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Just Among Ourselves



WE have included many articles in this issue that were crowded out last month and we apologize . . . we just couldn't help it . . . we can't afford to add any more pages to the magazine, but we are endeavoring to shorten all articles and get more items in . . . don't miss Jimmy Risk's article in this issue . . . there will be more of them . . . Secretary D D Cottrell is in Florida again . . . his letter this month is written from there . . . We hope to have more to report next month on an idea that has been struck upon by Loy D. Johnston, Springfield, O., for the organization of an Ohio association . . . it looks good to us and we predict it may be adopted in other states . . . this man Johnston is an organizer a thinker and a booster . . . and now may we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

December, 1932

MANY, MANY THANKS

WE didn't realize the Horseshoe World had so many friends until we intimated last month that there was a possibility that we might have to discontinue the magazine.

We have had scores of letters from readers and from friends of the magazine. All of these letters are gratifying to us and make us reluctant to give up the project which has been a hobby with us all these years.

We have several plans under advisement and will endeavor to keep the ship afloat. However, unless the manufacturers of equipment (only one old faithful firm in this issue) consider it of sufficient importance to keep a magazine in the field we will be forced, no doubt, to discontinue early in the new year, 1933. It is up to the sport itself whether a magazine is wanted.

A decision will be reached by January 1.

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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Horseshoe Pitching Promotes Longevity

By Dr. Alan R. Pottle, Dayton, O.

THERE is a saying that "A woman is only as old as she looks, and that a man is old when he quits looking." Be that as it may there is a physiological fact proven by scientific observation, viz. A vast majority of old people die from one or a combination of three conditions—cerebral hemorrhage (apoplexy), hyperstatic pneumonia or myocarditis (inflammation of the heart muscles).

A predominate factor in cerebral hemorrhage is atreio-sclerosis or a hardening of the arteries. Senility causes the muscles to lose their tonicity; thus the weak or soft muscles do not support the arteries firmly. This forces the heart to work harder or to use more force to send the blood stream through the arteries, causing a high blood pressure and endangering the hardened walls of the arteries.

It is obvious, therefore, that to keep the muscles rigid and pliable, we must exercise them, thus keeping up their tonicity and warding off any possible attack of cerebral hemorrhage or apoplexy.

Hyperstatic pneumonia is usually brought about by inactivity of the muscles of the body in general and that of the thorax (bony cage) and the arms in general. This is particularly true of persons who have been active in muscular function and who are then confined to a sick bed by some febrile disease that requires them to remain quiet.

Myocarditis is a prime factor in valvular leakage of the heart, from which so many elderly people develop a languid, tired feeling, and find themselves unable to do the usual physical duties that they had been accustomed to doing and that their ankles begin to swell toward evening. The swollen ankle that will retain the indentation of finger pressure, is the sure indication of dropsy, which means, in its last analysis, that the heart muscles have been so weakened that the heart can no longer carry on the volume of work allotted to it, because of flacid heart muscles.

Cognizant, then, with the fact that senility or old age is a direct result of flacid or weakened muscles, accompanied by a lowering vitality, the vital question, therefore, presents

itself, thus: Is there any way by which we may ward off the advancing senility or old age? Is there any way we can escape those diseases common to advanced age?

The deduction is perfectly obvious; if flacid or soft muscles are the prime factors in all of the foregoing conditions, then, isn't it reasonable to conclude that the muscles are to be kept in a sound, firm condition that the heart, the lungs, the arteries, in fact that the entire body may function harmoniously?



DR. ALAN R. POTTLE

Surely that sounds reasonable, you may say, but how are we to accomplish the desired results—how are we to ward off senility and stay in the supple, healthy class?

In my humble judgment, there is nothing in the wide world that will keep your body muscles and your general physical condition in better fitness than the exercise of regular or daily horse shoe pitching.

There is no exercise that will involve all the muscles of the body as does horseshoe pitching, that phase of the game, of course, that requires you to walk from one end to the other end of the court after you have pitched your two shoes, walking briskly and not bending the knees when picking up your shoes—don't let your opponent pick up your shoes and hand them to you; you stoop to pick them up—get the muscle exercise for your legs and abdomen—you need it; it helps.

Obesity is common among elderly people, and is brought on by heavy eating and bodily inactivity. For their health's sake, elderly people should not sit down in an easy chair or lie on a couch and doze after a hearty meal—rather, they should take a long walk or pitch a game of horse shoes—the muscular activity will help the digestive tract to perform its function properly—moreover, it will help very much, to keep the body fit and old age held back.

