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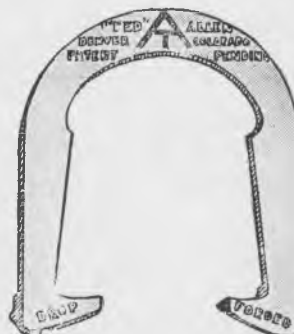
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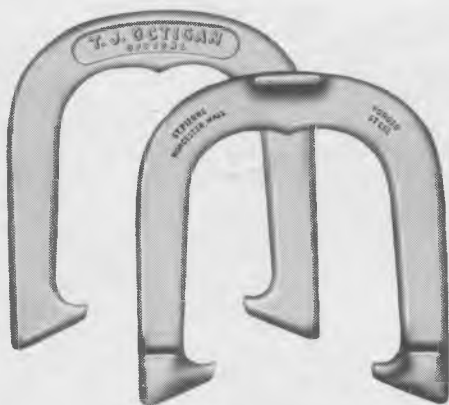
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## THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION HAS FAILED? LET'S GET DOWN TO BRASS TACKS

(Guest Editorial by Jack Claves)

If there ever was a challenge to the horseshoe pitchers of these United States, Mr. R. B. Howard's editorial of the January issue was it.

If any article shocked me it was that one, and it hurt. What hurt most was that he was absolutely right, and I congratulate him.

Who is to blame for its failure? "Let him who is partly responsible cast a few chestnuts." Your National officers failed, and failed badly, too. Our failure was our inability to awaken the millions of pitchers throughout the country that this is their association, and that they must help build it up by selling membership cards. These memberships mean money and the association will never get ahead without it. The officers, no matter how capable or diligent they may be, cannot accomplish anything worthwhile without money. Don't confuse the money derived from the shoe stamps—that is for the prize money only.

One of the worst failures of officers and pitchers all over this country is that they failed to abide by rules adopted at the Moline Convention. If that rule was recognized throughout the country, our association would get some place because we would have those 10,000 members we need.

However, I doubt if the National Association's officers had enforced it if there would have been six really eligible entries in the Mid-West and the National Tournaments in the last four years. It was plainly explained to all attending the Moline Convention, and published on page 5, September, 1935, edition of the Horseshoe World. In everyday language it meant that every member of a club, league, and all tournament entries must hold a National card. To participate in any tournament not sanctioned, and in which some did not belong or used unsanctioned shoes called for one year's suspension. That meant that every tournament a member entered had to be run under National rules. If he pitched in one unsanctioned tournament he was not eligible to pitch in another because he had violated the rules and was subject to suspension even though he had a membership card.

An example of how our "Big League" pitchers fail our association is shown by the report I received from an authoritative source at the great Mid-West meet in 1938, '39 and '40. In 1938, 85%, or 28 out of 33 entries, were not members of the National until they entered and were forced to join by purchasing a 25c per year card. In 1939 and 1940, 75% had to buy their cards in order to pitch in the tournament. In other words, it seems our leading pitchers to whom the millions of lesser lights look up to for guidance, show they do not care "two bits worth" for the Association's welfare, which also means the game, unless they are assured a chance to win fame and fortune.

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This issue of the Horseshoe World is a combined February and March issue . . . there hasn't been much doing or else the clubs are keeping their activities a secret . . . how about sending in the names of those officers and plans for the new year? . . . with the coming of Spring we will make up for the combined issue with a bigger and better issue for several months . . . in other words we will try to give you your money's worth . . . in this issue we carry in place of our own editorial a statement by Jack Claves, for many years vice president of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association . . . Jack is a friend of all pitchers . . . he will be in charge of things now as President Page, due to other duties, was compelled to turn the reins over to Mr. Claves . . . you may think the editorial we ran was harsh and that Jack is pretty plain but it is time that we all WAKE UP . . . he isn't trying to be critical but he is trying to awaken the pitchers that their game will slip away from them if they don't support their National Association . . . this applies to top-notchers as well as the ordinary pitchers . . . let's all get behind President Claves and Secretary Tompkin and make things go! . . . you will enjoy the first installment of a series of articles by our world's champion, Ted Allen . . . watch for them every month . . . don't let your subscription expire . . . tell your neighbor pitcher about them . . . don't let him borrow yours . . . let him help by sending in his own subscription . . . hope you like this big "double-header" issue.

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# Want To Improve Your Pitching?

---- TED ALLEN TELLS YOU HOW

BY TED ALLEN

World's Champion Horseshoe Pitcher

FROM my own personal experiences and those of others I hope to show you where you are making mistakes in pitching so anyone, even an expert, may add a little to his knowledge of correct form or become a little more skillful.

To start with there is this to remember: Most every individual looks a little different when pitching and has his characteristic little peculiarities. Each topnotch pitcher has a different form. That goes in all sports, but each person in his own way makes his shot just as accurate. The expert does apply some of the fundamentals, though. Some of the peculiarities may be just bad habits developed in early training and they are hard to overcome after many years. For this purpose this article is to start a beginner out right so that the years of pitching ahead will be easier. At the same time the expert might learn some little habit of his which may be throwing him off his usual form.

No doubt this job of learning how to pitch horseshoes looks very hard when first starting in. But you remember when you were in school and a hard problem was put before you, it seemed impossible to do and there seemed to be no solution. Yet there was just some little thing you had to know before solving it and then you had it. When the examinations ahead made you feel nervous for fear you would not know the answers, you got down to work and studied hard. After they were over, you said "Why the exams this time weren't hard," simply because you had studied your lessons.

## Practice Is Needed

The same applies to everything. **Knowledge of the correct way to pitch and putting that knowledge to practice will make a good pitcher out of most any beginner!**

There are exceptions to every rule of course. Some fellows are always in the state of experimentation and sometimes never get better. It sometimes is dangerous for a person to try changing his way of pitching and it has been known to ruin him for good. And that is usually because he lost his confidence at the first sign of slipping in the new way. He forgot that you need practice in any method. I do not wish to scare you out of trying to correct a bad habit in delivering a shoe. If you have confidence in your-

self to do a thing you can do it regardless of obstacles. A lot of it is in your head. You ought to be able to be your own judge of that and you will have to do quite a bit of judging as to whether you are forming the correct habits of pitching.

