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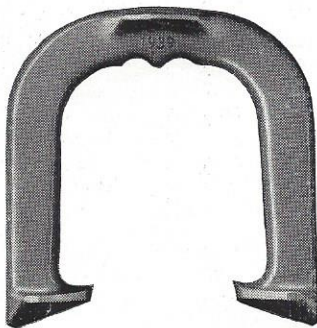
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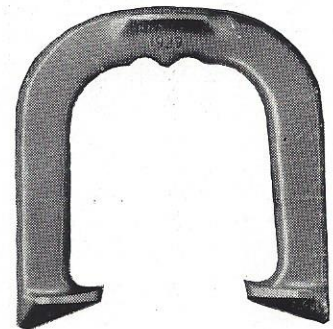
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HOW MANY WOULD RESPOND?

To Carl von der Lancken, tried and true friend of horseshoe pitching in Tulsa, Okla., goes the credit for an idea that is worth giving consideration. We haven't discussed it with President L. E. Tanner and the other officers of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association, but we want their idea, at once, as well as that of all our readers on Mr. von der Lancken's idea.

What we want to know is how many would respond.

The article is carried elsewhere in this issue. Turn to it and read it—then write us, telling us whether you approve and whether you would help raise such a fund.



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# World Tourney Is Set For September 10 to 13

The Horseshoe World is pleased to announce that negotiations with the Golden Gate International Exposition officials in San Francisco have been fruitful and that a world's championship tournament, to be staged under the rules and the sanction of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association, is scheduled for next September 10 to 13.

Great credit must be given to A. F. Heuer, president of the Northern California Horseshoe Pitchers Association and other officers of his association, for their efforts in interesting the Exposition in a tournament.

Other championship meets are planned and more details will be given from time to time. Complete co-operation must be given Mr. Heuer, who is the president of the Franklin Typesetting Co., 509 Sansome street in San Francisco.

The National Horseshoe Pitchers Association has kept in close touch with the developments and will formally issue the sanction when requirements of prize list, etc., are met.

## Sport Capital for 1939

With more than 300 athletic events scheduled for the Exposition, Treasure Island promises to become the sport capital of America in 1939. At least one important sport event will be held during each day of the Fair. Not only will several national championships be determined, but also will West Coast and Exposition championships be held in 27 different sports.

Probably no World's Fair in history has ever attributed such importance to the promotion of athletics. Besides the championship meets which are expected to attract outstanding contenders from all over the world a series of special events are being planned for women and for youths of every age.

Among the important events which the Exposition hopes to hold on Treasure Island are the A. A. U. boxing, basket ball, track and handball championships. Among the many minor sports will be archery, badminton, fly casting, surf casting, fencing, hurling, lacrosse, water polo, rugby and soccer.

Other sports events planned for the Exposition include International, West Coast and Golden Gate International Exposition archery contests; National Y. M. C. A. and West Coast Invitational badminton contests; the National Flycasting Championship and the West Coast Invitational Surfcasting event; three hurling matches; nine exhibition lacrosse matches; an intercollegiate wrestling tournament; three exhibition tennis matches; Pacific Coast, Western and Intercollegiate Water Polo; and 23

soccer games, including seven International, 10 intercollegiate and six club matches.

One of the unusual sports features will be a parade of Western champions, presenting the outstanding leaders, both past and present in various sports including horseshoes. The plan is to honor successively throughout 1939, the men and women who, as native Westerners or residents of the West, have attained world or national prominence in sport. According to plans now being formulated, the parade will include 238 individuals, one for each day of the Exposition, to be selected by a sports committee from lists submitted by popular poll.

Highlight of the horseshoe tourneys will be the National Open Horseshoe Championship, billed for Treasure Island next September 10 to 13. Oregon's state amateur crown will be decided on September 1, with Washington and Montana title events the following day. Idaho, New Mexico, Nevada, Utah and California state championships are set September 3 and 4, the Western State title event September 5, California Counties competition September 6, 7, 8 and 9.

Arrangements for the horseshoe championship at Treasure Island were made through Major Art McChrystal, Dir. of Sports at the \$50,000,000 World's Fair of the West.

## A FOUNDATION FUND—WOULD YOU JOIN IT?

By R. B. HOWARD, National Secretary

THE National Horseshoe Pitchers Association has had a struggle to finance its activities. Your National Secretary cannot do the work he is called upon to do for nothing. He has, as was voted as a regulation of the Association away back at a convention in St. Petersburg, when Mr. Cottrell was secretary, drawn some funds for his work. Then there has been postage to pay, printing of championship certificates, membership cards, etc.

We have kept our heads above water and have a balance in the treasury, although at times it has been low.

The amounts collected for membership won't do it all, but with the money collected from manufacturers for the green stamps we have kept solvent. But that doesn't solve a problem we set out in Moline to solve—

To have a fund to pay part or maybe all of the expenses of na-

tional tournaments.

Sponsors of national tournaments are scarce, and even a part payment of expenses would be a big lift.

So here is an idea—

It comes from our representative in Oklahoma, Carl von der Lancken. He says: "Here is an idea which I confess not to have given much thought, but it seems O. K. on first glance.

"Let us get 1,000 life members at \$10 each for the creation of a capital foundation. The interest on sound investment would bring about \$800 per year."

He makes some other suggestions on the details of such a campaign, and points out that many persons might be "interested in saving the game."

A foundation fund might be our answer. We admit, as the creator of the idea does, that we haven't given it much study. We don't know much about the rate we could get

on a sound investment—interest rates are down—but, of course, \$800 per year won't pay the entire expense of a tournament, but it would at least insure one every other year, if we couldn't find a sponsor to help.

