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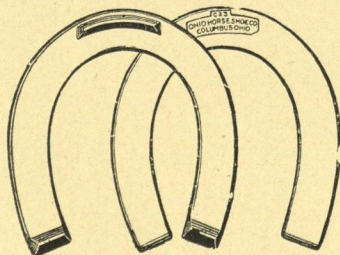
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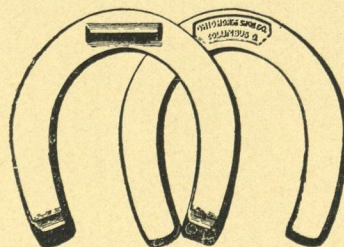
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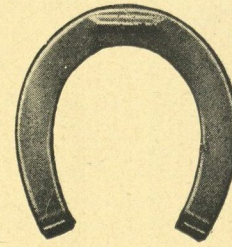


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Just Among Ourselves



MAY THE BEST man and the best woman win the horseshoe tournament that will get under way at St. Petersburg at about the time this magazine goes to press, is our wish.... The best pitcher has not always won national tournaments in our judgment, due to various conditions, the rules under which the tournament was played, etc., but we hope the present tournament will be an exception.

Some favor the "round robin" plan and some do not but that is what will be used this year. Several years ago, when the publisher was Secretary of the National association, he helped with the National Tournament in St. Petersburg, held under the "round robin" plan and a \$3,000 gate was the experience on the last day.

At least that shows what the fans think of the "round robin."

FEBRUARY, 1929

A Northern Meet

WE EXPECT that our readers get mighty tired of hearing us rant about a Northern Tournament, but as the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association will soon be in convention assembled in St. Petersburg we want to again urge that every effort be made to arrange for a summer tournament in the North in 1929.

We ask it for the sake of thousands of pitchers who cannot afford to make an expensive trip South.

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In publishing THE HORSESHOE WORLD, our readers come first. The magazine is printed monthly for them and every article is run with the idea of interesting them. Suggestions to the editor for the betterment of the magazine are always welcomed.

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Letters to the Editor

Washington, D. C.

Mr. R. B. Howard, Editor

The Horseshoe World, London, O.

Dear Mr. Howard: Please allow me to express to you our very sincere appreciation for the generous contribution which you have made to the success of our annual membership Roll Call by extending to the members of The Horseshoe World the cordial invitation to participate in Red Cross work through membership. It is, as I think you know, our goal to make this invitation a universal one and you have done much to make this possible.

In expressing our thanks to you, I am doing so in the name of our National officers, of our 3500 chapters and of our 4,000,000 members.

Cordially yours,

DOUGLAS GRIESEMER,

National Director of Roll Call, American Red Cross.

The Horseshoe World,
London, Ohio.

Editor: — I see by your December issue one of your readers requests that the 1¼ turn be explained in detail as to why it is the proper way to handle the open shoe.

One of the best ways I know to explain this is to go back over the past performances of the leading pitchers of the past eight years.

Charley Babbett in 1919 won the National Tournament in Florida with the 1¼ turn, but lost it the following year never to regain it.

Harold Faler had a like experience in 1923. Putt Mossman with the same turn, gained highest honors in '24 and '25. George May in September '23 came out on top with the 1¼ at Cleveland.

Jimmy Risk from Indiana, finished second to Davis in Florida in February of '27. These are the leading pitchers of the respective turns of the past few meets.

Note the above named have practically passed out of the picture.

Babbett finishing in third place at the Ohio State Fair in '26, Mossman taking seventh place in the Florida tournament, changing his hold to the 1¼.

Jimmy Risk went on an exhibition tour with Davis after finishing runner-up in the Florida tournament. Risk lost all control of his shoe against Davis on his tour, Davis holding Risk to 10 and 12 points.

This will give you an idea of how inconsistent this turn has proven to some of our best pitchers.

The scribe had a lengthy conversation with our champion. He may bring out some of these points in his articles in the early 192- additions in the Horseshoe World:

1. It is not a natural turn to pitch the 1¼.

2. Lay a horseshoe on the two index fingers placing the shoe in this manner till it is perfectly balanced. This can be found and handled on the 1¾ side but is not effective on the 1¼ side.

3. My advice to the younger group of pitchers and beginners is the 1¼ turn as they will reach higher ringer percentage and sureness of pitch in the long run.

