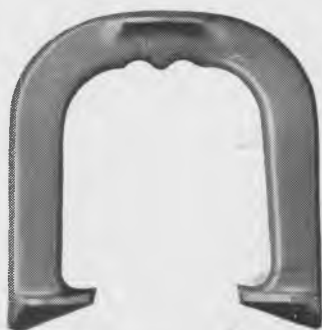
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Well, we missed the "boat" when we said last month we would be back in time to say "Merry Christmas" . . . in fact the Christmas rush got us. . . . a state job, publishing newspapers and heading a national newspaper association so cut in on our time we didn't get the December issue out before the 25th. . . but here it is . . . so just "spank" us now and let us say we will try to do better in 1942 . . . as a start may we say we have a good part of the January issue ready now . . . so it will follow this issue soon, we hope . . . but folks, you will have to do a better job of letting us know what your club is doing. . . . we are "scraping bottom" each month to get enough news to give you . . . too much of it from one club or one state . . . let's send in news from all parts of the U. S. . . . will you do that in 1942? President Harry Woodfield has sent us some articles we are getting into type . . . two in this issue . . .

December, 1941

CLOSING THE YEAR

As we close the year 1941 we cannot help but say that it was a good year.

The National Horseshoe Pitchers Association held a tournament, even though it wasn't as well advertised in advance as it should have been; a new champion, Fernando Isais, took the crown from Ted Allen, and new officers were elected. We think they are working hard and deserve your support.

Yes, 1941 was a pretty good horseshoe year and perhaps it was a turning point in the game. There has been too much "scrapping" in the National Association—maybe 1942 will see us on the upgrade. We think so.

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The War and The Part Horseshoe Pitching Has In It

By R. B. HOWARD

THE war and horseshoe pitching—what effect will it have on the horseshoe game?

We have had many letters from horseshoe officials and friends throughout the land asking that question. Some have been more certain and, instead of asking the question, have answered it.

Some have written to the Horseshoe World saying that the game would suffer during the war. They have expressed the thought that some clubs might find their membership dwindling because of the men taken for service or for work in industry. Others have been less pessimistic.

This magazine doesn't have any gazing globe. We can't look into the future any better than our readers, but it is interesting to study the situation and see what will result from such a study. The game was pretty new when World War I came along, so we can't make much comparison there.

We do know that Greek soldiers in ancient times played a game similar to horseshoes. We know that George Washington's Continental Army took the shoes that were cast off the army horses for recreational purposes. In fact horseshoe pitching in the United States found its first introduction in the Revolutionary War. And they played horseshoes in the Civil War.

So horseshoe pitching is a war game. It has become a traditionally American game, although it did originate in Europe and is played in some other countries now. In no place outside of the United States and Canada has it flourished in spite of attempts by such persons as that old globe-trotting ex-champion Putt Mossman to introduce it in many lands and climes.

The writer had an interesting visit in June in Toronto with Ted Steadman, of the Dominion Horseshoe Pitchers Association. Here was a busy man! He was so tied up in defense work that he had little time for horseshoe pitching, but he was maintaining the interest of many of the members of his Association. As I recall it no effort was made to put on a tournament at the Exposition last summer, but Canada is not out

of the horseshoe picture, war or no war!

So, we look things over here—

Many clubs will lose some of their members. Many will go into the service, but those of us who are older must carry on. We need not abandon our game and most certainly should not abandon our clubs. Let's keep them intact for that great day when these folks will be returning to their home communities.

Our guess is that any member in good standing in 1941, who has entered any branch of the service might be entitled to an honorary membership in his home horseshoe club for the duration. He may be home on furlough and could use the courts, but if not he will be glad to know his horseshoe friends have remembered him. He will show it to his buddies and the gospel of horseshoe pitching will spread far as a result.

"Let's keep 'em flying"—and I do mean horseshoes!

Those of us who have contacts with army camps can render a great service in seeing that the boys have a few horseshoes in their equipment, so that the game may furnish recreation in the seasonable months. Let's

contact all agencies having anything to do with recreation for the service men and suggest horseshoes.

The writer had a part in getting the horseshoe game into the CCC camps. The boys enjoyed the game and the various branches of the service will be just as interested in furnishing games for service men. Fortunately, our association president lives in Washington, and he may be able to render some assistance along this line.

Yes, we are fighting a war that was thrust upon us by a treacherous foe. We will win that war—through the efforts of our service men, through doing our part at home. We will need to buy plenty of Defense Bonds. But we need not forget that horseshoe pitching builds health. Horseshoe pitching can contribute to the welfare of our boys in the service and to those of us who man the home fronts.

Horseshoe pitching will be an even greater game at the end of the war. That is our prediction.

A lively meeting was held, and discussion on many subjects, both state and national, proved very interesting. The secretary read a letter of greeting to the New Jersey Association from the National President, Harry Woodfield, of Washington, D. C., which was enthusiastically received by the members present.