Of course, it would take more than a year to get 1,000 life members, we presume. We also presume that the campaign would get a great number and then the life membership classification would have to remain open, so that others could join in years to come, thus increasing the fund and the interest.

A foundation organization, bonded to safeguard the interests of the life members and the association, would be details to be worked out.

Is it too much of a dream to think we could get 1,000 people to send us \$10.00?

Won't you write us today? Address your letters to the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association, 45 West Second Street, London, Ohio.



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 \* MAINE HORSESHOE NEWS \*  
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The official state championship tournament for Maine was held at Rumford on the Essex Club courts, Aug. 27, 1938. A perfect day for pitching found the 39 entrants from far and near, on hand and ready to start qualifications at 9:30 a. m. One hundred shoes were pitched with the first 20 men entering the elimination rounds where two out of three wins qualified for the ten-man round robin.

The first round semi-final found Goodier, a former state champion and tourney favorite, eliminating Golightly of Brewer in two straight. Barnes of Brewer, favored runner-up man, had no trouble eliminating Del Bush, of Auburn. Taylor, leading pitcher of the strong Auburn Club, drew a worthy opponent in Secretary of State and State Association President Fredrick Robie, of Augusta, both men pitching well over 50 per cent, and going the three game limit, where Taylor did the eliminating. Johnson of Auburn, came through with a two straight win over Wing, top man of the Bostonian club of Gardiner.

"Red" Dutil of East Auburn, drew Bernard, of Rumford, and their best tosser. Again three hard-fought battles were necessary for Dutil to stay in the meet.

The second round semi-final found Ray Adams, state association secretary, eliminating Malcolm Decoster, both men from Auburn, Decoster holding the Twin-city as well as the Lombardi memorial trophy, and Adams the county championship. This was a three-game match with the deciding game close all the way.

Browning, of Brewer, easily defeated Tripp, of Crescent Lake, two straight.

Robichaud, of Brewer, pitching two good games, won over Batherson, of Rumford, thus taking the host club out of the finals. George Austin a veteran from Sebago Lake, found little difficulty in taking out Clark of Auburn. Guy Sturtevant, of South Paris, another veteran, making a comeback try, easily eliminated G. Decoster of East Auburn.

Activities ceased temporarily to partake of a fine noon-day meal, especially prepared by the members of the Rumford Club for their guests, under the direction of club manager, Andrew Richards.

The round robin finals got under way with ten men from the three larger clubs of the state competing, these were Goodier and Austin, of the Portland Club, Barnes, Browning and

Robichaud, of the Penobscot Club, of So. Brewer, Adams, Taylor, Johnson, Guy Sturtevant and R. Dutil representing the Auburn Club.

It was soon apparent that the new champ would be one of three men, Goodier, Barnes or Sturtevant, as they found things to their liking the first six rounds. The seventh round paired Goodier against Sturtevant, where the veteran comeback artist forced Goodier to a well-earned 54 to 43 victory, both men over the 60 per cent mark. The eighth round again gave the large audience something to cheer about as they watched Sturtevant and Barnes pile up the ringers, Barnes finally weakening to let Sturtevant in for a 50 to 41 score, while Goodier was fighting from behind to beat Geo. Austin, his teammate and perpetual jinx. With darkness rapidly closing in the final round brought Barnes and Goodier together for the title, both boys were hurrying their throws but a tight battle was waged until Barnes again weakened to let Goodier take the game and state title by a 50 to 35 margin. Owing to darkness there was a few unfinished games for Barnes and Sturtevant, but each agreed to split even the second and third place money, although Sturtevant with only one loss against two defeats for Barnes would have been in the runner-up position.

To make the day complete the Rumford boys again opened their club rooms where refreshments and rest were enjoyed before the long trip home.

This was by far the best tournament held by the state association to date, and with over a hundred members this year, and prospects for more next year it is quite probable that the 1939 meet will be a two-day affair to better accommodate all desiring to enter.

Following are the round robin results:

	W	L	R.A.	B.G.	R.A.
Goodier .....	8	0	63.6	81.2	
Sturtevant .....	7	1	59.1	66.0	
Barnes .....	6	2	62.8	68.2	
Taylor .....	4	4	46.0	54.0	
Robichaud .....	4	2	46.9	56.6	
Browning .....	3	4	54.5	56.5	
Adams .....	3	5	40.0	50.0	
Austin .....	2	5	47.8	55.2	
Johnson .....	1	7	38.0	45.9	
Dutil .....	0	8	37.8	44.2	

Note—The state meet, all county meets, as well as several lesser tournaments sponsored by the Auburn Horseshoe Association were run officially, as all entrants were required to have a national card.

#### Official Tournaments

The Aroostock County tournament

for 1938 was held at Stockholm, sponsored by the Stockholm Buddies Horseshoe Club. Gordon Dixon defending champ, came through again to hold his title.

At the annual Presque Isle Fair tournament, Gordon Dixon, for his third straight season, won this championship.

On August 14, the Androscoggin Fish and Game Association held their annual field day and for one attraction sponsored the Androscoggin County Horseshoe tournament, and donated a suitable trophy for this event. About 20 players entered, pitching 50 shoes to place, followed by one elimination round. Olin Taylor, the 1937 champ, after qualifying among the highest, went into a slump and was eliminated in the semi-final round. Ray Adams of the Auburn Club, won the title by steady pitching rather than high ringer averages.

The Cumberland County tournament was held at Portland and sponsored by the Portland Club. Here Harold Goodier of So. Portland, took the title as he did in 1937, later adding the state championship honors to his credit.

