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HISTORY will be made within the next few days when the 1940 World's Championship Tournament and the annual convention of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association will be held in Des Moines.

At Cross Roads The horseshoe game is at the proverbial "cross roads." Your National Association officers during the past year have, in our judgment, done some mighty constructive things but yet there isn't enough finance to conduct a tournament each year and it is difficult to find a sponsor each year that will put up enough funds.

The Iowa State Fair has long been interested in the game. A. R. Corey, veteran secretary of the fair, has always been a friend of the game and he might be persuaded to give the tournament a permanent "home" but it seems that good is derived by taking it to different sections, thereby reviving interest in that section. The East, with all its thousands of horseshoe pitchers, for instance, is entitled to a National—but how to finance it.

Hard Hit, Too It should be remembered that the manufacturers can't carry all the load. They are hard hit with all kinds of taxes—but maybe better days are coming for industry and business—yet, they must bear their share. The pitchers must also bear theirs.

And they would, I believe, if sectional meets could be held, offering trophies to "B" and "C" and possibly "D" class pitchers as well as the top-notch "A" pitchers. Winners in each class could go to the National and fees collected from the thousands who could be interested, would pay the freight. It's a bit involved but it can be done.

We still think that committee we mentioned last month should be appointed.

May the best man win at Des Moines!



All we can do now is to sit back and wait until the great classic of all classics in the horseshoe realm is over and see who is the winner . . . the "dope" is that there may be a new champ after the Des Moines affair . . . regardless of whether he wins or not, Ted Allen has been a popular champ and has done a lot for the game . . . and he has always helped this magazine when he could . . . that's something the state champs could do . . . boost the official magazine of the game . . . it would be a big help to us and would mean more members for the National . . . the more people interested the more pitchers to enroll in membership . . . had a nice letter from J. M. Henderson, Santa Cruz, Calif. . . . he is 65 years young and still tossing on the ringers . . . 'nother letter in our mail box is from our friend, L. E. Tanner, former National President . . . he is in the midst of the Illinois meet and is going to Des Moines . . . interesting letter from Ed Steadman, of Canada . . . we are printing it in full . . . on to Des Moines.

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Another Great Horseshoe Pageant At Des Moines, Iowa

By Lee Rose, Secretary

Another great horseshoe pageant is about to unfold with its setting at the Iowa State Fair in Des Moines. From great cities and from obscure hamlets will come the white-clad aspirants to horseshoe fame. Of all ages they will be, and from all waks of life. Each will come there fired by an ambition to climax his season with a great showing in this classic of the slipper-slinging sport. Old friends (and rivals) will shake hands with each other as they arrive, briefly talk over the progress of the game in their home states, and then each will stride out onto the courts to "heat up." Speculating upon his own individual chances, each will say, "If I just qualify in the first twenty-four—"

Here and there one will discern a horseshoe manufacturer holding an earnest conversation with a contestant who pitches his make of shoes, and the chances are ten to one the manufacturer will pass a new pair over to the contestant to try, and will hover round anxiously while the pitcher tries them out. The zero hour will finally approach when each player has to pitch his qualifying shoes, and with stomach full of butterflies, and a foreign, unseen hand throttling him by the throat, each hopeful tries his skill. Through a blue fog he squints to try to find the stake, and finally, dimly discerning it, he tries to shake off that fellow who is holding his arm and starts to pitch. If he is one of the leading professionals this phase of the tournament will not be much of a hurdle, for he will be used to such things, but if he is only a part-time pitcher he will realize that he has to do his very best at this precise moment, and oft times this is too much, and the poor fellow can't get "strung out." In a few short minutes his entire season is blasted and he will thence repair to the sidelines to become a score keeper, or to root for a friend who made the finals.

More important than anything else, however, will be the convention meetings of the association. While the National tournament may be a very important thing, and is certainly the main attraction, this meet however, is only for a few of the top-ranking stars, but the convention meetings are of utmost importance to ALL horseshoe pitchers and fans everywhere.

Only a comparatively small percentage of the total number of people interested in the sport will be present at these meetings, but they

will be affected by whatever is done in a legislative way. If legislation is effected which brings great good to the sport as a whole, and this means especially to the scrub pitchers who comprise the great bulk of horseshoe pitchers everywhere, all parties concerned will feel that the law-makers are working for the best interest of the game. But if the law-makers fall to quibbling at length over some comparatively minor point while other important things are neglected, the horseshoe world at large will begin to wonder whether it is all worth while—this pageant, this spectacle known as the National tournament and convention!

The convention which is to meet at Des Moines soon, stands in a spot where some fine, even thinking and acting will bring great benefits to this sport of horseshoe pitching. It also, however, can soon dash the entire game on the rocks if any personal likes or dislikes are allowed to affect the legislation.

A WORD FROM PRES. PAGE

To All Members:

In a very few days a good many of you will be heading for Des Moines and the 1940 National Tournament. One word of warning: Be ready for a good time and for the best National ever produced!