Hoping Mr. Davis will explain this more thoroughly in his article, I remain

Respectfully

One of Your Readers

D. F. MORRIS,

Columbus, Ohio.

Oakville, Wash., Dec. 28, 1928

Editor, Horseshoe World,
London, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Howard:

I have read several suggestions for changing the rules, from men in various parts of the country, to all of which I give my disapproval, and do not believe the rules can be improved upon, but, I have a little grouch against the management of the game, which I am going to set forth, and would be glad to hear some argument

A WORD TO OUR READERS

Just as soon as possible,

after the results of the National

Tournament are compiled,

the March issue of The Horse-

shoe World will be published.

It takes time to get these fig-

ures together, to get them into

type and get the magazines off

the press but we hope to give

complete details to you quick-

ly, believing that you would

rather wait a little longer for

complete figures than to get

only a smattering of the re-

sults earlier. So be as patient

as possible.

for or against.

To begin with, horseshoe pitching is considered an old man's game; it possibly is a fact that there are more young men pitching than old, and that fact is offset by the fact that the young men outnumber old by better than five to one. All right; so far so good.

As an illustration, I will use my home state (Washington). We have used the 24-man system ever since the game started in the state; that is, qualify down to the 24 high men, who would go in the finals. Usually we play our tournament in three days, which require the men in the finals to pitch 12 games the first day and 11 on the second day—too much, I say.

Take any other line of sport, and two hours is a long time for play to last. The 24-man system, in my opinion, has many bad features. First, we have to depend on the fair boards to back our state tournaments, and the 12 lanes required to conduct a 24-man tournament is too much of a burden. The argument that to cut the number to qualify from 24 to 12 men would have a tendency to keep pitchers from entering is all foolishness. I believe it would have a tendency to create enthusiasm, for then a player would know that in order to become one of the 12 men, he would have to practice. I know, personally, the reason I am no better pitcher is because I have never adopted a practice system. Some days I pitch for three or four hours, and then not touch a shoe for the next three or four days, and my reason for such careless practicing is the fact that I know it will do me no good because I cannot stand up under the long grind necessary to go through one of our tournaments.

H. A. LONG.

A HINT TO CLUBS

Many clubs would like to have printed score sheets for their games but hesitate to take the price out of their treasury. Many clubs solve this by selling an advertisement on the heading of the sheets to a merchant in their city. Why not try it. Score-sheets, with advertisement printed thereon, \$4.00 per 1,000. Plain \$3.25. Write today. THE HORSESHOE WORLD, London, Ohio.

Bert Cornell, 5 Mattie St., Auburn, N. Y., asks horseshoe pitchers visiting in his territory to call on him. He is a real horseshoe fan.

The National Tourney

Should Please "Customers"

(By The Editor)

AT ABOUT the same time that you fans in the North read this article, as you curl up before your firesides, hundreds of people will be enjoying the tropical sun in St. Petersburg and at the same time be enjoying the mid-winter National Horseshoe Pitching Tournament.

Much interest should attend this year's meet due to the fact that the tournament will be played under the "round robin" plan—a plan that is very popular with the "customers" who make the gate receipts what they should be.

An article in this issue tells of the coming of "Putt" Mossman, former champ, on his trusty gasoline propell-

ed bike; Frank Jackson, that grand old man of the game and his boys will be there. It is whispered that the present champ, Charlie Davis, is peeved over the round robin plan but here's dollars to doughnuts that Charlie will show up on the lot in plenty of time for the big event.

Clever publicity stories from the typewriter of our old friend, John Lodwick, say that the entry list will also contain the name of George May, Akron fireman and former champ. George hasn't pitched in a national event for some time and if he does make the trip South fans will watch him with a great deal of interest.

That Hoosier tosser, Jimmy Risk, has been gazing mighty hard for some time at the championship crown and probably will give someone a lot of worry during his stay on the waterfront, as will Duryea, Nunamaker, Elmerston and others.

The women's tournament will come in for its share of interest, as usual, and altogether the big winter classic should afford the Sunshine City spectators a real show. Meanwhile those of us back home will depend on what few press dispatches get on the wire and keep us informed. Why daily newspapers don't insist on full coverage of an event of as much importance as this we can't fathom!