The Penobscot County meet was again sponsored by the Fish and Game Association, and Merrill Barnes the defending champ again proved himself capable of the honor for 1938.

Two outstanding tournaments were sponsored by the Auburn Club, on their new 10-lane courts, this season. The first and more important was the Twin City and Lombardi Memorial tournament. The late Leonard "Tony" Lombardi was without doubt the states' greatest booster for the horseshoe game, especially well known in the twin cities of Lewiston and Auburn, first, for his baseball ability, then later for his showmanship with the horseshoes, a student of the game "Tony" created a great interest by playing matches with the best opponents available and to his friends delight he continued to climb to the state championship, which title he held at the time of his death. Being the star member of the Auburn Club it is only fitting that this club has put into play a beautiful trophy in memory of Lombardi, and that this shall be an annual Twin City affair until such time as any competitor has won the trophy three times, at the same time holding the Twin-City championship. For 1938 this trophy rests with Malcolm Decoster, a young and ambitious ringer tosser who met and defeated the Twin Cities' best for his honor. He holds this trophy until one week before the

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# BUCKEYE STATE NEWS

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

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Commissioners, League and Club Officers and All Interested:

Should we take all things "for granted" or as they "actually are?" Of course we are all more or less students, however, in our busy life basic facts are often lost sight of or overlooked.

Is it not just too wonderful to live "a free people" in the greatest country on earth, wherein the people receive first consideration? Should we not be simply stunned with the realization that this has all come into being within the short period since the signing of the Declaration of our Independence? Those great leaders of that day had the positive vision of making it possible that we be given every advantage of education to better enable us to choose, with wisdom, as a free people, with a free choice of free leaders, of free men and women. Of course there has been bloodshed due to negative ideas of the minority since that time, however, the positive of the majority have ruled supreme. We might better appreciate all that has been accomplished for us by studying the conditions of uncertainty and hardships of the peoples prevailing in other parts of the world today.

Getting back to the beginning, "the birth of our country," we might construct briefly and individually, and in an imaginary way, what it should be reasonable to believe took place following the signing of the Declaration of our Independence. We might observe a group of men getting their heads together, after the manner done today, pooling their worldly resources and starting a business, and later on inviting others to join them. This we might justly believe happened over and over again with other groups, resulting in rivals in business, of which, as a natural consequence, we have today our great automobile, airplane, railroad, steel, newspapers and the thousands of other corporations, all watching their respective competitors and trying, year after year, to outdo them in improved products by keeping constantly abreast with their improvements and going them one better with the one and only object of increasing their own production. This holds equally good in sports today

and it may be observed that the experts are receiving maximum remunerations pursuant with the ability of their respective leaders to keep improving their games to make their memberships grow in numbers by continually creating greater interest and encouragement possible in them. It would seem then, that the job of leaders to put their ideas in true and positive form and bring before conventions assembled for that purpose in such a manner that they will be made effective at the earliest possible moment in order to keep in step with other live sports. Failure to do this results in failure.

It has always been the custom in both National and State associations to have some industry sponsor and furnish prize money for tournaments for the publicity benefit. This has worked a hardship because industry has been depended upon to do it which relieved the players of the responsibility of supporting their sport as they should by affiliating with the National and State associations, and they have also lessened their interest in our national magazine which naturally accounts for the present status of the sport. This can all be regained on the part of the players when a program is adopted making the game more interesting and encouraging for them. While our National association claims upward of three million organized players in our country, it has been charged that some of our leading experts in their travels exhibiting their art have been forced to sleep out doors for the want of sufficient remuneration to provide hotel accommodations.

In the Buckeye state it is encouraging to note a great many clubs making definite efforts toward progress, and even more so in seeing horseshoes being developed in educational institutions making it available to millions of students under the guidance of the Amateur Athletic Union in a progressive manner.

The Buckeye state has, for financial reasons, been unable to hold a tourney and convention in either 1937 or 1938, whereby new officers could be elected in the usual way yearly, therefore, we have asked the four leading supporting districts to choose new officers and after being

certified to us, we would all resign as a group and turn affairs over to them. While we have done our very best to encourage greater interest in our state, we feel that others should be given a chance and we deserve a rest from state affairs in order to devote more of our time to our clubs and other interests which we have been deprived of over many years as state officers. The sooner this is done the more time the new officers will have to work out their program and set-up for next year, we are not, however, dropping out until new officers are chosen and certified to us. We would like to emphasize the importance of internal unity in ours and all states of national unity in the National association for the sake of this grand old sport of ours, and this may be obtained through the players by a program that will create greater interest and encouragement for them.

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

## ELECT OFFICERS

Officers of the Greater Horseshoe Club of Cincinnati recently named are: Joe Clore, president, re-elected; Fred Weil, Jr., vice president; Henry Sokup, recording secretary, re-elected; Harry Henn, financial secretary, re-elected, and James Cole, treasurer, re-elected.

## ATHOL CLUB NOTES

In the local tournament conducted by this club, Roger Kachinsky was winner for the third consecutive year, thereby winning the silver cup trophy and it remains in his possession permanently.

In a Central, Mass., tournament, this club was winner of the league matches this summer, with Westfield second, Forest Park Springfield, third, and Orange last, with no wins.

Roger Kachinsky, of Athol, was high man in the tournament, with an average of 55.46 per cent for the entire series of games. He was also high for a single game with 78 per cent.

Carl Walker, of this club, was second high for a single game, with 70 per cent, in this series.

C. G. WHEELER, Sec.-Treas.



## Ted Allen Defeated in Horseshoe Match

Larry Mahoney, New Jersey State Horseshoe Pitching Champion, defeated Ted Allen, world's champion, in a special match series Friday night on the Indoor courts of the Hudson County Horseshoe Club at 671 Montgomery Street, Jersey City.