Fatness places an added hardship on the heart muscles—an extra duty to supply the fat with blood. Help the heart, lessen its duties by reducing the extended abdomen, the "German Goiter," by regular horse shoe pitching—that will do it, I know it will.

Show me an elderly man who pitches horse shoes regularly, and I will show you a man who will be sticking around for quite some years to come, barring accident, of course.

For example, I know a professional man of 62 years, who weighed 174 pounds last spring; he is only five feet and seven inches tall, imagine, if you can, the size of his protruded abdomen. This professional man became interested in horseshoe pitching last spring. He now weighs 162 pounds and much of the "German Goiter" has disappeared. Just today this 62-year-old boy picked up a tub of ashes with a garbage can on top of the tub, both filled, and carried them at the same time with apparent ease about 150 to 175 feet. This old boy, hereby challenges any pitcher of one year's experience, to a match game or games of horse shoes, or to a hundred yard dash with any 62-year-old man; the proceeds of the match to be given to the unemployed. Come on, boys, I'm ready for you!

SCRANTON MAN WINS

Scranton, Pa. — John Robinson, Scranton's horseshoe pitching champion, journeyed to Broome county, N. Y., and defeated Emmytte Joyner, titleholder of that place in two out of a three game series. The scores were 30-53, 51-27 and 50-49.

The local champ lost the first set and came back strong to win the latter two games. The sets were played on the private courts of the defeated champ's home, under floodlights.

New Ohio State Organization Formed

Ohio, which has been without an active state organization for some time, is to have a new association of horseshoe clubs as a result of a meeting held in Dayton, Sunday, December 18.

At that meeting, attended by representatives of a number of Ohio horseshoe clubs, the Buckeye State Horseshoe Pitchers Association was formed, with George O. Decker, of London, president; Dr. Alan R. Pottle, vice president; Loy D. Johnston, Springfield, secretary, and William L. Isaacs, Hamilton, treasurer.

The organization grew out of a meeting held ten days earlier at Springfield, where Loy D. Johnston, president of the Willis Avenue club, Springfield, and one of Ohio's most successful club executives, suggested a plan for a state-wide organization.

Mr. Johnston's plea was for a better organized game, placing the sport on a self-sustaining basis, through the formation of district associations and a state organization, functioning to keep interest in the game alive and provide funds for yearly tournament, with worthwhile prizes.

R. B. Howard, editor of the Horseshoe World and vice president of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association, was present at both meetings and predicted that Mr. Johnston's organization plan would become known as the "Ohio plan" and that after it has been allowed sufficient time to succeed that it would be adopted by other states, thus bringing about a closer and better organization, resulting in the strengthening of the national association.

Dr. Alan R. Pottle, Dayton, was elected temporary chairman, and presided at the Dayton meeting December 18. William Johnson, Fort McKinley Club, Montgomery county, served as temporary secretary and sent out notices calling a meeting in Dayton.

It was the consensus of opinion that the clubs called into conference at Dayton, from within an area more easily accessible to Dayton, should form a state organization, as the starting point for the addition of other clubs of the state, with a result that later the state may be divided into district groups with one big organization, the state association, embracing the entire state.

Another meeting, at which it is hoped each club will have at least one delegate, has been called for Sunday afternoon, 2:00 o'clock, January 15, in the offices of Dr. Pottle, Rauh building, Fourth and Jefferson streets, Dayton. Details of organization not completed at the last meeting will be worked out and the machinery set in motion to thoroughly organize the smaller area of Ohio between Columbus, Springfield, Dayton and Cincinnati, and then, as that succeeds, expand it to other areas until the entire state is included.

Those who attended the meeting at Dayton expressed the belief that the adoption of the Johnston plan was a step in the right direction and that it would place horseshoe pitching upon a sound financial basis. It is expected that the idea will be watched by other states, since Ohio has always been a pioneer in the sport and its early organization.

Mr. Decker, president of the new state association, is secretary of the London Horseshoe Club and is in charge of the commercial printing department of the Madison Press Co., where the Horseshoe World and a number of other publications are printed. His address is 45 West Second street.

The new secretary, Mr. Johnston, is president of the Willis Avenue Club and his address is 145 Willis Avenue, Springfield. Treasurer William L. Isaacs get his mail at 995 Corliss Avenue, Hamilton, while Dr. Pottle's offices are located in the Rauh Building, Dayton.

Get in touch with these men, Ohio horseshoe clubs. They want your advice and assistance in these early stages of organization.

