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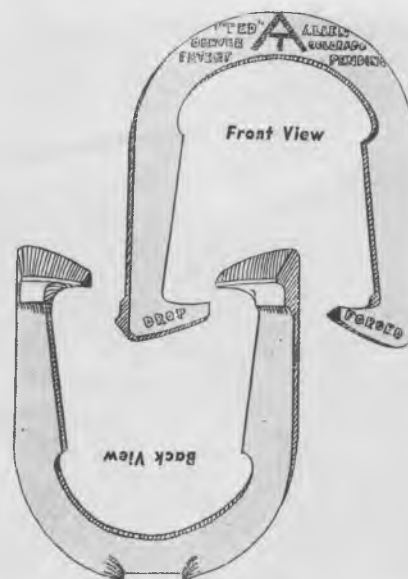
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The Closing Year

THE year just closing was an eventful one for horseshoe pitching. It saw a new administration come into power in the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association and it saw many new state champions crowned.

Just what 1940 holds for the game depends largely upon the activity of individuals and clubs. If associations are progressive it will be a good year.

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HOLDS 1939 TOURNEY

The Southern California Horseshoe Tournament was held in Ventura on October 6, 7, 8. Everyone enjoyed the meet very much and the Ventura boys made everyone feel very much at home. Wiley Humphreys, president of the Ventura club is a live-wire horseshoe worker and does much to promote interest in the game.

Friday was given over to a tournament in which the men over 60 years of age took part. Charlie Sawitzky, of South Park, won first place, John Tuttle of Montibello Club, second, and George Bauder, South Park, third.

Qualifications were made Saturday for the A and B class tournaments, and the B class event was played off Saturday afternoon.

A class pitching started Sunday morning, then at noon everyone went to a park near the courts and a delightful barbecue dinner was served to the horseshoe pitchers, families and friends. Mr. John A. Gordon furnished the T-bone steaks for the barbecue and the Ventura and Santa Barbara folks furnished the rest of the meal.

Results from the B class tournament are as follows:

F. Esperanza, Ventura.....8 1 59.4
Sam Pipe, Salinas8 1 59.7

Esperanza won the playoff.

F. Smith, Culver City.....6 3 52.3
E. Wood, Goodyear5 4 43.6
A. Bristol, Montebello.....4 5 50.3
C. Gregson, Montebello.....4 5 39.7
R. Arnold, Santa Barbara.....3 6 47.6
B. Irey, Santa Barbara.....3 6 43.3

B. Lyon, San Francisco.....3 6 41.6
Luedeking, Santa Barbara 1 8 35.4

Due to lack of time, the only ties that were played off were those for first and second places.

A Class Results

D. Brown, Exposition Pk.....8 3 74.1
R. Gatewood, Expo. Pk. 8 3 68.9

Dean Brown won the play-off.

M. Fourcade, Salinas.....7 4 71.0
E. Hosier, Exposition Pk 7 4 69.2
W. E. Greene, Hunt'n Pk. 7 4 66.4
J. Doyle, Exposition Pk 6 5 68.0
Bob Nunn, Ventura.....6 5 65.4
H. Harper, Exposition Pk 4 7 65.4
W. Humphreys, Ventura 4 7 65.2
A. Gregson, Montebello.... 4 7 63.4
V. Jackson, Exposition Pk. 3 8 63.0
D. Husted, Exposition Pk. 3 8 61.8

KATIE GREGSON, Sec.

LOS ANGELES CITY TOURNAMENT

After three consecutive Sundays of play, and pitching tons of steel, the final rounds in the Los Angeles City Horseshoe Championship, sponsored by the Municipal Horseshoe Pitchers' Association, were completed Sunday, November 26, at Exposition Park Courts.

Dean Brown, Southern California champion from Exposition Park Club won the A class championship in the 20-man round robin, averaging 75.7 per cent ringers in the 19 games played. He lost his only game to Louis Dean, of Exposition Park, second place winner, who won 16 games and lost three, averaging 66.5 per cent for his 19 games. Ervin Hosier, also of Exposition Park, won third, losing four of the 19 games and averaging 73.3 per cent.

One of the highlights of the tournament was the game that Brown won from Hosier, the score of which follows:

	P	R	DR	SP	Pct
Brown	50	70	31	78	89.7
Hosier	12	58	19	78	74.4

During this game, Brown threw four straight double ringers, then a single and then came back with 20 straight doubles for a total of 49 ringers out of 50 consecutive shoes.

