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WE hope that some State Fair Board will realize the value of a national horseshoe pitchers tournament and will make a bid for the next summer tournament . . . we like tournaments in connection with fairs, somehow . . . how about Indiana, Iowa, Ohio, Minnesota or some other state? D. D. Cottrell, National Secretary, and H. L. Erma-tinger, president of the National Association, did everything possible to arrange a winter tournament, but were unable to get sufficient funds . . . we hope friends of the horseshoe game in St. Petersburg will tell the Chamber of Commerce there how they miss the annual event . . . we have had several letters from horseshoe pitchers urging us to go on with our plans for a horseshoe conference to be held with officers of the National Association, manufacturers or horseshoe equipment and pitchers present . . . what are your views?

FEBRUARY, 1930

## A Word To Florida

MORE than two million horseshoe pitchers have kept an eye on horseshoe tournaments held in Florida the past several winters at Lake Worth and St. Petersburg.

This winter there will be no tournament and Florida will lose this publicity. We believe that some Florida city should begin now to get ready to hold the tournament in 1931.

We know of many pitchers who went South expecting to see the National tournament at St. Petersburg and they will not be very much interested in shuffleboard and the other tournaments held in the Sunshine City.

Some Florida city should awaken to an opportunity.

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# The Story Of A Lad Who Liked To Pitch Horseshoes

By Jack Baker

CARL BRUCK'S father run his blacksmith and carpenter shop in the Pecan Gap, Texas, community, and Carl works beside his father. But, according to the old proverb, all work and no play is bad for a boy. So when Carl grew tired of the saw and hammer he was welcome to go out in the yard beside his father's work shop and pitch horseshoes at two stakes driven into the ground. Sometimes some neighboring boy friends played with him. However, it seemed the other boys had rather play baseball, football or perhaps just go fishing, but Carl always pitched horseshoes. It seemed he liked no other game. Not that Carl neglected his work in helping his father whenever he was needed in the shop, but it seemed he had rather pitch horseshoes any time than play any other game.

Finally Carl's neighbors met for a contest of skill, but mostly to see Carl pitch horseshoes. He was the champion of that community, and when he went about his work he carried a pair of horseshoes and every once in a while he would stop and pitch the shoe at a weed or some other mark, and by keeping always at it in that way and by pitching the "open shoe" he was able to become champion of his neighborhood.

Carl found out where to get a printed set of the national rules for horseshoe pitching, and where to buy a pair of shoes and stakes made as set out in those rules. Carl had been pitching, like everyone else, on the hit-or-miss plan because he had never seen open since pitching, and felt lucky if one in ten shoes was a ringer. No wonder his neighbors for miles around were filled with wonder as they saw Carl make 40 ringers from 100 shoes pitched that day in the contest. Carl had learned that there were two magazines, The Horseshoe World and Barnyard Golf, devoted to the game of horseshoe pitching, and had subscribed to both magazines. In this way Carl learned that in this country there were more than a million horseshoe pitchers; and that almost every crossroads, village, town and city had its horseshoe club and its courts, many of them lighted at night. He saw accounts of whole counties and states gathering to see bouts of horseshoe pitching. He told

his father and mother that he was going to pitch at the county fair and become a "sur-nuf" champion.

He had six months in which to practice, so every minute of time he could spare from helping his father in the truck patch or at the bench he spent beside the workshop, pitching and pitching, trying to master the open shoe. After three months of steady practice, it came to him, and he could make as many as 60 ringers out of 100 pitched shoes.

Up until this time his father had taken little interest in his practice, but when Carl got so he could pitch a ringer with every other shoe, he would go out and stand, with wrench or hammer in hand and watch his son, and he told him then when he could make 75 ringers in 100 shoes he would buy him that new repeating shot gun.

Then came the county fair and Carl entered his name as one of the contestants. His father went with him that day to the county seat where the fair and the contest was to be held. On the fair grounds were three horseshoe courts, and around the courts were seats for everybody.

There were 39 entrants, who had been selected by contests in different communities of the county. They were to pitch against each other for the championship of each village and the winners were to pitch for county championship. It took three hours of steady pitching for the elimination contests in which the 39 champions were narrowed down to two—and one of these was Carl Bruck—who were to pitch in the finals next day.

At the end of the elimination contest everyone seemed to know that Carl, the little country boy from the little village, was the dark horse in the contest. He pitched steadily away, never losing a game, never becoming in the slightest degree excited, never having much to say, but just swinging away, with his father standing close by and anxiously watching. Once that day Carl pitched 68 shoes and 55 of them were ringers. That night and each night of the fair week Carl and his father went to bed at eight o'clock.