Each person is an individual and he might copy after this or that expert but as long as he puts to use the fundamentals of a good form he should not worry. His physique has something to do with it also.

Before I tell you actually how to pitch, there is another thing I want you to know. A person does not have

tournament. This also prevents going stale on the game of horseshoe pitching. Going stale on it means a sudden losing of interest in it and it might be several days, weeks or even years before you care anything about it any more.

## Muscles Count

Horseshoe pitching needs strong arms and legs to stand up in a tournament. Therefore a fellow who keeps developing his muscles in working, sports, or stretching has the advantage of co-ordination between his mind and muscles.

And so I believe the all around athlete stands a good chance of being a good horseshoe pitcher if he wants to. I have used my pitching arm for just about everything and every muscle has been developed at sometime or other. So I say to you young fellows: If you want to become topnotchers you better start learning early while your muscles can be trained the proper way for pitching horseshoes and you are athletically inclined, because the tougher pitchers now days are the young and well-developed athletes.

I don't wish to discourage any one who hasn't a chance or desire to indulge in other sports. Such a thing as this might happen for example.—a young lad who had been seriously ill for many years and had started on the road to recovery, needed a light sport to build him up. He needed a sport not too strenuous but still get him out into the open. Such a boon was horseshoe pitching. He could play as long as he pleased and quit when he pleased. With good coaching and because he came to like it he learned quickly and got the knack of throwing ringers. With mastering the technique he came to like it more and more and after he got into a little competition and won several matches he became more and more excited about it. Because it gave him new health and a lease on life, such a fellow could become a serious contender even to getting the World's Championship, without indulging in other sports.

I forgot to mention one of my experiences in regards to keeping in shape. There was one summer when I believed that I shouldn't use my pitching arm for anything except pitching in my exhibitions. I did not use it to drive the car even. Soon my muscles became weaker and faded away. I lost my grip on my shoe and my arm tired easily. Since then I

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TED ALLEN

to drop everything else to be a topnotch pitcher. Many times this remark has been made of me, "O he probably never uses that arm except for pitching horseshoes. If that is all I did I could pitch just as good."

Well perhaps so. I won't say they wouldn't pitch as good. But it also takes a certain knowledge of your physical being, physiology and physical culture to keep in the best condition for your best pitching at the proper time. I use my arm for many different kinds of sports. That is to say, I keep my muscles well developed and lead a well rounded life of sports. To do this also keeps your mind in a state of well-being which in turn also helps to keep your balance in pitching and also a better understanding and ability to concentrate.

With a development in different line of sports you are building up a state of resistance against tiring out in a

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## WANT TO IMPROVE

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have practiced differently. All muscles should be flexed. It is just like a strained ligament. To treat it the physician also massages the other muscles around the sore.

It is best to exercise care in over indulging in other sports just prior to a horseshoe tournament and if your muscles are stiff and sore from your occupation try to get them limbered up before hand. Many pitchers have told me they cannot do better at pitching because of the nature of their work. There is no doubt that it has something to do with it, speaking from my own experiences, but I do think the situation could be remedied somewhat if the person tries to adjust his pitching muscles to the occasion, and to get the working muscles and pitching muscles to coordinate. Sounds easier than done. It will help if a person can take his practice at the right time to tone up his muscles. And taking care in the correct practice. Too much practice could be harmful because after so long a time your arm tires and you begin to toss back and forth just for the sake of it but you have lost your technique and lost desire to try hard enough. Just pitching back and forth is not necessarily practicing. You have to be trying to put those ringers on with relaxed

muscles. Tired muscles tighten up and then you are apt to be developing a bad form. It is time to quit when you feel you have had enough and are still going good. I mean this when you are practicing alone.

**Editor's Note: Mr. Allen has promised to continue this interesting discussion. Don't miss future issues of the Horseshoe World.**

## NEW JERSEY HORSESHOE PITCHER DIES

Andrew Koczon, former Metropolitan horseshoe pitching champion, and one of New Jersey's better pitchers, died recently at his home in Rahway, New Jersey.

Koczon was a 50 per cent average man back when there were not quite so many experts throughout the country. His many games with the late Frank Boyce, former state champion of New Jersey, made history.

Koczon was Union county champion in 1932, 1933 and 1934, and was tripped up in the final round of the 1935 tourney. He again regained his form, and in 1937 was a member of the Union County Horseshoe Team which won the North Jersey Horseshoe League Championship. Also in 1937 he was runner-up for the Union County championship, a feat which he repeated again in 1940.

He was truly a colorful pitcher, being left handed, and very unorthodox in both stance and delivery. One marveled at the accuracy that he maintained with such a delivery. The shoe appeared out of control, but finally straightened out and quite often settled around the stake. He was a tough man to defeat, and he never gave up a game until the last shoe was tossed. Many an opponent during the last ten years felt secure in a 20-point lead, only to lose the game.

His loss will be keenly felt in New Jersey, and the loss of a pitcher of his type is a real blow to the game of horseshoes.

JOHN ROSSELET, Jr.  
State Secretary.

## JACK CLAVES

The National Horseshoe Pitchers Association has a new president, LeRoy Page has turned the reins over to Mr. Claves because of other duties.

Mr. Claves, who hails from St. Louis, and is known by all pitchers, has been vice president for a number of years.

There is the Scotchman who gave his girl a lipstick for Christmas so he could get it back.

## INDOOR PITCHING BOOMS IN NEW JERSEY

I spent a very interesting afternoon recently, visiting at the Forest Hills Horseshoe Club of Newark, New Jersey. Interest at this club is at fever pitch, with all kinds of tournaments being run off almost every week.

The Forest Hills Club have excellent courts, and very good club rooms. They have an indoor winter membership of about 30 members. During the summer months this membership increases to about 60 members. While I watched, they ran off a small tournament, with hand-picked teams of doubles. The games were very interesting, because the teams were very evenly matched.

The club champion is William Kolb, of Newark, N. J. Kolb was runner-up to State Champion Larry Mahoney at the State Championship Tournament last fall. This winter Kolb has an average slightly over 75 per cent, and has posted several games of over 90 per cent recently. He recently pitched three games of 88 per cent, 80 per cent and 96.4 per cent. In this latter game he tossed 27 ringers out of 28 shoes pitched, and shut his opponent out, 50-0. Having one of his better evenings about two weeks ago, Kolb tossed 28 consecutive ringers for his longest streak of the winter season.