Honors for the highest per cent game of the tournament went to Archie Gregson of the Montebello Club, who blanked his opponent, A. J. Byrns, in the 50-point game. Gregson tossed 30 ringers out of 32 shoes pitched for a game per cent of 93.7.

Ervin Hosier and Henry Harper, both of Exposition Park, had the longest game of the tournament,

pitching 110 shoes. In this game they had four dead 23 times.

Following is the standing of the 20 participants in the A class.

Brown, Exposition Pk.....18 1 75.7
Dean, Exposition Pk.....16 3 66.5
Hosier, Exposition Pk.....15 4 73.3
Henry Harper14 5 69.2
Gatewood, Exposition 13 6 68.0
Jackson, Exposition Pk.....12 7 67.5
Gray, Alhambra12 7 65.9
Gregson, Montebello.....12 7 65.8
Barthen, Exposition Pk. 12 7 64.5
Quinn, Southgate12 7 63.7
Bauer, Manchester11 8 61.4
Heber, Banning Pk.....8 11 56.3
Byrns, Alhambra6 13 58.9
Young, Long Beach.....6 13 57.8
Tuttle, Alhambra5 14 57.6
Gregson, Montebello5 14 54.2
Sawitzky, South Park.....5 14 50.8
McCabe, Banning Pk.....4 15 48.8
Husted, Exposition Pk.....3 16 57.2
Vandelac, Manchester1 18 48.4

The average of the 20 men was 61.7 per cent.

The B class championship was played at the Harvard Club courts and was won by Joseph Miller from the Harvard Club.

W. Shirk, of Exposition Park, and Robert Schneider, of Montebello, tied for second and Shirk won the play-off, placing him second and Schneider third.

P. Gersch, of Manchester, won the C class championship, which was played on the Manchester courts and J. A. Conn took second.

Dewey Sigman, of Banning Park, J. E. Cobler, of Manchester, and H. Johnson, of Harvard, tied for third place. Sigman nosed Johnson out of third place by winning two out of three games in the playoff, Cobler being unable to be present.

Beautiful trophies were presented

to the first place winners in all classes, and medals were given to those who placed second and third.

It was a very successful tournament and in the case of the A class division, all 20 participants were on hand every Sunday, showing good sportsmanship in seeing the tournament through. It is to be hoped that this tournament will be an annual event, as more and more interest is being shown in the game of horseshoes.

MRS. KATIE GREGSON.

RECEIVE TROPHIES

The official horseshoe pitching season for San Francisco Sportswomen's Horseshoe Club was concluded with the presentation of beautiful trophies at a banquet held October 27th, at Lido's Cafe, in famous north beach in San Francisco.

The club has two divisions, Class A for the established pitcher, and Class B for the average pitcher. "We play weekly and scores kept by our captain, at the end of the year the player winning the most games and ringers is in first place, and the next highest in second place," writes Angela Hopkins.

A perpetual trophy was won by Rosa Froyen and defended by Dixie Shepard, who won it the last two years in the A class, and Doris Doggett won a medal in the B class at our annual tournament October 17th.

The yearly trophies won by the A class: Rosa Froyen, first in games and ringers; Dixie Shepard, second in games and ringers.

The yearly trophies won by the B class: Angela Hopkins, first in games and second in ringers; Bobby Gustafsen, first in ringers and second in games.

MONTY FOURCADE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAMP

By W. F. Pearce

Monty Fourcade, of Salinas, Calif., won the championship of Northern California at a tournament sponsored by the Northern California Association November 11, 1939, at Mosswood Park, Oakland.

Although tied for first place by Nichols, of the Oakland Club, Monty showed, before one of the largest crowds ever to witness a tournament here, his superiority and skill by defeating Nichols two straight games in what was to have been a best two out of three playoff match. Sam Faix, of the Golden Gate Club annexed third place.

L. Johnson, of the Petaluma Club emerged first spot winner of the second division, with C. Reimer, of

Oakland taking second and W. Doggett of the S. F. Mission Club, third.

Trophies were awarded winners and runners-up in each division with medals for third places.

