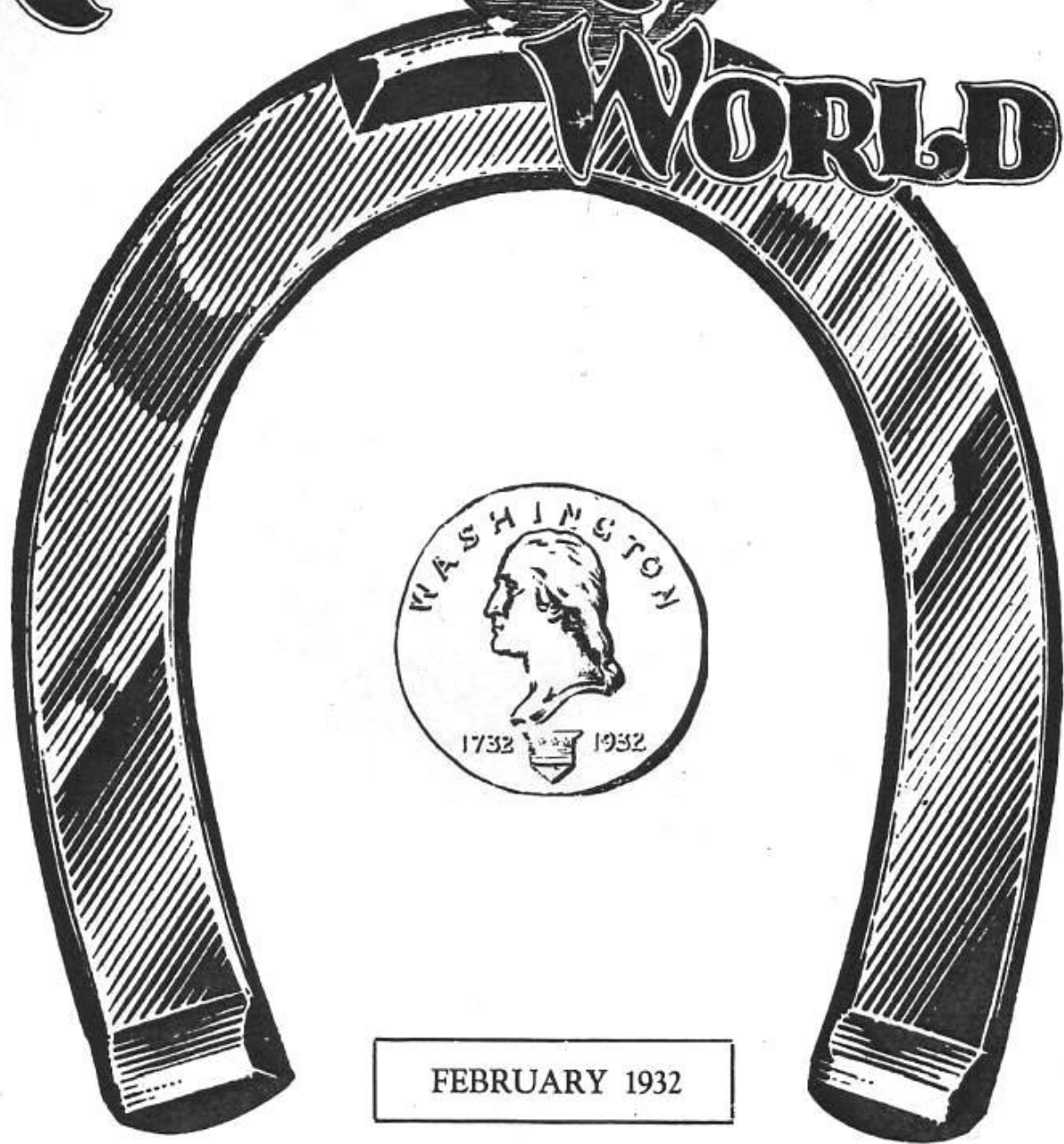


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ANOTHER step nearer Spring . . . and boy, how the pegs will ring one of these days when better weather comes . . . yet we in Ohio can't complain . . . we have had a lot of winter days that were warm enough for pitching and other states report the same thing . . . the Pacific Coast Association has changed its name to the Western States . . . a good idea, as some states are to be included that aren't in the Pacific group . . . we wish these Western boys well . . . this issue tells of the recovery of Putt Mossman, who had a close call . . . C. C. Davis and Bert Duryee have been slapping them on out in Kansas City . . . Kentucky names officers . . . and there are a lot of other items of interest from U. S. and Canada in this issue . . . and oh, yes, there are a few ads . . . stick with these boys who are helping make your magazine go!



COMPLAINTS

WE HAPPEN to see correspondence that passes between some horseshoe pitchers, through the friendship of some who think we should know the complaints that are made.