The next morning, Saturday, the big contest began for the county's championship. Up until the championship contest started, no one in the county had seen open-shoe pitch-

ing but Carl, his father and a few close friends. It was the first time many old-time pitchers of the U-shaped hoof wear had seen or heard of such a thing as open-shoe pitching, and they watched Carl, how he would stand at the stake, how he held the shoe and how he would swing his arm away back and then forward and fling the shoe so it would turn exactly one and three-quarters times around in going through the air 40 feet, and the shoe thus reach the other stake with its open side frontward and drop down a ringer, with the stake inside the shoe. That, they learned, was open shoe pitching as laid down in the national rules. At any rate, whoever discovered the open-shoe style of pitching, Carl had the honor of having introduced it at the fair. It put science into horseshoe pitching at the fair and had as important a bearing upon the championship finals as the discovery of how to curve a pitched ball had upon the game of baseball; and the growth of interest spread into every village, community and town, until there were district, county, city and village champions.

In the finals there was an exciting duel between Carl and his rival, when each made 4 ringers in 40 tosses of the shoe. In the game with Carl's rival each pitched 70 shoes in succession and each made 46 ringers and 13 doubles. Several different times in the finals there were four ringers on the stake at once. The score of the first game was 60 to 49 in favor of Carl. In the second game Carl pitched double after double and made 43 points before his rival scored at all, and the total score was 50 for Carl and 17 for his rival, thus giving the championship to Carl.

"I had to do it, I had to do my best, you know," Carl told his rival as they shook hands after the game.

"That's all right, my boy, you won fairly," he answered.

In the series of games Carl rang the peg 224 times and made 59 double ringers. All through the series he averaged two ringers out of every three shoes pitched. Experts said his staying power was due to seven reasons: he had developed an easy style of pitching that did not tire him; he had an even temper which nothing

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# BUCKEYE TOSSERS



Contestants in Ohio Tournament at Lakeside-on-Lake Erie

## MERVIN GEORGE AT OIL CITY, PA.

Mervin George, the Pennsylvania State horseshoe pitching champion, gave a fine exhibition on the Y gym floor in Oil City on January 8, pleasing a fair crowd with his skillful tossing of the "broncho's brogans." Young George (he is only 19) quite handily defeated three of his four Oil City opponents, his only loss being to Milo DeWoody, who usually proves Mervin's undoing. Of the total of four games, these classy rivals have played in the years to date, DeWoody has stacked up three wins. George hails from Grove City.

Boxes, two by three feet, and about four inches deep, were specially built for the gym exhibition. The leaning stakes were fastened to wide flanges, which were bolted to the bottoms of the two boxes. After being filled with clay and the clay moistened, the boxes were simply set on gym mats ready for play.

Scores and ringers for the exhibition games were as follows:

George 25 and 11, to Gerrish 14 and 8; George 25 and 16 to Rugh 24 and 14; George 25 and 9 to Bickel 19 and 7; DeWoody 25 and 8 to George 13 and 6.

The above is but one of sixteen special indoor events being carried out by the lively Oil City club during the winter months. The club made a special aim for forty 1930 members

during November. It now has 55 members and has changed its goal to 75. Some club members are so sanguine as to express confidence that there will be 100 within the club clan by the time the summer season is in full swing.

C. S. Gerrish, Secy.

## Form Odd Fellows Horseshoe League

Odd Fellows are firmly convinced they can throw a mean brand of horseshoes on the indoor courts in the lodge building. With this conviction, they have organized a four-team league which will toss Monday nights. The teams selected to compete include the following: Team No. 1, E. Becker, H. Spoonholtz, B. Openshaw; Team No. 2, H. Santee, W. Matz, C. Bruckman; Team No. 3, W. Burt, B. Nutt and W. Oelschlager; Team No. 4, F. Burt, M. Sipple and J. Purkee.

Team No. 1 will engage in a match with Team No. 2 while Nos. 3 and 4 compete. The first named teams will coss at 7 o'clock next Monday night, while the other matches will be slated for 8:30 o'clock. Formation of the Odd Fellows league marks the third horseshoe league to be organized for indoor play in this city.—Elginville, Ill. Courier-News.