UNIQUE HORSESHOE CLUB IN KENTUCKY

In Franklin, Kentucky, a small, but up-to-date town near the Tennessee border, there is a horseshoe club composed of as fine a group of gentlemen as one will ever expect to meet; and their hospitality is far above the well-known Kentucky standard. Their motto is "Clean, helpful sport," and unless you are fifty years of age, which, judging by their mode of living must be early middle age, you are not eligible to become a member of the club. All members must be of good moral standing in the community. Any member found guilty of swearing or using smutty language, drinking or gambling are expelled from the club.

The average age of the members is sixty years. Mr. J. S. Vaughn, the club president, is always on the look out for games from teams in southern Kentucky and Northern Tennessee.

July 4th is the big horseshoe day for the Franklin Horseshoe club. Sparks from the peg is a large part of the celebration in that town, and any group of horseshoe pitchers that wish to have a glorious fourth tossing horseshoes, or a real game at any other time, would do well to address J. S. Vaughn, president, Franklin Horseshoe club, Franklin, Ky.

The club is honor bound to give all its victims a return game on their own courts.

I think it is my duty at this time to warn those who are contemplating playing these old gentlemen, to use judgment in partaking of the fried chicken dinner before the game, unless you have a wide side arm swing.

EDWIN B. PATTERSON,
Pres., Ky. Horseshoe Pitching Ass'n

RINGER RECORD REVIEW IS GIVEN

High spots in horseshoe pitching of Oil City devotees are given herewith as records held in the hands of the local pitching club secretary, Charles Gerrish, show them to be up to the present time.

Milo De Woody, of Haddon Heights became the city champion by winning top place in the tournament of August. The 1927 champ was Frank Buchna. Joseph Parham was tittle holder in 1926 and Melvin Burns won the first championship in 1925.

Charles Gerrish won the Venango county crown in September and he attained second place standing in the northwestern Pennsylvania tourney held in Erie in October. Frank Buchna and Edward York still flourish the palms of best reported ringer records for one 50-point game, the former looping the stake for 42 ringers, and the latter 40, making a handsome total of 82 ringers in a game in 1927. Apparently the nine double ringers for one game by Burns in 1925 has never been

outdone although it has been equaled sometimes since that year.

Other records in the club books made in 1928 are: Five consecutive doubles or 10 straight ringers in one game by Gerrish in September. A 70 per cent ringer record was made by Gerrish when he rang 21 out of 30 shoes in a game in July. De Woody owns the ringer record of 57 per cent for a city tourney game. Gerrish is credited with setting the following standards: 56 per cent. for one county game, 46 per cent. ringers average for an entire county tournament of eight games; 48 per cent. ringers in 10 games on another September date; 51 per cent. average for eight straight games; 52 double ringers in nine running games; 245 ringers in nine straight games, and 218, 189, 162, 135 and 109 ringers respectively in eight, seven, six, five and four consecutive games, these latter amounts averaging more than 25 ringers per game.

SEND US A NAME

If you will send us the name and address of a friend who pitches horseshoes and who does not already take the HORSESHOE WORLD we will send you a handy 6-inch ruler. Just the thing for measuring in a horseshoe game. Send in the name of a horseshoe tosser today, while our supply lasts, asking for your ruler. THE HORSESHOE WORLD, London, Ohio.

Put-Put-Put! Here Comes "Putt"

(From The St. Petersburg Times)

CHUG-CHUGGING aboard his trusty motorcycle somewhere in the desert wastes of Arizona, St. Petersburg bound, Putt Mossman, twice holder of the world's horse shoe pitching championship, is fighting against time in order to get in the Sunshine City, at least one week ahead of the annual winter tournament to be held at Waterfront park, before thousands of winter visitors, during the week of Feb. 4.

The ex-champ left Los Angeles, Cal. where he had been appearing in exhibitions for several months, shortly after the new year and had originally intended hurrying through to Florida to get in several weeks of practice before the big games started. Horse-shoe fans through Arizona, however, prevailed upon the likeable youngster to display his wares for their edification as so much per display.

From Phoenix came a letter in the mails yesterday, written by Putt, in which he states he is primed for one Clyde Davis, the Jackson troupe, Jimmy Risk and his old arch-enemy Frank Duryea. Ever since the tragic licking he received in the games here last winter, Mossman vowed that he would condition himself for a "comeback" that would sweep his adversaries from their collective feet next month.