After the meeting, the Forest Hill Club, which acted as host to the association, served refreshments to the gathering, and all present enjoyed themselves thoroughly.

Just to show the members how it is done, Bill Kolb, the state champion, tossed several 80 per cent games, and proved that he is still in top form.

The New Jersey Association wishes to take this opportunity to thank President Woodfield for his encouraging words of greeting, and the Forest Hill Club for acting as hosts again this year.

JOHN ROSSELET, Jr., Sec.

NEW JERSEY HAS SAME OFFICERS

The annual meeting of the New Jersey Horseshoe Pitchers' Association was held Sunday, November 23, at the Forest Hill Horseshoe Club in Newark, N. J. Election of officers was held, and the following incumbent officers were unanimously re-elected for the coming year:

President, D. Eric Brown, Camden; 1st vice president, Paul Puglise, Paterson; 2nd vice president, Albert Ford, Newark; secretary, John Rosselet, Jr., Summit; treasurer, Claude E. Hart, Jersey City.

In order to insure prompt attention to all matters, and to get a varied opinion of all state policies, an executive committee of nine men was elected. These men are all pitchers, and included among them is the present state champion, William A. Kolb, of Newark. The remainder of this committee is composed of the following men:

Lee Davis, senior member, Englewood; Thomas Buzalski, Cranford; Sol Berman, Elizabeth; Clifford Axworthy, Bloomfield; Arthur Scolari, Paterson; James Plum, Bloomfield; Theron Templeton, Jersey City; and A. E. Beling, Harrington Park.

78 AND GOING STRONG?

The Horseshoe World is in receipt of a fine letter from J. P. Moran, Box 6830 NS., Pittsburgh, a retired railroader, who is 78 years of age but still going strong as a horseshoe pitcher.

He has a new horseshoe he would like to get on the market. Space will not permit printing the description of this new model.

GET 'EM PITCHIN' AND KEEP 'EM PITCHIN'

By HARRY WOODFIELD

In the convention at Des Moines last August, by chance I was elected president of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association of America. Shortly after the convention adjourned I was being whizzed over the roads towards home faster than ever before in all my life. I could not keep my mind on this new job while wondering if I would arrive home in one piece. At last, I was back in that old familiar room, where I spend most of my spare time, now filled to overflowing with letters, photos, cartoons, clippings and souvenirs from all parts of the United States and Canada. All connected with horseshoe pitching.

Then I commenced to think about this job of president. What were my qualifications? Why I had never been president of an yassociation before in my life. A president presides in a meeting; but then, I realized I would not have to preside for one whole year and a lot can happen in that time. All of a sudden a way out appeared—a president is also a representative. In association with other sports organizations I would represent our association. First I would have to know what the majority of the members favored.

Before I could get this idea in motion I was invited to a meeting in Philadelphia to represent horseshoes in connection with the greatest sports promotion program ever organized in this country, but more of that later.

First the new executive council must submit a program of activities. They all are of the opinion that there should be a Womens' National Tournament, and why not, for some time our lady members have kept scores, tabulated statistics at our important tournaments and helped in numerous ways. It's about time to find out who is the champion among the fair sex.

And so Miss Virginia Coker, of 501 Bartlett St., San Francisco, Cal., is chairman, and Mrs. Katherine Gregson, of 21 3S. Everett Ave., Monterey Park, Calif., is treasurer of the Women's National Tournament Committee. The committee is already in motion and they will need funds. A member of our association has mailed them \$1.00, and a manager of a horseshoe factory has sent in his personal check. Where and when it will be held will be decided later.

C. A. Benedict, president of the

Buckeye State Association, is chairman of membership, and is to draft a plan for a membership drive and submit it to the council.

Leland Mortenson and Dale Dixon both of Des Moines, are requested to collaborate on the Historical Committee. Leland is chairman.

Clayton C. Henson is chairman of Florida Winter Tournament Committee. He will drive to St. Petersburg and try to interest the Chamber of Commerce of that city to revive those winter tournaments of many years ago. The president has mailed a letter to that organization requesting permission for him to call on them.

The N. H. P. A. should have an emblem and a short slogan. There will be many nights this winter when most of us will not have anything particular to do. Why not draw a rough (or finished one if you are an artist) sketch of your idea of a suitable national emblem. Draw it on a post card or sheet of paper and mail it to me. Later a committee will be appointed to make a selection. It was suggested at first to make this a contest and award cash prizes but the state of the treasury will not permit it at present.

Before 1941 has passed all necessary committees will have been appointed by mail and the president will keep in touch with them during the season.

And now here is one plan that I believe will get our entire association working together in one common purpose. It has to do with my trip to Philadelphia.