D. C. Fowler, Mt. Comfort, Ind., is a 365-day-a-year horseshoe fan.

## HE SCORES HIS OWN

Jack H. Claves, our genial St. Louis, Mo., friend, who happens to be the president of the St. Louis Muny league, tells the best story of the month. Here it is:

During our season's play, I noticed one man who had been playing with us for years, had a peculiar habit, when walking to and fro between pegs, of shuffling his hands from one pocket to another, at intervals during the game he would ask the scorer how many ringers he had, then go on shooting without a word. One day the scorer told him he had 23 ringers and he then raised a howl claiming he had 25 and to prove it showed 25 navy beans he had in his left pocket. It developed he would start out with about 50 beans in his right pocket, none in the left. When he made a ringer he would take a bean out of his right pocket and put it in the left pocket. Thus 25 beans in left pocket meant 25 ringers.

## JOHN FRYMAN WINS CLASS A CHAMPIONSHIP

The annual horseshoe tournament, conducted by the Y. M. C. A., proved an unusual success in 1929, in both Class A and Class B divisions many were entered.

Joe Fryman hung up a rather remarkable record in capturing the Class A championship. He won all matches played. Second was Ben Lackey, who lost one match, while Paul Cook was third.

Finals in the Class B meet were never played. Clarence Abell and Paul Druley were tied, each winning five games. On account of illness of one of the participants it was impossible to hold the final match. They share the honor equally.—Middletown (O.) News-Journal.

The Washington, Pa., club has a battery of six fine indoor courts.

Edwin Owen Place is spending the winter in West Palm Beach, Fla.

Ervin Olson is an Evansville, Ind., pitcher.

# THE LETTER BOX

## Where Ideas are Exchanged and Gossip of the Shoe Lanes are Written

(EDITOR'S NOTE—We print all letters sent to us for publication. We do not always agree with the writers, but believe our readers have a right to their opinions. Unsigned letters are ignored.)

### SAYS GAME NEEDS PUBLICITY

January 23, 1930

Editor The Horseshoe World,  
London, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

This good old horseshoe pitching game of ours needs a tonic. A large part of the trouble with the game is that it is being commercialized by some of those southern resort towns that are using it to advance their own interests rather than that of the game itself.

What horseshoe pitching needs more than anything else just now is publicity and advertising—lots of it. That is the tonic it needs.

That is what made baseball, football, golf, boxing, horse racing, or any other sport that is sport. What would any of them amount to without the publicity they are getting through the big newspapers and over the radio? They would not last through one season.

The Horseshoe World is doing a great work in the interest of the game in its particular field and I want to see it continue, but its field is largely among those who, like myself, are already interested in the great old game.

What we must do is sell horseshoe pitching to those who do not yet realize its great possibilities as a National sport and the way to do it is to get it on the sports pages of the big newspapers and on the radio.

Sport, like almost everything else, is regulated by the law of supply and demand. Create a demand for horseshoe pitching as a means of recreation and sport among those of our people who are not yet thoroughly familiar with its possibilities and the supply will follow naturally.

It will, no doubt, cost considerable money to boost horseshoe pitching as it should be boosted, but it must be done if we hope to make the good old game what we enthusiasts would like to see it.

And after it has been boosted to the point where it becomes news and

the sports editors are forced to recognize it as such, and when towns all over the United States begin bidding for the national tournaments then WE will dictate the terms and NOT the Southern real estate agents.

Put horseshoe pitching over big with the people—all the people, and watch it spread. Get it out of and away from the millionaires playground that we ordinary mortals can not even afford to have a look at except in the movies.

We must not allow them to sacrifice our good old game upon the altar of commercialism. Let's go!

Very truly yours,  
S. BOYD SMITH.

Clearfield, Pa.

### MANY THANKS

Des Moines, Iowa.

Horseshoe World,  
London, Ohio.  
Gentlemen:

Find enclosed 10 cents for which please send me the January issue of the Horseshoe World. I am glad to note that your magazine continually improves and that the game is spreading.

Yours truly,  
Leland Mortenson,

### HAMPDEN WINS

The following letter, written by R. B. McLaughlin, Hampden, Me., to Charles Gerrish, Oil City, Pa., will be of general interest as it tells of a good horseshoe game:

Friend Chas:

We met the Harveys (Dwight and Old Abe) at Ellsworth on Armistice Day, and I cannot give you the exact score as it was kept on Old Abe's paper, but Hampden won every game. Sullivan never getting above 20 for the day. Strange to say Abie didn't put it in the paper.

Hoping to see you next summer, I extend the season's greetings.

R. B. McLaughlin.  
Hampden, Me.

### THE COVER PAGE

No, gentle reader, the Horse-World hasn't gone in for boxing news but one of our good horseshoe pitchers in America has.