Hopes to Trim Davis

He is particularly anxious to take the measure of Mr. Davis, the gentleman who now holds the title and who is credited with being the bad boy who refuses to pitch in any more tournaments, but will look upon any tourney winner as a challenger and will take him in a series of contests for the world crown he has fought so hard for and intends to retain.

Perhaps "Putt" will be saddened by the news that Mr. Davis will not play in the Waterfront classic—and then again the young man will be gladdened by having the well known thorn in his side out of the picture, leaving the field to his powerful right arm to regain the previous title which has meant so much to the barnstormers who have in the past cashed in right smart in between tourneys.

Smart Showman

Mossman is a barnstormer of the old school, and bright eyes made plen-

ty of hay while the sun shone on his bejeweled headpiece. He not only strutted at county fairs, but he cashed in on several vaudeville and revue engagements.

At any rate, Mr. Mossman will soon be in this city of considerable sunshine, according to his desert written letter, and the experts will see what they shall see in the matter of any improvement in the ex-champion's form.

Down at the Sunshine pleasure club, back of the tall Australian pines close to the American Legion headquarters, the old timers are daily expecting "Putt" to put-put-put up to the grandstand astride his hug-bike, leap off, lean the gas buggy against the fence, hop over with his mule slippers in one hand and shake all around with the other. The old-timers are looking for the Jackson troupe of star performers, and early next week, slim

Jimmy Risk from Indiana. Jimmy is scheduled to depart from his senior high school classes at Montpelier, Friday, crank-up the family Ford and high-ball to the land of sunshine.

Meanwhile, nary a word from Champion Davis. He may have made his little speech through a spokesman other than himself, relative to "round robin" tourneys, the kind he has a sickening dread of. Clyde knows that there isn't a shoe tosser in the game that has a chance against him in a meet conducted under the old rules, but he does know there are plenty, including Risk, Mossman, Frank Jackson, Duryea, Nunamaker and Elmer-son, who can make him step high, wide and handsome under "round robin" rules, where he would meet each player entered but once in a 50-point match, the loss of one of which might mean the championship.

"Putt" Performs In Monrovia

Mossman, who is 22 years of age, is making a tour of the United States and Canada, advertising his patented horseshoe, which bears his name. At present he is making headquarters in Long Beach, king of horseshoe cities in Southern California, but will start for Florida soon after the first of the year to compete in the national championship in February.

"Putt," who credits his mastery of the shoes to long and diligent practice defeated two of the best pitchers in Monrovia, Bill Hansen and Bob Hegabon. Before his exhibition he took on Hansen in a 25-point game and declared if the Monrovia pitcher got 13 points he would donate a pair of his shoes. Hensen failed to win a pair of the shoes. Following the match he took on Hansen and Hegabon and easily defeated their combined scores.

To show his accuracy in placing the shoes around the stake, Mossman will throw with a blanket in front of the peg and almost every time will ring the stake. He also threw many ringers with a man's foot on the stake, as well as with a man straddling the peg.

Probably one of the most difficult feats Mossman performs is throwing ringers through a hoop, which is made

by two men holding their hands together about four feet in front of the peg. Another of his tricks is placing four extra stakes about the stationary peg and then make a ringer on each stake.

Mossman also places a chair on the iron, with a man sitting on the chair and throws ringers on each chair leg and the stake. He performed many other unique shots, much to the delight of the large crowd that assembled to watch him.

He throws ringers with eight different holds and turns, although the one and three-quarter turn is his regular hold. He also throws with either hand and with his right foot, but does not promise to make any ringers by throwing the shoe with his feet.—Monrovia (Calif., Daily News.

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Horseshoe Pitching Rules

Effective February 24, 1927

Authorized by the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association
of America in Convention Assembled Feb. 23, 1927

The Horseshoe Courts

Rule 1. Sec. a.—Lay-out of Courts.—A court shall consist of two pitchers' boxes with stake in the center of each and shall cover a level area over all of ten (10) feet in width and fifty (50) feet in length.

Sec. b.—When a number of courts are constructed as required in tournament play, the stakes shall be at least ten (10) feet apart between courts and front pitching box foul lines shall preserve a straight line across the entire lay-out. Construction shall be made to permit of north-south pitching.