Drawing my conclusions from what I have seen Bill Kolb do this winter, I can see plenty of trouble in store for the best pitchers around the East if they meet him this coming season.

The Forest Hills Club can put a Class A team in any league, and this team can average about 60 per cent ringers as a team. All the pitchers actively interested in this club pitch in and do all the necessary work around the club rooms. One of the members is a sign painter, and some of his work is seen on the walls of the club. They have devised their own lighting system, which proves very adequate. The rooms are always comfortably heated, and those not actually pitching can rest on one of the many chairs off to the side of the room.

Clubs like these are the backbone of our State Organization, and the more that are started throughout the country, the more powerful will be the National Association.

JOHN ROSSELET, Jr.  
State Secretary

Teacher—You know, the camel can go a whole week without touching water.

Willie—So could I if mother didn't make me wash.

## THE BUCKEYE STATE HORSESHOE PITCHER'S ASSN.

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All District Commissioners, League and Club Officials:

All Buckeye State Players and All Interested:

Ladies and Gentlemen:

### NOTICE

As your state officials have been in a huddle and here is your 1941 Buckeye State set-up which we assure you comply with the National Association rules as they are now constituted. We must have annual tournaments or fold up, and to have them, we must give the sport new life, thus the set-up. We appeal to your good sportsmanship to "follow through" and co-operate "persistently" to make it both interesting and successful. This will "probably" be the last stand to retain our State Association.

1. There will be a 1941 State Tournament and Convention during the Labor Day period.

2. Scoring method: Eighty (80) shoes pitched to constitute each game and counting all-points-earned. The former creates spectacularism due to the time factor as seen in all successful sports, and the latter is the last word in fair play for all, besides, it permits three sets of percentages—Points, Ringers and Shoes-Lost, all genuine. (For League and Club activities 50 shoes make a snappy game for a 6 man team match completed in less than 2 hours and is a fair test of skill provided the boys warm-up properly before game time to get "hot" as the only complaint against this method is: "It is too hard to overcome an opponent once they get in the lead" and comes "mostly" from National Tournament players. We suggest free use of it so the boys will become acclimated preparatory for the tournament). This may prove to be the answer to our difficulties.

3. The District producing the greatest number of affiliated members to have the privilege of holding the tournament if they so desire.

4. Total prize money in finals is \$300.00 or whatever is in the treasury. In other words, it will be whatever you boys make it by affiliations. We now have in the State Treasury approximately \$150 which will be applied to tournament fund and it will give us the "jump-on-it" the first year. (After the tournament when all expenses are

paid we intend to pro-rate all funds left over, if any, back to the Clubs producing it as it is their money and we do not desire to carry it over. This should be an incentive to pay affiliation dues for all members from the Clubs Treasury in the near future.)

5. Affiliation dues: 35 cents per member, divided 15 cents to National and 20 cents to State Association, names and mailing address, showing officers to be included when remitting for affiliation cards. Both the State and National want this mailing list. (If sufficient affiliation members are secured for 1941, dues should be reduced to 25 cents to conform to National Association set-up.)

6. Each club should be well represented at the Convention as there will be an election of State officials and many things of importance to be discussed for the best interests of the players and the association. (At our meetings the President desired to include many things for 1941, but was fearful that they might not be understood in time to carry out effectively on such short notice and passed them up until the convention when you boys could pass on them.)

The following is meant "particularly" for the newer members as the Old-Timers are familiar with conditions as they are: "It has been proven that there are two "profound" principles that "stand-out-and" must be carried through most conclusively before any Sports Organization can become popular and be recognized as a leader. Of first importance is a National Governing Body and a National Magazine to support it as a gateway of information to the membership to assure support "increasingly." The second and of equal "or even more" importance is in the promulgation of governing rules so as to cast no reflection whatsoever "or even bordering" upon anything contained therein that would "in the least" be unfair to any member in the application of the same. The National Horseshoe Pitcher's Association has always been, and is now "indeed" fortunate in the first, but judging from the fact of non-support coupled with complaints the second stands to be improved. Complaints involve the cancel feature in the National scoring rules wherein equal "point" values by close-shoes "within

6 inches of the stake" and equal "ringer" values between opposing players cancel each other, and the "rinfer" cancels all close shoe "points" of an opponent in contests where major titles are involved. Club members desire to play the game as the champions play it, but they will not support it with their membership as they feel that the application of this feature "glorifies" the ringer" all in favor of the "ringer pitchers" or national tournament players who control the National Tournament convention and may be considered but a fraction of a fraction of the total two million or more organized players and consider it directly unfavorable to the 99 percent plus of the entire organized body. It is not likely under those conditions that players will ever give their full support until this feature is abandoned and one substituted permitting the scoring of all points earned in all contests whether ringer values, point values or what have you. It is felt however that a new day is dawning as National and State association officials and manufacturers of recognized equipment are becoming increasingly interested in the development of but one simplified method of scoring suitable for all activities, not only to secure the full support of all players, but to check the inflow of enormous quantities of cheap equipment flooding cities, necessary to supply the ever increasing number of industrial leagues and various other activities who play a method of their own as a protest, by drawing them into clubs where recognized equipment is used on finest of clay courts. Further: Newspapers demand something in horseshoes before they will support it further. This seems "undoubtedly" to be the spark "when accomplished" that will make our sport click as a leader in its field, and as long as there is hope, Ohio will be devoted to that end. The National Association has made above set-up possible as their "bit" and we have every reason to believe Buckeye state players will do theirs by supporting it and affiliating in our state and national association this year, and last but not least subscribing for our magazine.

We are sincerely yours,

D. O. CHESSE, Secretary  
THE BUCKEYE STATE HORSESHOE PITCHERS' ASSOCIATION

Approved: C. A. Benedict, Pres.  
Fred M. Brust, Vice President, and  
Henry J. Gunselman, treasurer.



Let every man remember that to violate the law is to trample on the blood of his fathers, and to tear the charter of his own and children's liberty.—Lincoln.