President Roosevelt appointed Mayor LaGuardia, of New York, chairman of Civilian Defense. He in turn to set up organized groups of citizens in every section of the United States to be trained in preparedness for defense in the event that our country was invaded. One of the most important of these groups is Industrial Physical Fitness. John B. Kelly, veteran champion oarsman, was named National Director, and his assistant, John Da Grosa, formerly of Georgetown University. Headquarters, 320 Board of Education Bldg., Philadelphia, Pa. Their job is to combine all members active in inducing citizens to engage in regular exercise.

These two gentlemen were convinced that horseshoe pitching was ideal for many thousands who cannot, for various reasons, make use of oth-

er sports. So, fellow members, I was so impressed with their sincere opinion that the full co-operation of our entire association was of great value to their nation-wide program that I promised we would come in 100 per cent. We will not only be doing our country a great service, but will be helping to build up our own organization and helping our fellowmen to better health and longer lives. Here is our plan: That all State Associations organize their entire state group into an active committee, ready to move. A general plan of instructions will come later in the form of a duplicated letter. A permanent National Sports Museum showing by exhibits of equipment and other means the development of various sports from their origin up to date is one of the plans of this great organization. It will be housed in The Franklin Institute in Philadelphia. Later they hope in the National Museum in Washington, D. C.

There is lots of interesting news Secretary Gregson writes of a California State-wide tournament at Santa Cruz, with northern and southern associations combined in its promotions as a possibility for this year.

Another plan that I think all sections will want to have a part in will appear in a later article. It will be suggested by the posters I am mailing to all State Association officials. If we have a sincere desire to build up our National Association the communication of ideas to all sections is of great importance. This can best be served by The Horseshoe World. Every member should be a subscriber. The size or number of its pages are governed by the number of its subscribers. Its circulation should increase as our association grows in numbers each depending on the other.

Fellow members, this is our year, and here at hand is our opportunity. We have been accepted as part of a great organization; let's make the most of it.

GET 'EM PITCHIN'! KEEP 'EM PITCHIN'! AND PITCH YOURSELF!

SEND IN NEWS

The Horseshoe World can use more news of club elections, winter court activities, etc. Those Florida and California clubs that enjoy sunshine should send in news during these winter months.

J. S. AMES DIES

J. S. Ames, of D'Alene, Washington, died on August 18. Mr. Ames was a participant in the Chronicle Empire Island Tournament in Spokane last summer. He was very much interested in the game.

TED ALLEN TELLS OF ROCK PORT MEET

On Sept. 18th and 19th an open tournament was held in Rock Port, Mo., with \$100 in cash prizes, put up by the Fair Board. The tournament was a success with famous pitchers from Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri and Kansas. The Fair Board was so much pleased that a better tournament is planned for next year. It isn't definite yet but that was the last word received from the Fair Board.

It came about this way. While Ted Allen was appearing in exhibitions in Sidney, Iowa, Sheldon Boettner and Hippo Melvin, from Rock Port, made three special trips to see him and discussed plans for the tournament. They had many times traveled to Des Moines to watch that great tournament, and being a sports-minded town, their ambition was to have a tourney in their home town with some of those good pitchers in it. So, with this in mind, and to sell the idea to the townspeople and officials, and to test them out, these two fellows got Ted Allen and Sid Harris down there for a special exhibition. The tournament was immediately voted on.

So with the permission of the fair board the Boettner brothers and the Melvin brothers got busy preparing the courts and advertising. Not knowing a great deal about running a meet or how to put one on they enlisted the help of Ted Allen and of those who came for the meet. Although the courts were not the best because no experienced person was there to supervise the layout, they were good enough for the first time.

And now that the first tournament is over with the Rock Port boys claim they learned a lot and vouch that the courts will be in first class shape next time. What was noted particularly about the sportsmanship of the pitchers was the way they seemed to understand that this being the first meet there they could not expect everything to be just to their liking. Everyone had a good time in that hail-fellow-well-met style. If there was anything said at all about anything it was in a joking way that left no doubt about the good humor.

Among the famous pitchers there were Sid Harris, Nebraska State Champion for five years; Alvin Dahlene, Kansas State Champion; Roland Kraft, of Kansas; John Paxton of Iowa, and his partner.

First place was a tie between Ted Allen and Sid Harris, necessitating a two-best-out-of-three playoff.

What was noticeable and disappointing was the absence of any Des Moines players at this meet. It was

advertised at the World's tournament and three times as far in advance as the world's title meet. No doubt these fellows will make an attempt to be in Rock Port next year.

The players finishing in order were: First, Ted Allen; second, Sid Harris; third, Roland Kraft; fourth, John Paxton; fifth, Alvin Dahlene; sixth, M. Tamboer; seventh, Mr. Carter; Forrest Brickey and Albert Rosenbohm tied for eighth and ninth; tenth, Sheldon Boettner; eleventh, Lee Boettner; twelfth, one man dropped out.