After spotting Mr. Allen the first two games Mahoney came on strong winning the last three games and the match three games to two, thus avenging two previous setbacks at the hands of the world champ.

Mahoney averaged 75 per cent ringers for the five games. Out of a total of 424 shoes pitched, the Jersey lad tossed 318 ringers, 114 double ringers and pitched 18 consecutive ringers in the fourth game. His best single game was the third in which he threw 83 ringers out of 104 pitches for a ringer percentage of 79.8.

Allen averaged 76.6 per cent ringers, tossing a total of 325 ringers, 123 double ringers, and pitched 20 consecutive ringers in the first game. His best game was the first in which he threw 54 ringers out of 62 shoes pitched for the high single game percentage of the match of 87.1.

Allen won the first two games rather easily Mahoney seeming nervous at the start, but the third game developed into a real struggle when Mahoney finally found himself. Allen opened this game with seven straight double ringers to gain a 9-0 lead, but Mahoney countered with 22 ringers out of 24 pitches, to take the lead 22-15 at the 19th frame. Mahoney increased his lead to 49-30 when Allen made a strong bid, pulling his score up to 44 and then got only one ringer while Mahoney threw two to win 52-44.

Allen took a 19-6 lead in the fourth game only to have the lad from Lincroft toss 33 ringers out of 36 pitches to take a 41-19 lead. Allen put on the pressure but could only close the gap to 45-40 and Mahoney won out 54-40, squaring the match at two games each.

In the fifth and rubber game, Allen again established leads of 15-1 and 28-5, only to have Mahoney come back with 33 ringers in 38 pitches to take the lead 38-34. They continued neck and neck until Mahoney tossed five straight double ringers to win the game 51-41, and the match three games to two.

Mr. Allen then ran through his repertoire of trick pitches and then showed the packed house the real art of pitching ringers, demonstrating the various pitches used by the champions. He threw ringers using

first the threequarter turn, his own one and one-quarter turn, the one and three-quarter turn, used by Mahoney, and the two and one-quarter turn used by a few of the better players.

The match pried the lid off the Indoor Season for the Hudson County Club, and if the packed house is a criterion of the interest locally this should prove to be the best winter season since the club was organized.

	P	R	DR	SP	Pct
Ted Allen.....	52	54	23	62	87.1
Larry Mahoney	12	42	13	62	67.7
Ted Allen .....	52	57	23	70	81.4
Larry Mahoney	30	49	16	70	70.0
Ted Allen .....	44	78	27	104	75.0
Larry Mahoney	52	83	32	104	79.8
Ted Allen .....	40	58	22	84	69.0
Larry Mahoney	54	63	23	84	75.0
Ted Allen .....	41	78	28	104	75.0
Larry Mahoney	51	81	30	104	77.9

Highest ringer percentage for one game, Allen 87.1, Mahoney 79.8; lowest ringer percentage for one game Allen, 69, Mahoney 67.7; total shoes pitched, each man 424 shoes; Ringers pitched, Allen 325, Mahoney 318; total double ringers pitched, Allen 123, Mahoney 114; average ringer percentage for all games, Allen 76.6, Mahoney 75; consecutive ringers pitched, Allen 20, Mahoney, 18.

### \*\*\*\*\* \* LETTERS TO EDITOR \* \*\*\*\*\*

Nov. 19, 1938

Mr. R. B. Howard,  
London, Ohio

Dear Mr. Howard:

Now is the time of the year to sell health to some of the hundreds, yes thousands, who are unaware how easily it can be obtained through pitching horseshoes. Yes, sir, we will have to use the method of the traveling salesman. What I mean is, equip ourselves in the same manner as those high-salaried bonus-collecting knights of the road. He knows the article he sells from raw material to finished product. The part each member of his firm and every employee has in the delivery of that product to the consumer and most important of all he knows about the products of his competitors wherein the article he sells is superior and he has a further knowledge of the amount of time necessary to hold the interest of his prospect up to the point where he can sell him.

And so we who are active promoters of the sport should have a general knowledge of the following: The wonderful benefit to the health of those who play the game from young to old. How the two most popular turns, the 1¼ and 1¾, are pitched; that at least three million are organized in this sport; what is being done in the most active sections of the United States; how to build a modern court; where best shoes can be purchased; how to organize clubs and leagues, conduct tournaments, and above all, stress the vast difference of the modern game over the old.

I have found the greatest obstacle to promotion that most everyone has pitched horseshoes at one time and being unaware of the science and skill in the modern style, pass it by until someone can show them what an expert can do with a pair of pitching shoes.

You should also know the ringer percentage of the various sectional champions; about the stunts done by those who give exhibitions. Then let your newspapers know that you are prepared to aid all interested in the sport, that a member of the promotion department of your association will call on a prospect whether club, association or individual and acquaint them with the fine points. Now, if the prospect is a prominent business man make the call after dinner. It is well to have a brief case and in it a copy of the Horseshoe World, a souvenir program similar to that of the 1938 New York State Tournament, a few mounted clippings of newspaper publicity of your association activities, some copies of rules and regulations issued by the makers of stamped pitching shoes; the printed story of "Pitch Horseshoes for Health," by Roy Smith, and reprinted by the Giant Grip Mfg. Co. of Oshkosh, Wis.; "How To Organize and Promote a Horseshoe Club," issued by the Diamond Calk Horseshoe Co., of Duluth, Minn.; last, but not least, one pitching shoe.