*The Horseshoe World*

## HORSESHOE LEAGUES TO BE FORMED

### BY PECK BORNEMAN THRU Y.M.C.A.

Through the efforts of William "Peck" Borneman, of the Island, a veteran horseshoe player of twenty summers, an Ohio Valley Horseshoe Pitching association is slowly being organized. "Peck" has sounded out city officials, officials of the Recreation Bureau, the Young Men's Christian association and found them enthusiastic over the proposed venture. Borneman has organized a Ways and Means committee composed of the outstanding horseshoe players in the valley, mixed with a group of recreation experts to help with the groundwork of giving the movement a good foundation.

Grover Hawley, the district champion and authority on horseshoe pitching, Warren Pugh, of the City Recrea-

tion Bureau, Scotty McNickle, Bob Goff, G. C. Crawford and Bob Smith, all experts in the art of "barnyard golf" and veterans of the different leagues of the valley, and C. W. Campbell of the "Y", make up the committee.

The above committee has talked of huge plans for the association which will include Industrial League, Church League, Commercial League, Kid League, Playground competition, representative matches with other cities and exhibitions by the country's best. The reception of Peck's idea has caught on with the rapidity of fire and though the association is now only in the talkative form many inquiries have come to the attention of the Y. M. C. A. where the committee has been making its headquarters.

The battle raged for 118 shoes before Brown won 50-29, averaging 86.4 per cent for the game to Dean's 79.6 per cent.

	P	R	DR	SP	Pct.
Brown .....	50	102	44	118	86.4
Dean .....	29	94	37	118	79.6

Harper qualified for A class but was unable to play. The last Sunday, Gray and Paterson were unable to be present, therefore forfeiting all games played.

A Class					
D. Brown .....	11	0	573	239	686 83.5
L. Dean .....	9	2	598	217	808 74.0
R. Gatewood ..	8	3	486	167	678 71.6
C. Gregson ....	8	3	481	170	688 69.9
H. Heber .....	7	4	474	160	710 66.7
C. Sawitzky ..	6	5	362	100	640 56.5
A. Gregson ....	5	6	482	166	728 66.2
F. Johnson .....	5	6	508	151	810 62.5
Geo. Bears .....	3	8	493	163	770 64.0
W. W. Bauer..	3	8	306	95	546 56.0
L. Gray .....	0	11	304	110	420 72.3
Jim Paterson ..	0	11	136	29	312 43.5

B Class					
L. Kingsbury ..	11	0	320	85	588 54.4
A.R. Michael ..	10	1	353	87	690 51.1
G. C. Messick ..	9	2	349	97	646 54.0
D. Husted .....	8	3	329	83	650 50.5
J. K. Swem....	7	4	325	67	678 47.9
A. H. Logsdon ..	5	6	260	68	548 47.4
G. Llewellyn ..	5	6	263	62	590 44.5
S. J. Rogers....	4	7	284	55	688 41.2
Don Percy .....	3	8	193	34	540 35.7
J. A. Conn.....	3	8	172	23	544 31.6
J. F. Smith....	0	11	125	21	332 37.6
L. Blanchard ..	0	11	112	18	346 32.3

Smith and Blanchard did not pitch the second Sunday therefore forfeiting all games.

C Class					
R. Lindblom ..	10	1	350	90	662 52.8
P. Gersch .....	10	1	351	78	716 49.0
O. Morgan ....	7	4	315	72	726 43.3
L. A. Johnson ..	7	4	316	53	758 41.6
Larry Geer ....	6	5	326	72	730 44.6
R. R. Spear ....	6	5	295	63	678 43.5
Cecil Smith ....	5	6	242	44	702 34.4
W. Wildberger ..	5	6	241	47	720 33.4
W. H. Sage ....	4	7	303	58	730 41.8
C. G. Lopez ....	4	7	230	36	670 34.3
E. E. Hyatt .....	1	10	198	28	664 29.9
G. M. George ..	1	10	183	26	630 28.9

Gold, silver and bronze medals were presented to the winners of the first three places in each class.

## GOING SOUTH

R. B. Howard, publisher of the Horseshoe World, will attend the National Editorial Association Convention in Jacksonville, Fla., April 21-23, and take a tour of Florida and Cuba, following the meeting.

Mr. Howard is vice president of the National Editorial Association.

An optimist is the fellow who takes the cold water thrown upon his proposition, heats it with enthusiasm, makes steam and pushes ahead.

## WEEKLY CLUB SERIES

### RECREATION HORSESHOE CLUB VS. STAMFORD HORSESHOE CLUB

The first round results of the series show White Plains leading Stamford by the slim margin of four games, 28 points and only 14 ringers. with Stamford topping White Plains in the doubles column by 14. S. Lane, of Stamford, came through with a clean slate, 24 wins and no defeats; he also tops in ringer percentage, having 555 per cent. This series has ten weeks more to go.

	W	L	P	R	DR	SP	Pct.
White Plains							
D. Gardner .....	15	9	1002	531	141	1200	442
J. Hammer .....	14	9	980	496	123	1150	431
F. Troxel .....	8	11	755	411	101	950	432
R. Lauretti .....	1	5	195	123	23	300	410
Totals.....	38	34	2932	1561	388	3600	433
Stamford							
S. Lane .....	24	0	1162	666	198	1200	555
A. Doshner .....	9	15	852	477	103	1200	397
L. Lane .....	1	14	483	255	63	750	340
F. Wagner .....	0	9	417	149	38	450	331
Totals .....	34	38	2904	1547	402	3600	425

## DEAN BROWN RETAINS LOS ANGELES TITLE

Records are still falling out here in Southern California. Dean Brown, of Huntington Park, is the guilty party this time, shattering all city tournament records with his 83.5 per cent average for the entire tournament to retain his title of champion of the City of Los Angeles and Metropolitan area.

This tournament, which is sponsored by the Municipal Horseshoe Pitchers Association, was held December 8 and 15. Qualifications were held December 1, and 39 men entered. These were divided into three classes of 13 men each, the A class playing at Montebello, B class at Harvard, and C class at Manchester.

The runner-up in the A class was

Louis Dean, of Pomona, who came through with a 74 per cent average. Clyde Gregson, who has been teaching Mary Martin, of Paramount Pictures how to pitch horseshoes for her new picture, "New York Town," tied Ray Gatewood of the Exposition club in Los Angeles for third place, and lost in the play-off.