I would like to come to the front and linger a little about a fine character who was the first vice president of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association until the resignation of Mr. Page, and then he was handed the job of presidency. It is Mr. Jack Claves, of St. Louis, Mo., who was the president until August.

During the meeting of the National Tournament players at Des Moines, the election of officers was being made and Mr. Claves was nominated. In the speeches following I am afraid that our retiring secretary was under the wrong impression that Mr. Claves had not attended any of the National conventions. Immediately there was some heated discussion about it, although the point of that was never settled or corrected, and if there was anyone who went away with the thought that Mr. Claves never attended any meet then those persons must have not been around all them or asleep part of the years. I was up and down in my seat many times but never got in a word.

If I remember correctly Mr. Claves was at the Century of Progress tournament in 1933, and he was most surely at the big meet in 1935, at Moline, Ill., because he was one of the chief managers of that meet, along with Mr. L. E. Tanner. No telling how many tournaments around St. Louis he has been putting on before my time.

Only those who have met him know and understand what a rare personality he is. The sort of fellow who would have succeeded at any vocation he undertook to do. He is a great entertainer, a wonderful leader, a super-salesman, a very successful business man, experienced in many ways, and he has a keen sense of doing things right. He doesn't like to see anything done half way. When he moves you can be sure he knows what he is doing. That comes from years of business practice and training, plus self-discipline.

He is well known around St. Louis and in spite of urgent business he has always found time to keep pitch-

ing for health, and organizing the game. The boys of St. Louis know him and he is loyal to them. I believe if it came to choose between one of them winning the world's title and myself or the present champion, I am sure that he would want his boy from St. Louis to win, and he would be all smiles about it. Yet no matter how much he would want his boys to win I would never need worry but what I or anyone else would get the same respect and square treatment.

He is a steady worker for this game and I really think he deserves more leadership in horseshoe pitching. However he is a busy man whether or not he visits the national meet every year does not matter. It isn't possible for any one man to take it in every year. Even if a fellow attends only two or three times in 10 years that is a good percentage.

Incidentally Mr. L. E. Tanner is another one who rates tops, as he has been one of the leading officers in the National, formerly, and has been manager of the Illinois State meet for so long that he is a legend there. Once being the main ball referee around his home speaks for how well his judgment is respected. There are a great many fine people in this game and it would take columns to tell about them.

How many in Des Moines came to the conventions outside of their home town? No matter whether the next big meet is held other than in Des Moines we went you Des Moines fellows there. They have been coming to Iowa for several years now and should the meet be somewhere else let us return the courtesy.

TED ALLEN

SPOKANE MEET

The Chronicle Island Empire meet was held in Spokane with Joe McBride, of Nine Mile, Washington, taking the Class B meet and Ted Olson winning the Class C meet.

Hiram Creveling, of Spokane, won the Class A meet.

Here are the ringer percentages and positions in the Class A event:

	R. Pct.
Hiram Creveling	58.4
Clarence Ross, Cowiche.....	58.8
Jay Elliott, Cowich	54.7
J. W. Davis, Spokane	58.9
Bill Branstetter, The Dalles.....	51.1
Bill Quirt, Spokane	50.0
Lawrence Henderson, Colfax.....	44.8
Bert Curtis, Steptoe	42.0
Joe McBride, Nine Mile.....	45.3
Fred Henderson, Colfax.....	44.6
Wes Holcomb, Spokane.....	41.8
Gilbert Holmes, Spokane.....	43.0
M. M. Arnett, Spokane.....	46.7
J. S. Ames, Cour D Alene, Ida.....	37.2

A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT WOODFIELD

"It is not failure to fall short of the goal if sincere and earnest effort be used. It may be, along the way some will benefit by our honest attempt and another carry on to success."

These thoughts bring to mind the year 1921 when the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association was established. The preamble to the constitution clearly states why it was organized and its ultimate goal. One part of the preamble stands out. I quote: "and with a desire to unify its adherents."

The years between the history of horseshoes has been filled with the names of many who have earnestly strived to bring about this unification without which a national organization cannot exist. Wearied with the seemingly useless task most of them have retired to the sidelines. Some are devoted to the game in their own locality. How many of these still carry a National membership card I do not know until I have a copy of the list of members. However, I am sure that they will add the weight of their experience and love for the sport to any movement toward co-operation.

Many of us are still working for unification, first in the belief that a National Association is essential for the continuation of a standardized game and absolutely necessary for its expansion. For the past few years there has been a division of opinion in regards to standards of play and scoring. At present two systems of scoring are permitted. In 1939, 1940, 1941, the principal activities of the Association were a National championship and convention held in Des Moines, Iowa.

In what other sport can you find such different types and yet so nearly equal in skill as Fernando Isais, a physical marvel of faultless style, Guy Zimmerman, a methodical mechanical ringer machine; Casey Jones the human windmill; and last, but not least, Ted Allen, of deadly accuracy and superb physical condition?