The cover page shows Putt Mossman, former world's champion shoe tosser, in a boxing pose.

Putt is a versatile fellow—boxing, baseball, horseshoe pitching, stunt motorcycle riding and whatnot come in his line.

### REACH GOAL

The officers and members of the Oil City, Pa. Horseshoe club are congratulating one another on reaching their desired goal of 50 members for the year 1930. Homer Dahle of Rich Hill was the one to gain the distinction of being the 50th joiner.

The 1930 officers of the club are: Floyd Bickel, president; Charles Gerrish, secretary, and Milo DeWoody, treasurer. Following is a list of the membership:

Orrie Anderson, Russell Ault, Kenneth L. Bender, Carl Bickel, Everett Barber, Floyd Bickel, Varnes Borland, E. P. Brakeman, William Buckley.

A. L. Canada, Harold Crawford, Arthur Curry, Homer Dahle, Milo R. DeWoody, John Dorworth, Clyde Duffee, Jack Duncan.

Barney Ellert, Charles Gerrish, A. C. Griffith, Levi H. Irwin, H. C. Jackson, of Chicago.

Daniel M. Lafferty, James D. Lafferty, Aubrey Lewis, Frank Lobounger, Paul McCandless, C. D. McKee, T. Joseph McNamara, E. S. Miles, Marvin Nichols, Carl Nurs.

Joseph Parham, John Perry, Fred Parkhurst, Gordon Porter, Samuel Ross, G. F. Rowland, Lester Rugh.

Kenneth Sebring, Thomas Shifflett, Paul Snyder, George Stoltenberg, Francis Strain, A. M. Turney, Francis Urey, Felix Watterson, William Watterson, William F. Ziegler.

The club meets tonight for indoor playing at the West End courts at 7 o'clock, and will continue the indoor games on every Monday and Thursday evening throughout the winter.

The above "famous fifty" is the largest membership ever attained by the club.

## No Winter Tournament For Horseshoe Tossers

THE HORSESHOE WORLD has had many letters from all parts of the United States asking the dates of the mid-winter tournament, and we are mighty sorry to have to reply that none will be held.

St. Petersburg, Fla., the city that has received more publicity through the horseshoe game than any other medium, was able to offer only \$500 to the National Association to hold the tournament there and naturally that couldn't be accepted.

It is to be regretted that some other Florida city couldn't be induced to arrange for the meet.

There has been no summer tournament in the North for several years, but it is up to those of us who live in cities in the North to get someone interested in this.

We can't let the old game go through 1930 without a tournament.

Let's get some state fair or some state organization to sponsor the tournament.

THE HORSESHOE WORLD would like to see the tournament in Ohio this year.

### AMONG THE IOWA HORSESHOE PITCHERS

By Leland Mortenson

Most of the Des Moines shoe tossers are keeping in shape this winter by using the indoor courts located in an empty lumber building. This is the first time for two years that the Des Moines pitchers have been able to pitch inside during the winter.

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Iowa horseshoe pitchers seem to have a mania for wanting to exhibit their wares in Europe.

Dr. J. H. Becker of Des Moines started it in 1928, when he announced plans to take 50 of the leading players of the United States on an exhibition trip all over Europe in the summer of 1930. At the last report Dr. Becker said that his plans were progressing in a favorable manner.

Cecil Freel, 23-year-old expert pitcher from Murray, Iowa, was the next one to get the desire. He tried to get "Putt" Mossman interested in an exhibition trip throughout Europe. His plans were that the two of them should put on exhibitions in theaters and in parks, and on the side they could sell equipment for horseshoe pitching, shoes, stakes, uniforms, etc. We have not heard whether Mossman would consider the plan or not.

James E. Kirkpatrick, a retired farmer, living near Des Moines, now has a scheme to manufacture horseshoes, put up a branch office in England, and, by the aid of European newspapers, to conduct tournaments which would decide champions of the various countries of Europe, and then

a final contest, probably in London, to decide the European championship.

Mr. Kirkpatrick intends to put up small cash and merchandise prizes at first, and if the game spreads in popularity, he will increase the amount of the prizes.

We are hoping that these plans will all be carried out as horseshoe pitching, if it once got started, right to go over bigger in Europe than in the United States. There it would not get so much competition from boxing, football, basketball, tennis and golf. Making it into an international game would also add interest to it.