The outstanding game of the tournament was between Dean Brown and Louis Dean. When they met, they started the game with nine consecutive four-deads to tie the world's record set by Ted Allen and Guy Zimmerman in the National Tournament in Des Moines last August.

At the end of the first 50 shoes, Brown had thrown 47 ringers and collected 15 points while Dean tossed 43 ringers with a total of five points.

## THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION HAS FAILED? LET'S GET DOWN TO BRASS TACKS!

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I, personally, know most of them do not think along those lines; the big trouble is they do not even think. They all want to be champions, but they little realize there would be no champion without an association to promote a championship match. There is too much selfishness shown and too little desire to help the game and the Association's welfare.

As an example: Last year the Association added \$300.00 cash to the Iowa State Fair's \$800.00 cash prize list at Des Moines, making a total of \$1100.00. Were the majority of entrants satisfied? No! Someone knowing the Association had a little more money left got a few others together and after a little campaigning put a motion upon the floor that the Association throw \$300.00 additional into the prize fund so that they might cash in on more money. It passed, of course. Did the boys appreciate the Association that had made that fund possible? Did they turn around and show they believed in reciprocation? Let's look at the names listed in this issue, in which D. O. Chess is trying to solicit \$1.00 donations from the lovers of the game to be put in the National Championship Prize Fund. How many names of those who cashed in at Des Moines do you find? Lefty Steinmann, of St. Louis, who finished 31st, is among the list.

Yes, we have failed, but only to an extent. Come on, you leaders, appoint your key men, get them busy selling those membership cards. Sell them to your friends, the grocer, the baker, the filling station man—he doesn't have to be a pitcher. Let's resolve to get busy and make 1941 our best year ever, and remember, you tournament managers, make every Championship a National Sanctioned Tournament. Give the winner, in addition to the first cash or medal prize, a beautifully scrolled National Association Certificate of Championship. That certificate will be cherished a lifetime.

If I have hurt anyone's feelings without doing them some good, I am sorry, and I apologize, but if some of you will put forth a little more effort to help the game of horseshoes, I'll feel repaid for writing this. I'll appreciate comments, good or bad.

**JACK H. CLAVES,**  
5816 Neosho St., St. Louis, Mo.

### FRANK TROXEL WINS RINGER CLUB PRIZE

White Plains, N. Y.—Frank Troxel won first prize in the Recreation Horseshoe Club Round Robin tournament played at the old high school courts.

Troxel won five games without a defeat and his victories included a high game score of 595. Second prize went to Joseph Hammer who won four games and dropped one.

The scores:

	W	L	P	R	D	SP	Pct
Troxel .....	5	0	250	135	42	276	48.9
Hammer .....	4	1	218	128	30	282	45.3
Gardner .....	2	3	230	127	33	298	42.6
Lauretti .....	2	3	220	145	27	348	41.7
Young .....	1	4	192	110	20	286	41.9
Valles .....	1	4	176	85	17	210	40.4

First prize, a pair of horseshoe, valued at \$2.00, to Frank Troxel; second prize, one year subscription to The Horseshoe World, to Joseph Hammer.

The boys liked the idea of the second prize. I think more clubs should

use this idea when awarding prizes. It would be appreciated by the players and also increase the circulation of The World. Less Lane, of Stamford, thinks it is a grand idea. He said he wished that more would take The World.

This is the first time we tried the 50-point games this year. Except for one game all the results would have been the same at the 50-shoe mark. The 50-point winners were ahead at the 50-shoe mark.

The percentage dropped after the 50-shoe mark was reached. The boys have geared themselves to go for 50 shoes. They like it better, too. No standing around. Several games went over 80 shoes. Also it sure is easier to figure the percentages. Also all games finish at the same time, and you can play 27 games where you can only play 18 50-point games. Of course, for chaps averaging over 60 per cent, play 50-point games.

FRANK TROXEL

### HORSESHOE FUND DONORS

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

1. D. O. Chess, 6208 Quimby Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.
2. Jack Claves, St. Louis, Mo.
3. R. B. Howard, London, Ohio.
4. "Lefty" Steinmann, 7149 Lindenwood Place, St. Louis, Mo.
5. Willard Ruse, Aledo, Illinois.
6. Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Butts, Easton, Washington.
7. Gordon Horseshoe Co.
8. Ohio Horseshoe Co.
9. John Sebek, Canton, Ohio.
10. J. P. Moran, Box 6830, Pittsburgh, Pa.
11. Ted Allen, 550 S. Ogden St., Denver, Colorado.
12. C. E. Evans, Denver, Colorado.

WHO IS NEXT? Your name will look good here next month!

Just mail \$1.00 to the Horseshoe World and simply say, "Here is my dollar for the 1941 National Tournament Fund."

No question is ever settled until it is settled right.

Counsel, to police witness—But if a man is on his hands and knees in the middle of the road, does that prove he is drunk?

Policeman—No, sir; it does not; but this one was trying to roll up the white line.

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## NEW JERSEY PITCHERS POSE FOR CAMERA