JACKSON WINS

After winning the preliminaries, in which 43 horseshoe players started, Frank E. Jackson, of Kellerton, Iowa, easily walked through a field of 15 opponents without losing a game, in the finals of the state meet held at the Iowa State Fair. Jackson was in top form and averaged 76.3 per cent ringers for the 15 games. Hansford Jackson, son of the old master, took second place, with Guy Zimmerman, of Sac City, Iowa's best trick and fancy pitcher, third. Leeland Mortenson was in charge.

Victor Jones of Iowa State College

of Agriculture won the Iowa College horseshoe championship by defeating all players entered for that special side event. LeRoy McCurdy of Oskaaloosa, Iowa, won the high school championship meet for Iowa by edging out close victories over Paul Smith, of North Des Moines High, and Robert Keith, of Storm Lake, Iowa. Those three had tied in the preliminaries.

Outstanding in the track and field meet were Earl Harlan of Drake University, won the shot putt (16 pounds) with 46 feet 5½ inches; while Norwood Mountain of Penn College, won the javelin throw with a throw of 146 feet 10 inches. Paul Schneeman of Drake University won the broad jump with a leap of 21 feet. Mountain and Schneeman are state champions of Iowa in their events, while Harlan formerly held the state javelin title. The marks made by Harlan and Mountain here are better than the official state records.

MAIL GAME SCORES

The following report from D. J. Cowden, of Adair, Ia., will be of great interest to the readers of this magazine:

The horseshoe season of 1932 has closed and I am sending you for publication the highest scores made this season, and of the world, I think.

First I am sending you two highest scores made by the No-Cancel Mail Game counting:

	S	P	R	D	%
W. F. Sayre,					
Tacoma, Wash.	100	287	94	44	94
James Leckey					
Glendale, Ariz.	100	285	93	43	93

The above scores are certified to by a notary.

Next I send you three highest scores by the Cancel-Kill-point counting.

	S	P	R	%
Zimmerman, Ia.	16	21	16	100
Liedes, Wash.	16	00	9	56
H. E. Jackson, Ia.	28	50	27	96
Bill Dixon, Ia.	28	00	10	37

	S	P	R	D	%
Joe Francisco, Ore.	66	51	61	28	92
Tom Hendricks, Ore.	66	3	44	11	66

These cancel-kill point records were witnessed but not certified, but I think they are correct and clearly shows the merits of the two ways of scoring the strong against the weak.

D. J. COWDEN

NEWS, OFFICIAL REPORTS, ETC.

From the Secretary's Desk

D. D. COTTRELL
Secretary
746-C Fifth Ave., No.
ST. PETERSBURG, FLA.

It certainly would be a very disastrous happening to the horseshoe sport if Editor Howard should find it necessary to discontinue the publication of the World because of the loss of support of advertisers who certainly should help support it, if for no other reason, from a selfish standpoint to keep their products continually before the prospective customer. Added to this should be the very good reason that their business depends largely from the growth of the sport and its having an organ to give the news of the game and reports of meets that are held in different parts of the country.

Still, looking at the matter from Mr. Howard's standpoint, we certainly could not expect him to continue publication indefinitely and sustain the loss that this continually has put upon him month after month. Your secretary has been surprised at the increasing sale and popularity of the shoes whose advertisements have regularly appeared in the World, judging from the percentage of entrants in tournaments that he has conducted who use these shoes instead of those of former advertisers who have not used the World pages in a good many months.

The two million or more devotees of the game should also support the World, as a great many of them do, by their subscriptions, and not leave the horseshoe game the only one with so many lovers of it that has no periodical representative of the sport. Will not all who read these lines come to the support of the World by at once sending in their subscriptions, and the advertisers by sending in their contracts for space for the coming year which, from all reports, will be a banner one for the game.

This is written without the knowledge of the editor and your secretary hopes that it will not be cut out by the blue pencil of Mr. Howard when he sees it, but that it will appear in the December issue of the World and that the necessary help will be forthcoming at once.

For a few days Mr. Guy Zimmerman has made his headquarters in

members and visitors at the Sunshine Pleasure club with his skill in pitching ringers. Mr. Zimmerman has been the holder of Iowa, South Dakota and Nebraska championships and has defeated some of the best pitchers in the United States and has always stood high in tournaments in which he has played. He is demonstrating the Gordon "Spin-On" shoe and giving exhibitions in different parts of Florida this winter.