Many of these complaints are directed at the National Association, stating that a new association should be formed—that the present organization is a dead one. It is true that there isn't much activity so far as tournaments are concerned, but we are surprised that Secretary D. D. Cottrell has the patience he has to answer mail, keep statistics and take care of the Association's business with so little thanks and practically no funds.

If there is anything wrong with the Association it is the fault of the pitchers, not Mr. Cottrell. We believe that most pitchers do appreciate his fine efforts, but there are always a few knockers who think that more should be done, who fail to contribute scarcely any money or time to the promotion of the sport and who, if given the opportunity of filling Mr. Cottrell's post would be dismal failures.

Mr. Cottrell is so charitable and so well-wishing for all horseshoe pitchers that he probably will scold us for printing this editorial, but we will take the risk. If we can awaken horseshoe pitchers to their responsibility in helping support the sport they love so well, we will take his scolding, and yours, and yours!

OUR READERS COME FIRST

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.

The time that your magazine expires is printed on the address slip, directly after your name, showing the month and the year.

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Official Organ of the National Horseshoe
Pitchers Association

"Putt" Mossman Leaves Hospital

"Putt" Mossman, former world's champion horseshoe pitcher, who has been critically ill, having submitted to an emergency operation for appendicitis at General hospital, in Los Angeles, is well on the road to recovery.

Putt expects to put on exhibitions again this summer at fairs and expositions and to welcome his many friends throughout the United States and Canada who were "pulling" for him while in the hospital and who are mighty glad he made the grade.

Mossman's address is Box 1412, Hollywood, Calif.

While in the hospital Mossman wrote a long letter to be published in the Horseshoe World, thanking his friends everywhere for sending cards and letters while in the hospital. We are going to have to beg Putt's pardon for not printing this long letter, which is mighty interesting and really should be printed, but the editor's ears burn many times, thus giving him the notion that several horseshoe pitchers are cussing him because he fails to print all the news they send him.

But may we digress one moment here, at Putt's expense, to say that it is a hard matter to print a magazine with all the news when the advertising isn't forthcoming and many pitchers are satisfied to read their neighbor's copy. We just don't have the funds to print the kind of magazine the game deserves. We see copies of letters that some of our friends send us, saying some mighty cruel things about us because we fail to give some pitcher in Washington all the space he wants, or some pitcher in Arizona a full page to tell about his game—but we can't do it, folks, even though we would like to.

But to get back to Putt—says in part:

"I tell you I was certainly a down-hearted fellow. Then I began getting letters and cards from horseshoe pitchers, friends and relatives from all over the U. S., wishing me a speedy recovery, and sorry to hear of my illness; also lots of horseshoe clubs wrote the same message to me, also saying they wished me to come and give my exhibition at their club next season. I got dozens of these

cards and letters everytime my sister brought my mail, and am still getting them. On Christmas day I got 20, and two days later she brought my mail again and I got 42 letters and cards. It made me feel great to get these letters and cards of encouragement, and I began to get better from day to day as they continued to come. Some people may think me foolish to write this, but I'm serious in saying it. These people don't really know how much good they did me in writing. I'll take that back; may be they knew it would help as it most certainly did. I was glad to know I had all these friends, and some of these unknown to myself. I just began to plan on seeing them all by getting in their part of the country next season and giving exhibitions.

"Many times, as I read their messages and letters, tears came to my eyes and I had to wait a bit before I could see to continue to read. These were not tears of sadness, they were tears of joy. I was thrilled and happy to know they were wishing me luck and praying for a speedy recovery as several of them wrote. I was very happy and glad indeed to get letters from some of my old rivals in the horseshoe game wishing me luck. Frank Lundin and the Jackson family. I think I got a letter or card from almost every horseshoe player I've played against in the Iowa State meet. Then lots of my friends in my home county at Eldora—that was my home before moving to Des Moines two years ago—gave me a card shower. Sort of surprised me to get this. I would have more expected a shower of rocks, bullets and whatever was handy to have thrown, as I was born and raised there, ha, ha. Now I'll not have to sneak in to visit the folks.

"I am very grateful to my good friends, Mr. Howard, publisher of the Horseshoe World, and Mr. Leland Martenson, president, Iowa State Horseshoe Pitchers Association. Mr. Howard ran a story in the December issue of the World of my being sick and being in the General hospital, at Los Angeles, and that a letter or a card would help. Mr. Martenson, through the Des Moines Register and

Tribune, ran the same thing, this telling my friends who are not horseshoe pitchers and who naturally do not take our good horseshoe magazine. The World taking care of all the pitchers all over the country. Had it not been for this I would not have received over a couple dozens of cards and letters, as they had no way of knowing I was sick, or my address, only the ones my sister wrote knew of it.

"Mr. Howard was very kind in sending me the December issue of the Horseshoe World here at the hospital. I was more than glad to get it as it told of the state and inter-state meet held at Long Beach just at the time I took sick."