Rule 2. Pitching Distance.—The pitching distance shall be forty (40) feet between stakes. Ladies' pitching distance thirty (30) feet.

Rule 3. Indoor Pitching.—When indoor courts are constructed, the height of pitching boxes should not be over six (6) inches above floor level. Ceiling height at least twelve (12) feet.

Rule 4. Sec. a.—Pitcher's Box.—Pitcher's box shall be six (6) feet square, with stake in the exact center.

Sec. b.—The pitcher's box shall be filled to a depth of six (6) inches with potter's clay or substitute of like nature and kept in a moist and putty-like condition in the stake area. (When boxes are hard surface, as related in Section C, the opening about the stake shall be filled with clay).

Sec. c.—When the pitcher's box is hard surface, an opening not less than thirty-one (31) inches in width, and forty-three (43) inches in length must be left about the stake as a clay area.

Sec. d.—Foul lines surrounding the pitcher's box shall be clearly defined and the frame at the front must extend approximately one (1) inch above the surface.

Sec. e.—Foul lines shall be determined by inside measurement to the near side of the box frame from the stake.

Horseshoe Equipment

Rule 5. Stakes.—The stakes shall be of iron or steel, one inch in diameter, and shall extend ten (10) inches above the clay surface with a two (2) inch incline toward the opposite stake.

Rule 6. The Official Shoe.—No horseshoe shall exceed the following dimensions: seven and one-half ($7\frac{1}{2}$) inches in length; seven (7) inches in width; two and one-half ($2\frac{1}{2}$) pounds in weight. No heel or toe calks shall project more than one and one-sixteenth inches in height over all, that is including the body of the shoe. The opening between the heel calks shall not exceed three and one-half ($3\frac{1}{2}$) inches, inside measurement. Said opening shall not be more than one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) inch from the extreme end of the shoe determined by measurement from a straight edge placed across the heel calks.

Playing Rules

Rule 7. Sec. a.—Conduct of Players and Members.—No contestant, while opponent is in pitching position, shall make any remark or utter any sounds within the hearing of opponent, nor make any movement that does or might interfere with the opponent's playing. Penalty—Both

shoes of the offender shall be declared foul in the inning complained of.

Sec. b.—Any member of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association of America who indulges in heckling or unfair rooting against any pitcher in a tournament, whether with malicious intent or otherwise, shall be expelled from the grounds and from the National Association.

Sec. c.—No contestant shall touch own or opponent's shoe or shoes until winner of point or points has been agreed upon by contestants or decision rendered by the referee. Referee shall declare foul, shoes thrown by a contestant failing to comply with this rule, and award points to the opponent according to the position of his or her shoes.

Sec. d.—No contestant shall walk to the opposite stake or be informed of the position of shoes prior to the completion of an inning.

Sec. e.—A player, when not pitching, must remain on the opposite side of the stake to the player in action and to the rear of a line even with the stake.

Sec. f.—Any player repeatedly violating rules or guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct may be barred from further participation in the contest.

Rule 8. Sec. a. Foul Lines.—Any shoe delivered while the pitcher's foot extends on or over the raised foul line (See Rule 4, Sec. d) shall be declared foul, and removed from counting distance.

Sec. b.—In delivering the shoe the pitcher shall stand within the pitcher's box, but outside an eighteen (18) inch radius of the stake.

Rule 9. Shoe is delivered when it leaves the hand.

Rule 10. Choice of Pitch.—Choice of first pitch or follow shall be determined by the toss of a coin. In successive games between the same players, the loser shall have choice.

Rule 11. Broken Shoes.—When a shoe lands in fair territory and is broken into separate parts it shall be removed and the contestant allowed to pitch another shoe in its stead.

Rule 12. Sec. a. Foul Shoes.—A shoe pitched while contestant stands beyond the box foul line limits. A shoe striking outside the opposite pitching box or on the hard surface area when courts are so constructed.

Sec. b.—Foul shoes shall be removed from the opposite pitcher's box at the request of the opponent.

Sec. c.—A foul shoe shall not be scored or credited except in the score sheet column headed "shoes pitched."

Rule 13. Measurements.—Measurements to determine points won shall be made with calipers and straight edge.

Scoring Rules

Rule 14. Sec. a.—A regulation game shall consist of fifty (50) points in all contests where a National, State or County title is involved.