Readers of The Horseshoe World in this part of the country would be interested in knowing what the big stars of the game are doing, how they are pitching, and what they intend to do in the national meet. We are especially interested in reading about Blair Nunamaker, Bert Duryee, Jimmy Risk, Charles C. Davis, and Harvey Elmerson. These men, we think, should either hire press agents or get some pointers from "Putt" Mossman.

Incidentally, it may as well be mentioned, that Iowa expects her champion, "Putt" Mossman to remove the title from Nunamaker's brow. She will also probably send Frank Jackson, Guy Zimmerman and Frank Jackson, Guy Zimmerman Harry Reese, any one of these being capable of most anything when it comes to throwing a horseshoe.

Charles Marshman, 12-year-old Washington, Pa., youth, is an excellent pitcher.

Members of the Lake County, O., Horseshoe club held a tournament at Painesville, January 14.

Pairings for the first round were:

Mackey vs. B. H. White; Bliss vs. Sidley; Barnes vs. Celby; Sopko vs. Voegtler; H. Mosley vs. Crittenden; Valentine vs. Costello; Anderson vs. McBride; Bailey vs. W. M. White; Bates DeWalt vs. Bayless; Whitely Charles Kurgengerger vs. Brainard; George Kugenberger vs. Howard; Burnet vs. Barstow; Bevan vs. King; Judd vs. Tavener.

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From the  
**Secretary's Desk**

D. D. Cottrell, Sec'y  
746-C FIFTH AVENUE  
St. Petersburg, Fla.

In January, your secretary received a letter which had been delayed in the mails on account of the holiday rush, from Mr. G. B. Strayer, 906 S. W. First St., Fort Lauderdale, Fla., who is secretary of the Horseshoe club of that city. He said that he was much interested in knowing where the National Tournament was going to be held and thought that it ought to be held on the East Coast of the state. After some further correspondence and his statement that if your secretary would come over to his city he would do all that he could to get the city to sponsor the winter tournament there.

The result was that your secretary made the trip of nearly 300 miles, and with the full co-operation of Mr. Strayer and others, met the city manager, some of the city commissioners and the secretary of the Chamber of Commerce and had a full discussion of the matter. The city with the merchants association and private individuals had just sponsored a golf tournament which made it practically impossible to underwrite the holding of a National Horseshoe Tournament this winter. They, however, were very much interested and are planning to make provision in their finances next year to invite the National Association to hold its winter tournament there. Miami also wanted the tournament this year but had no fund from which they could underwrite the holding of it this season.

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It doesn't look as though any National Tournament could be held in Florida this winter. St. Petersburg offered only \$500 this season because of the very limited amount in the budget for the sports of the city, and the National Tournament had to be cut down to its proportionate share of the total to be divided among 12 or 15 other sports. The revised budget for sports changed from that published in the January World includes \$500 for fishing, \$750 for the Gun club, \$150 for swimming, and \$250 for tennis.

There will be only one National Tournament of any sport held in St. Petersburg this winter and that is Lawn Bowling for which the city has

offered \$700. The first World Championship Tournament held in St. Petersburg was in February, 1919, and the prizes offered were very nominal. Since that time the prizes have in most such tournaments been very substantial, the first prize being once as high as \$500, and other cash prizes being distributed to 23 other players. The demand for cash prizes by the leading players has been increasing for a number of years. In addition to these cash prizes fine trophy prizes have usually been offered. In most other sports the prizes have been rather small compared with those which the horseshoe players thought necessary.

In the tournament held in St. Petersburg in February, 1923, \$1855 was offered in 20 prizes besides trophies. This tournament was managed so well from a financial standpoint that it more than paid expenses and left a small amount over for the Chamber of Commerce who sponsored it. Mr. H. L. Ermatinger who is now president of the National Association had charge of the financial part of this meet. With the full co-operation of the horseshoe club and the leadership of someone capable of handling the financial management and the city sponsoring the tournament and underwriting it for a reasonable amount, the same result could be obtained again and the meet to pay all expenses by charging a reasonable admission fee to see the games.

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Judge W. N. Crow, Millersburg, O., who was elected president of the Ohio State Horseshoe Pitchers Association, organized at Lakewood, O., last August, came to St. Petersburg to be present at the National Tournament having taken his vacation at this season of the year in order to enjoy this meet, but has been disappointed in its not being held. He can be found every day pitching on the courts of the Sunshine Pleasure club.