The pitchers in the 1940 New Jersey meet shown in this picture were as follows: 1, Claude E. Hart, Jersey City; 2, Larry Mahoney, Lincroft, N. J., Class A; 3, Jimmy O'Shea, Brockton, Mass., Class A; 4, Vito Fileccia, Brooklyn, N. Y., Class A; 5, Raymond Frye, Richmond, Va., Class A; 6, Kenneth Hurst, Providence, R. I., Class A; 7, John Fulton, Carlisle, Pa., Class A; 8, Hurfuth, B., No. Hampton, Mass., Class A; 9, W. W. Whitton, San Francisco, Calif., Class A; 10, Harold Lochwood, Montrose, N. Y., Class A; 11, John Rosselet, Summit, N. J., Class A; 12, Frank Gamble, Staten Island, N. Y.; 13, Thos. P. O'Gara, New York, N. Y.; 14, Clare Hume, Jersey City, N. J., Class B; 15, Jos. Puglise, Paterson, N. J., Class B; 16, Henry Christy, Elmhurst, L. I., Class B; 17, Melvin Penewell, Allendale, N. J., Class B; 18, Mike Belsky, Maspeth, L. I., Class B; 19, Peter Beaton, Elmhurst, L. I., Class B; 20, S. D. Lane, Glenbrook, Conn., Class B; 21, Mike Bell, Peekskill, N. Y., Class B; 22, Wm. Kolb, Newark, N. J., Class B; 23, John Miller, Scranton, Pa., Class B; 24, Unidentified; 25 Benj. Murphy, Jersey City; 26, Charles Hines, Jersey City; 27, Alec Robertson, Jersey City; 28, Lee Davis, Englewood, N. J.; 29, Geo. Ontko, Newark, N. J.; 30, M. Smaith, New Rochelle, N. Y.; 31, Jack Waltz, Newark, N. J.; 32, Paul Puglise, Paterson, N. J.; 33, J. Wilkinson, New York, N. Y.; 34, Rudolph Ontko, Newark, N. J.; 35, L. Greene, Newark, N. J.; 36, H. Wiltshire, Mountainview, N. J.; 37, 38, 39, 41, Unidentified; 40, Wayman LaRue, Philadelphia, Pa.; 42, Jos. Glovier, Philadelphia, Pa.; 43, Leroy Pinkett, Philadelphia, Pa.



### EXPLAINS PLAN

Cold Spring, Ky.

Dear Mr. Howard:

Please get this in the Horseshoe World as soon as possible. I've been getting mail from pitchers that don't understand my plan of the Northern Kentucky Pitch Off. Well, I guess they don't bowl or don't know of the Bowling Congress. Bowling tournaments run sometimes six to eight weeks. Do these horseshoe pitchers think that the Bowling Congress would have 100,000 entries if the bowler had to be there and bowl every day for six or eight weeks and lose all his time at his work. If they did the Bowling Congress would be like the horseshoe tournament—in a rut with only about 50 entries. Let's get out of this rut and go forward like other sports. To do this we must follow

their style of tournament or plan.

There are about 2,000,000 horseshoe pitchers in the good old U. S., so I don't see why we can't get 10,000 to enter our tournaments in the next 10 to 15 years with a new kind of tournament conducted like the bowling, so all pitchers will have a chance. The Northern Kentucky Pitch Off will be conducted about the same as bowling tournament and any pitcher that knows anything about bowling knows how this pitch off will be played and they will not lost any time at their work like they do when they pitch in the World Horseshoe Tournament.

If a man is entered in the singles doubles and team he plays his team first, then doubles, then singles and all games can be played in about three hours or one day, if he wishes, and he is through and can go back to his city and work. This is one good point about this kind of a pitch off. He can do all his pitching in one day and have no other expense in staying where the tournament is played. To encourage all pitchers and the run-of-the-mine as the saying is, you have to give

them a chance and something to shoot at, and my plan gives every one that chance.

Here is my plan of dividing the prize money: With 500 entries 75 will win prize money with \$30 first, \$25 second, \$20 third, and so on, and to help the big shots there are nine special prizes for high in each game and each event, \$10, \$5, \$3 and the one that gets the three highest games of one event and is lucky to win in the four events can win \$80.

Then, to help the little fellow or the lower percentage pitcher, to encourage him to enter, we will have nine special prizes for the lowest score games with \$5, \$3, \$2 and the one that can be low each game and each event wins \$23.

With 1,000 entries, first prize will be \$50; second \$40; third, \$30, and so on down and 100 will receive prize money and nine special prizes for high score of each game \$10, \$8, \$5, and the hot shot that can win each game and each event will win \$101; the lowest score prizes, \$8, \$6, \$4, \$2, the

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lucky run of mine pitch can win \$40.

With 2,000 entries — First prize \$100, second \$75, \$60 and so on and 200 will win prize money and 12 special prizes for high game score \$15, \$10, \$8.00, \$5.00. With this number of entries the hot pitcher can win \$175 and the run-of-mine can win \$51, the low prize \$10; \$4; \$2.

(Notice the prize money will be made up with the amount that enters)

In dividing the prize money so that more pitchers can win some prize money you encourage more of the lower class of pitchers to enter for if they get one hot game they'll win some of that grand prize money, for the more prizes, more pitchers; more pitchers, more prizes. It works both ways.

I appreciate every one that writes to me about my plan but I am not financially fixed to answer all who are interested so I give them my thanks through the Horseshoe World.

Your Horseshoe Booster Friend,  
Harry J. Henn,

Cold Spring, Ky.

The Horseshoe World,

Denver, Colo., Jan. 27, 1941

Mr. Dear Mr. Howard:

You will find enclosed herewith two dollars to be applied as follows:

Subscription to the Horseshoe World, \$1; expired Oct., 1940; and \$1 for the 1941 National Tournament Fund.

I am a member of the Washington Park Horseshoe Club and have card No. 59, Colorado, certifying me as a member of The National Horseshoe Pitchers' Association of America.

At the age of 44 years, I started to pitch with the Washington Park Horseshoe Club, August 1, 1939, at which time I didn't even know how to hold a horseshoe. Neither did I know one make from another. After trying different makes, I settled on the Ted Allen shoe because there was a place provided for fitting my index finger. I also found that the state and city champions were using this shoe as well as the majority of the club members. Harry Duncan, who lives in Denver, has charge of the sale of this shoe throughout the United States and he told me of the improvements to date.

Needless to say I am a great admirer of Ted Allen and have watched him pitch a number of times. I watched his fine exhibition at the Denver Stock Show on January 16th. He had an audience of 10,000 people for eight nights, and with Homer Holcomb, the Cow Boy Clown, he gave marvelous exhibitions, which brought round after round of applause.

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I pitch the one and one-quarter turn and am trying to follow the style of Ted Allen. While I am a Class B pitcher and can qualify at only 44 per cent, I am confident that I will make Class A in the next year or two.

There is a fine bunch of fellows in my local club, and with the fine brand of weather that Colorado has, we can pitch nearly every day and evening throughout the summer and fall seasons.

Needless to say, I love the game and will do all I can to help this fine sport.

Very truly yours

C. E. EVANS

550 South Ogden Street

Jan. 23, 1941

Mr. R. B. Howard,  
London, Ohio.