Sec. b.—Game points in other tournaments, leagues or contests may be determined by local authorities to fit their conditions.

Sec. c. A game is divided into innings and each inning constitutes the pitching of two shoes by each contestant.

Rule 15. Sec. a.—A shoe must be within six (6) inches of the stake to score.

- Sec. b.—Closest shoe to stake scores.....1 point
 Sec. c.—Two shoes closer than opponents.....2 points
 Sec. d.—One (1) ringer scores.....3 points
 Sec. e.—Two (2) ringers scores.....6 points
 Sec. f.—One (1) ringer and closest shoe of same
 player scores4 points
 Sec. g.—Party having two (2) ringers against
 one for opponent scores.....3 points
 Sec. h.—All equals count as ties and no points are scored
 Sec. i.—In case each contestant has a ringer, the
 next closest shoe, if within six (6) inches
 shall score1 point
 Sec. j.—In case of tie, such as four (4) ringers,
 or contestants' shoes are equal distance
 from the stake, causing no score for
 either, party pitching last in the inning
 will start the next inning.
 Sec. k.—A leaning shoe has no value over one
 touching the stake.

Rule 16. Sec. a.—The points shall be scored according to the position of the shoes at the inning's end, that is, after the contestants have each thrown two shoes.

Sec. b.—Ringer credits shall be given on the same basis.

Sec. c.—The winner of points shall call the result. In case of tie, the party pitching last shall call.

Rule 17.—Definition of a ringer—A ringer is declared when a shoe encircles the stake far enough to allow the touching of both heel calks simultaneously with a straight eye, and permit a clearance of the stake.

Rule 18. Recording of results—The recording of results shall be as follows:

W—Games won; L—Games lost; P—Points; R—ringers; DR—Double ringers; SP—Shoes pitched; OP—Opponents points; PR—Percentage of ringers.

Jurisdiction.

Rule 19. Sec a—A tournament committee, satisfactory to the Board of Directors, shall supervise National contests.

Sec. b—A referee appointed by the committee shall decide points when contestants are in doubt. He shall also see that rules are complied with.

Sec. c—Appeal may be made to the committee if a ruling of the referee is not considered proper. Decision of the committee shall be final.

Sec. d—All protests shall be made immediately the occasion arises. Protests covering shoes or conditions of play can only be made before start of the game.

Sec. e—If rain or other elements interfere, players must stop play and not resume until officials authorize. On resuming play, score at time of interference will be in effect, also the same courts will be used by contestants unless they agree otherwise.

Sec. f—The interpretation of the tournament committee covering technical points and their ruling on matters uncovered by these rules shall be final.

Sec. g—An official scorer shall cover each game. When open scorers are also maintained, the official scorer shall watch closely the open score and correct immediately any error.

Rule 20. Three-handed Games—In three-handed games, when two of the players each have a ringer and the third player no ringer, the party without a ringer is out of the scoring and others score according to conditions pertaining if only two were in the game. Otherwise the regulation rules apply.

Rule 21. An official contest between two players shall consist of best six (6) out of eleven (11) games.

BOOST SHOE GAME IN CANADA

"Outside of the pugilists of the past, who hid them in their gloves, no one else, until recently, could advance any sane argument as to why horseshoes were considered lucky. Yet, in the days of mud roads, rubber-tired buggies, and sentimental ballads, every other man you met had his eye peeled for a shoe cast by old Dobbin.

Today, however, the luck in horseshoes is evident in the fact that there's a Horseshoe Pitching club in practically every center in Ontario, from crossroads to provincial capital.

This was splendidly demonstrated at the Dominion Horseshoe Pitching Tournament of the Royal Winter Fair, held in Toronto, November 26 to 29. General enthusiasm was aroused, the tournament got front-page notice in all the big dailies along with special articles and illustrations. Further the tournament was carried out under the patronage of the most prominent

men and keenest sportsmen in Ontario.

For example, Mayor McBride of Toronto, pitched the first shoe in the tournament, and the championship cup, won by Norman J. Brown and William Coulter, both of the Riverdale Horseshoe Pitching Club, the oldest club in Toronto, was presented by Hon. John S. Martin, Ontario's Minister of Agriculture.