Now you have the equipment necessary to illustrate your story, and if the prospect really wishes to know what you have to tell, you will have no trouble holding his interest until you have finished. The majority of your listeners will be amazed that there is so much appeal to the sport. You can tell them how easy it is to have a court in or near their own home, not just pieces of pipe driven in the ground, but a modern regular court.

There may be some who think it a waste of time to work on an individual, but who can tell the result of arousing the interest of just one.

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## LETTERS TO EDITOR (Cont.)

It may have the results of a chain letter. At least there is this satisfaction, you are helping others to health by pitching horseshoes.

HARRY WOODFIELD,  
Washington, D. C.

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## ASK READERS' OPINIONS

Mr. R. B. Howard, Editor  
Horseshoe World, London O.

Dear Sir:

Just received by copy of the November issue of the World. All other mail is laid aside while I scrutinize each item of the World before I lay it down to look at other mail matter.

I notice some very interesting tournament reports in this issue with real high ringer averages for the entire team or club as the case may be. The Southern California meet, with an average of near .710 per cent for a 12-man round robin is especially good.

The Six Club League of four men each, in St. Louis, with an average of .500 per cent, is very nice considering the difficulty of getting that number of players to hang on thru the entire season for approximately 140 games. Power to them.

The St. Louis Municipal Individual Tournament, showing an average of .600 per cent, is splendid; also the St. Louis, Mo., City go with an average of .635 is nice.

The idea of an individual league within a club as practiced by the Ft. Wayne, Ind., tossers, makes for a greater amount of practice as well as interest and enthusiasm within the club.

This individual league within the club at Ft. Wayne, had an average of .673 per cent for a season of 35 games. Power to young Einie Recht, and better luck to the others next season. Keep the good work going, boys.

Here in Kansas City Mo., we had a league of four clubs of four men each for three or four years, but due partly to the results that the same club won the league championship three years straight, and may have won the fourth year only because it was apparent the other clubs were losing interest, and one club was allowed to use out-of-state players, and won the championship the last year. Nevertheless we could not get the league going this year. Lagging interest was partly to blame and the city was partly to blame because they would not furnish lights after the clubs had prepared nice four-lane courts. We hope to do better in the season to come.

Our City Tournament was rather a disappointment this fall. But let me get my scrap book of newspaper

clippings before I attempt to relate the results. A scrapbook of clippings of games one has participated in proves quite interesting and adds desire to win for the owner. We played a 12-man round robin with results as follows:

	W	L
Jack Erwin, Jr.....	11	0
Carl Kelly .....	10	1
Oscar Bozich .....	8	3
Fred Trout .....	8	3
George Schultz .....	7	4
Walter Griffel .....	6	5
Henry Witthar .....	6	5
Burton Mitchell .....	3	8
Ralph Mosby .....	3	8
Lincoln Kelly .....	2	9
George Witthar .....	2	9
Earl King .....	0	11

The last few tosses of the game between Jack Erwin, Jr., and Fred Trost, the scorekeeper gave Trost credit for a double ringer, while Erwin missed both shoes, but failed to add six points to his score which would have won the game for Trost. This error went unnoticed until after the tournament was over. That evening while going over the score sheets this error was discovered which would change the first four places. Erwin and Kelly would be tied with 10 wins and one loss each for first place; Trost would have undisputed possession of third place, and Bozich fourth.

The next day this error was shown to the manager of the tournament and he promised to publish the error and have a four out of seven match between Erwin and Kelly the next Sunday for the city championship, but nothing was ever done about it, and being late in the season it was dropped.

We would like to hear from the editor and as many others as would care to express their opinions on what would have been the right and fair thing to do in this case.

If you have room for publication of this item this winter I would be pleased to see it in the World with your answer or opinion in regards to this scorekeeper's error.

FRED TROST,  
Kansas City Mo.

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## WE WILL TRY TO DO THIS

Stillwater, Minn., Sept. 1, '38  
Editor The Horseshoe World,  
London, Ohio.

Sir:

My reason for writing you is to ask you to please publish an article in some future issue of the Horseshoe World dealing with the origin and history of the game of Horseshoe.

We have six regulation courts here, and they are kept busy every minute of every recreation period.

There are some very good pitchers here, three that break 70 per cent regularly, and a half dozen 50 per-centers. That, my friends is doing very well, considering that we get to pitch and practice only two hours on Saturday afternoons, and a half day on legal holidays.

I tried to line up a tournament for the Fourth of July this year, but got started at it too late. Will get it for next July 4th though.

I will greatly appreciate any information you can give me through the columns of The Horseshoe World as to the origin of horseshoe playing. I intend to write an article for our paper, The Prison Mirror, on the game, but cannot get the desired information anywhere, as yet.

I'll plug for your paper among the local enthusiasts of the game, and perhaps they will all subscribe, thereby repaying you in some measure for the many pleasures I have gotten from reading your publication. May you multiply your circulation a thousand times.

Sincerely,

B. O'CONNOR

Box 55, Stillwater, Minn.

## MAINE HORSESHOE NEWS

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1939 memorial tournament, his name being only inscribed to show his claim.

The second featured tournament by the Auburn Club was an "Old Timers" meet. Although the field was limited to four pitchers, the battle they put on was well worth seeing. This was an age limit affair 65 or over, and created much interest among the young pitchers and fans of the Auburn courts.

Earl Marsh, of East Auburn, a sure enough veteran, carried off the honors after several hot innings. Fair enough that the Twin City, Lombardi Memorial champ, Decoster, who also lives at East Auburn and got his training at horseshoes from Marsh and John Decoster, the champion's father, years ago these old timers traveled the state taking on all comers, should win honors.