Tabulations of the tournament as follows:

First Division

M. Fourcade, Salina.....	10	1	666
L. Nicols, Oakland.....	10	1	627
S. Faix, Golden Gate.....	8	3	626
R. Pentecost, Golden Gate	7	4	662
C. Marceovich, Oakland.....	7	4	593
S. Pepe, Salinas.....	6	5	580
W. Callas, Mission.....	5	6	570
H. Henderson, Oakland.....	4	7	555
W. Whitton, Golden Gate	4	7	544
L. O'Flynn, Oakland.....	2	9	503
G. Turner, San Mateo.....	1	10	552

M. Cunningham, Oakland.. 1 10 508

Play-off for First

Fourcade	50	55	18	78	71
	50	40	15	56	71
Nichols	48	55	19	78	63
	25	29	8	56	50

Second Division

L. Johnson, Petaluma.....	10	1	485
C. Rumer, Oakland	9	2	509
W. Doggett, Mission	8	3	420
S. Chittenden, Mission.....	7	4	445
L. Chaix, Mission.....	6	5	373
G. Lyons, Mission.....	5	6	490
V. Dearing, Golden Gate....	5	6	407
G. Jamison, Oakland.....	5	6	395
W. Gregory, Mission.....	4	7	426
H. Stamatis, Mission.....	4	7	398
C. Shultz, Mission.....	4	7	397
I. Lewis, Oakland.....	0	11

FORT GEORGE HORSESHOE DANCE

The Thanksgiving party of the Fort George Horseshoe Club at the Audubon Ballroom was a huge success. The Slipper Slammers from all points of the East were on hand to enjoy an evening of fun, frolic and whoopee.

Awards were made to Henry Ceasar, Artie Scolari, Mrs. M. Lester, Charlie Harris, Larry Rogers and John Bohn.

Lou Ziegler, president of the Knickerbocker Horseshoe Pitchers' League of New York, was the chairman of the evening, with Jack Condon as master of ceremonies, who put the youngsters over the hurdles in the Nantuckets and other novelty dances during the festivities.

President T. P. O'Gara extended his thanks to all who in any way contributed to the success of the affair.

Among the honored guests and patrons were the following: James V. Mulholland, Director of Recreation of the Department of Parks of the City of New York; Councilman John P. Nugent, Hon. James H. Torrens, Edward J. McCullen, Librarian of the Supreme Court; James E. Mulcahy, Claude Hart, Secretary of New Jersey State Association, William Kelly, William Burke, Thomas P. Knowles, John P. Sheehan, Joseph W. Walsh, James Rogers, John D. Fitzgerald, Tom Jameson Connolly, Patrick Gartland, Thomas Walsh, William Mullaly, Charlie Bennett, Gus Sandquist, Charlie Lehanka, Phil Leonard, Michael Manning, Frank Leonard, Bill Blyman, William MacDougall, Mike Quigley, Edward Duval, Daniel Ferguson, Bernard Healy and

friends, Thomas Fitzgerald and friends, Charlie V. Passantino and friends, Bert Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer O. Sadd and friends, Bobby Walters and friends, M. E. Mahoney, George Connors, Peter Devlin, Alphonse Spiese, George Strassman and Miss Helen Snee, Miss M. Harris and friend, Mrs. Hugh O'Neill, Mrs. F. Burridge, Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Reynolds and friends.

Also Charlie W. Aitkins, Fred Albertus, John C. Batler, Michael Kennedy, John Larsen, Patrick May, Thomas H. McGarry, Alistair McQuistan, Adolph Michaels, Hugh O'Neill, A. M. Schindler, Joseph Garty, Robert Prael, Cyril Johnston, Max Neuhauser, Martin D. O'Brien, John D. Flynn, Mrs. B. Link, Mrs. M. Shalley, Fred Miller, Mrs. C. Bodeman, Mrs. John J. Fitzgerald, Thomas McCann, John Lawlor, Joseph J. Gunn, John Barney Cauldwell, Patrick Carey, John J. Gribbin, John Lassen, Charlie Pattison, Mrs. M. Sheridan, Michael Ford, William McCabe, Ray Sailer, Jr., Joe Frank, Joe Veres, Joseph F. McLoughlin, Christopher D. Quinn, Frank Latham, John McDermott, Thomas Brewer, Harold Steinhardt, Ed Schluss, Donald McQuistan, John J. Padden, Mrs. Anna Mackin, Sam Robin, Mike Bell, Mike Belsky, Michael Duffy, Fred Eggers, Frank P. Gamble, Clare Hume, Kenneth Hurst, Larry Mahoney, James A. McCaffrey, Peter McGill, Alton Roosa, M. Schavel, John Ritchie, John M. Kelly, Patrick Casey, John Stella, Michael Dawson, Edward Brehms, Edward Foggin, Leo LePage, John Roll, George Schavel, William M. Simmons, Martin Smith and many others.