'The game of Horseshoe Pitching,' Carl Swanstrom, head of the Diamond Calk Horseshoe Co., Ltd., Toronto, says, 'is a sport that builds health, pep and happiness. Physicians not only recommend it—they play it. Horseshoe pitching is the deadly foe of high blood pressure, over-developed waistlines, and that tired feeling. It's going to be one of the leading sports for all Canada, just as it already is for Ontario. Today (December 6), three indoor horseshoe pitching clubs were formed in Toronto. It's a year-round sport, and it's a sport for everybody.

"Yes, the ladies are getting into the game. This is particularly true of Western Ontario and the movement is

spreading. We are going to see big things in the game in 1929. The Royal Winter Fair Championship Tournament was just a starter, splendid as it was.

The winners took a popular victory. They both belong to the Riverdale Horseshoe Pitching Club—oldest in Toronto. Sarnia, which held the championship last year, was defeated after a fine, game fight.

Diamond Official Pitching Shoes were used exclusively in the recent Royal Winter Fair Tournament, from the official pitch-off by Mayor Sam McBride of Toronto to the last shot.

'Another thing' Mr. Swanstrom pointed out, 'the popularity of horseshoe pitching owes much to the fact that it is inexpensive. Complete outfits for players cost only a few dollars, and that appeals to numbers who want the comradeship of a sports club, as well as to others who are finding out that horseshoe pitching is a real, keen game, bringing out everything in the way of competition that any game can, and with it a world of fun.'—Sporting Goods Journal of Canada.

SUNSHINE QUOIT CLUB

By B. C. Snedeker, in the
Tourist News, St. Petersburg, Fla.

Well, tourist friends, at last we are installed in our new clubhouse. 'Tis said that every man's house is his castle, but we can add some to that and say "every Sunshine Quoit-er's clubhouse is his castle." Ours is no less than that, let me tell you. It is as cozy as a brown thrasher's nest, as pretty as a cottage in Spain, and as neat as a pin. Beat that, if you can.

Not much exciting news this week, except that the old friends are all coming in one by one and now and then a new one. That's what I wanted to speak about—that "now and then" business. Folks, do you know that pitching quoits is just as scientific and just as beneficial as pitching horseshoes? Now don't get an excited. I'm not trying to take away any of the glory of barnyard golf. Long may it live! I'm just trying to tell all you folks that might have a bug to pitch something that we have the pitchin'est game in this town outside of horseshoes. We can't all be champions, and, goodness only knows, the barnyard golfers have champions to spare. We need somebody to buck up against "Veejay" Hesse and take his crown away from him. That's a sporting proposition, now somebody take it up.

I notice that my typewriter-pounding friend Mathews of the Shuffleboard Club said that I couldn't get a corporal's guard here on the lanes during the recent shuffleboard tournament. Guess again, C. H. We not only had a corporal's guard, we had the whole general staff and before long we'll be showing our heels to you. It is not that I love shuffleboard the less, but I know my quoits. They were first in my heart.

Now don't forget, come around to the clubhouse and I'll sign you up for the best little game in the Sunshine City.

SUNSHINE PLEASURE CLUB

By Wm. J. Seas, in Tourist News,
St. Petersburg, Fla.

Have you met our new president? If not, come down to the horseshoe courts one of these days and meet Dr. Herbert Kocher. That is the man the club members elected to lead them for the coming fiscal year. Everybody felt he was the man for the place when H. L. Ermatinger expressed a desire not to serve as president any longer. The other officers of the club remain the same.

Things are "looking up" quite some around our quarters during the past week. Old-timers are coming in rapidly and get the shoes working before they are here a full day. And newcomers! Why there are any number

of them. Some fellows who are just learning the game and a number of real pitchers who make our best men hustle to get a game.

These fellows who are in the state for the first time are going to make

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some of the national tournament pitchers hustle. New ones are not only to be found in St. Petersburg, but they are in Tampa, Bradenton, Sarasota, Orlando, Punta Gorda, Clearwater, Winter Haven, Mt. Dora and up and down the East Coast cities. The Tampa Tribune is putting on local tournaments in about all the towns up and down the West Coast and the Ridge section during the first month of the new year. Good talent is entering these meets. They will culminate in a state event to be held in Tampa. This elimination all through the state will bring a group of new faces into the St. Petersburg national tournament. We are glad to see this, not only for the new blood it will bring in but it will get the participants in physical condition to stand up under the strain pitchers will be subject to

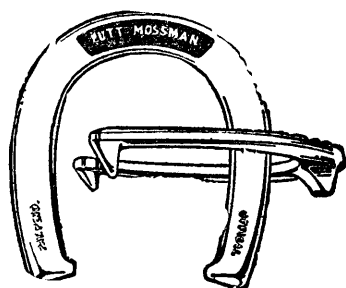
during the week of Feb. 4.