Friend Howard: I enclose one dollar for this year's subscription to the Horseshoe World. I have all issues from December, 1936, to date, but I want to get all back numbers possible. Reading them brings me up-to-date in the past, for in one copy were the names of officers of former Massachusetts State Association. Another the Washington state group. I want to see these two states back in the association. It cannot be the amount of yearly dues that caused them to resign.

The 13th Annual Evening Star Duckpin tournament which ended here January 3, had 16,908 entrants, men and women. At least 20,000 are members of leagues here, many in two or more leagues. The average cost to each member is \$40 per season. Twenty-six major bowling establishments here have one million five hundred thousand dollars invested in buildings and equipment alone. These are conservative estimates.

January 4th, recreation bowling alleys in Baltimore, Md., (40 miles distant) held United States Duck Pin Sweepstakes, 71 experts, 25 from that city, 22 from here, 20 from Connecticut, and the remainder few scattered. Each paid entry fee of \$50 and each rolled 15 games which added \$3.00 more to the cost of each bowler. \$3550 total cash prizes—\$1,000 1st, \$500 2nd, and \$400 3rd. Fifty one were out of the money.

There are no bowling alleys in back yards or side lots. The more than 850 recreation associations in the U. S. do not maintain free bowling alleys. He who bowls pays the entire cost.

I wonder how many horseshoe pitchers have the free use of well conditioned courts and how many of these do not own a pair of pitching shoes all over the United States. These are not be censored too severely. Horse-

shoe pitching is a friendly game and enthusiasts usually have three or four pair with them and are glad to have others use them. But some one or more have made this possible. Over twenty years ago the National Horseshoe Pitchers Assn. was established and standards of play and equipment that are in use today are the result of the untiring efforts of many real pioneers. Many of these are still in harness, real optimists. We, who have the benefit of all the years of constant work of those who created the friendliest, most scientific of sports today owe a debt we cannot pay them. We can however justify their faith in the ultimate success of this grand old game by becoming members of the National Horseshoe Pitchers' Association. You who are not members send 25c to J. Robert Tompkin, National Secretary, 711 Burnett Ave., Ames, Iowa, for 1941 annual dues, to aid in expansion program. For this small amount you in a manner of speaking become part owner of many horseshoe courts all over America. And you will be doing your bit to promote the sport.

Yours,

HARRY WOODFIELD

Mr. R. B. Howard, Editor  
Horseshoe World,  
London, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Howard: Thank you for the copy of the January issue of the "World", as I did not hear regarding the delay I am still puzzled, however I have it now and want to thank you for giving your efforts to keep the spark alive, a boost in the "World."

I am enclosing the results of the second round of the Handicap League, there are several changes in positions, also my name is missing from the All Stars, the reason for this that is to keep every one happy I gave my place to Gardner, and now I am the SUBSTITUTE for all teams, I do get a chance to play on Sundays and Thursdays as you can see. There is also the results of the Club series. It is still early and Stamford may get going but it will have to go some as we are pretty steady in averaging our 45 per cent as a team.

I am enclosing a clipping and the results of our Horseshoe Monthly Tourneys. As you see I was lucky and got my shoes, so next week I have to stay out. But what do you think of the second prize. I wish that the tournament managers would take the "Horseshoe World" in consideration when they are awarding their prizes, a year's subscription is a much better prize than "some of these so-called medals" some of the boys get. Can you not present this idea to them in the Horseshoe World. I am enclosing

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ing Joe Hammer's subscription that he won. Start him off with the January issue.

I did not hear from Middletown yet so I cannot say if their writing was only a flash in the pan or not. However time will tell. I did hear from the Forest Hill club, of Newark, New Jersey, inviting us over for a game at their in-door courts, but as we are committed to play at White Plains every Sunday this year we could not accept the invitation. I did write him that if he could spare three or more men to send them to White Plains for a game and that next October when we plan our schedule we would include Forest Hill for a home and home series. We intend to visit their courts if possible, as we are interested in seeing their outfit. You see we always prided ourselves in saying that we had the best layout in the East, but we are always looking for new ideas. In regards to this club and their courts I find on inquiry that they are unknown to the one I spoke to. Maybe this is their first year and a notice in the "World" would get them some games. The address is Forest Hill Horseshoe Club, 228 Lincoln Ave., Newark, New Jersey.

When you write again let me know the price of extra copies of the World. No doubt you intended to let me know as I had asked about this in my last note to you.

Well there is not much to write about. Oh, yes, you will like this, remember I told you that I would like to give the "World" as consolation prizes in our Handicap League, but as the entry fee only totaled nine dollars, we could not do much, well the first and second prizes (six medals) will be donated by the White Plains Recreation Bureau. How is that? This leaves me to go ahead and say that there will be at least six prizes of a year's subscription to the World. I will list the prizes in my next letter if I get them outlined. I hope I can get two more prizes, then all players in the League will get something. Some folks say that when all get prizes that this is bribery. I do not think so as Frank Hanlon, commissioner of Recreation for White Plains said to me, "When you graduate from school you all get a diploma, do you not, and you take it home and hang it on the wall, to show that you did accomplish something regardless of your school marks."

A few comments on the articles in the World:

Page seven, Johnny Sebek's letter was good except for one paragraph. He says, "It is time that the lower bracket pitchers support the experts, and in turn the experts will support

the lower bracket pitchers." To my mind this is all wrong. The experts should support and encourage the lower bracket pitchers. The experts should do the following first, see that the lower bracket players are allowed to pitch in their own division at all tournaments, see that there are prizes for them in proportion to the experts' prizes, let the experts encourage membership in the State and National Organizations, give advice and instruction as to how to hold the shoe, deliver it and also see that the conduct of the pitchers at the tournaments is up to par. In other words it is the so-called experts who should be on the job. It is the lower bracket pitcher who buys the shoes that put the "stamp money" in the national fund. I know, as we sell and raffle off two dozen pairs a year, and no experts get them.

What is wrong with the Experts in doing this? In their community there must be a club or two. Why could they not be invited to attend a club gathering and they should accept the invitation, give the boys a talk on the art of pitching, the right and wrong way to pitch, the merits of belonging to the State and National Association, How to conduct oneself at tournaments, etc., also tell the boys why they should take the "World." In other words get out and help, encourage and show the lower bracket pitchers how it should be done.