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MONTABELLO RESULTS

Here are the results of Montebello Park, California, Club championship held on Sunday, October 29, at Montebello Park:

	W	L	P	R	DR	SP	Pct
Gregson	6	1	330	270	95	404	66.8
Elrod	4	3	292	253	68	460	55.0
Bristol	4	3	307	272	77	454	59.9
Smith	4	3	308	259	73	432	59.9
Byrns	4	3	300	271	71	468	57.9
Craig	3	4	245	249	74	450	55.3
C Gregson	3	4	253	233	70	432	53.9
Martinez	0	7	143	116	21	364	31.8

One of the pitchers was unable to pitch so J. Martinez of the "B" class filled in to make an even number.

The following Sunday, Nov. 5, the "B" class of 12 men was won by 16-year-old Gerald Schneider without losing a game, and averaging 54 per cent.

A. J. GREGSON, Pres.

Tommy (on Christmas morning): "Where does Santa Claus get all his things, Mamma?"

Mamma: "Oh, he buys them, I suppose."

Tommy: "Well, he must be a jay to let any one palm off a tin watch on him."

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The Horseshoe World has just received word from Lee Rose, new National Secretary, that practically all members of the Rules and By-Laws Committee have approved the new by-law known as Article V. He states that he will welcome comment, either critical or approving. Here's the new article:

Article V.

Section 1. Beginning with the year of 1940, and each year thereafter, the National Association shall conduct a National Team League under the following rules:

Rule 1. Eligibility. Any member in good standing in the National Association is eligible to compete as a player or hold position as manager, coach, director, owner, or some such office on or in connection with any team in this league.

Rule 2. Source of Team. Any source, such as a horseshoe club, county, district or state association, city, town, village, fraternal organization, private or commercial sponsor, or any reliable functionary may enter a team in this league.

Rule 3. Registration. Each source desiring to enter a team shall file notice of prospective entry with the National Secretary before April 1st. Each prospective entry shall be sent a team contract which shall be filled in and returned no later than May 1. This contract will simply affirm that team's willingness to participate in the league play and accept the schedule and rules as given, and will be signed by no more than ten (10) players and such other officials connected with that team.

Rule 4. General Plan of Schedule. On or before May 15, each team will receive its official schedule for the year. The entries to this league will be divided into divisions according to geographical locations, and each team will play a home-and-home series of at least two matches with each other team in its division. After division champions have been decided, a plan for play-offs between them to decide the National Championship team will be drawn up and played.

Rule 5. Method of Deciding Winners. The team matches shall be decided on the basis of seven-men-a-side. There will be seven rounds of play, and seven games per round. The team winning 25 or more games

is the winner of the match. Matches won and lost shall decide the team's standing in the league.

Rule 6. Each team will be allowed to sign ten players. There will be no limitations placed upon their ability or distance of residence from the home courts of the team they represent.

Rule 7. Each team will be required to be uniformed, and it is recommended that each player's name be engraved on his uniform.

Rule 8. Method of Conducting Team Match. The home team management shall be responsible for having the courts in perfect shape, and shall also make arrangements for groundkeepers, scorers, ushers, etc. They shall also furnish scoresheets. Just before the match is to begin, each manager shall write out his line-up, numbering his players from one to seven, the number indicating the court on which that player will start. Neither manager shall see the opponent's line-up until both have been turned in to the official referee or announcer. After each round of play, the members of the visiting team shall move one court to their right. Each manager may make substitutions before each of the last six rounds, provided that such substitution does not place a man upon a court where he has already played one game, or bring together two men who have already played each other. If both managers substitute simultaneously, bringing up such a case, the home team must withdraw or change its substitution.