NAME OFFICERS

The Kentucky Horseshoe Pitchers Association met in the recreation hall of the Stansanco Club to elect officers for the coming season.

J. T. Woodward, 110 E. Bloom St., Louisville, Ky., was re-elected president; S. B. Mattingly, 1814 Burwell Ave., Louisville, was elected first vice-president, and will represent Jefferson county; J. L. Harris, Nolin, Ky., second vice-president, and will represent Hardin county; R. P. Reid, New Hope, Ky., third vice-president, and will represent Nelson county; H. Schmidt, 1523 Melwood Ave., Louisville, Ky., was elected secretary and treasurer.

A new charter for the year 1932 will be applied for from the National Association and the Kentucky Association will conduct state and regional championship tournaments; also a Class A and B Team League.

HAVE ACTIVE CLUB

The Never-Slip Horseshoe Club at Pawling, N. Y., is an active one. It was organized only last year and made quite a good showing during its first season.

Snow is no barrier for the Never-Slip boys, who scrape it off the lanes and toss 'em on.

Horace J. Peck, Box 203, Patterson, N. Y., is secretary of the club.

R. J. Wilks, 708 N. 10th St., Parsons, Kans., is an interested shoe tosser, trying to improve his percentages.

DAVIS-DURYEE MATCH RECORDS

Complete results of the C. C. Davis-Bert Duryee game played in the H. S. hall, Kansas City, January 8, follows:

	P	R	DR	SP	Pct.
Davis	37	55	18	80	.687
Duryee	50	59	20	80	.737

Davis	50	64	23	84	.761
Duryee	35	58	19	84	.690

Davis	50	50	20	64	.781
Duryee	18	40	9	64	.625

Davis	48	48	20	68	.705
Duryee	50	48	17	68	.705

Davis	50	53	19	70	.757
Duryee	26	42	11	70	.600

Davis	50	59	21	82	.719
Duryee	44	58	19	82	.707

Davis Total.....	285	329	121	448	.734
Duryee total	223	305	95	448	.680

The following are the results of the match played by Davis and Duryee January 12; games in order.

	P	R	DR	SP	Pct.
Davis	40	47	13	72	.652
Duryee	50	50	16	72	.694

Davis	36	55	18	78	.705
Duryee	50	61	26	78	.782

Davis	50	57	20	76	.750
Duryee	30	51	17	76	.671

Davis	50	53	22	64	.828
Duryee	16	42	16	64	.656

Davis	50	71	30	86	.825
Duryee	28	63	24	86	.732

Davis	50	80	32	106	.754
Duryee	47	75	28	106	.735

Davis total	276	363	135	482	.753
Duryee total	221	341	127	482	.715

IN HOSPITAL

A letter written in December by Frank Morningstar, of Spokane, Wash., to the Horseshoe World, found him in the hospital with a broken leg. He is at the Deaconess hospital.

Mr. Morningstar, who is vice president of his club of 50 members, says all the Spokane pitchers mourn the loss of Ray Ashcraft, former state champion.

CLARK COUNTY NEWS
(Special to Horseshoe World)

The Clark County Horseshoe Pitchers Association convened at 123 E. Main Street, Springfield, O., and elected officers for the ensuing year. Results were:

President, D. B. Rutan, affiliated with Willis Avenue Club; first vice-president, Elmore Grube, affiliated with Rockway Club; second vice-president, Harry Ellsworth, Villa Club; secretary, Loy D. Johnston, Willis Avenue Club; treasurer, W. T. Garlough, Husted Club.

Horseshoe pitching in Clark county has grown from practically an obscure pastime in 1930, to a sport of major significance in 1931.

This was caused, without doubt,

	SP	PTS.	R	DR	R%	GP	W	L	G%
Willis Ave.	14630	11342	5703	1103	.389	504	375	129	.744
Donnelsville	14310	11410	5703	1201	.398	504	372	132	.738
Pitchin	14994	10198	4839	807	.323	504	286	218	.567
Rockway	15300	9565	4560	685	.298	504	251	253	.498
Villa	15264	8943	4213	614	.276	504	221	283	.438
Rice Street	15096	9019	4151	613	.268	504	219	285	.434
Lowry Avenue	15386	8404	3868	523	.251	504	200	304	.396
Husted	15128	6622	2772	289	.183	504	92	412	.182
Totals	120108	75503	35809	5835	.299	4032	2016	2016

Season's Average of League's Ten Best Pitchers

	SP	Pts	R	DR	GP	W	L	R%
Allen, Willis	1864	1850	965	246	77	70	7	.518
Peters, Ron., Donnelsville	2138	1904	979	227	78	67	11	.458
Peters, K., Donnelsville	2372	1989	1024	222	84	70	14	.433
Berry, Donnelsville	2364	1936	983	221	84	64	20	.415
Dillon, J., Pitchin	2294	1919	941	184	84	63	21	.414
Coil, Willis	1198	882	481	83	39	30	9	.408
Driscoll, Rockway	2148	1677	867	177	75	54	21	.403
Gravenkemper, Willis	2050	1715	825	161	75	58	17	.402
Patton, Willis	2034	1511	815	160	67	48	19	.395
Dillon, M., Pitchin	2036	1501	803	153	71	48	23	.394
.....	10498	16884	8633	1834	734	572	162	.423

WHOA, THERE!