In a recent test of his skill on the fine clay courts of the Sunshine Pleasure club he wrapped 85 shoes around the peg in pitching 100 shoes. He has a record of 19 consecutive double ringers in match play, 1025 ringers in 1200 shoes pitched, 78 per cent ringers in match play of five games, 90 ringers out of 100 shoes pitched, and 49 ringers out of 50 shoes pitched. He advertises to meet all challengers and certainly looks like a coming world's champion. Zimmerman will make the best players watch out for their laurels in the next National tournament.

Mr. David O. Chess, 6208 Quimby Ave., Cleveland, O., is a horseshoe pitching enthusiast. He has sold the value of the game to the management of the Community Center Activities of his city under the Board of Education so that there has been installed six fine courts in the basement of the John Hay high school, East 107th St., and Carnegie Ave., which are electrically lighted and open for play Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights each week this winter.

As a feature of the opening night Wednesday, Nov. 30th, he advertises a 25-game match between Wade Park and Gordon Park clubs who were the leading clubs in the Greater Cleveland Horseshoe League the past summer, and says that this will bring together the world champion Mr. Blair Nunamaker, a member of Wade Park, and the Ohio champion, Mr. Bert Duryee, member of Gordon park. There is also to be a ladies' match, best two out of three games, between Mrs. Dorothy Doud, the 1931 Cleveland Press Silver Horseshoe

champion, and Mrs. Ralph Hazelton of North Olmstead, O.

In the notice received it says that "the board of education recognizes its (horseshoe pitching) value as one of the cleanest and 'healthy' sports. The dues of the John Hay Club of which Mr. Chess is secretary are only one dollar for the entire winter season. He says beginners need not feel embarrassed in the least with us, as every member is a self-appointed instructor to his new-made friend and member and at no extra expense.

The Community Center Activities are also sponsoring the game this winter with similar facilities in the Benjamin Franklin School on the West Side. Plenty events are to follow all winter and challenges are issued to out-of-town clubs.

Mr. W. T. Green, Thornhill, Va., writes for information about pitching horseshoes and wants to know if there is any association of players in his state. He says that his partner and himself average about 50 per cent, and asks how this averages with an expert. This is mentioned for two reasons; first, so that any player in the vicinity of Thornhill may get in touch with Mr. Green and together with his partner help develop the sport in that section; and second, as a sample of the letters your secretary receives from different sections of the country where the sport has not yet been developed as it should be as one of the major sports but still has a few devotees who are looking for others with whom they can play and affiliate with in a horseshoe club. The great state of Virginia ought to have a state association affiliated with the National.

One of the big boosters of the game in Northern New Jersey is W. E. Santoro, chairman of athletics of the Murphy Varnish Company, Newark, N. J. For the third year an industrial league has been organized this past summer with six teams. He had planned to hold a Northern New Jersey Horseshoe Pitching tournament in conjunction with the annual Ironbound Track and Field Carnival the last of September, but found that it was impossible to do so

because of another tournament on the same day. Because of this he had to abandon his plans for this fall, but hopes to hold such a tournament next season. He has been successful in getting the Essex County Park Commission to build four new clay courts at Riverbank Park and probably the next Northern New Jersey Tournament will be sponsored by this park commission, and the Ironbound Community and Industrial Service who conducted the track and field carnival.

In a recent letter from Lawrence I. Newton, Secretary of the Auburn, Mass., Sportsman's Club, Inc., ordering three copies of "Horseshoe Pitching—How to Play the Game" he asks about the clubs and organizations in his section that are interested in the game, and states that they are thinking of affiliating with the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association next spring. The game seems to be tak-

ing hold of sports and other clubs that are not primarily organized for promotion of horseshoes.

 * AN OPEN LETTER TO *
 * ALL SHOE TOSSERS *

In order to help a number of horseshoe pitchers who are out of work, we have decided to make a proposition to all horseshoe pitchers that we will give them a commission of 25 cents on every subscription to the World, taken at \$1.00 per year.

To any pitcher who will send in five subscriptions at one time, he may have the commission of 25 cents on each subscription and we will send to him, in addition, a free copy of the World for 12 months.

Here's a good way to pick up some extra change, get your magazine free and help us maintain the magazine. —The Editor.

HAVE INDOOR COURTS

A city organization known as the Post-Y. M. C. A. Horseshoe Association of Greater Cincinnati, has been formed in Cincinnati, Ohio, with about 50 charter members.

This organization is sponsored by the Cincinnati Post and the Y. M. C. A., who jointly have conducted city-wide tournaments each year.

Interest in the game in Cincinnati is increasing rapidly and for the first time indoor courts have been made available to the pitchers of the city. They are located at 2675 Madison Road (N. & W. R.R., near Edwards Road, Hyde Park).