It was well worth the ordeal of riding half way across the continent in a rocket-powered dive bomber on four wheels just to see such as these in action. In this year's tournament at Des Moines was a paper bag in hands of a thoughtless youngster, a factor in Ted's losing his match with Fernando, and with it the world's championship? This is a mere conjecture, but some lad popped a paper

bag when Allen's swing was well on its way forward. This unusual noise may have thrown Ted off his stride just enough to turn the tide of battle.

A master pitcher is immune to loud speaker blasts, applause and the usual noises that occur at all tournaments, but the unexpected can cause a break in the concentration so important to a skilled tosser. Only Ted knows the answer. He was always a great champion, still is, in my book.

I wonder what ringer percentage will be necessary to win the 1942 worlds championship? Fernando deserves congratulation. He won fairly. If he can be induced to tour the East next spring on an exhibition tour, what a boost for horseshoes that would be. His appearance in South America would no doubt flood that country with horseshoe equipment.

Unfortunately, makers of pitching equipment cannot sponsor such a tour in the United States or a foreign country in the manner makers of golf equipment finance the tours of several golf pros. Likewise our association could not with the present financial set-up promote this type of publicity. It is obvious that means must be devised to bring our organization into more prominence. First, let's establish a policy that will bring our members into unified action; our numbers are small. One thousand, with one common goal, can accomplish much. In past years there have been changes in heights and distance between pegs, methods of scoring and types of courts, but three principles so closely a part of horseshoes have never changed. They were there at the very start and today are still going strong—good health, good friends and good fellowship. Is it possible that we have overlooked them? Horseshoe pitching is the easiest game in sports to gain all three. No other game brings players so close to each other. Can we offer these three as an inducement to gain new members? What do you say, fellow members? And you fellows who are not members; there are thousands of you. Why don't you come in with us? I'd like to know. Will you write a letter or a post card and tell me. And you members; what are your thoughts? I would like to have a letter or post card also from you, and on it your mailing address, and your state, county or local club name.

In the meantime all of you give some thought to an emblem and a

slogan. They can be sketched and written on a post card also, if you like. Mail them to me; maybe we can get up some kind of a contest. You do not have to be skilled in drawing; a rough sketch will be acceptable.

Many of you cannot attend a convention, however your letters will be grouped and become a part of a report to be read at the next convention.

"POP" WOODFIELD SAYS:

To you who read The Horseshoe World—the news items it contains are personal messages to you just as much as if you had received a letter from the writer. Our eyes see but the message is lost if our brain does not remember the words.

Now, more than ever, we should see with our memory. Uncle Sam is proud to have the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association (every member) as a partner to help the Nation KEEP FIT!

This brings to mind the famous Indian Chief Sequoia, who originated the written words or symbols for his people. This idea first came to his mind when he carried a message from one American to another and was surprised when the one who received it repeated word for word the message from the sender told to him as it was written. His definition of that letter is historical: "Words that remember themselves."

Let's remember what we read!

Unfortunately it does not take long to read every article in the Horseshoe World. Try reading it over again. You will find a new meaning in many of the lines. Read your letters twice. Uncle Sam needs every horseshoe pitcher in America. Read the Horseshoe World each month and he will tell you what he wants you to do. It will not be a heavy task.

HARRY WOODFIELD, Pres.
734 19th St., N. E. Washington, D. C.

BUSY YEAR

The Inland Empire Horseshoe Club, at Spokane, Washington, had a busy season last year. There were 24 paid members and 30 other players in tournaments held, according to Flo Davis, secretary, South 242 Greene Street.

Seven Spokane tossers met the Yakima team June 29, with J. Davis as the Spokane high man; Colfax 8-man team met Spokane at Manito on May 11; Spokane met Colfax at Colfax, May 25. Ten competed in the city championship B class with Bob Worman as winner. John W. Davis won the A Class with a percentage of 60.1.

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Individual Standings, 1941

Place	Name	G	W	L	Av. P.	Pct.	HG
1	Milton Zobrist	34	33	1	113	66.8	82
2	Richard Kunz	22	19	3	102	60.3	78
3	Edwin Kunz	30	23	7	103	59.1	76
4	Louis Monken	31	21	10	88	45.6	62
5	William Franz	24	15	9	85	44.1	56
6	Richard Falconnier	30	14	16	80	42.7	60
7	Orville Rutz	25	12	13	80	42.6	60
8	Clifford Shilling	24	11	13	79	38.7	54
9	Nelson Mallrich	19	9	10	75	38.2	46
10	John Horn	15	5	10	73	38.1	48
11	Orville Morstain	29	14	15	77	38.0	52
12	Jim Anderson	24	18	6	73	37.5	50
13	Melvin Kaufman	27	17	10	72	37.4	50
14	Lester Monken	19	12	7	76	36.8	50
15	Joseph Bardill	22	7	15	70	36.1	52
16	Clinton Knabel	28	10	18	71	32.0	48
17	Edgar Good	24	11	13	70	31.0	50
18	Julius Neubauer	17	4	13	64	30.6	42
19	Osmar Rutz	30	7	23	64	30.2	44
20	Jacob Maurer	31	5	26	61	28.6	50
21	Tony Stock	28	8	20	63	27.5	40

All games 50 shoes in length.