Jack Claves, of St. Louis, sends the Horseshoe World a clipping, with the comment that the Mossmans and Jacksons have evidently made horseshoe pitching too popular in Iowa, or the shoe manufacturers haven't advertised their wares enough.

Here's the story told in the clipping:

"The age of specialization in industry is being felt even in such remote fields of activity as banditry. Some thieves, apparently, are horse

through the untiring efforts of this association.

The following eight clubs with a combined membership of 200 active horseshoe pitchers make up the Clark County Association: Donnelsville, Willis Avenue, Pitchin, Rockway, Villa, Rice Street, Lowry Avenue and Husted.

Each of the above clubs own their courts and all of them are well equipped for night pitching.

This last season the association sponsored a league, each club entered a six-man team in this league. All games were pitched at night, and large crowds witnessed these various matches. Each club played each of the other clubs. Once on their own courts and once on their opponents' courts. Careful records were kept of each shoe pitched throughout the county. The season's record of each club is as follows:

thieves. Others are merely horseshoe thieves.

"Dan Sheehan, a farmer living near Des Moines, Iowa, recently reported to authorities that a thief had taken the shoes off three of his horses."

NORTH DAKOTA CHAMP

Arthur Engebretson, 29 Hogan Apartments, Fargo, N. D., is the North Dakota state champion. He is 23 years of age and is considered one of the best in his whole section

NEWS, OFFICIAL REPORTS, ETC.

From the Secretary's Desk

D. D. COTTRELL
Secretary
746-C Fifth Ave., N.
ST. PETERSBURG, FLA.

Your secretary is in receipt of letters from Arthur Engebretson, 29 Hogan Apts., Fargo, N. D., in which he says that although they have held about ten annual state tournaments in his state they have no state organization. A few interested players in co-operation with the state fair organization have fostered these meets which are held in Fargo. He thinks that North Dakota should have a state horseshoe pitchers association and that this association should be affiliated with the National Association so that their meets would have national recognition and their winner have official standing as the champion of the state. He says that they have a good number of players and that they probably measure up to those of other states considering that they do no playing in the winter time.

Mr. Engebretson says that he will do his best to start a state organization this spring and summer. It is hoped that all the horseshoe players in his state that are interested in building up interest in the game will write to him and help him in perfecting the state organization.

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C. A. Benedict, Johnston, O., is a great booster for the horseshoe game. In a recent letter he says that he is trying to work out some plans that will benefit the sport in his state this coming season and help build up the National Association. He says that if the players and other boosters of the game only realized what a state and national horseshoe organization means to them and to the welfare of the game they love so much, they would get back of all organizations that are trying to make the game one of the leading national sports.

He asks if there is anything being planned for the horseshoe game in connection with the Olympics to be held in Los Angeles this coming season. A year or two ago I had quite a little correspondence with different ones in California who were very anxious that the National Convention and tournament be held on the Pacific coast in connection with the Olympics or near the date that

they were to be held. Your secretary has not heard anything further from the parties who were so anxious sometime ago for this tournament to be held in the West. It certainly would give a great impetus to the sport to hold a tournament on the west coast in connection with these games. Here is hoping that something can be done by our players in California to bring this about.

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Jimmie Risk who has been a contender in a number of National tournaments, and is one of the best pitchers in this country has just arrived in St. Petersburg from California where he has been spending the fall and early winter, giving exhibitions. He reports that Putt Mossman who was reported to be in a hospital in last month's World is now out again but that he has not yet fully recovered from having his hands and feet frozen and his operation for appendicitis. Jimmie says that it has been so cold in the coast states that he had to come here to enjoy the horseshoe game.