Those seeking matches should write Ronald Stillman, secretary, 54 Glenwood Ave., Cincinnati, or in care of Central Parkway Branch, Y. M. C. A.

HAVE FINE COURTS

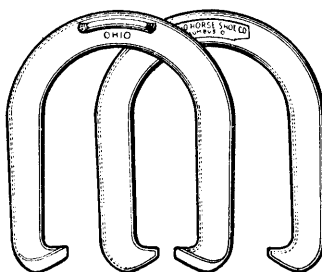
Springfield, O., horseshoe tossers are equipped with fine indoor courts, well lighted and well heated.

CHARLES S. GERRISH WINS NEW ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIP WITH THE 1932 MODEL "OHIO" SHOES AT PORTLAND, MAINE, SEPTEMBER 17th



BERT DURYEE
Ohio State Champion

GERRISH SAYS: "The new OHIO pitching shoes are to be congratulated for going right through the contests, helping me to win. Those horseshoes are 'bears' for hugging the hubs, and for hanging on after once a ringer. It is hard to believe a shoe can be designed that will bounce so little as does the OHIO."



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Bert Duryee won the Ohio State Championship at Lakeside, Ohio, with "OHIO" Shoes.

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Hard, medium or soft temper, price \$2.50 per pair, postpaid. This price includes the 10% sales tax.

Write for agent's price in lots of 4 or more pair.

OHIO HORSE SHOE CO.

866 Parsons Ave.

(Makers of Quality Pitching Shoes for Eleven Years)

Columbus, Ohio

 * CLEVELAND, OHIO, NOTES *

Our opening event at John Hay (inside) Club November 30 proved a great success and a good crowd was on hand to witness the doings.

Following * * * results of the Greater Cleveland (Sunday) Horseshoe League for 1932:

Club	W	L
Wade Park Club	9	3
Gordon Park Club	7	3
Garfield Park Club.....	6	4
Iron Kettle Club, Parma, O	4	4
Lorain, O., Club.....	5	6
North Olmsted, O., Club.....	2	7
Woodhill Park Club.....	0	6

Of the nine games not played, some were forfeited, however, all would not respond to request to take responsibility and forfeit, therefore the schedule is made up as actually played, as there was no provision made in the schedule to take care of the question of forfeiture.

Had all clubs responded on forfeit Wade and Gordon would have tied for first place.

This question will be included in 1933 schedule; also score sheets will be used for each game, so each player's "batting" average will be known as in baseball.

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 Officers elected for John Hay (inside) Club for winter season 1932-33: President, C. T. Short; secretary, David O. Chess; treasurer, Edw. B. Bunell.

Board of Education officers: Mr. G. I. Kern, Supervisor all community center activities and playgrounds; Miss Erna R. Grau, supervisor John Hay high school.

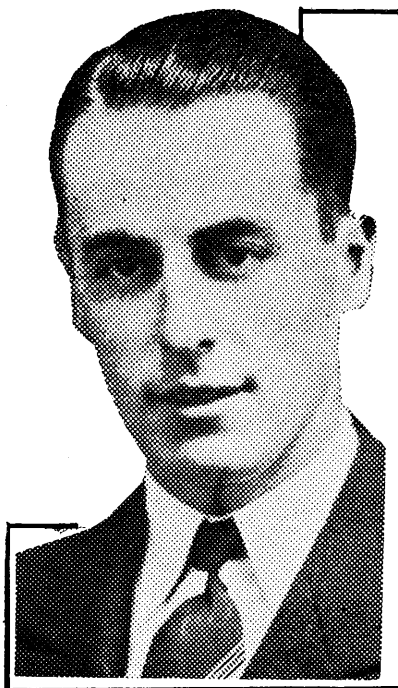
HE IS A BUSY BOY

Train dispatching has given David O. Chess, of Cleveland, a knack of "keeping track of things." If you don't believe he goes in for horseshoe pitching in a big way just let us tell you that he is secretary of three horseshoe clubs—the John Hay club, an indoor organization; the Wade Park club, a summertime organization, and the Greater Cleveland (Sunday) league.

GOING SOUTH

E. K. "Cap" Rand, treasurer of the Wade Park Horseshoe club, Cleveland, O., expects to be in St. Petersburg, Fla., the first of the year.

ELECTED PRESIDENT



GEORGE O. DECKER

Mr. Decker, of London, Ohio, recently was elected President of the Buckeye State Horseshoe Pitchers Association.

He is also the father of an eight-pound boy that Santa Claus delivered to his home on Christmas morning.