Rule 9. The home team shall send either the score sheets or a compiled result of each match to the National Secretary. If a compiled result is sent, it should include each player's games, won and lost, his points and opponents' points, his ringers, double ringers, shoe pitched and ringer percentage. The National Secretary shall have all the results and standings published in the Horseshoe World.

Rule 10. Financial Arrangements. A team entry fee of ten (\$10.00) dollars shall accompany each team's entry into the league. Each team shall defray its own expenses for uniform, traveling, etc. (It is to be left up to each team to obtain its own commercial sponsor for these

things). Each team shall be at liberty to charge admission to the general public for its home games, or take up a collection, or hold raffles or drawings, and is not under any obligations to share receipts with the visiting team unless special pact between the two has been previously agreed upon.

Rule 11. Any point not fully covered by these foregoing rules may be decided upon by the National Secretary or if demanded, by the Executive Committee.

Rule 12. It is desired by the National Association that each state association form within its own state, a league similar to the National League, using the same general rules, and that results of these leagues be also sent to the National Secretary. It is requested, however, that no member of a National League team shall play on a state league team.

It is further desired by the National Association that each district or locality with enough players to form a league shall form local leagues on the same patterns as the National League, with the understanding that no player from either a National League or State League team be allowed to play in this local league.

INTERESTING GAMES OF KANSAS, 1939

With the football season practically out of the way and winter just around the corner, we, in Kansas, will have to look forward to next spring for a renewal of our horseshoe pitching activity. Of course we always have a few scattered days through the winter months when we can toss a few, and thereby keep the old biceps limbered up. But for the most part the various pitchers will be holding discussions around the stove, commenting on events pertaining to the grand old game of horseshoes.

There were several noteworthy games pitched in Kansas this year, 1939, that we like to look back to, the most exciting of them being the encounter between Robert Bales, of

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Kansas City, Kansas, and Alvin Gandy, our present champ. It was the greatest game ever pitched in the Sunflower State, and here is a score of it:

	R	DR	SP	Pct
Bales	50	107	45	124 88
Gandy	37	103	42	124 83

All 4 on 30 times.

April 16, at Columbus, Kansas, in-				
Kraft	50	66	31	70 94.2
Dahlene	12	53	21	70 76.0

September 27, at Lawrence.

Dahlene	50	41	20	42 97.6
Schrader	0	24	5	42 57.0

This is the highest percentage game ever pitched in Kansas. Dahlene started the game with 12 consecutive doubles. On his 25th shoe he missed having a ringer by a scant quarter of an inch. This was the only shoe missed by the Lawrence ace. Schrader incidentally is one of the best pitchers at Kansas University, having recently won second place in the intra-mural competition.

In exhibition pitching, non-competitive, the following record was made by Dahlene: 280 points, 91 ringers, 100 shoes pitched; 28 consecutive doubles were tossed in this pitch. June 9th, 1939.

Gandy, Kraft and Bales were also credited with having tossed better than 90 out of a hundred.

SHOE STAR HITS

BOWLER'S DREAM

A perfect 300 game, the goal that every ardent bowler some day hopes to attain, became a reality for Leo Rollick, 3437 S. Union Ave., Chicago, Illinois.

Bowling with the Stanley Market team in the house league at Milo Wiesner's Recreation, Rollick was just rolling along below his average the first two games with scores of 189 and 180. The third game, however, he started chalking up those little X's on the score sheet—twelve of them in a row.

Inasmuch as the alleys are sanctioned by the American Bowling Congress and the game was bowled in regular league competition, Rollick will receive a diamond medal from the A. B. C. Just 26 years old, he has been bowling for about eight years.

Unusual is the fact that Rollick takes only a step and a half before he delivers the ball, a style never recommended by experts. He is also a star horseshoe pitcher, which explains somewhat his odd delivery in bowling. Two years ago he won a horseshoe pitching tournament held at a sports show at Navy Pier.

FACTORY SEASON

RESULTS GIVEN

The Raymond Manufacturing Company Horseshoe Club, of Corry, Pa., has just closed very successfully its fifth season, with a larger number participating than in any previous year.

Eighteen teams pitched this season in the tournament which was pitched in two rounds, each team pitching each other team one game in each round. The first half was won by Dempsey and Baker, the second half by Henton and McCray, the play-off being won by Dempsey and Baker and their names are inscribed on the club trophy as 1939 champions.