This is the eleventh winter that your secretary has spent in St. Petersburg and this has been the most enjoyable of them all. The weather is just about perfect and has been ever since the 13th of November when he arrived here. As he writes this about 4 p. m., the thermometer stands at 76 on the front porch in the shade. It is like a sunshiny, balmy June day in the North and has been the same day after day, with rarely an exception. This is the 378th day that the sun has not failed to shine here, which breaks all previous records. There was once 367 days before of the same kind of sunshine. There are always cool nights, so that it is comfortable to sleep under a blanket. No flies, mosquitoes, nats or bugs to bother sitting out on the porch at night and reading under the electric light. Fine grapefruit can be bought for one cent each, and oranges for five to ten cents a dozen. Orange or grapefruit juice is almost as cheap as water to drink. Your secretary, when he is thirsty, has the habit of squeezing out a glass of juice and drinking it. It is

like liquid sunshine, healthful and invigorating. Because of the times there have not been as many of the old players back to the Sunshine Pleasure Club as in former years. There were 417 members so far this season reported today which would have been considered a large membership a few years ago. More members are joining every day and it is expected that the membership will be somewhere towards last year's total before the season ends.



The attention of the Horseshoe World has been called to the fact that horseshoe pitching originated in Washington's Revolutionary army. While we believe that horseshoe pitching dates back to the early Greek games, it is probably a fact that the game was first played in America by President Washington's soldiers.

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Our good friend, Loy D. Johnston, secretary of the Clark County Horseshoe Pitchers Association, Springfield, Ohio, sends us a sample of an automobile windshield sticker — an idea that might be copied by other clubs. It has the following wording: "Pitch Horseshoes. The Greatest, but Least Expensive Recreation. Join the Clark County Horseshoe Pitchers' Association."

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We now count among our valued readers, H. V. Keen, of Christine, N. D., who finished second in the North Dakota championship tourney. His subscription was sent to us by Arthur Engebretson, No. 29 Hogan Apts., Fargo, N. D., who is a good booster for our magazine in his state.

At Portsmouth, N. H.

On Thanksgiving morning four horseshoe pitching open events and an unadvertised match were held at Portsmouth Plains, where a fair-sized crowd braved chilly winds to witness the ringer shooting. The first affair was a boys' meet of five entries, won by Arthur Keene of Portsmouth. Second place went to John Scammon. The boy champion was awarded a prize cup. The other four boys each received a ticket to the movies.

A girls grapple was next run off with four entries of the fair sex. Dorothy Thompson won a dress for first prize. Mildred Young from the nearby town of Kittery landed second and two pairs of silk stockings.

Twenty-three men appeared for the heavyweight heaving. Top place and a fine lamp went to Reverend Virgil Harris, of Holden, Mass. His brother another minister, Reverend Basil Harris, of Kittery Point, Me., rang up enough ringers to get the second prize of five dollars' worth of merchandise.

An unscheduled session was now battled out between Arthur Pickering, the New Hampshire champion, and Fred Noyes who challenged the state champ for best of a three-game combat. Noyes defeated Pickering with scores of 25-16, 3-25, 25-24. Pickering's title was not at stake.

The last ringer event was an exhibition between Charles Gerrish of Kittery Point, the champ over the two states of Maine and New Hampshire, and the New Hampshire title holder. The two-state peer performed Pickering in a three-game performance with the following scores:

Gerrish 25 to Pickering 7.

Gerrish 25 to Pickering 2.

Gerrish 25 to Pickering 0.

In the boys' tournament John Scammon defeated Donald Rickles 25 to 23 and 25 to 9. Arthur Keene eliminated Ross Eslinger 25-20 and 25-15. Bill Greer was put out in 2 out of 3 games. Arthur Keene then pushed John Scammon into second place in the finals between these youngsters.

The four young ladies who labored at looping the steels were: Mildred Young, Pauline Trueman, Evelyn Young and Dorothy Thompson.

For the final eliminations of the men's meet, Virgil Harris of Mass-

achusetts out-tossed Philip Sanville of North Berwick, Maine, 25-19 and 25-16. Harry Thompson toppled Nat Young of Kittery, 26-14, 22-26, 26-17. Norman Clark conquered George Thomas 25-10, 25-7; Chester Badger did up John Thompson, 17-25, 25-0, 25-23; James Wood won over Jeff Cook of Kittery 25-11, 14-25, 25-11; Basil Harris humbled Chas. Cook of North Rye 25-10, 25-10.

Albert Gagnon of North Berwick gained his games with Roy Terrio. Other players entered with incomplete records of scores were Roy Collins, Kittery; Obert Currier, Eugene Hayes, Kittery; Earl Robbins, Milton Holbrook, Rye; William Woods, the well known chief of Portsmouth's fire fighters; Charles F. Pearson, Durham; Arthur Mitchell, Michael Murphy, George Burnham, Kittery.

The second round saw V. Harris vanquish H. Thompson 35 to 3; Clark beat Badger, 37 to 16; B. Harris won from J. Wood, 35-30. The winners went on to the third round as follows: V. Harris 35, Clark 12; B. Harris 35, Collins 26. The fourth round finals furnished a fierce fray by the Harris brothers, Virgil being the victor, with 35, while Basil was his victim with 27 points.

PACIFIC COAST ORGANIZES

Plans are going forward for the establishment of a large horseshoe association on the Pacific Coast, in which it is hoped to include all clubs on the coast.