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Mr. H. S. Gaitskill, 2627 North Stevens, Spokane, Wash., said that he made the trip of nearly five thousand miles to St. Petersburg to attend the National Tournament and although the tournament is not being held here

this year he is daily enjoying the courts of the Sunshine Pleasure club and the good fellowship of the nearly 500 members that the club has so far this season. He says that in Spokane they have about a thousand horseshoe pitchers and in the tournament held last summer there were 478 entrants. They have 12 or 14 courts in one of the city parks and the game is one of the most popular sports in the city and vicinity.

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Mr. H. L. Ermatinger, the president of the National Association, who is in the hat business in St. Petersburg, presented a \$150 Monte Cristi Panama hat and a Panama cap to former President Coolidge while he was in St. Petersburg attending the convention of the New York Life Insurance company, of which Mr. Coolidge is one of the directors. Mr. Ermatinger comes from a family of hat manufacturers and dealers who have been in the business for more than sixty years. He was formerly in St. Louis but has been in this city now for nearly 20 years. He imports his Panama hats direct from the manufacturers in Ecuador, S. A. From his contacts with tourists and his wide acquaintance from his travels through the country, he has built up a considerable mail order business in his line besides being the leading hatter in this city.

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Your secretary has just received a letter from Mr. W. E. Briggs, Daytona Beach, Fla., who was formerly of Hollywood, Calif. He says that he is nursing a lame arm that has kept him out of the horseshoe game for a year. He says that he has just read in the January World about the small amount of money offered by the St. Petersburg Chamber of Commerce for the National Tournament and is sure they are making a mistake. He thinks that Southern California ought to get busy and raise enough money to put on the tournament in Long Beach or Hollywood, and that the prizes ought not to be less than \$2000. He reported all the horseshoe activities in Southern California last winter for the Holiday News and is much disappointed that he will not see the National Tourna-

ment while in Florida this winter as he expected.

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Everyone who is not a member of the National Association, and the membership of most of the present members expires soon unless dues for the coming year are sent in, should send in the \$1.00 annual dues at once. On receipt of this amount a card of membership will be mailed to the sender which is good for one year.

The dues of clubs of less than 50 members are \$5.00, and of over 50 members \$10.00 per year. Dues for state associations are \$25.00 per year. The states of Washington, Michigan and Illinois have already sent in their dues for the coming year. On receipt of dues from clubs and state associations charters are mailed under the seal of the National Association.

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Last season no National tournament was held in the North. The National officers had considerable correspondence with different places who desired to entertain the tournament, but no definite propositions were received that warranted your officials in awarding the tournament to any place. It is now time to begin to think about the summer tournament and your secretary would like to hear from any places that would like to have the tournament this coming summer. It seems as though it would be a good thing for the game if the tournament was held either in the eastern states or else in some of the states west of the Mississippi River. Your officers hope that the horseshoe fans who would like to have the tournament held in their vicinity will get busy and get propositions sent in early.

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Mr. F. L. Antill, formerly of Washington, Pa., and a former champion of that state, but who is now making his home in Corning, N. Y., has been in St. Petersburg for a month or more. He and J. D. Hough of Urbana, O., have been having some very hotly contested games on the courts of the Sunshine Pleasure club this winter. Mr. Antill has now gone to Miami to play some exhibition games with the World's Champion Blair Nunamaker who is spending the winter there. Gaylord Peterson, former champion of Illinois, has recently arrived in this city with his brother Iner Peterson, for a stay of about a month. He played a game

with Hough which resulted as follows:

	Pts.	R	DR	SP	Pct.
Hough .....	50	36	13	44	.818
Peterson .....	13	22	5	44	.500

This game was rather more in Hough's favor than their games have been running as they have been running rather even, but from the standpoint of percentage of ringers it is the best that either has played. Hough, Antill and Peterson have been playing about the same and are the best players that are here this season.

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Mr. Blair Nunamaker recently gave an exhibition of stunt and fancy to the Fort Lauderdale Club. Blair is getting to be an adept in this kind of work with the shoes and shows himself fully entitled to the honor of being world's champion which he won at last winter's tournament.

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If you have not received your copy of "Horseshoe Pitching—How to Play the Game," which is the only complete book published about the sport, send 40 cents to D. D. Cottrell, National Secretary, 746-C Fifth Ave. N. St. Petersburg, Fla. This book is published by the National Association and contains all the records of the National Tournaments and a mass of information especially interesting to every horseshoe fan. Three copies for one dollar. Order one today. The book will be sent postpaid.

## LOUISVILLE HAS TWO LEAGUES

THE Louisville (Ky.) Indoor Horseshoe Club is conducting two winter leagues of four teams each, five men to a team.