One other outstanding event for Maine tossers was the visit paid us by our world champ, Theodore "Ted" Allen, a fine fellow who takes his game as a champ should, but still has time and patience to show the beginner and would-be champs how to improve their game. Maine horseshoe players would welcome another visit by Ted Allen at any future time.

## GIVE EXHIBITION

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Jackson, trick horseshoe exhibitionists, recently delighted crowds at Tulsa, Okla.



## HAVE FINE SEASON

The Raymond Mfg. Co. Horseshoe Club, of Corry, Pa., have just closed a very successful season. Sixteen teams participated, each team pitching two games against each other team.

The winning team in the first round was Fleming and Gilson, and in the second round Fred Mixer and Green. The play-off was won by Mixer and Green, whose names were inscribed on the club trophy as 1938 champions.

Individual prizes for the highest ringer percentages for the season were won by Fred Mixer, first, 36.51 per cent; Robt. Fleming, second, 35.8 per cent; Carl Henton, third, 35.79 per cent.

In June, C. E. Jackson and wife, of Kansas, put on an exhibition of expert and fancy pitching on the Raymond courts which was enjoyed by a large crowd.

The results of the season's pitching were as follows:

First Round				
	R	DR	SP	Pct.
F. Mixer	212	33	562	37.72
Fleming	206	38	564	36.52
Henton	187	26	558	33.50
Hurlbut	199	30	618	32.20
Coates	173	24	584	29.62
Jackson	176	27	604	29.15
Staples	173	24	606	28.52
Taylor	138	13	558	24.72
Dempsey	142	16	584	24.32
Allen	140	12	628	22.30
C. Mixer	131	16	614	21.34
Messenger	128	9	600	21.33
Westley	124	8	612	20.28
Stroup	102	11	584	17.46
Stowe	90	6	574	15.68
Baker	89	5	570	15.61
Whiteley	84	11	566	14.84
Crapser	74	5	584	12.66
Falcone	68	7	540	12.60
Rigby	71	3	570	12.46
McCray	70	3	588	11.90
Whittlesey	63	2	554	11.37
Delury	60	3	576	10.42
Hinman	54	3	588	9.18
Sears	45	3	544	8.27
Cobbett	49	2	600	8.17
Sullivan	43	4	536	8.03
Fish	42	1	592	7.01
Gilson	37	3	542	6.83
Young	34	1	564	6.05
Mitchell	34	2	606	5.61
Palmer	20	0	584	3.42
Second Round				
Henton	216	36	568	38.04
Hurlbut	195	29	552	35.33
F. Mixer	197	37	588	35.30
Fleming	200	33	570	35.10
Jackson	170	31	508	33.47
Allen	180		548	33.40
Coates	159	24	538	29.56
Dempsey	149	21	552	27.00
Taylor	134	14	588	22.80

Stroup	126	12	562	22.42
Messenger	130	8	580	22.41
C. Mixer	123	16	586	21.00
Staples	114	10	566	20.15
Westley	109	7	584	18.67
Mitchell	88	11	524	16.80
Rigby	81	6	546	14.84
Falcone	82	4	574	14.29
Crapser	74	5	572	12.93
Stowe	73	1	570	12.80
Whiteley	66	4	520	12.70
Whittlesey	63	1	548	11.49
Delury	65	2	566	11.48
Cobbett	59	0	572	10.30
Sears (Green)	55	3	540	10.18
Fish	52	5	540	9.63
Baker	52	2	542	9.60
McCray	48	1	502	9.56
Hinman	49	2	568	8.63
Sullivan	47	1	552	8.52
Gilson	45	0	554	8.12
Young	43	5	560	7.68
Palmer	34	0	548	6.21

### Season's Leaders

F. Mixer	409	70	1120	36.51
Fleming	406	71	1134	35.80
Henton	403	62	1126	35.79
Hurlbut	394	59	1170	33.70
Jackson	346	58	1112	31.10
Coates	332	48	1122	29.60

### A BUSY SPOT

Some mighty fine reports have come in regarding the activities of the Recreation Horseshoe Club at White Plains, N. Y.

The indoor season is on at White Plains the courts having been completely redecorated. The "count all" method of scoring is being used.

A junior membership for boys under 16 has been inaugurated and they pitch a round robin each week. They are known as the "thirty footers."

Frank Troxel reports that 32 high school boys, with their teacher, make use of the courts every Tuesday afternoon for one and one-half hours, while the police and firemen use the courts each morning.

A league match is played four nights per week.

The matches in the "A" class are played with out-of-town tossers on Sunday afternoon.

What a busy place and what a fine idea! Why not make community centers of our courts? The Recreation Horseshoe club has the right idea.

### CHAMPIONS HONORED

The Horseshoe World has heard of the splendid activities, during the past season of the Yonkers (N. Y.) Horseshoe Pitching league, and we reprint, herewith, the article carried

in a recent issue of the Yonkers Herald-Statesman:

"Mayor Joseph F. Loehr presented the trophies to the winners of the Yonkers Horseshoe Pitching League last night at the first annual dinner of the league at the Lincoln Grill, 537 Central avenue. The Rose Hills, victors in the event, were awarded a permanent trophy and the first leg on a three-year trophy, which was accepted by Jack Wagner, captain of the team. The Nodines received a trophy as second place winners, accepted by Kenneth Chisholm, while the Lincolns were awarded third place trophy, accepted by Fred Barberia. The Tibbetts Democratic Club, Morsemere A. C., McLean A. C. and Farmers were awarded small consolation prizes.