We in Des Moines will do everything within our power to see that you have everything you want in the way of entertainment and good time, besides the best horseshoe pitching you ever witnessed. If previous reports may be relied upon, the world championship crown will pass to a new head this year. I understand that Ted Allen has injured his pitching arm and that Fernando Isais and Guy Zimmerman are both determined to take his title. However, there are several others whom I would not like to count out in that race, so everything points to "tops" in competition. I fully expect that we shall establish several new world's records this year.

It has occurred to me that some of you may be worrying about sleeping accommodations here. If so, rest assured. Dale Dixon and myself will take care of that. We are arranging for any number of large tents which will hold twelve to sixteen cots, at a very nominal price for six or seven days. If any of you want these accommodations, which will be on the fair grounds campsite, please write me at my home immediately, 1130 Seneca street, Des Moines, Iowa, and I will see that a cot is reserved for you. When you arrive in

Des Moines, come at once to the horseshoe courts at the fair grounds and you will be assigned to your tent. You must do this at once, however, as we must reserve our tents in advance. Please bring sufficient bedding for yourselves as this is not furnished with the cots. I understand a mattress sack can be obtained which may be filled with straw at the camp grounds.

I have been reliably informed that John Gordon will arrive here August 8, and will have charge of the installation of the new concrete courts for the Iowa State Fair Board. This will be a distinct improvement over previous years, as many of you will remember. Many marvelous records have been established upon our old clay courts, and the new concrete should contribute to the breaking of many of these.

If any of you desire to come before the courts are ready, the Birdland courts are available at all times to the public and are in wonderful condition. Please get in touch with Leland Mortensen, 3803 2nd St., and he will direct you to them.

Convention Call.

Attention, all delegates! The Constitutional Convention will convene at 4 o'clock on the afternoon of Thursday, August 22, on the fairgrounds. When you arrive at the grounds, come at once to the horseshoe courts and you will be directed to the meeting place. Mr. Corey is donating the use of a large building for this and the regular convention which is to take place Sunday, August 25. Don't miss this as legislation affecting everyone will be discussed. All those desiring to submit amendments please get them in shape at once so as to save time during the convention.

Well, so long! I'll see you at the National!

C. LE ROY PAGE, Pres.

KANSAS CITY WINS

In a match game at Quincy, Ill., August 4, the Kansas City team, representing the Kansas City Wire Rope Corporation, defeated the Western Illinois team.

Players were: Kansas City--Roland Kraft, Alvin Gandy, Alvin Dahlene, R. C. Bales, Jack Erwin, Oscar Bozich, G. E. Schultz.

Western Illinois—Elis Griggs, Lee Atwood, Jim Turner, E. R. Baker, E. Danielson, R. Cowart and Russell Sigler.

The results are as follows:

Kansas City Team games won.....36
Western Illinois Team won13

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world.

Rules

1. The National Horseshoe tourna-
ment will be for individuals.

2. Entries are open to the world.
All entries must be in the office of
A. R. Corey, Secretary, Iowa State
Fair, Des Moines, Iowa, not later
than 8 a. m., Friday, August 23.

3. Each contestant will be re-
quired to pay an entry fee of \$5,
which will be refunded providing he
takes part in the tournament until
eliminated. The entry fee forfeited
by any contestant will be turned over
to the National Horseshoe Pitchers'
Association.

4. Contestants pay the regular ad-
mission fee at the outside gate, or
they may purchase a three dollar
exhibitor's ticket which will admit one
person and automobile once each day
of the fair.

5. Tournament will be held on the
State Fair Horseshoe courts starting
at 8 a. m., Friday, August 23, and
will be continued Saturday morning,
Sunday afternoon and Monday and
Tuesday forenoons. It is planned to
complete the tournament by Tuesday
noon.

6. Drawings for qualifying posi-
tions will take place at 7:45 a. m.,
Friday, August 23. At 8 a. m. elim-
inations will start. Each contestant
will be required to pitch 200 shoes
for points. The high 24 to qualify
for the finals. Drawings for final
positions will take place at 7:45 a. m.
Saturday, August 24.

At 9 a. m., round robin play starts,
each player pitching six games. Six
games will be pitched starting at 12
Noon, Sunday, August 25, six games
starting at 9 a. m., Monday, August
26, and five games, starting at 9 a.
m., Tuesday, August 27. Games won
and lost will decide the winners, and
not by number of points scored. All
ties to be played off.

Doctor (as he examined patient's
shins)—Do you play hockey?
Patient—No; bridge.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA MEET

The Seventh Annual Eastern Pa.
Open Championships held at Willow
Grove Park, Pa., on Sunday, July 28,
1940, resulted in a three-way tie for
first place between Dale Carson, of
Pittsburgh, Pa., Wm. Kolb, Newark,
N. J., and Vito Fileccia, Brooklyn,
N. Y. In the playoff Kolb defeated
Carson 50 to 40, and then Fileccia
defeated Kolb 50 to 27 to take the
title.

The hottest day of the year, 102
in the shade, greeted the players
when the 50-shoe qualifying rounds
started in the morning. Dale Carson
was high in qualifying with 131
points, Kolb was second with 126
points, and Fileccia third with 124
points; 115 points qualified for Class
A, 89 for Class B, and 80 for Class
C. All under 80 were grouped in
Class D.