The courts are housed on the second floor, four courts for league play and one warming up court for the two extra men. The pitching boxes are 38 inches square, inside measure, and contain three inches of potter's clay. The pegs are made of 3x3/4 inch iron drawn to one inch round, thirteen inches long, turned up at the correct angle. The foot is 12 inches long and bolted to the bottom of the box by four staggered bolts. The box is constructed entirely of two inch stock, well ironed and has a padded back stop 16 ins. high. The toe line is three feet in front of the peg, but a shoe striking the box any place is a foul. The pegs are

40 feet apart and salt water is used to temper the clay.

League games are played on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday nights. On these nights ten men only have the use of the courts—two teams of five men each—and different teams each night.

The league rules are very strict. A game master conducting the game. No man on either team plays on the same court twice, and 50-shoe or 25-inning games are played.

The game master governs the play with a whistle as used by football captains. At the start of the game the two team captains hand in a list of the players they wish to start the game and the players are matched on the four courts in the order they are listed. At the first blast of the whistle the players at each court match for the first throw by tossing up their shoes. At the second blast they pitch up and back to get a feel of things. These pitches are not counted. And at the third blast the game begins. If for any reason the game master wishes to stop play he blows his whistle and all activities cease.

Each one of the men have at the end of the contest pitched 200 shoes, unless he had to be taken out and replaced by the extra man. A man once removed from the game cannot play again in that contest. A team having two men taken out forfeits the remaining games of the last man removed, as a team only has five players.

The contest is played in one hour and fifteen or twenty minutes, there being sixteen 25-inning games to the contest, the team winning the most games wins.

Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday are open for all members to play. Match games with neighboring cities and clubs are usually played on Sunday afternoon, and once a month some kind of an entertainment is held, the public being invited to attend.

The club has a caretaker with rooms in the building, office and lounge room and a large hall in which other games can be played. Oil burners are used in the stove, oil drained from automobiles is used for fuel and the club is meeting expenses at one dollar per month per member.

E. B. PATTERSON.



The following results of the Brattleboro, Vt., Valley Fair horseshoe tournament for the six county championship of Windsor, Windham and Bennington Counties, in Vermont, Sullivan and Cheshire Counties in N. H., and Franklin County in Mass., was held Sept. 24th and 25th, with 25 entries and \$100 in cash prizes, and also gold, silver and bronze medals were given. \$1.00 was the entry fee.

The following horseshoe pitchers entered:

- C. E. Herrick, Brownsville, Vt., 100 shoes, 104 points.
- Webster Pratt, Windsor, Vt., 100 shoes, 102 points.
- D. E. Hodgeman, Windsor, Vt., 100 shoes, 128 points.
- I. H. Stearns, Springfield, Vt., 100 shoes, 106 points.
- Eugene Blood, Brownsville, Vt., 100 shoes, 127 points.
- Jefferson Robbins, West Swanzey, N. H., 100 shoes, 187 points.
- P. F. Farnsworth, Springfield, Vt., 100 shoes, 145 points.
- C. F. Willis, West Port, N. H., 100 shoes, 151 points.
- Fremont Whitney, Brattleboro, Vt., 100 shoes, 150 points.
- Lynn Glazier, Leveritt, Mass., 100 shoes, 90 points.
- R. J. Karpys, Lemister, Vt., 100 shoes, 122 points.
- Lewis Barnes, Brattleboro, Vt., 100 shoes, 104 points.
- Clyde Baker, Gardner, Mass., 100 shoes, 102 points.
- W. L. Mann, Athol, Mass., 100 shoes, 122 points.
- West E. Burke, Brattleboro, Vt., 100 shoes, 116 points.
- Roland Lackey, Brattleboro, Vt., 100 shoes, 188 points.
- A. W. Grenling, Greenfield, Mass., 100 shoes, 149 points.
- John Boutelle, Townshend, Vt., 100 shoes, 180 points.
- Donald Benjamin, Norwich, Vt., 100 shoes, 106 points.
- Albert L. Plummer, Keene, N. H., 100 shoes, 113 points.
- Cecil R. Plummer, West Swanzey, N. H., 100 shoes, 57 points.
- B. A. Willey, East Northfield, Mass., 100 shoes, 50 points.

Leon Allen, Keene, N. H., 100 shoes, 108 points.

Walter Wright, Keene, N. H., 100 shoes, 95 points.