After the regular tournament closed a short series singles was pitched, the pitchers being divided into Class A and Class B. Dempsey won in Class A and Stowe in Class B.

The individual records of the six leading pitchers in the main tournament follows:

	R	DR	SP	Pct.
Fleming	519	126	1094	47.44
Hurlbut	503	99	1208	41.64
F. Mixer	452	88	1134	39.86
Jackson	407	61	1180	34.5
Henton	402	53	1180	34.07
Dempsey	383	56	1140	33.6

Most of the players had never done any horseshoe pitching until 1935, when the club was organized, and remarkable improvement has been shown by many of the players. In 1936 no fifty per cent ringer games were played and in 1937 only four men pitched any game in which they made over 50 per cent ringers. In 1938 there were 17 such games, and in the season just closed 15 men pitched 47 games in which they made 50 to 71 per cent ringers. This shows that among the 36 men who pitched this year some real horseshoe pitchers are being developed.

ALLENS MEET SMITH

Ira Allen, champion horseshoe pitcher of Northern California, who ranks as one of the flashiest stunt pitchers in the West, gave a pleasing performance before a large crowd assembled at the courts of Roy Smith, here, last Sunday.

Allen executed a number of difficult and dangerous tricks with the shoes, such as knocking a paper bag off Smith's head, pitching over his prone body, through arms, lighting and extinguishing matches, and many other amazing stunts.

Before the exhibition, Allen and Smith played three match games, with Smith winning the first one and Allen taking the next two. In the

second game both men "got hot" and had all four shoes on the stake 14 times, making a combined score of 162 ringers for this one game.

After his pitching act, Allen and Smith again played three more games with Allen winning the first one and Smith the next two. Ira spent the night with Roy and on Monday they again played three match games. Roy won the first two with Ira taking the third one.

During the second game of Monday's match Roy hit 81 per cent ringers against Allen's 76 per cent. The two men pitched 34 consecutive dead ringers before either man scored a point and had all four shoes on the stake 19 times. Smith averaged 75.5 per cent ringers against Allen's 68.2 per cent for these three games. Allen hit 88 per cent in one of Sunday's games.

Mr. Allen comes from a large family, who are all expert pitchers. Ted, who is two years older than Ira, has held the national title for the past seven years and is acknowledged the greatest pitcher of all time. These boys probably hold more titles than any other two pitchers on earth. Ira and his family, who visited relatives and friends in LaGrande, left Monday for Portland and Salem where he is billed to appear before returning to their home in Fresno, Calif. Ira is said to be a clean, young chap and a credit to the game he plays so well and those who saw him play sincerely hope this will not be his last visit to this section.—Wallowa (Wash.) Sun.

Shortly after Ira Allen's visit, Mr. Smith was given a surprise visit by "Dad" Allen, father of Ted and Ira. He was accompanied by another son, Leslie. "Dad" Allen is 70 years of age, but still pitches a wicked 1½ and Leslie will bear watching with his 1¼.

1939 LONG ISLAND LEAGUE WINNERS

The Long Island Daily Press has awarded individual medals to the following players:

DeKalb, Class A—Vito Fileccia, Arthur Wracks, Frank Hessler, Vince Kestel and Bob Heibell.

College Point, Class B—Frank Schlee, Earle Henrichs, Frank Reul, Herb Schlee, Ted Nelson, and Merle Hall.

DeKalb, Class C—Pete Kestel, Ernest Schnerr, Bill Zimmer, Louis Boehringer, Ernie Lensch, Ed Somers and Artie Melcahy.

George Umbaugh, of Waterloo, Ia., divided his time between horseshoes and tennis during the past summer.

ANNUAL STATE ASSOCIATION
MEETING

On November 18, some 25 members of the Maine State Horseshoe Pitchers Association held their annual meeting at the Worster House, Hallowell, Maine.

Following the banquet and several musical numbers by Joe Davis and Jesse Mains, members of the Portland Horseshoe Club, President Robie called the meeting to order. Following reading of reports, Secretary of State Robie and Raymond Adams were re-elected to the president and secretary treasurer posts respectively, while Howard Vanderwerker, of South Brewer, was elected vice president, with Louis North, of Portland, Fred Poulin, of Auburn and Lawrence O'Dell, of Farmington, chosen as executive committee.

