Ninth St., Southwest.

At a recent meeting of the county association, the new state and national rules were discussed by Fred J. Robinson, district commissioner in charge of activities in Stark, Columbiana, Carroll, Tuscarawas, Harrison and Jefferson counties. Albert Heiman, of Massillon, was named Stark county commissioner, to assist Mr. Robinson, while Andy Stolarik, of 730 Mahoning road was elected secretary. —Canton, O., Repository.

### MIAMI LEAGUE

The Miami Valley League held its spring meeting Sunday, March 22, with an attendance of approximately 100 persons present, all of them ap-

parently "just rearin' to go."

Greater Cincinnati Horseshoe Pitchers' association sent their executive board to the meeting and Hamilton and Middletown was well represented. Ourt Past State Secretary, Loy Johnston, represented Springfield. Pres. Noah Staup, of the league presided. Dayton City Welfare Director Edward A. Sotecklein pledged the boys the co-operation of his department in installing a battery of horseshoe lanes, "inferior to none in the state for the entertainment of the state tournament next September as well as for the Miami and Industrial leagues to play out their regular season schedule.

The Welfare Director will install courts in the public school grounds when arrangements can be completed with the school board. The state president is now contacting the Dayton Board of Education and Commissioner Albert Mumford, of District 4, a city fireman, is turning on the heat by organizing the committees and makes the statement that he is out to beat his fellow fireman, Commissioner Art Headlough, captain in the Akron fire department. Art issued a challenge to the boys at the Columbus meeting. Albert says, "I'm not saying much, but just watch me set Art back when it comes to greatest number of memberships obtained."

Bids to entertain the Buckeye State Tournament will be sent in to the State Secretary, David O. Chess, 6208 Quimby Ave., Cleveland, O. They must be sealed and will not be opened until Sunday, June 14th. On that date the successful city will be determined by the best bid and the best facilities. Mark your envelope "Bid for State Tournament," and get it to the secretary before June 14th. The by-laws state that the cash prizes must not be less than \$300 with additional merchandise prizes to the entrants who may not qualify. Columbus, Springfield and Dayton seem to be the possible competitors for the 1936 state tournament.

Jackson is to have a meeting Sunday, May 10th. The boys in District No. 13 want to organize and have asked the president to be present to explain the 1936 set-up and help them select a commissioner for the district. J. C. Stewart of Gallipolis is promoting the meeting and will have Gallipolis represented at the meeting by A. C. Myers, F. F. Eachus and Raymond Jones. The meeting place will appear in the news-

papers of Jackson, Wellston and Gallipolis several days before the 26th. Those interested may contact John C. Stewart, Gallipolis.

Ralph Bowman has been appointed county commissioner for Montgomery county. He's the right man in the right place. Ralph says his ambition is to show the Cleveland boys that Cuyahoga county isn't the whole state of Ohio. Commissioner Henry Gunsolan take notice.

The National-State set-up for 1936 is that each member of any club in the Buckeye State Association is asked to pay 35 cents for a membership card, 15 cents of this fee will go to the National association, and 20 cents will go to the State association. Any club of ten or more members may secure a National-State charter without cost to the club. Each club is to arrange its own club membership fee, separate from the National-State fee of 35 cents for the year.

The fees thus collected will be used to maintain the National and State organizations and it is the ambition of the officers of these organizations to be able to finance the National and the State tournaments in 1937 without asking the respective tournament cities to furnish the prize money. It may be well to explain that none of your National or State officers receive any salary for their services; rather they are giving of their time, ability, influence and money to help you promote the game we have chosen as our favorite sport.

### CANADIAN CLUB

R. E. Dusebury, 830 Alfred avenue, Winnipeg, is secretary of the Stock Exchange Horseshoe club.

### TODAY'S BOUQUET

Today's orchids go to C. O. Kittilsen, secretary and treasurer of the Yakima, Washington, club. Mr. Kittilsen is one of America's most faithful horseshoe boosters — he works at it 365 days per year.

Mr. Kittilsen celebrated his 70th birthday in February and only recently was re-elected secretary of his club for the 10th consecutive year.

Our only hope is that the Yakima club will take the lead in getting Washington clubs working on the new National-State membership plan. Washington should be affiliated with the National.

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## PITCHES IN ENGLAND

The Horseshoe World has a splendid letter from Carl von der Lancken 2819 E. Fourth street, Tulsa, Okla.

Not much doing in the horseshoe game in Oklahoma, according to our informant, who made a trip through Europe some time ago and who gave an exhibition in horseshoe pitching at Cambridge, England.

## IS A LIVEWIRE

Norman Henderson, R. R. 8, Mt. Washington, Cincinnati, is president of the Greater Cincinnati Horseshoe League. Mr. Henderson is a livewire and is doing everything he can to boost the game in the Cincinnati area.

## LADS ARE COMERS

Martin and Jack Fourcade, Salinas, Calif., youths, promise much in the horseshoe realm.

Martin, who is 17 years old, pitches 65 to 75 per cent, and his brother, Jack, who is only nine years old, tosses 'em on to the tune of 50 to 60 per cent on a 35-foot court.

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Horseshoe World.

Greetings: To those players interested in improving their game, and helping others to improve also, I recommend that they read the booklet "Science at the Stake."

Personally I believe it to be the finest research on the details of horseshoe playing written, up to this day. As a reference book every sentence, in regard to playing, should be read twice and studied before reading the next. Its size has been considered small for price by some players, but its information to an

individual, if interested, should be worth many times the price.

The author, Roy W. Smith, does not claim to be a word-beater as a player, but he has done a good job of observation and writing. In this respect he should be classed as an athlete trainer. Where would some of the champions of sport be if they didn't have their trainer?

HENRY SCHLIEF,  
St. Paul, Minn.

A letter from L. O. Kelsven, Minot, N. D., recalls the Minneapolis tournament. He was entered in that National meet. He has lived in North Dakota since 1922.

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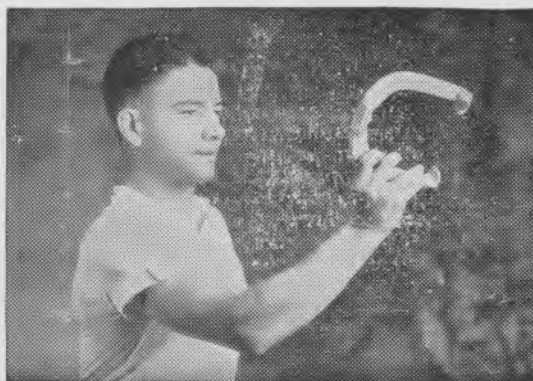
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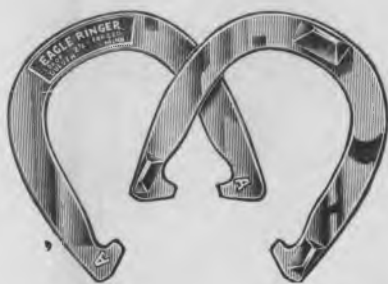
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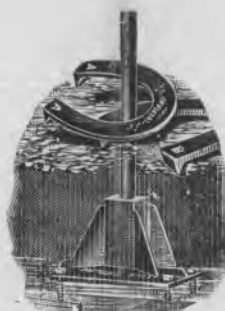
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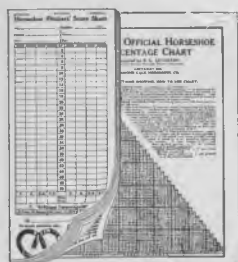
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