KANSAS CITY CLUB HAS FINE COURTS

The Kansas City Horseshoe Club has moved to its winter quarters at 2515 E. 18th street, where splendid indoor courts have been installed.

The building will accommodate eight courts as it is 80x52x18 feet, but only four lanes are thus far in use. The pegs are the C. C. Davis specials set level with the concrete floor.

Among those playing at the courts this winter are C. C. Davis, many times a national champion, and Joe Bennett, Illinois champ.

Approximately 30 men belong to the club, Jack Erwin, 16-year-old member of the club, was a winner in the Missouri state championship matches this year.

NOTICE, CANADIAN READERS

The Horseshoe World is anxious to receive more news from its Canadian readers. Let us have the scores of your matches, the names of the officers of your clubs, etc.

DEDICATE COURTS

Springfield, O., October 25—The Springfield Indoor Horseshoe Club, located in the Greenwalt Bldg., dedicated their new courts last evening.

Guy Zimmerman of Sac City, Iowa, state champion of Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota, gave a very interesting exhibition of trick and fancy pitching before a capacity crowd of spectators.

Guy's knowledge of pitching horseshoe kept the crowd gasping with awe. After his many tricks, he pitched Lester Allen, Clark county's champion tosser and runner-up to the Ohio State champion, an exhibition match the best three out of five games.

This match was full of thrills, and had to go the full five games before Zimmerman could win. This exhibition match was the best that has ever been pitched in this community. The summary of this match is as follows:

Summary Zimmerman								
Game	SP	Pts	R	DR	W	L	Pct	
1st	66	49	45	17	0	1	.681	
2nd	72	50	59	25	1	0	.819	
3rd	76	35	52	17	0	1	.684	
4th	70	50	55	20	1	0	.785	
5th	106	50	77	29	1	0	.726	
Total	390	234	288	108	3	2	.738	

Allen								
Game	SP	Pts	R	DR	W	L	Pct	
1st	66	50	47	19	1	0	.712	
2nd	72	25	51	16	0	1	.708	
3rd	76	50	57	21	1	0	.750	
4th	70	23	46	15	0	1	.657	
5th	106	47	79	28	0	1	.743	
Total	390	195	280	99	2	3	.718	

All four shoes were on as follows: First game, 6 times; second game 10 times; third game, 9 times; fourth game, 8 times; fifth game, 16 times, for a total of 49 times during the five games.

Horseshoe pitchers from out of the state or city, will find a hearty welcome on these courts, and are invited to stop over when ever possible.

The regular pitching nights are Mondays and Fridays. A little later on a league of eight teams (four men) will get under way.

The officers of the club are: President, Edwin Parker, care The Parker Pattern Works, Springfield, O.; vice president, Thos. Haley, 414 Bel-laire Ave., Springfield, O.; secretary-treasurer, Lester Allen, 1630 W. Pleasant St., Springfield, O.

PITCHING HORSESHOES WITH JIMMY RISK

I HAVE been asked to write a series of articles on the proper way to pitch horseshoes and to throw ringers. I will say now I cannot guarantee these articles will make you a champion, but I will assure you if my methods are followed properly your game can be very much improved within a short time; then with one or two hours practice at least five days a week one can develop into a very good pitcher with a cool, sound game, which, of course, is required in horseshoes as in golf and many other games.

EDITOR'S NOTE

This is the first of a series of articles which we hope to have come from the pen of Jimmy Risk, American champion.

Jimmy, as most horseshoe tossers know, is a sunny-dispositioned chap, who holds the title of "American Champion" by reason of having won the national tournament staged in Chicago in 1930 under the auspices of the American Horseshoe Association.

In his next article Risk will discuss "The Wobble Shoes, Its Importance and Why." Don't miss these articles.

I have read many articles in the Horseshoe World in regards to the wobble shoe and how to pitch. I am sorry to say at this time that some of those articles have had very little information, if any at all, in them for the beginner or the average player who is trying to improve his game.

One must get the proper stance and swing with a follow through, then build your game and ability on that foundation. I'm rather sure anyone not being able to average 60 per cent ringers or better can give very little information of much value to the beginner or the one trying to improve his game from articles, and not listen to others who should need some information on their game,

which with very little would help some players a great deal.

Stance Important

One of the most important things in horseshoe pitching is to stand correctly and in a relaxed position, about 18 inches from side of stake; it is best to always stand with the pitching arm on the inside of the box or inside with the stake. Never hold the shoes within your hand, let the fingers do the gripping and the work; do not hold the shoe too firm, more of a relaxed grip, so the shoe might pass from the hand easily. Those using the one and three-quarter hold, which I am sure is the most successful among the players, because it is very easy to line with the other stake and can be controlled at a reasonable height.