Judge Martin J. Fay presented the awards to the winners of the single championships, Meyer Demchak, victor in Class "A," Jack Wagner in Class "B" and Jack Paulson in Class "C." John J. Fogarty, president of the league, congratulated the Nodine A. C. for conducting the championships and also introduced the guests. He stated that efforts are being made to bring both the county and state horseshoe pitching championships to Yonkers next year.

Assemblyman Arthur Doran and Alderman James A. Sullivan also made short congratulatory addresses to the league for its splendid work.

### CALIFORNIA NEWS

The California Horseshoe Pitchers Association, Southern Division, held their annual tournament Sept. 24-25, at Ventura, California, a beautiful city on the shores of the Pacific.

The event was a success in every way, and the hospitality of the Ventura club will long be remembered by the visiting pitchers.

Twelve men worked in the tournament, Dean Brown being returned the winner closely followed by Fernando Isais and Vyril Jackson.

Much activity is being shown lately on the local courts, a weekly round robin being held on the Exposition Park courts. Last week's winner was Brown, Jackson winning the previous week.

Incidentally, Brown in a recent match game with Eddie Packham on these courts, tossed 25 straight doubles, a signed copy of which I am enclosing.

Our courts are soon to be paved with asphalt and two more courts of prepared clay added.

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## KANSAS NOTES

Would like to mention the fact we of Southeast Kansas have one of the best horseshoe clubs in the district. We have 53 paid-up members and have had some very interesting games with other clubs around here. Our hardest fought battles for one afternoon was with the Coffeyville, Kansas Club. They won 21 and we won 19 of the singles, and the two clubs tied in the doubles with 21 games each. The total number of points for the afternoon was Coffeyville 2268 and Columbus 2265.

These games were played at Coffeyville on Sunday afternoon, October

Our club lost to Jasper, Mo., boys on the night of November 8, by the score of Jasper 6 games and Columbus 4, in the singles, and Jasper 4 and Columbus 5 games of the doubles. We won over Pittsburg, Kans., 14 to 13.

We have six clay courts with electric lights in our city park.

I would like to hear from any other club in regards to keeping interest in our club. Am always glad to get the Horseshoe World, for this is the only paper that has any horseshoe news in it.

Yours for a bigger and better year of horseshoes next year.

FLOYD BOND,  
206 Lee Ave., Columbus, Kans.

## YOUTHFUL TOSSERS

Gerald "Muckle" Malloy, 313 Pine street, Curwensville, Pa., is a splendid tosser. He is 15 years of age and is a sophomore in high school. His best score rang up an 82 percentage.

## CHICAGO ACTIVE

There has been more horseshoe pitching activity in Chicago this year than ever before. Many new clubs have been started, among them being Southtown Club, Wallace Club, Bullock Club Union Park, Rand Club, Hi-Way Club and Coles Avenue Club.

The Alderman Rowan Club in South Chicago recently dedicated their new courts at 106th and Avenue D. They had a fine program of entertainment, including the South Chicago Y. M. C. A. Drum and Bugle Corps, American Legion Band, and other musical entertainment. The famous Schultz sisters gave an exhibition and also entertained with singing and dancing. The Rowan Club has the most beautiful courts in Chicago. They have six courts with concrete walks to pitch from and also concrete walks between the stakes. The remainder of the court area is covered by a beautiful lawn. They have four light poles each holding a 1,000-watt globe and throwing light across the courts.

## WHO GETS THE TROPHY?

The editor of the Horseshoe World suggested that a trophy would be given to the state association having the greatest membership in the National Association for the 1938-39 season.

Of course our fiscal year doesn't close until June 1, but the pitching season is over, so the books can be closed for this trophy award on January 1.

If you have any memberships to report, you had better get them in before January 1.

We admit we haven't bought the trophy yet but it will be awarded some time in January.

## ANOTHER STATE JOINS

The National Horseshoe Pitchers Association office reports another new state association in the fold.

At the meeting of horseshoe pitchers held recently at the Seelbach Hotel, in Louisville, the Kentucky Horseshoe Pitchers Association reorganized and affiliated with the national body under the charter of the Kentucky National Horseshoe Pitchers Association.

The players were rated as follows: Above 35 per cent ringers, Class A; 25 to 35 per cent inclusive, Class B; under 25 per cent, Class C.

Officers elected are: E. B. Patterson president; Anthony Wibbels, vice president; E. M. Merchant secretary and treasurer, and S. B. Mattingly, tournament director.

Jerry McNeerney, of the City Recreation Department was the principal speaker.

## SETS RECORD

Carl von der Lancken, of Tulsa, Okla., set a new southwestern horseshoe pitching record in the 100-shoe pitch recently conducted as part of the Individual Horseshoe league competition.

The Tulsan manufactured 255 points, including 79 ringers and 34 double ringers in the competition.

He was also high in the league competition, being followed by L. Valentine.

League averages:

	W	L	SP	R	Pct
Von der Lancken	25	5	772	479	62
L. Valentine	22	8	814	420	52
Hickory	22	8	750	345	46
F. Marcear	16	14	764	369	48
L. Marcear	16	14	734	318	43
Andrews	16	14	748	305	41
T. Carroll	15	15	800	336	42
Francisco	14	16	784	244	34
Anderson	8	22	780	226	30
Conley	3	27	734	213	29

## LONG GAME

One of the longest horseshoe games ever witnessed at the Fall Creek Courts by spectators, was an exhibition game pitched by Arlo Harris, 1937 Indiana State champion, and his brother Orvil Harris, Indianapolis City champion. There were 18 times that the boys had four ringers on the stake, on which neither player scored. The game lasted one hour and 20 minutes.