L. A. Merritt, Winchester, N. H., 100 shoes, 100 points.

The 100 shoe elimination was used. The results of the finals was as follows:

Roland Lackey .....	11	0	\$20.00
D. S. Hodgeman.....	9	2	15.00
A. W. Grenling.....	7	2	12.00
West E. Burke.....	7	4	10.00
Fremont Whitney .....	6	5	7.50
John Boutelle .....	6	5	6.50
Jefferson Robbins .....	5	6	6.00
P. F. Farnsworth.....	5	6	5.50
C. F. Willis.....	4	7	5.00
R. J. Karpys.....	2	9	4.50
W. L. Mann.....	1	10	4.00
Eugene Blood .....	1	10	4.00

All ties were broken by the play-off of 50 pitched shoes.

### Wins Cup Again

In a recent horseshoe contest held at Winston-Salem, N. C., Hobart Davis won the cup for the second time in succession. The score:

Ranked according to average ringers per game.

	W	L	P	OP	R	Av
Alonzo Bagby	2	1	151	120	53	17
G. Davis	3	1	202	109	68	17
H. Davis	8	0	360	160	135	16
John Hicks	3	1	171	135	63	15
Chester Utt	2	1	139	128	46	15
Zeb Snipes	6	2	347	262	130	15
J. R. Cranfill	1	1	93	84	27	13
Edward Naylor	5	1	204	126	74	12
Glenn Church	3	1	134	101	43	11
R. H. West	2	1	103	36	35	10
Jim Chitty	2	1	118	104	32	10
D. V. Lane	1	1	82	77	21	10
C. B. Howell	1	1	64	87	21	10
Gilbert Russell	1	1	66	69	20	10
Carson Johnson	2	1	106	83	30	10
Clyde Candle	1	1	67	72	18	9
Bruce Craver	1	1	50	12	18	9
Jim Kimball	1	1	69	78	17	8
Fred Flynn	1	1	64	83	17	8
Frank Spencer	11	1	59	87	16	8
Reed Collins	2	1	74	57	22	7
Cecil Naylor	3	1	82	83	28	7
Eddie Riddle	1	1	50	11	11	5
W. S. Stewart	1	1	50	50	9	4

### STORY OF A LAD

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seemed to ruffle; he was young, only 18; strong and had no bad habits.

There was great excitement in Carl's home village when word reached there that Carl had not only won the championship, but in addition \$10.00 in cash offered by the fair officials and the new Winchester repeating shot gun his father promised him for making 75 ringers and barrels in the village were gathered up, and a mighty bonfire was lighted, around which the fife and drum corps marched playing patriotic airs.

There was no need of their telephoning Mrs. Bruck to meet them in the family car, for every car in both the village and for many miles out in the country were there for the biggest celebration of all. The city mayor, who carried Carl and his father home and to the celebration in his big car, and who, on behalf of the business men of the city gave Carl a gold watch. At the celebration Carl's school teacher made a short talk in which he said Carl was champion because he was a clean boy who had no bad habits, and who honored his father and mother.

"Carl is a good boy to his father and me," his mother told me. "The money he made at the fair he brought it all home to me to save for him, like he does whenever he makes any money that way. When he needs any spending money he knows I will give him what he needs; and," she smiled proudly, "Carl don't spend his money foolishly. He is a sensible boy. He has his own bank account. Someday, he says he is going to buy a farm."

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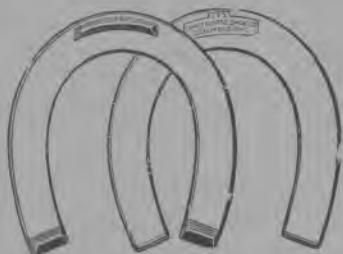
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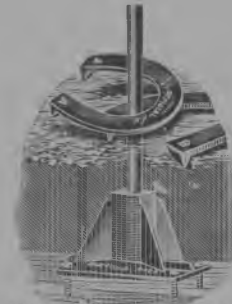
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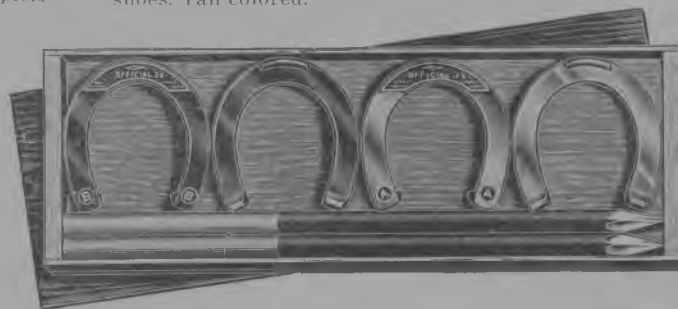


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