There are just two successful holds in horseshoe pitching, the one and three-quarter and the one and one-quarter turns. Anyone using any other turns will never be successful in throwing ringers.

Getting back to pitching, take your stance, then bring the shoe up in front, out from the shoulder in line with the stake you are pitching at. Then bring the shoe down and back, using a full extended swing. Then out towards the stake with a relaxed follow through. When starting the shoe down for the back swing, use the wrist action of turning the shoe with the calks down, opening up as in the one and three-quarter; keep the shoe in that position until the shoe is brought down from the back swing and started out towards the line of flight, as the shoe passes your body or legs put the wrist action into the swing; level the shoe again at about a 45 degree angle when it leaves the hand. The wrist action will put the proper revolution in the shoe during its flight as well as the proper wobble, which is a very important factor in pitching.

What is meant by the one and three-quarter turn? It is the turning of the shoe from the time it leaves the hand until it lands at the stake or in the opposite box open end at the stake. One must have the control of his shoes in order to get ringers.

So, please remember, keep your head up, practice on a relaxed swing and the open shoe before trying to pitch ringers. The proper step with the pitch is with the left foot out, not too far.

CALIFORNIA SCORES

We are indebted to George Bauder, of the South Park Horseshoe Club, Los Angeles, for the score sheets of a match played on their courts, December 2, between Fernando Isais and Jimmy Risk.

First Game—	P	R	DR	%
Isais	50	33	13	75
Risk	22	22	7	50
Second Game—				
Isais	50	73	28	79.3
Risk	35	68	25	73.9
Third Game—				
Isais	50	86	37	82.7
Risk	40	81	32	77.8
Fourth Game—				
Isais	50	39	16	84.7
Risk	15	27	9	58.7
Fifth Game—				
Isais	50	52	24	92.8
Risk	7	37	12	66

On the same courts on November 22, Isais defeated B. C. Farmer 50 to 28. Fernando threw 94 ringers and 41 doubles, with a percentage of 85, while Farmer tossed on 86 ringers and 34 doubles, with a percentage of 78.

HAVE INDOOR COURTS

Fine new indoor courts have been installed at Xenia, Ohio. Xenia is one of the newer cities to take up shoe tossing in an organized way.

PITCHES AT WARREN

Blair Nunamaker, world's champion, recently gave an exhibition at Warren, Ohio, on the new indoor courts there. His fancy and trick pitching met with great approval.

ALLENS IN CALIFORNIA

Theodore Allen, Oregon champion, and his brother, Ira, Western states title holder, are in California. They made the trip, with their family, pitching exhibitions along the way, stopping at Portland, an extended stay at Salem, at Corvallis, Albany Eugene and other places.

J. W. Allen, father of the Allen brothers, also entered some of the matches.

CHAMP IN SOUTH

Blair Nunamaker, accompanied by his mother, left Cleveland, O., his home, December 1, for Miami, Fla.

Nunamaker, world's champion, will toss shoes in the Southland this winter, but will not be called upon to defend his title, as has been the case for several years, since the National association has been unable to get a bidder for a national meet.

MOSSMAN SIGNS FANCY CONTRACT

Putt Mossman, who has been quite successful with his horseshoe pitching exhibitions and who has earned equal fame with his motorcycle daredevil acts, is scheduled to appear at a number of fairs and expositions next summer.

He holds a contract with a large booking agency for several weeks—and a mighty fancy figure is quoted in the contract.

Putt was a recent visitor at the Horseshoe World offices in London, Ohio.

JIMMY RISK NOW IN CALIFORNIA

Jimmy Risk, of Montpelier, Ind., holder of the American title, is in California, where he will give exhibitions. He expects to make a trip through Southern California, Mexico, Arizona, Texas. He will visit El Paso, San Antonio, Houston, New Orleans and wind up in Florida for pitching during February and March.

Risk makes friends for the horseshoe game everywhere he goes and if he lives up to his usual ability renewed interest in the game may be traced along the path he follows.

Risk is now writing a series of articles for the Horseshoe World. The first one appears in this issue.