President M. R. Brown, Seattle, and Secretary C. O. Kittelsen, Yakima, are endeavoring to get Oregon, Washington, and California tossers interested in the project.

The Horseshoe World offers its columns to the newly formed organization for whatever promotion publicity they may send us and wish them well.

IS SPLENDID PITCHER

Harold Scheets of Waukeshaw, Wis., is one of the best horseshoe pitchers in the state. He played in the league composed of Waukeshaw, Racine, Milwaukee and Kenosha.

Scheets uses the new model Ohio and averaged about 65 per cent ringers. In one league game he pitched 84½ per cent ringers. He pitched 2,000 shoes recently and made 1358

ringers for a percentage of 67.9. Scheets uses the new model Ohio Shoes.

MONTANA RESULTS

Joe Dubie, Butte, present state champion, finished first.

	SP	R	Pct.
Jos. Dubie	378	151	39.9
Chas. Conklin	432	171	39.6
Ray Knott	442	167	37.8
Alvin Hagen	442	168	38.0
Wm. Treatheway	444	138	31.0
Tom Rada	402	149	37.0
John Ferda	458	128	28.0
Mart. Cortright	410	109	26.6

These men finished in the order names above, and won the following prizes: First, \$20.00 and a pair of Mossman shoes; second, \$15; third, \$10; fourth, \$7.50; fifth prize of \$5 was split between Rada and Treatheway; sixth, \$2.50; seventh, haircut, shampoo and shave, Davenport barber shop.

Chas. Conklin won the robe, donated by Beckman Bros., for the most ringers made during the tournament. The letter from Beckman Bros. stated plainly, for the most ringers, and Conklin made 171.

Ray Knott headed all the pitchers for double ringers made in one game; he made seven.

The highest percent of ringers made in a single game, follows:

Rada, 58 per cent, first; Rada, 56 per cent, second; Conklin, 54 per cent, third.

The amateur class finished as follows:

Charles Myers, first, pair of Gordon horseshoes, donated by the Gordon Horseshoe Co.

Pete Bobnag, second, \$2.50 merchandise, Mot. Ward Co.

C. Amdahl, third, 6 lbs. coffee, by the McMarr stores.

Mike Wynn, fourth, \$2.50 in merchandise, Great Falls Meat Co.

Jim Fairfull, fifth, Electric cigar lighter, by Strain Bros.

H. J. Case, sixth, half gallon motor oil, by Al Gillis, Richfield Oil Co. F. Norby, seventh, one pair Diamond horseshoes, Murphy Maclay Co.

H. J. Case, Sec'y-Treas.

GOING STRONG.

The newly organized club at Oxford, Ohio, is going strong, with a great deal of interest. Joe Neiser, one of the boosters at Oxford, writes that the club now has 20 members with some mighty promising tossers.

∴ 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.)

SEEKS EXPLANATION

Dubuque, Ia., Jan. 25, 1932

R. B. Howard,
London, Ohio.

Friend Sir:

I wish you would print this letter in The Horseshoe World, the very best book for every horseshoe player to read. In the January issue I notice a game played in the Sunny West, between Jim Lackey and Fern Isais. They claim they threw 101 ringers out of 118 shoes, and gained 50 points to 42. Now how could this be possible. If Isais threw 97 ringers, that would cancel 97 ringers of Lackey, leaving 4 ringers to count, which would be a total of only 12 points. He threw 118 shoes, that would leave 17 shoes to count points; 17 points and 12 would add 29 points. Where or how will he get the other 21 points. I would like to have this explained in the Horseshoe World. If it can be done I want to know how, as I have been keeping score at all games for three years. We have a player here in Dubuque, Clarence Pfeiffer, that I will back to throw 500 shoes against any man in the U. S. A., or we will match him in a 50-point game with any player that feels like entering a contest with the Dubuque Horseshoe club.

F. E. DODD,

2705 Pinard St., Dubuque, Ia.

Address all correspondence to Syl. McCauley, Recreational Director, City Hall, Dubuque, Ia.

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Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 17, 1931
To The Horseshoe World:

It seems to be a fact that Mr. D. J., of Adair, Iowa, is not very familiar with the National rules, after reading his article of the May issue of the Horseshoe World. There was a rule passed at the 1928 convention that the national champion had to play any eligible challenger within 90 days from date of challenge or forfeit the championship. And it did not specify whether it should be

played in a hog pen, alley or any other place.

The national rules also say that there must be at least one National Tournament a year, so, when there are no tournaments held for two years it looks to me as though we players should have the privilege of doing a little promoting ourselves for the interest of the game.

Why let interest drop for some unknown reason? We cannot let the life of the horseshoe game rest on just one or two wee tiny men.

Very truly yours,

C. C. DAVIS,

Five times world's champion horseshoe pitcher; 2711 E. 51st St., Kansas City, Mo.