Four new clubs were represented at this meeting and plans for 1940 were made to include eight new clubs for a twelve club, three district league, that will cover the state and furnish balanced competition with much less expensive traveling to do. All present agreed that 1940 should be Maine's best horseshoe pitching year.

RAY ADAMS, Sec.

MAINE LEAGUE RESULTS, 1939

	W	L	Pct	R
M. Barnes, B.....	51	1	64.70	1655
Carlson, P	32	1	32.73	998
Goodier, P	24	4	60.78	874
Clark, A	61	19	48.62	2216
Sturtevant, A	12	6	48.12	461
North, P	20	6	47.76	725
S. Davis, P.....	37	15	46.72	1396
Austin, P	35	15	45.70	1371
I. Sawyer, P.....	40	16	45.65	1544
Adams, A	37	30	44.62	1718
Golightly, B	11	17	43.97	770
Ellingwood, P	10	6	42.93	443
Bernard, R	31	29	42.30	1539
W. Browning, B. 5	7	42.13	305	
Jackman, A	10	14	40.08	517
Robichaud, B	12	14	39.55	636
Taylor, A	24	28	38.22	1158
Johnson, A	8	8	37.58	375
Mains, P	21	20	37.39	958
C. Browning, B.....	13	37	36.94	1063
Cascadden, A	16	16	36.63	688
Wood, A	0	2	36.44	43
E. Greenwood, P. 5	3	36.38	179	
Greenlaw, A	0	3	35.79	63
Archibald, P	4	5	35.34	212
Lacourse, R	18	50	35.27	1431
Desrosiers, R	2	11	35.05	273
Strang, B	2	8	33.94	169
Fraser, R	19	49	33.49	1368
J. Davis, P.....	6	19	33.33	517
Petrie, B	4	28	32.36	618
Fullerton, A	5	7	31.69	244
Durocher, A	0	4	30.30	60
Tripp, A	1	7	29.66	137
Vanderwerker, B 5	13	29.24	317	
Batherson, R	7	48	28.48	870
Damboise, B	4	20	27.70	385

F. Barnes, B	0	4	20.48	34
Ward, A	0	2	20.19	21

Joe Davis, of Portland, played for Rumford in their last game at Portland. Davis, one win and five losses, for Rumford, has been adjusted in the league standing which follows.

Note—Although Davis actually lost seven games in this encounter, the other two games have been credited to Sam Davis, and the Portland club. Sam Davis won all eight games in the last Rumford match.

Final League Standing for 1939

	W	L
Portland	233	105
Auburn	174	146
Brewer	107	149
Rumford	78	192

State Record for Single Game

Barnes at Rumford, 23 out of 26, with a percentage of 88.4.

FRED PAULIN, Auburn, Me.

TO BUILD NEW COURTS

The East End Horseshoe club of Houston, Texas, wrote under date of Nov. 7 that a minstrel show was planned to provide funds for new horseshoe courts. B. E. Sipple, secretary-treasurer, was placed in charge. President Ike Reese and Vice President W. C. Morris will be 'end men' in the show.

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Is it possible to have a National Publicity Bureau that through the use of the mail could bring about a National Horseshoe Week with tournaments? Special events for all, using in each city every possible means of publicity? The press, yes, and even some of the national magazines may be influenced to give space to it. My idea would be to have a National Horseshoe Week each year.

HARRY WOODFIELD

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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CANADIAN NEWS

Dear Mr. Howard:

Just received a letter from Ted Steadman, of Toronto. Ted failed to get in the army but is a member of a sports committee sponsored by Canadian business men to afford recreation for the Canadian soldiers now quartered in the grounds of the Canadian National Exhibition Co.

He writes in glowing terms of Frank Gambles friendly co-operation and expert knowledge of showmanship in sending to Toronto what he (Frank) calls his team of children, namely, Larry Mahoney, Ken Hurst, John Hurst, Art Scolari, Johnny Ruggles, with Henry Christ as manager. Ted goes on to say that the twenty thousand who crowded the stadium on August 26 to watch these youngsters win with east hundreds of them were Canadian soldiers and even now they continue to

talk about the wonderful skill of those fine American lads.

You can readily see what a break that is for horseshoes, and you can depend that Ted will take advantage of it to make a major sport of it in the army. Ted favors very emphatically the American or hooked shoes. I am not sure, at the moment, whether he can get all he needs in Canada, so if it is necessary for him to get shoes from the United States the customs duty could be waived as a war measure and thus a golden opportunity to boost the sport taken advantage of.