The competition in all classes was
very close. Class A found Kolb,
Carson and Fileccia tied at the start
of the seventh round, each having
won six games. Fileccia met Kolb
in this round and staged one of the
best contests of the day, Fileccia win-
ning 50-47. The lead changed eight
times, with Fileccia dropping on 64
ringers for 74.4 per cent and Kolb
63 ringers for 72.2 per cent. In the
eighth round Carson met Fileccia and
won 50 to 43, with Fileccia 64 per
cent and Carson 68 per cent ringers.
This brought Carson and Kolb to-
gether in the ninth and final game
with the title if Carson won, and a
tie if Kolb won. So Kolb proceeded
to drop on 51 ringers out of 74,
while the best Carson could do was
47 out of 74, Kolb winning 50 to 37.

Ed McFarland, of Pittsburgh, cap-
tured the Class B title by averaging
57.1 per cent ringers. He lost only
one contest, to Ralph Harper, of
Philadelphia, 50 to 48, when he had
his poorest game, averaging only 49
per cent ringers. Gamble, also from
Pittsburgh, and president of the
State Association, came in second,
losing only two games, to McFarland
and Charles Seacord.

Class C found the field outclassed
by Paul Puglise, of Paterson, N. J.,
and Paul Rhodes, of Carlisle, Pa.,
who finished first and second respec-
tively, Puglise defeating Rhodes 50
to 28 for Rhodes only loss.

Class D played 30-point games in
a 12-man round robin. Rudolph Ont-
ko, of Newark, N. J., got by without
a loss, but some close calls. Lartz,
of York, Pa., finishing second, lost
only to Ontko by the close score of
25 to 30. Pento, of Philadelphia,
lost only to the first two, both by
close scores of 25 to 30, and 19
to 30.

Prizes were awarded the five high
players in each class and a trophy to
Fileccia. Thanks go to Frank Halli-
gan, Frank Gamble, Arthur Dunbar,
and E. Ottinger, for the efficient
handling of the various classes. Score
keepers were furnished by the vari-
ous clubs and did a fine job under
a blazing sun. Willow Grove Park
provided all the conveniences possible
for the boys, including new tops on
all courts, and showers after the
games. D. E. Brown of the New
Jersey Association, directed the tour-
nament under sanction granted by
the Pennsylvania State Association.

Class A

	QS	W	L	Pct.
V. Fileccia	124	8	1	70.8
Wm. Kolb	126	8	1	65.8
Dale Carson	131	8	1	68.7
George Curry	122	6	3	64.1
Clare Hume	118	5	4	63.8
John Fulton	118	3	6	60.3
Jas. O'Toole	123	3	6	57.4
Walter MacConeghy	118	2	7	50.0
Joe Puglise	115	1	8	50.6
John Miller	124	1	8	47.1

Class B.

Ed McFarland	102	8	1	57.1
H. S. Gamble	102	7	2	52.6
Lee Davis	106	6	3	53.8
Frank Wagner	90	6	3	51.4
Charles Seacord	102	5	4	53.9
Ralph Harper	106	5	4	45.7
M. Pennewell	89	4	5	45.5
Emil St. Onge	97	3	6	53.7
Erwin Schuneman	95	1	8	36.6
John Rosselet	106	0	9	

Class C.

	QS	W	L
Paul Puglise	81	9	0
Paul Rhodes	89	8	1
John Kuba	81	5	4
John Robinson	84	5	4
Martin Smith	87	4	5
Orr Bracken	80	3	6
Bob Johnson	86	3	6
Jas. Orr	86	3	6
E. Faulkener	80	3	6
K. McConeghy	80	2	7

Class D.

Rudolph Ontko	76	11	0
J. Lartz	77	10	1
C. Pento	77	9	2
W. Reed	71	7	4
Sam Coates	58	7	4
A. Metzger	74	7	4
Ted Borie	60	6	5
John Twist	71	4	7
C. Reynolds	50	3	8
A. Richardson	79	1	10
John Seland	79	0	11

D. E. BROWN, Camden, N. J.

Wife—That boy of ours gets more
like you every day.

Husband—What's he been up to
now?

National Senior A. A. U. Meet At Anderson, Indiana

The Anderson Horseshoe Club, of Anderson, Indiana, is busy preparing for the 1940 National Senior A. A. U. Horseshoe Pitching Championships which will be conducted on its spacious 14-court layout at Athletic Park. The three-day ringer event will be run off Saturday, Sunday and Monday, August 31, September 1, 2,

Governor M. Clifford Townsend, of Indiana, and Fred Bays, Chairman, Indiana Democratic Committee, have been invited to play the opening 50-point game at 8 p. m. Saturday night August 31. Officials of the host club feel certain that both celebrities will accept the invitations. Governor Townsend helped open the 1938 and 1939 national amateur tourneys here, and Mr. Bays has indicated a willingness to help in the opening ceremonies.

Any registered amateur pitcher is eligible to compete in the ringer classic. A pitcher who has participated in a cash prize tournament is not eligible as an amateur in A.A.U.

The National Senior A.A.U. gold,

silver and bronze medals will be awarded winners of first, second and third places. Other prizes may also be distributed, depending upon the number solicited.

All contestants must be registered with the A.A.U. and out-of-town contestants must have travel permits from their district associations.