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A WORD FROM CANADA

Horseshoe World,
London, Ohio.

Gentlemen:

Find enclosed \$2.50 Yankee Gold, for which set the subscription ahead one year for the undersigned and also Mr. Noah Eckel, Didsbury, Alta.

Am glad to report that after having helped put the game on the map in other parts of Alta., have succeeded in making a start in Calgary. We put in four clay courts and carried on league and match play last season and expect to install eight more courts next spring. There is some very promising material in the making.

Last winter was a very open one here and by using the following system, pitching was carried on every week by my good friend H. Samis of Olds, Alta., 60 miles north of here:

A modern box with rope handles was used and the clay around the stakes was taken in and kept by the office store and then with the aid of a kettle of boiling water the courts could be put in play anytime in a few minutes.

Would be pleased to welcome any touring horseshoe players next sum-

mer at Gibson's Bowling Academy, Center and Seventh avenue, Calgary, Alberta.

Yours truly,

R. A. WOOLLEY,
226 5th Ave. W., Calgary, Alta.

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GIVES CALIFORNIA NEWS

Arroyo Grande, Calif.

Editor Horseshoe World,
London, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Find enclosed one dollar, currency, for renewal of my subscription.

Horseshoes are still going strong in this county of San Luis Obispo. We just recently closed a series of league games for the county championship between the three organized clubs of Arroyo Grande, San Luis Obispo and Paso Robles. San Luis Obispo won first place by winning 166 games; Arroyo Grande was second with 110, and Paso Robles third with 99.

There will probably be more clubs to enter next year. Morro Bay has just recently organized a club.

Success to the Horseshoe World.

R. M. PLYMPTON.

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SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Of North Attleboro, Mass., Sept. 7,
1931—26 for Qualifying—8 Best
for Round Robin—35-Point

Games

	W	L	QS	R	Pct.
Paul Beausoliel	7	0	60	89	32.0
Carman Todaro	6	1	61	83	26.1
Ameda Ringuette	4	3	66	68	21.7
Alfred Parentean	4	3	60	76	21.0
Lucien DeBlois	3	4	59	85	25.0
George Pichette	3	4	66	75	23.4
Hector Oulelette	1	6	62	56	15.7
Alton Darrah, Jr.	0	7	55	24	7.8

Owen Curtiss, Junior champion, qualified with score of 74, but was unable to play.

Junior Championship

Twenty for qualifying, eight best for round robin; 21-point games.

	W	L	QS
Owen Curtiss	7	0	80
Thos. Shaunnassy	4	3	71
Raymond McGettrich	4	3	71
Louis Defiore	4	3	49
Alton Darrah, Jr.	3	4	50
Russell Smith	3	4	47
Raymond McCoy	2	5	77
Robert Cooke	1	6	52

CHAMPIONSHIP**Terre Haute and Oaktown Close Second and Third Positions in the Championship Race**

The final standing: Jacksonville, Terre Haute, Oaktown, Dugger, Linton, Brocksmith, Brazil (unfinished).

The Jasonville, Ind., horseshoe team made a final sweep of the last round of the Wabash Valley without meeting defeat, winning seven consecutive victories. The Jason tossers got off to a slow start the first round, but came back and defeated the two strongest teams to win the championship. The Jasonville horseshoe team has battled and defeated the strong horseshoe teams in southern Indiana. The four horsemen, Orville Harris, Earl McGarvey, Lowell

Wasnidge and Arle Harris, who led the field of attack was closely followed by Edmondson, Meridith, Harlan and Harvey. During the final round these men set three records: First, throwing 975 ringers in one game; second, scoring 1559 points in one game; third, Orville Harris threw 163 ringers in one game, setting a record for 1931. The team also has pitched an average of 62.3 per cent. The President, Chas. W. Harris and Managers Bert Kramer and Wm. Roderick are looking forward to a state championship battle for these boys.

Terre Haute, 1930 champions, had not been defeated in two years and were putting in a strong bid for the championship again this year. The

Jasonville team then turned them back by defeating them by 192 points and 78 ringers. Spectators, who witnessed this game considered it the best game pitched in the Wabash Valley.

Oaktown, runner-up for both 1930 and 1931, led the race for more than three-quarters of the season, but they faltered against Brocksmith and then played Jasonville who handed them the worse defeat they had taken in years, but this did not hold them; they came back and defeated Terre Haute, which was this teams second defeat of the year.

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October 24th, on the above courts! Lecky—50 points, 119 ringers, 52 double ringers, 136 shoes pitched, .874 per cent; Isais—35 points, 114 ringers, 46 double ringers, .838 per cent.

Lecky holds the following records: 100 shoes pitched, 94 ringers, 288 points; 50 shoes pitched, 49 ringers, 148 points.