WHAT'S NEW IN THE NATIONAL?

Harry Woodfield, president of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association, has been named as a member of the Advisory Board of the National Physical Fitness Organization, a new war-time organization.

Mr. Woodfield reports that the St. Petersburg Chamber of Commerce has agreed to confer with officials of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association regarding tournaments in the "Sunshine City." The editor of the Horseshoe World was in St. Petersburg several months ago and discussed the horseshoe situation with John Lodwick, publicity director for the city.

Archie Gregson, secretary, reports a renewed interest among the state associations and individual clubs.

THANKS A LOT

The editor of the Horseshoe World received many Christmas greeting cards from our readers. Naturally, we can't write each of you individually. The Howard family appreciated them just the same. Many thanks!

THIS PLEASES US

Mrs. Katie Gregson, secretary of the Southern California Association, writes they intend giving the Horseshoe World as prizes for tournaments and special match games occasionally. Naturally, we hope other clubs do this, also.

OHIO PITCHER HIGHLY HONORED

When the Horseshoe World was just starting on its career, early in the year of 1922, the present owner, accompanied by C. Ervin Sturm, now of Loudenville, Ohio, who was then a co-owner, made a trip to Columbus.

We visited Fred Brust, of the Ohio Horseshoe Co., and we met a number of horseshoe pitchers. We made a visit to the fire engine house where Capt. Jack Lewis was located.

Jack was interested in horseshoe pitching.

Like George May, Akron fireman, who at one time held the national title, which Mr. Brust also held, Mr. Lewis had interested the firemen in pitching on courts near the engine house. We visit Jack's engine house for a horseshoe meeting years later and he was still interested.

Only recently Capt. Lewis accepted a special retirement badge at a dinner in his honor held at Engine House No. 7 in Columbus. He was forced to retire because of injuries and ranking fire department officials and civilian friends, as well as Fire Chief Edward P. Welsh, attended the dinner given him.

All his horseshoe friends join in wishing him well and congratulating him upon the fine service he has given the capital city of Ohio all these years.

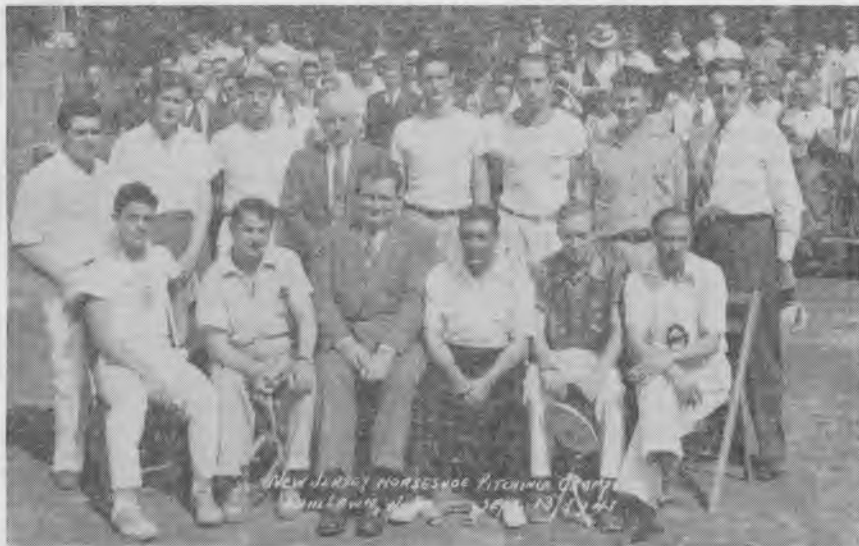
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A suggestion was recently made by D. O. Chess, Cleveland, secretary of the Buckeye State Horseshoe Pitchers Association, that the Horseshoe World receive contributions of \$1 from pitchers and that their names be printed each month. The number in front of the name will indicate the number of dollars in the fund when that dollar arrived:

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NEW JERSEY TOURNAMENT



Here are the participants in the New Jersey Horseshoe Tournament, held at Fairlawn, N. J., last summer.

The State Championship Tournament, held this past summer in Fairlawn, N. J., is preserved, in part at least, on movie film.

Mr. Thomas Buzalski, of Cranford, N. J., a member of the State Executive Committee, took some of the highlights, and other interesting shots that demonstrated the varying forms of the states' leading pitchers.