The defending champions are Hubert Trinkle, formerly of Anderson, Indiana, and now of Linton, Indiana, in the singles, and co-holder with Walter Lane Sr., of Anderson, in the doubles.

Flingers intending entering the tourney should send in a photograph suitable for newspaper work (snapshots will not do); also an outline of past performances, titles won, etc.

Rules governing the tourney are laid down by the A.A.U. Horseshoe Pitching Committee. The method of competition: Each pitcher will be permitted to pitch two sets of 100 shoes each, with the highest 8, 16 or 32, based on ringer percentage plus one point for each shoe six inches or less from peg, qualifying for the final competition: Each pitcher will be per-

the option of choosing either qualifying set as basis for entrance in final competition. The first 8, 16 or 32 qualifiers will compete in a round-robin series to determine the tournament champion.

The entry fee for singles will be \$2 for each player and \$4 per team in doubles. The entries close with G. D. Chumard, Chairman National A. A. U. Horseshoe Pitching Committee, care of O. W. Haven, P. O. Box 486, Anderson, Indiana, midnight, August 30, 1940.

The qualifying competition will get under way at 1 p. m. Saturday, August 31. Contestants unable to report at this time should notify chairman of Entry Committee. If necessary tournament will be completed under flood lights. The right to reject any entry is reserved. Entry closing date will be strictly observed. For additional entry blanks and any information concerning championships communicate with O. W. Haven, P. O. Box 486, Anderson, Indiana. Contestants will be permitted to use own shoes provided they come within the rules. There is no age restriction.

ISAIS WINNER IN SO. CALIFORNIA

This Southern California Horseshoe Association held its annual state tournament July 5, 6, 7, in Montebello, California, and Fernando Isais of Exposition Park was crowned champion of Southern California. The tournament was a success in every way and percents ran unusually high, both in qualifications and actual gains.

Each contestant was allowed 200 shoes and then he took the first or second hundred. Fernando cracked all qualification records by pitching 274 points with 88 per cent. The lowest qualifier of the twelve men in "A" class had 243 points. Qualifications for "B" class started at 243 points and the twelfth man had 226 points.

Fernando Isais copped the "A" class honors, averaging 79.96 per cent for the eleven games pitched.

Dean Brown and Ervin Hosier, also of Exposition Park, tied for second and third places, winning nine and dropping two. In the playoff, Brown was successful in winning 50-46 after pitching 132 shoes with 82.5; Hosier had 81 per cent.

Lowell Gray, of Montebello, 1936, California champion, was winner of "B" class, averaging 76 per cent for 11 games pitched.

Lloyd McCabe, of Banning Park,

came in second, losing two games of 47 points each. He averaged 64.6 per cent.

Henry Harper, of Exposition Park, Arthur Bristol of Montebello, and Paul Dotson, of Redlands, tied for third place. Dotson was unable to be present at the playoff and Harper was victorious.

The "over 60 years of age" class had six entrants this year and it was won by John Tuttle, of Montebello, who won all five games averaging 62 per cent. Charles Sawitzky of South Park, was second, and Frank Smith, of Culver City, was third.

The results of A and B classes are as follows:

	W	L	R	SP	Pct.
F. Isais	11	0	728	914	79.6
D. Brown	9	2	679	862	78.7
E. Hosier	9	2	676	884	76.4
V. Bartlen	6	5	621	852	72.8
R. Gatewood	5	6	612	844	72.5
A. Gregson	5	6	629	880	71.4
G. Garland	5	6	624	882	70.7
F. Esperanza	5	6	554	814	68.0
J. Doyle	4	7	600	846	70.9
L. Dean	3	8	554	814	68.0
F. Johnson	2	9	535	808	66.2
V. Jackson	2	9	467	736	63.4

The 12 men averaged 71.5 per cent.

"B" Class					
L. Gray	10	1	599	786	76.0
L. McCabe	9	2	521	806	64.6
H. Harper	7	4	444	694	63.8

A. Bristol	7	4	450	706	63.7
P. Dotson	7	4	540	806	66.9
C. Gregson	6	5	476	744	63.9
Lee Elrod	5	6	473	734	64.3
W. Humphreys	4	7	488	778	62.7
W. E. Greene	4	7	486	778	62.4
P. Craig	4	7	432	726	59.5
D. Husted	2	9	441	774	58.2
R. Lindblom	1	10	378	712	53.0

The 12 men averaged 63 per cent.

CITY PARKS CHAMP

Jack Benish, the southpaw flipper from Fort Greene Park, is the new City Parks titleholder.

This is the second time in a row that one of the boys from Brooklyn has annexed the title. Last year it was Arthur Wracks. Last Sunday afternoon Benish, who finished in a tie with the veteran John Stella, was declared winner on the strength of his high ringer performance.