October 17th, on the South Park Courts, in team play, Lecky and Brown vs. Isais and Pease, combined score 486 ringers, 179 double ringers. This is the greatest game ever pitched in a series of ten 21-point games. In this game, Lecky pitched 140 ringers and 54 double ringers.

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JOHN MITCHELL WINS NEW ENGLAND TOURNEY

John Mitchell, of Brockton, Mass., in winning the New England open horseshoe tourney at the Brockton fair, hit an average of 46½ ringers, and had 30 double ringers in his seven matches.

C. H. Gerrish, of Kittery Point, Me., the Maine and New Hampshire champion hit 42¼ ringers, and had 28 doubles. He made a total of 228 points against 152 by opponents, while the tourney winner scored 328 to his opponents 174, not quite so good an average.

James O'Shea, the 19-year-old runner-up in the Massachusetts open, was third in the New England with 44¼ ringers and 29 doubles. He made 225, while his hard-fighting opponents made an even 200.

Albert Dion, Jr., of Phoenix, R. I., who stopped Gerrish from being the champion, averaged 38% ringers and had 29 doubles. He scored 221 to his opponents 199.

It was agreed before the start that total points would count in case of a tie. Gerrish and Mitchell each won six and lost one. Dion took Gerrish 35-18, with Dion getting 11 of the first 12 shoes on for ringers, and at one time leading 23 to 3. Gerrish took Mitchell 35-23, and the difference gave Mitchell the gold watch which was first prize. Gerrish also took O'Shea 35-25, and all three had a loss apiece when the last game of the tourney was played between O'Shea and Mitchell, and the winner was sure of first and the loser of third. Mitchell came through 35-25. The short games were played as there was not time for 50-point games during the afternoon.

Brockton is already planning to seek the sanctioned New England championship for 1932, and run a two-day tourney, longer if necessary.

Mitchell averaged 42¼% in winning the Massachusetts open. In this he did not lose a match and O'Shea's only loss was to Mitchell, the score being 35-28, and it took 21 frames to decide it. O'Shea averaged 42¼% and made 238 points, while his opponents were scoring 121. Mitchell scored a perfect 245 against 166 for opponents, and Martin, the third man, scored 208 against 175 by opponents. He averaged 37¼% on ringers. Mitchell made 132 ringers and 29

doubles; O'Shea 112 and 20 doubles, and Martin 118 and 23 doubles.

There was 100 per cent of the entries present and pitching every day.

The novice brought out 13, the New England 34, The Massachusetts 13, The Brockton District 10, and the Brockton district team match four teams.

Mitchell, Martin, O'Shea, all wore the local Y. M. C. A. emblem, and are members of the "Y" teams. They split in the team match and were on the two winning teams.

DUBUQUE, IOWA, HAS FINE INDOOR COURTS

The Horseshoe World is indebted to Syl. McCauley, Recreational Director of Dubuque, Ia., for the following article regarding Dubuque's indoor courts:

Our courts, four in number, were installed on the third floor of the city hall (vacant and unused for many years) by the Municipal Recreation Commission. The third floor was repaired, painted, and wired for night play. The courts are open morning, afternoon and evening until 11 p. m. and are absolutely free to the public.

Sunday, December 20th, we had an exhibition here, the attraction being Frank E. Jackson and his son Hansford, Iowa State champion of 1931.

As evidence of the excellence of the courts here, I wish to quote from the newspaper account of the match. Both men said to the reporter, "We have played on many indoor courts, and I want to say that the Dubuque Recreational Courts are the finest we have ever used."

Incidentally, the Jacksons were slightly off form here Sunday, or rather, Hansford was, with an average of 55 per cent, which is below his standard.

Their scores were as follows, against local tossers:

	SP	R	DR	%
F. Jackson	62	39	11	63
E. Russell	62	33	8	53
F. Jackson	66	39	9	62
E. Russell	66	28	4	43
H. Jackson	44	22	7	50
Riechmann	44	11	1	25
H. Jackson	40	22	7	55
Riechmann	40	7	1	17

After these games, father and son

tangled in three 25-point matches, two of which were won by Frank. No complete record of their scores was kept, but they threw 33 double ringers between them in the three short games.

After the regular exhibition, Joe Bennett, of Congersville, Ill., challenged Hansford to a 50-point game, and defeated him, 50-38. Bennett tossed 44 ringers out of 64 shoes for a percentage of 65, while Hansford threw 39 out of 64, for 60 per cent. Bennett is runner-up in Illinois for 1931.

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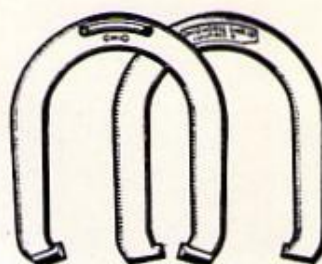
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