The old familiar faces will about all be on hand for the big doings. Jimmie Risk was one of the first to become uneasy about the annual trek to Florida. He says he is in fine shape and will be in the warm sunshine in ample time to become acclimated. C. C. Davis is already in Bradenton, hooking on the ringers as fast as ever. Bert Duryee, "like usual," will drift in quietly, say little while he is here, and then go his way. The coming of the Jacksons and the Mossmans will be heralded by the newspapers as soon as they hit the Florida line and start their exhibition games.

Young Elmerson, the Wisconsin mechanic, will be the dark horse, or at least one of them, in the coming big doings. Little was expected of him last year and he did not show much

the first several days of the tournament. When the finals started the other eleven entrants discovered that here was a fellow everybody had to watch. Soon the crowd followed him from court to court and he landed in fourth place. That is going some for a new man. With the confidence he gained during that fray he is sure to step up a few notches this year. He has the physical and mental qualifications that go to make champions in athletics.

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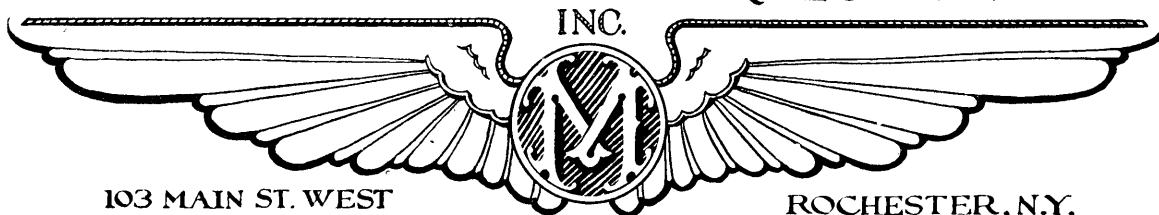
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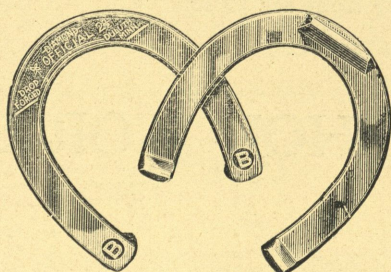
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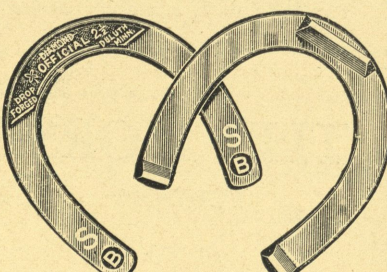
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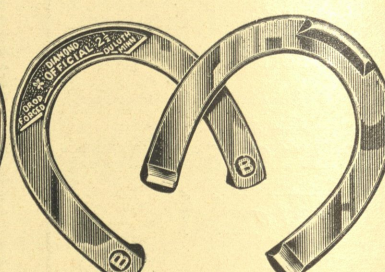


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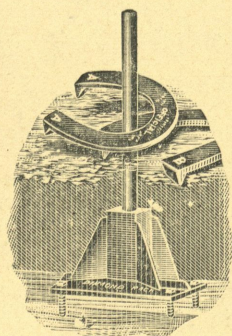
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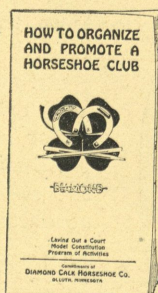


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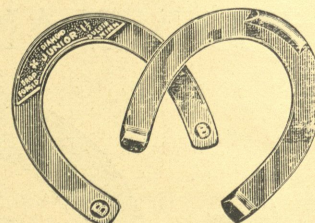


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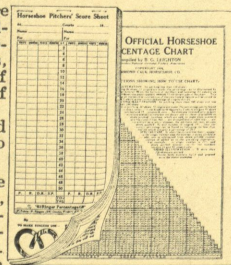
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