The results follow:

City Park Results					
J. Benish, Brooklyn	6	1	53.5		
J. Stella, Manhattan	6	1	48.6		
P. De Celie, Richmond	4	3	49.4		
R. Harmon, Brooklyn	4	3	40.6		
E. Brembs, Bronx	3	4	47.5		
J. Foley, Bronx	3	4	40.8		
W. Campbell, Manhattan	1	6	42.0		
E. Olsen, Richmond	1	6	34.0		

—Long Island Press

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NEW YORK NEWS

Forty Clay Horseshoe Pitching Courts

At a recent meeting of the Knickerbocker Horseshoe Pitchers' League of New York, President Lou Ziegler appointed Thomas DeStefano and Thomas P. O'Gara a committee of two to wait upon Commissioner Robert Moses of the Department of Parks, to discuss several matters of interest to the game of Horseshoe Pitching.

Secretary O'Gara wrote for an appointment with Commissioner Moses. His letter was referred to William H. Latham, Park Engineer, who, in turn, referred the matter to James V. Mulholland, Director of Recreation, for his attention and action.

On Wednesday, July 10th, a meeting held at the Arsenal, brought together Charles Stark, Supervisor of Recreation, Mulholland, DeStefano and O'Gara. Memorandums were submitted by the members of the League Committee on a proposed horseshoe pitching arena, clay for courts and the installation of horseshoe pitching courts.

Illuminated Horseshoe Arena

The Department of Parks now maintain over 400 horseshoe courts in the five boroughs. The game is becoming more popular each year. The players are developing as experts in all sections of the East, and are clamoring for competition. This problem can only be solved by holding open tournaments with a sufficient number of courts to accommodate the total number of contestants. The absence of such an arena has prompted the Knickerbocker League to request 40 courts with illumination within one enclosure.

Plan Monthly Tournaments

The above layout would permit the League to conduct open tourneys with no entry fee and no awards on the first Sunday of each month during the season. In addition the program could consider four or five Open Tournaments for prizes that would interest local and out-of-town players from other states.

Several Sites Suggested

Among the locations considered for such an arena at the meeting were Riverside Drive at 150th Street, Randall's Island and High Bridge Park opposite to the courts now maintained by the Fort George Horseshoe Club on Board of Education property. The latter site was first choice by Delegates DeStefano and O'Gara, of the Knickerbocker League, as this lo-

cation is convenient to all sections in and around New York City.

Fort George Elects Officers.

The annual meeting of the members of the Fort George Horseshoe Club was held on Saturday afternoon, July 13th, on the courts of the club to the rear of the George Washington High School stadium on Fort George Avenue.

President O'Gara reported on the coming activities of the club and the results of several match games held on the courts.

Adolph Michael reported that on Tuesday, June 25th, the tool house of the club burglarized and 12 pairs of horseshoes were stolen from the inside lockers. Members of other horseshoe clubs have been notified to be on the lookout for the stolen property. An award will be paid for the arrest and conviction of the culprits.

The report of Treasurer Duval showed the club to be financially sound.

The election of officers resulted in the selection of Thomas P. O'Gara, president; Bernard Healy, vice president; Adolph Michaels, recording secretary; Charles V. Passantino, financial secretary; Edward Duval, treasurer; Bert Patterson, Fred Albertus and Charles H. Aitken, trustees.

Nassau County Contest

The Nassau County, L. I., N. Y., Farm Bureau contest to determine the county representative at the State Fair at Syracuse, N. Y., was held at the W. Hempstead Horseshoe Club courts, at Locust Inn, Hempstead Ave., Hempstead, on Sunday, August 4th. There was the usual large entry list and a large crowd of enthusiastic fans again witnessed the outstanding skill of Miss Ruth Allen, claimant to the women's world's championship at 40 feet, in still competition with other entries, some of whom are veterans at the sport.

Miss Allen stood at the head of the list after the completion of the 10-man round robin and again has the honor of representing her county in the Syracuse State Fair Contest. Miss Allen has improved about 10 per cent over her last year average and should be an outstanding contender to take the honors at Syracuse.

Mr. Peter McGill of West Hempstead, was runner-up in the contest, and again demonstrated that increasing age is no handicap in the sport of horseshoe pitching.

Queens County Contest

The Queens County, L. I., N. Y. Farm Bureau Contest to determine the Queens County representative at the state contest to be held in con-

nection with the State Fair at Syracuse, N. Y., was held on Sunday, August 4th, at the College Point Horseshoe Club Courts, with the best horseshoe pitchers of Queens County entered in the event. A large enthusiastic crowd watched during the entire event.

The contest was won by young Jimmy Ruggles, age 15, of Flushing. At the end of the 10-man round robin, Ruggles and Belsky, winner of the 1939 contest, were tie for first place, each having one loss. In the playoff which was decided by a one-game match, Jimmy Ruggles played one of his best games in his career when he defeated M. Belsky by a wide margin.

With Ruth Allen and Jimmy Ruggles entered at Syracuse, N. Y., L. I. has one of its best chances of bringing the Syracuse title to Long Island.

OHIO A.A.U. MEET

The Cincinnati gymnasium will sponsor the 1940 Ohio A.A.U. Amateur Horseshoe Pitching Championships at their East End Grounds on Watson Street, Cincinnati, Sunday, August 24th.

Championship will be conducted in singles and doubles and the winners will be crowned 1940 champions of the Ohio District A.A.U., receiving the official Ohio A.A.U. gold medal emblematic of the title. Silver and bronze medals will be awarded second and third place in both singles and doubles. The singles winner will also receive a handsome trophy.