The score follows:

	SP	R	DR	P	Pct.
A. Harris	128	114	40	50	89.9
O. Harris	128	110	36	38	85.9

Official scorer of the game was George Scott, member of the Indiana Division of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association.

The Harris brothers had just returned from New Castle Memorial Park, where the Mid-West Indiana Horseshoe Tournament was held. A cash prize of \$75 was awarded the winners. Arlo Harris was tied with William Neilsin, of Dugger, National A. A. U. Jr. Champion. Harris was awarded first place on points. Jimmy Risk was tied for third place, with Orvil Harris. Risk pitched a very fine exhibition before pitching in the tournament.

Tournament officials expressed the desire of a bigger and better contest in 1939, with cash prizes of \$150 to be awarded winners. Invitations will be sent to the best tossers over the state. It will also be open to any member of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association.

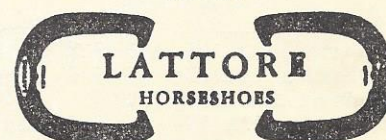
## RETAINS CROWN

Without losing a game, Sam Mattingly retained his municipal horseshoe pitching title in the City Employees' Tournament at Central Park in Louisville, Ky.

Gale Templin, losing by one point, was second, as both Mattingly and Templin pitched 25 ringers in their 50-shoe test. Harvey Garrett finished third with five wins and two defeats, and William Markert was fourth.

Charles A. Durbin, 2629 Milan street, New Orleans, La., is very much interested in the sport.

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Increasing costs of publication coupled with the fact that our advertising revenue has diminished, since many of the manufacturers of equipment either haven't advertised at all or have cut their space, has caused us to publish at a loss. We can't deliver a magazine 12 months during the year for less than \$1.00. Some have suggested that we print only quarterly, but we know that we couldn't satisfy our readers that way.

So, after March 1, there will be one price to all—\$1.00 per year, whether for single subscriptions or clubs. (And we hope that secretaries who have heretofore sent in clubs will aid us by continuing them at the new price).

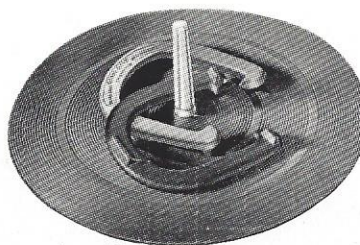
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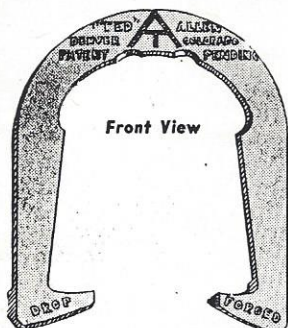
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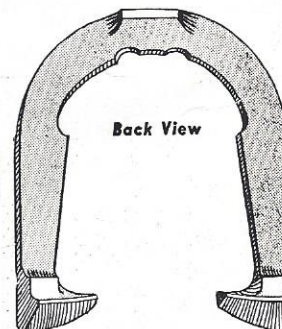
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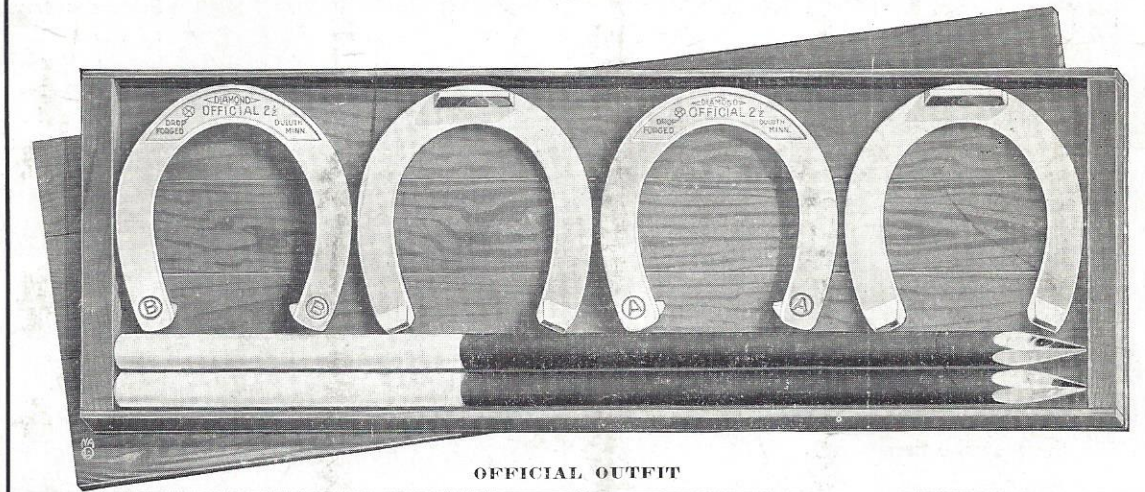
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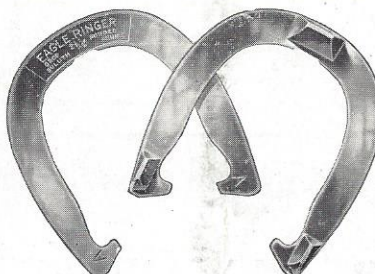


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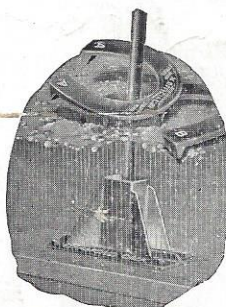
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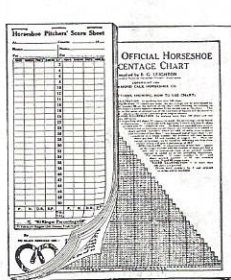
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