DAYTON TEAM LOSES

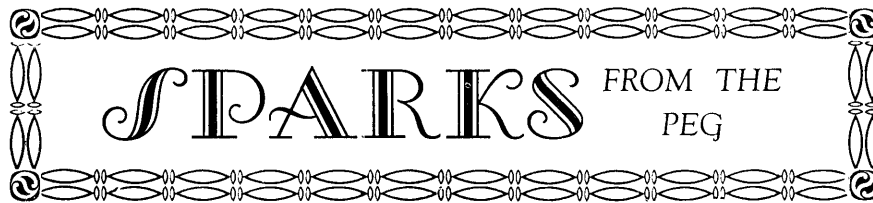
A team of ten horseshoe pitchers selected from the Edgemont, Riverdale and Ft. McKinley clubs, under the leadership of Dr. Alan Pottle, played the Springfield team, at the Springfield Indoor Courts November 29, with the following results:

The Springfield team won 35 games, made 1280 points, with 621 ringers and 106 double ringers.

The Dayton team won 29 games, made 1226 points, with 581 ringers and 111 double ringers. Each team pitched 1941 shoes for the 64 games.

The Dayton horseshoe pitchers are trying to locate a suitable location for indoor courts in Dayton, that the sport may be promoted by playing evening games as well as by day, in a lighted, warm building, yet to be located.

We hope to be able to give the results of the California state tourney in the next issue. The tournament was held December 6 to 10 at Long Beach.



F. E. Fleming, Geneva, O., is an interested fan.

We have a request for the name and address of a manufacturer of rubber horseshoes. Does any reader know of such a manufacturer?

Alfred P. Parsell, 2 Paul St., Auburn, N. Y., is one of the newer shoe enthusiasts of his state.

Raymond Volluz, 3930 W. 33rd St., Denver, Colo., is a horseshoe tosser.

Charles DeVries, Pepperell, Mass., is a dyed-in-the-wool fan.

Gus Glasow, Fond Du Lac, Wis., recently gave a talk on horseshoe pitching before a church men's club.

Sidney Plott has moved from Shreveport, La., to Goodman, Mo.

A. F. McMahon, 919 Melrose Ave., has been elected president of the Montreal Horseshoe Club.

Among the East Greenwich, R. I., horseshoe tossers are Hedward E. Proctor, Donald Reid, James E. Dyer, Joseph Hackey, Jack Green, Donald Bunce.

D. B. Rutan, 425 Baldwin Ave., Springfield, O., one of the pioneers of the game in Clark county, at one time was a baseball player and was interested in many sports.

Newton S. Warner is one of the interested tossers at Brookville, O.

James Laipply, of Chatfield, O., is a booster for the game.

Way out in Lowry, S. Dak., may be found a real devotee of the good old game. Meet Otto M. Anderson, a real fan.

Among the shoe tossers in Muskegon, Mich., who believe that the game is worthy of a magazine is H. A. Barnhard, 1253 Calvin Ave., now listed among our valued subscribers.

R. P. Owens, 1414 Alexander St., Honolulu, T. H., is very much interested in the game. We hope that, as a subscriber of the Horseshoe World, he will see that his friends on the

island are given an opportunity to read the magazine in an effort to spread the game there. How about some news about horseshoe activities in Honolulu, Mr. Owens?

A. E. Lindenschmidt has moved from Ft. Thomas, Ky., to 10 Pleasant Ridge, Ft. Mitchell, Covington, Ky.

Herbert F. Gee, 640 S. Ninth Ave., San Jose, Calif., is very much interested in the promotion of the game in his city.

Lester West, 133 N. F street, Gas City, Ind., is secretary of the Gas City Horseshoe Club.

Hugh C. Wilson is president of the Brookside Horseshoe Club, Peekskill, New York.

Harry H. Rose is manager of the Poughkeepsie Bear Cats Horseshoe Club, Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Address is 163 N. Hamilton St.

Donald M. Barnes and J. R. Forbes are Lisbon, O., tossers.

PORTLAND COURTS

Portland Horseshoe club has installed beautiful clay courts for winter pitching. Out-of-town teams wanting games, write Cliff Esberg, 2094 East Glisan St., Portland, Ore.

TAKE UP SHOE TOSSING

Long Island University, New York, has dropped football as a sport and taken up horseshoe pitching. Clair Bee, former football coach, is in charge of the university tossers.

WINS FIRST TOURNEY

Henry Luikko, aged 15, won the first tournament played on the new indoor courts at Grays Harbor, Washington. Art Lienes is the live-wire secretary of the Grays Harbor club.

HAVE RECOVERED

We are glad to learn that C. O. Kittilsen and J. F. Schreiner, Yakima, Washington, tossers, who have been ill, have recovered sufficiently to be back in the game.

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