The pictures, shown at the Forest Hill Horseshoe Club, in Newark, on Sunday, November 30th, feature Bill Kolb, the newly crowned State Champion; John Rosselet, Jr., the runner-up, and Arthur Scolari, the third place winner. These three men, all exponents of different styles of stances and deliveries, are all filmed in action, and show just how the ringers are pitched.

The film was brought to Newark by John Rosselet, Jr., the State Secretary, and shown by Lee Davis, of Engelwood, senior member of the State Executive Committee. An audience of about 25 or 30 enjoyed the film, and clearly proved that more films should be taken at our tournaments.

After the pictures were over, there was a series of doubles games, pitched by teams composed of Bill Kolb and Bernie Mullady on one side, and Lee Davis and John Rosselet on the other. The team of Kolb and Mullady proved the best, winning 50-27, 50-47, 50-48. These games were all very interesting, and exciting, especially the last two, and were only won after a tough battle.

STATE SHOE TOSSERS MEET Northern Kentucky Team Is Winner

The Northern Kentucky Horseshoe Club defended its state team championship for the third year and won the three-year trophy Sunday, Aug. 21, against a picked team from Louisville. The matches were staged at the Riverview Courts, Newport, Ky., and Northern Kentucky won by a score of 20 games to 16.

Jim Johnson, of Ludlow, leading all pitchers with a 69 per cent ringer average; Harry Henn, runner-up in the State meet, was second best with 66 per cent. Elmer McCoy, of Louis-

ville, Kentucky, state champion, led the Louisville team with 61 per cent. Joe Head was second best for Louisville with 57 per cent ringers.

Northern Kentucky				
	W	L	R	Pct.
J. Johnson	5	1	207	.69
H. Henn	5	1	198	.66
Ed Hull	4	2	179	.60
Wm. Henn	1	1	55	.55
G. Moore	2	4	137	.46
H. McPherson	3	3	141	.47
Chas. Eha	0	4	85	.43
	20	16	1002	.55

Louisville, Kentucky				
E. McCoy	5	1	183	.61

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Mr. Howard:

Just read the latest issue of the Horseshoe World and want to congratulate you on a swell paper. Was extremely interested in reading of Mr. Breen's outstanding endurance record of ten hours continuous pitching. I would like to know of any more records you may be able to furnish me for the benefit of the St. Louis gang.

Yours for horseshoes.

J. E. DIXON

1823 Hickory St., St. Louis, Mo.

Mr. R. B. Howard, Publisher and Editor, The Horseshoe World, 45 W. Second St., London, O.

Dear Sir:

We the members of the Albuquerque Horseshoe Club wish to express our appreciation for the National Tournament held last August. We feel that it created lots of interest in our club inasmuch as a number of men have already expressed their desire to join our club next year.

We hope you will have another tournament next year and that we are invited to take part.

Yours in horseshoes

John I. Newell, Benjamin L. Hale, Paul E. Mackey, J. F. Reynolds, B. B. Bact, Clyde C. Crabb, J. B. McCracken, M. B. Gardner, A. L. Scott, L. M. Padilla, C. M. Kelly, Thomas Spinelly, Richard Gore, E. M. Peeples, A. R. Simpson, F. E. Leonard, J. W. Gay, Harold Masters, W. R. Gore, Joe Silva, H. V. Barker.

FLOYD H. GAY, Sec.-Treas.

J. Head	5	1	171	.57
R. Cartwright	2	4	150	.50
H. Whitehead	2	4	149	.50
P. Sayre	2	4	120	.40
J. Wilkerson	0	6	114	.38
	16	20	887	.50

There were 1800 shoes pitched by each team and the total number of points for Northern Kentucky was 3566, compared with 3307 points for Louisville, Ky.

TO MEET IN QUEBEC

The annual convention of the National Editorial Association will be held in Quebec, Canada, in June. Newspaper publishers from all parts of the United States will take the pre-convention cruise from Montreal and attend the convention in Quebec.

R. B. Howard, editor of the Horseshoe World, is president of the National Editorial Association.

FRIEND IN CAMP? SEND THE HORSESHOE WORLD TO HIM

INDIANA CLUB HAS BIG YEAR

The closing of the 1941 season marked the end of another very successful season of horseshoe pitching for members of the Connersville (Ind.) Horseshoe Club. While the actual membership was less than that of last year the attendance, particularly on league nights, was larger than that of any other year, league night attendance being 73 per cent of league enrollment. Membership this season was 40; that of last year, 51.

The club had two contests with the Norwood, Ohio, team, losing both matches. The Norwood team carried several topnotch pitchers, among them Harry Henn, Kentucky champion; Clore, Weil, Martin, Steinke and Thomas, all high-ranking pitchers in Cincinnati and vicinity. Henn was defeated twice by Marvin Chrisman in games at Norwood.