Other prizes will also be added to the list, H. E. Wessling, Chairman of the Gym Athletic Committee announced.

Fred Ploetz, Physical Director of the Cincinnati Gym, has been named chairman of the entry committee and states entries blanks will be out early in August. The championship tournament is open to any registered amateur pitcher of the Ohio District A.A.U. Ploetz expects a big entry list. Entry blanks may be secured by calling on or writing Ploetz at the downtown clubhouse of the Gym, 117 Shillito Place, Parkway 9532.

TEAM TO CANADA

A letter from Henry Christy in J. J. Enright's sprightly "Ringer" column in the Long Island newspaper states that Mr. Christy is taking a New York City team to the International Inter-City Team Championship at the Toronto Exhibition, August 24.

Among those signed up are Jimmy O'Shea, Larry Mahoney and Ken Hurst.

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NATIONAL TEAM LEAGUE RESULTS

Indianapolis Moose horseshoe team took two straight matches from Ft. Wayne to become the other finalist along with Detroit in the National Team League. The playoff between these two teams will probably take place in September.

In the first match which was played at Indianapolis on July 7, the home team won by a score of 30-19. Indianapolis averaged .552 to Ft. Wayne's .540. Arlo Harris, George Johnson and Lowell Edmondson each won six out of seven for Indianapolis, averaging .567, .618 and .600 respectively. For Ft. Wayne, Glenn Rust, Henry Lemke, Elmo Polley and Honor Maxwell each took four out of seven.

The second game, played at Ander-

son, Ind., was a much closer battle with the Indianapolis team winning five games out of seven in the last round to win the match, 25-24. Indianapolis averaged .581 and Ft. Wayne hit .597. Arlo Harris and Lowell Edmondson each won five for Indianapolis with averages of .665 and .598, and for Ft. Wayne, Guy Binkley, Honor Maxwell and Ernest Recht each captured six out of seven, with averages of .758, .658 and .647 respectively.

The series between Detroit and Indianapolis ought to be close. Indianapolis has thrown 3,408 ringers in 6,004 shoes, for an average of .567, while Detroit has thrown 3,465 ringers in 6,008 shoes for an average of .573.

ROSE IN WINNER OF DETROIT TITLE

Lee Rose, secretary of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association of America, and a Detroit, Mich., resident, was the winner of the Greater Detroit championship August 3. Here are the statistics:

	W	L	Pts	R	DR	SP	Pct
Lee Rose	10	1	512	433	157	606	.715
Al Field	9	2	518	467	158	700	.667
Carl Lundgren	9	2	509	430	146	666	.645
Fred Herbert	8	3	501	457	136	760	.601
Carl Gothard	7	4	466	406	126	682	.595
Frank Koppitsch	7	4	455	441	120	758	.581
Harold Arold	4	7	394	308	68	682	.451
James Field	4	7	395	337	82	682	.493
R. H. Rizer	3	8	405	328	80	630	.520
Joe Kelly	3	8	404	330	87	636	.518
Joe Galesky	1	10	344	300	81	650	.461
C. C. Williams.....	1	10	343	296	75	678	.435
Totals.....			5,246	4,527	1,314	7,850	.576

4TH OF JULY MEET IN CALIFORNIA

The annual Fourth of July tournament at Santa Cruz, Calif., was a success from every standpoint. Ira Allen, brother of Ted Allen, National champion since 1933, won all 15 of his games with an average of 75 per cent. J. M. Henderson sends us the results which were as follows:

	W	L	Pct.	SP	R	DR	P
Ira Allen, Fresno.....	15	0	74.3	814	590	209	750
Wm. Weathers, Modesto.....	13	2	64.0	944	600	184	702
D. Nichols, Oakland.....	12	3	62.0	880	690	174	681
O'Brien, San Francisco.....	10	5	60.8	940	568	175	630
Sam Pipe, Salinas	9	6	62.0	982	608	177	665
W. W. Whitton, Yountville	8	7	53.0	954	512	137	617
Wm. Smith, Fresno.....	6	9	59.0	990	563	170	594
Sam Fais, San Francisco.....	7	8	53.0	1168	619	195	169
Wm. Mayo, Santa Cruz.....	7	8	52.0	982	519	127	585
G. Callas, San Francisco.....	6	9	57.0	884	505	140	542
T. Jones, Morgan Hill.....	6	9	53.0	944	600	184	609
R. Kruij, Santa Cruz.....	6	9	48.0	916	445	109	545
C. Potter, San Jose.....	4	11	49.0	910	427	100	544
L. Swallow, Modesto.....	3	12	48.0	940	431	101	493
R. Pentecost, San Francisco.....	3	12	46.0	864	458	116	522
M. Dyon, San Francisco.....	3	12	45.0	850	437	98	554

BACK ON THE JOB

Horseshoe friends of Rod Thomas, sports editor of the Washington Star, and they are legion, will be glad to

know he has recovered from an illness and that after a needed vacation he is back at his desk. Rod is a real friend of horseshoe pitching.