I wonder how this would appeal to the makers of stamped shoes in this country? If all could combine to offer a quantity of shoes at low cost and they did get in to use in Canada it would greatly aid Ted Steadman in his progressive idea to have conditions for the sport in Canada similar to those that obtain in the United States. If you think this is O. K., pass it on.

HARRY WOODFIELD

734 19th St., N.E., Washington, D. C.

O'GARA ANNEXES CITY TITLE

The finals of the horseshoe pitching tournament for employees of the City of New York was held at Hechscher playground, 62nd Street and West Drive in Central Park recently.

This annual classic is sponsored by the Municipal Athletic Association with Mayor F. H. LaGuardia, honorary chairman.

Thomas P. O'Gara who won the Borough of Manhattan title on Sunday, October 29th, and who is an employee of New York County Clerk's Office, was the victor with

a clean slate of nine wins and no losses. His ringer percentage was .373 for the tourney and he was awarded a gold medal and the city championship.

James Dagg, Bronx policeman, was runner-up with eight wins and one defeat by O'Gara. His average was .391 and he was presented with a silver medal. Dagg had high game of the day in his match against Barney Healy when he slapped on 29 ringers out of 50 shoes pitched for an average of .580, which is good pegging in any man's backyard.

Third place went to Joseph O'Neill of Brooklyn Department of Parks, who had six wins and four losses for an average of .286, and entitled him to a bronze medal.

Because of the short afternoons at this season of the year the games were contests of 50 shoes pitched in each game instead of the 50-point games.

MORRIS NEW CHAMP

The most successful tournament ever held in Houston, Texas, was held on the four lighted courts at the Mason Park courts with the defending champ, Ike Reese losing his title of City of Houston Champion to W. C. Morris. Mr. Reese was slightly off form but nevertheless no credit should be taken from Mr. Morris in winning, because he truly was hot last night. In all there were 22 participants and some very good pitching was exhibited.

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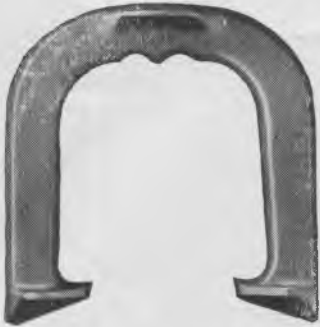
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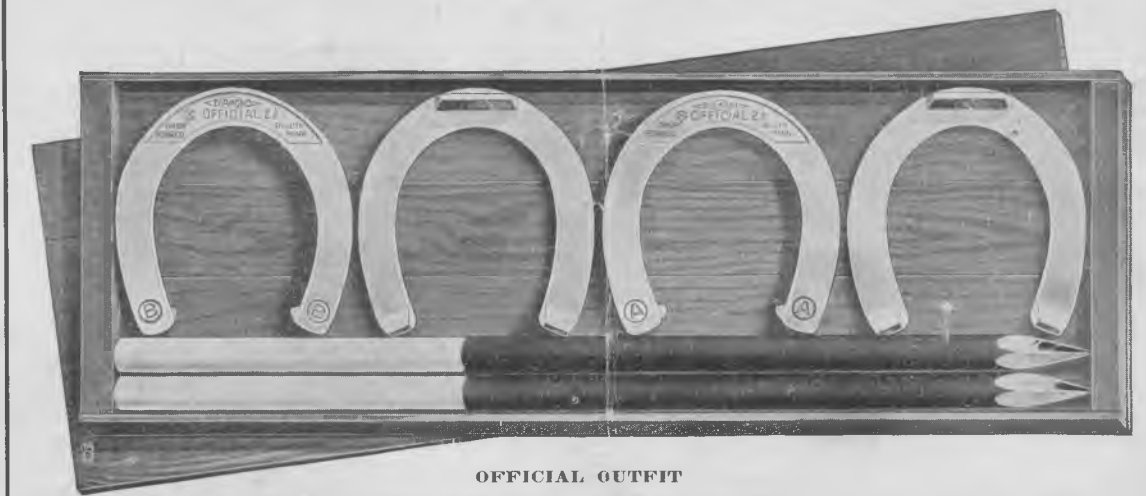
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