The Free Fair Tournament, Class A, was won by Chrisman for the second consecutive year. Hobart Mozingo was second, and Robert Foster was third. Smith Hoy won first in Class B; Murray Coltrane second, and E. P. Hollan third. In Class C, John Parker took first after a tie for the blue ribbon with Francis Martin; Howard Britton was third.

Four elimination matches were held, Robert Grimes winning the first two, Sylvester Reed took the third and Robert Foster won the final contest. The league race was won by Scotties Welders, after a close run between them and Stewarts Spectacles, who held the lead twice during the season and almost nosed out

Scotties on the final night of pitching.

Several records of ringer percentages were made during the season. Chrisman's .706 average in the Free Fair tournament was the highest average of any tournament winner on the local courts. The previous high of .698 was set by Herman Whittaker in an elimination match. New single game high percentages by both pitchers were also set in the Fair tournament in each of three games. Chrisman, 716, Foster .696; Mozingo .717, Foster .664; Chrisman .774, Mozingo .600.

A league night record of 75 consecutive errorless innings was set by Chrisman on July 1, when he had one or both shoes on the peg each pitch throughout the three games. With Foster as his opponent, the pair set a new mark of 27 canceled ringers for a game of 50 shoes, and 71 for the 3 games on the same night. A total of 116 ringers out of 150 shoes, a percentage of .774, was another record posted by Chrisman on August 5.

Listed among those absent from this year's pitching activities were 20 who were members in 1940, while 8 new tossers were added to the club. Among these was Carlos Matney, who served as club treasurer in 1930 and 1931.

Officers of the club are Robert Grimes, president; Jake Perkins, treasurer; Marvin Chrisman, secretary-manager. Team captains were Walter Zimmerman, of Scotties Welders; John Quinn, Stewarts Spectacles; Ernie Reid, Harrison's Printers; Robert Grimes, Perkins Specials.

Final League Standing

	P	R	D	SP	Pct	W	L	Pct.
Scotties Welders	8372	4129	872	10450	.395	88	48	.647
Stewarts Spectacles	6882	3658	695	8800	.416	83	49	.629
Harrison's Printers	7544	3565	686	10300	.346	63	74	.474
Perkins Spectacles	4388	2584	526	7000	.369	40	103	.278

McCOY STATE TOURNEY CHAMP

Elmer McCoy, Louisville, Ky., won the 1941 Kentucky State Horseshoe pitching championship at Central Park, Louisville, Ky., conducted by the State Association.

Harry Henn, Cold Spring, Northern Kentucky and Greater Cincinnati champion, was runner-up. McCoy and Henn were tied with 9 wins and one loss. In the pitch off McCoy won 25 to 24. In the pitch off the score was 24 to 22 in Henn's favor, when McCoy threw a double and Henn threw both on but knocked his first one off, giving McCoy the game.

	W	L	R	Pct.
E. McCoy	9	1	266	.59
H. Henn	8	2	264	.59
F. Locus	6	3	205	.46
J. Ryan	5	4	193	.43
R. Cartwright	5	4	183	.41
E. Taylor	4	5	176	.39
F. Stier	3	6	150	.33
A. Sayre	2	7	156	.35
J. Wilkerson	2	7	147	.33
A. Henry	2	7	132	.29

Hard clay courts caused a low ringer per cent. They would bounce off or would be knocked off. H. Henn finished with a total of 470 points compared with 432 for McCoy, the winner. Double ringers, McCoy 76, Henn 64.

BOYS CHAMPION



HAROLD HUBBELL, Jr.

This 11-year-old lad, whose dad, Harold E. Hubbell, is lecturer of Progressive Pomona Grange No. 4, Henderson, Colo., is Colorado boys' champion for 1941. He averaged 61.1 per cent in eight games. His dad is also very much interested in horseshoe pitching.

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NEW MEMBERS SOUGHT

Albuquerque Horseshoe Club has opened a campaign to increase its membership, E. A. Barnes, president, reports. The club now has 16 members.

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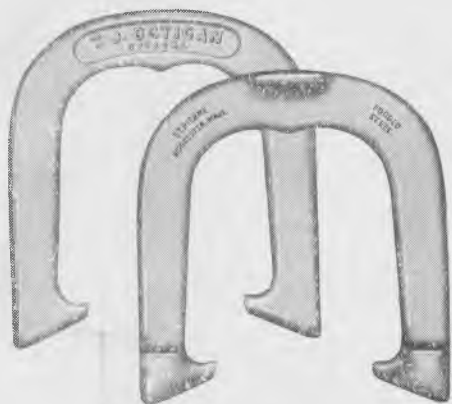
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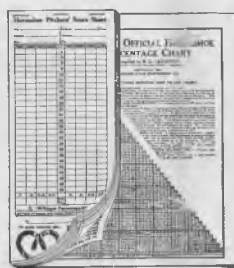


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