KOLB WINS TITLE

The Staten Island Open Horseshoe Pitching Tournament sponsored by the Knickerbocker Horseshoe Pitchers League of New York was held at Willowbrook Park, Staten Island on Sunday, August 4th. A very select field answered the roll call. The 45 clay horseshoe pitching courts at Willowbrook Park maintained by the Department of Parks of the City of New York is one of the finest layouts in the United States.

William Kolb, of Newark, N. J., was the winner of the tourney with a clean slate of nine wins and no losses. Vito Fileccia who lost to Kolb was runner-up. Kolb met Fileccia in the fifth round and defeated him by a score of 50 to 25. Kolb had 36 ringers out of 48 shoes pitched for 75 per cent, while Fileccia scored 28 out of 48 for 58.3 per cent. This game was Fileccia's weakest contest.

	W	L	Pct.
W. Kolb	9	0	65.9
V. Fileccia	8	1	68.1
M. Bell	6	3	61.1
J. Rosselet	6	3	52.9
J. McCrink	5	4	53.4
P. Puglise	3	6	51.4
F. Leonard	3	6	50.1
C. Seacord	2	7	46.5
H. Lockwood	1	8	44.9
J. Federico	0	9	40.6

BIG EVENTS COMING AT TORONTO, CANADA

Five hundred dollars, plus entry fees and trophies, are offered in horseshoe pitching events sponsored by the Canadian National Exhibition, Toronto, August 23-30, 1940, under the auspices of the Dominion of Canada Horseshoe Pitchers Association.

Friday, August 23.

Ontario team championships, \$50, plus entry fees and trophies; open to any four Major A men representing a town or city in Ontario. Entry fee \$2.00 per team.

Saturday, August 24.

International Inter-City Team Championships, \$50 plus entry fees and trophies. Open to any four Major A men representing a town or city in Canada or the United States. Round robin, five points per game, total points for team play. Entry fee \$2.00 per team.

Monday and Tuesday, August 26-27.

Dominion A Class Singles Championships, \$100 plus entry fees and trophy. Entry fee \$1.00. Open to any player in Canada only.

August 28-29-30, Evenings

Canadian Open Singles Championships, \$300 plus entry fees. Entry fee \$2.00. Open to any player in Canada or the United States.



CANADIAN NEWS

Editor Horseshoe World:

Since Canada has been speeding up their war effort, and the United States are doing their utmost to assist Britain in armaments, the war has made a big inroad into Canadian horseshoe circles, not only by players joining the army, but most of the remainder are now working seven days a week, night time, almost all the time, which quite naturally results in a loss of players.

A Canadian team visited, and were beaten by Detroit, and we could not put out a good team, but Rochester has twice visited Toronto, which resulted in a win for each, the last game being played July 21st, in which we fielded a strong team, some of whom took time off to play.

We have found, through the activities of "fifth columnists," etc., that the mode of entrance and exit to visitors in our two countries, has been considerably tightened making it very awkward for people in competitive sport to make plans for games, but through the information that I have so far, United States visitors to Canada have no difficulty in coming here if they have either citizenship papers, voting papers, birth certificate or a paper signed by the Mayor or Chief of Police, stating that the bearer is a bonafide resident of that place. Their return will be much easier.

On the other hand Canadians are required to have passports to visit the United States, and some of the boys are getting theirs, so that they may once again pay visits to their horseshoe friends across the border.

We have heard various rumors that any United States visitor to Canada is liable to conscription, and that his money may be taken from him, etc. Up to this date, not one man here has been conscripted. On August 19, national registration will begin, with compulsory training for home defense coming about three months after that, but up until now the boys who wish to join find it very hard to get into the army, "A" category being the only ones eligible.

Also the fact that the United States dollar draws eleven per cent premium proves that Canada welcomes visitors from the United States, as Lee Rose, Ralph Casper, Carl Steinfeld, and others will testify. Then there have been rumors that the Canadian National Exhibi-

tion would be cancelled at the last moment.

Last February when I was speaking to George Duthie, Sports Director of the C.N.E., he informed me that the Canadian government had requested the C.N.E. to go on as usual, despite their hesitation, and the grounds and buildings which have been used for accommodation for troops are now all cleaned and ready for the 1940 exhibition as usual.

The visitors here will find very little difference to pre-war times. Our tournament which will be held in the coliseum of the C.N.E. is for a seven-day period, with the Ontario team championships commencing at one o'clock p. m. Friday, August 23. International inter-city team championship at 1 p. m. August 24; Monday, Tuesday, August 26 and 27 for Dominion Singles Championship, and Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, August 28, 29 and 30, Canadian Open championships, open to a player in Canada or United States.

The Dominion Horseshoe Association had intended raising money to add \$500 to the prize money, but owing to the various drives being put on to increase the war effort, aid the Red Cross, etc., even sports contributing to this that it was found too difficult to raise money for horseshoes. Therefore, the Dominion Association will add to the C.N.E. prize money every cent of the entry fees collected, which should bring the total for the Canadian Open Championship to between \$600 and \$700, which is, I think, a good prize, considering these present times.

We are very uncertain, regarding our future in horseshoes, which may become almost obscured by the gigantic task which is in front of us all, which may even in the end involve the United States in war, but we can at least take a page from Britain, the will to win can overcome all obstacles. This not only applies to wars but horseshoe too, and they can be carried on until the world is normal again, and the barriers will be dropped so that we can again cross freely that imaginary line we call the "border."

To my many friends in the United States the Dominion Association and the C.N.E. extend a hearty invitation to anyone wishing to enter the tournament commencing August 23rd.

To the Horseshoe World many thanks for the use of your columns to extend this invitation. To anyone wishing entry forms or information, write to

Yours truly,

E. STEADMAN,

243 Gowan Ave., Toronto, Canada.

WHAT'S THE ANSWER?

Mr. Howard:

Has it ever occurred to you that everything done in Horseshoes is for the so-called A Class and what I call "professionals" that make a living at giving exhibitions and selling horseshoes? The B and C classes are neglected in all the National Tournaments and the professionals get all the gravy, which is very little at that, as you cannot pull enough entries in your national meets to make it interesting to the lower brackets of horseshoe pitchers.

You know last year, 1939, we, in Massachusetts tried to form a section or unit of Eastern States taking in from Maine to Washington, D. C., but did not get full co-operation as only part were agreeable. What we have in mind that would benefit the players was the fact all tournaments would have three or more classes and each class would be treated the same, eventually dividing up the United States in six or eight sections, or more if needs be, then when you had your national meet and election of officers each state, through the local association, would send their best players in the respective classes who would also act as delegates to the annual meet at the expense of the unit to which they belonged, as I am of the opinion that the expense item for travel and hotel is the biggest drawback to having a real tournament and election of the National Association officers. Each section would be an association of states, and would be independent in making their own rules and regulations as best suited their section, but would be subject to the by-laws of the National Association of which every member of each unit would automatically become a member.

The compensation to the National Association to be 20 per cent of the 25 cent fee or a flat price for each state of a reasonable amount so that the National Association would have enough to function on properly; but all the details and expenses would be borne by the various units, so that the National expense would be very little outside of postage to the units with new rules and suggestions as they would not have anything to do with the individual members, sanctions, certificates, etc., as each unit would do that. In other words, the National Association would be the governing body, but would not do any of the detail work.

Further, if each member would only play with fellow members of their organization it would help increase each state membership which would increase the total National As-

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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sociation membership. Until you can get something that will interest the 20 to 50 per cent players that are now playing in their backyards, I do not see much hope for horseshoe pitching as an organized sport.

Maybe these suggestions as outlined will do it. They are open to comment and if they will improve the game and increase the interest and membership I am for them 100 per cent.

S. S. RANDALL

Mr. R. B. Howard, London, Ohio.

Re: "I Know the Answer."

Dear Mr. Howard:

Please refer to my recent letter and I think in the July issue of the Horseshoe World you have the answer to the future of Horseshoe pitching.

Mr. Lee Rose (Page 7) gives you a list of members as of 1940 and in the District of Columbia, including Maryland and Virginia, he has five members. Now on Page 5, Richmond, Va., boasts of a league—six five-man teams—this makes 30 "should-be Members."

In Massachusetts every club in any of our leagues "must belong to the State Association," and when we were

in the National Association they automatically became members. Some of our clubs include the state dues in conjunction with regular dues so that the members only have to pay their club and the rest is taken care of for them. We, at the Quincy Point Horseshoe Club do this and find it works out O. K. If every member got a member and only played with fellow members maybe the horseshoe game would get some place.

Yours truly,

S. S. RANDALL

EASTERN OHIO TO BE HELD SEPT. 2

On Labor Day, Monday, September 2nd, the Knickerbocker League will sponsor the Eastern States Open Championships at Willowbrook Park, S. I., where 45 courts will resound with the clinking of horseshoes from early morning to sunset. Champions from a dozen states will be among the one hundred contestants who will vie for the valuable trophies and prizes to be awarded.

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"LAST MINUTE" NEWS FROM IOWA

By Leland Mortenson
Iowa State Fair Tournament
Superintendent

There is no special news except that the horseshoe courts are being equipped with cement stands six feet long and about two feet wide. It is no news that Ted Allen will be here, as will Fernando Isais, Guy Zimmerman, Dean Brown, Sidney Harris, Charles "Casey" Jones and many others.

The next issue will carry the story of the tournament and convention.

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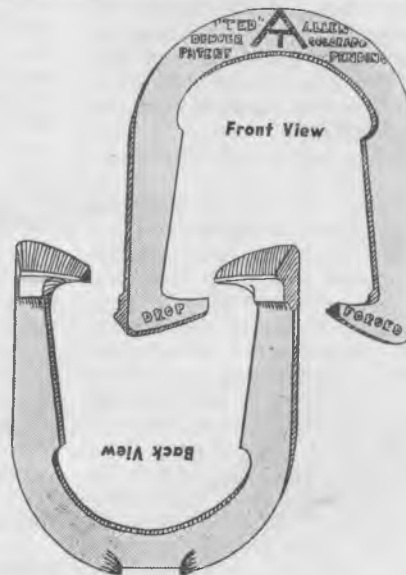
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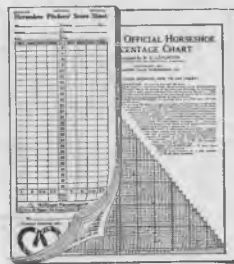


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