Referring to "Horseshoe Fund Donors". Where are the names of the so-called experts? Are they not the ones to whom this money will go when and if it takes place. Maybe if their names were seen more often behind these ventures, then the little guy would take heart and get in line, too. My suggestion to this fund is that a trophy be gotten with the money and that an expert would have to win it three times to take it out of circulation.

I see where the National wants 5,000 more members. Fine, but I did not know there were that many experts in the country. It is time they gave the little guy his due, as it will be his money that keeps the experts going. From experience I have found out that the only time a majority of the experts bought a card from the state was when they were entering a tournament and were willing to dig down for the privilege of playing. (I better not say too much as I have no Card. This is personal between the secretary of the state and myself, I am going to take out one direct). Some day you will get the dope on our feud, or you will get some idea when you see our club roster.

**Referring to Harry Henn's Article.**

This is a swell idea, and we liked it

so well that when Ed McGuire, of Auburn, proposed it in the "RINGER" in 1938 we were willing to try it out in White Plains but could not get the backing of the experts. It would have been tried this winter but no outside support. I hope his venture is successful and will be rooting for him. But I think he should have included six-man teams as the fifth man cannot enter the doubles or all events, that is if he wishes to partner with one of his team mates, of course, he could get a partner, no doubt, but then he would be out of the all events. Maybe I should write Henn and ask him for the dope on this. I would like to go out and enter into the Pitch Off.

Well this is all for now. I am enclosing \$1.00 in stamps to pay for the subscription of Joseph Hammer, 155 Underhill Ave., White Plains, N. Y.

Trusting this finds all will eventually put their shoulders to the wheel. As ever,

FRANK J. TROXEL,

Secretary Recreation Horseshoe Club  
White Plains, N. Y.



Canton, Ohio, Feb. 9, 1941

Mr. R. B. Howard  
Publisher, The Horseshoe World.

Dear sir: A solution to the problem confronting our sport and associations is absolutely imperative, and must be found immediately.

I believe before I enumerate ideas which I believe necessary to the development of our sport and associations, it would be proper to point out the causes of our present conditions which exist in our set-up today.

Allow me to state here that there is universally a tendency to attribute our failures and shortcomings upon our national association. I believe in all earnestness and sincerity that there in lies the gravest error!

The national association is only reflecting the conditions with which our state associations are struggling!

There is absolutely NO cohesion between the horseshoe pitchers and their associations. The state associations are weak due to the lack of a program for the pitchers. And that lack of a program is due to non-support of the pitchers. Thousands of pitchers in each state cannot see the necessity of becoming members of the state associations due to the fact that there is no program for them. In turn, the state associations are handicapped financially due to this non-support which they are receiving, so that it is impossible for them to put forth a program for pitchers.

And our national association? It is expected to inherit these serious defects (of non-co-operation, no financial support).  
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cial support) and perform miracles for the horseshoe pitchers of our country. The poor national association has been the target of critics for failure to do what is expected of them, when, in all justice, it is absolutely the fault of the very horseshoe pitchers who expect these concessions!

Various theories have been set forth as to the causes of the decline in membership in our associations and the lack of support which the associations receive. Some have favored, at one time, to change the name of our sport, others have advocated changing the scoring method. This latter seems to be the most in favor at the present.

It is deemed as the cure for our present state of affairs. It is a fine thing, this non-cancellation method, the idea of Mr. Chess, Ohio State secretary, but I stand firm in my opinion that the game as it stands today could be better. There is nothing wrong with the game of horseshoes as it is. The whole trouble lies in the lack of cohesion between the associations and the pitchers.

In other words, the average horseshoe pitchers are unwilling to invest their financial support in their organizations, which in turn are helpless to carry out programs for their benefit.

Why are the horseshoe pitchers reluctant to join the association? The main reason is the fact that they expect immediate results. When those are not forthcoming they immediately become discouraged and become inactive.

The state associations need great financial resources if they are to be able to put any program into effect. It is up to every pitcher to start an organizing campaign to add members of their state associations. It is not enough for one pitcher to join and then sit back expecting the other fellow to follow suit. Each pitcher must organize those pitchers and fans about him. It is the duty of all the horseshoe pitchers to get everybody they can into their associations.

By building strong local clubs and seeing to it that every member of the club is a state association member, you can, in turn, build up a strong national organization. If there is no local club in your town join the state and national organizations regardless.

When your state and national organizations are solid and have finan-

ces, then a program can be readily put in effect, which will benefit all classes of pitchers. However, horseshoe pitchers, you must do your part. Then the state and national organizations can do their part.

In no way, or manner, forget the "Horseshoe World" in your organizing efforts. It is absolutely an essential part of our sport. We must have it, so as to keep in touch with all developments which take place.

I believe that now, before the coming horseshoe season, it would be well if the state and national organizations would draw up some form of program, which would be an incentive for recruiting new members. Also it would give the members a chance to share in the activities which emanate from the program.

I believe that the National League idea sponsored by Mr. Lee Rose, of Detroit, former national secretary, is absolutely a real boon to horseshoe pitching in general. I would suggest that the national association officers and state association officers get in touch with Mr. Rose and form plans for putting this idea into effect this summer. It had a good deal of success when it was put into effect last year, and if proper efforts towards establishing this idea country-wide are made, horseshoe pitching will sweep this hemisphere. And horseshoe pitchers this is no idle boast! The publicity, which is essential for any type of venture, that the game will receive from such a program will be tremendous.

Sports writers in my district have time and again spoken most highly of the National League idea. They are unanimous in their opinion that it is one of our essential programs. And they have backed their opinions by giving horseshoe pitching unheard of publicity this last summer when Canton had a team entered.

And further, plans for tournaments so as to give all classes of pitchers to share in the prizes must be prepared. The state associations can draw up and put into effect state leagues, thus giving a change to the weaker players to enjoy some activity outside the sphere of their locality.

There should be league prizes. It will take a tremendous amount of effort, but it can be done easily with co-operation on the part of everyone concerned. So there's no time to start like the present.

One thing more. Although not in favor of the non-cancellation method which was brought forth by Mr. Chess of Cleveland, I am willing to aid him in every way possible to make the coming Ohio State Tournament a great success. It will be the first time that this method of scoring will have

been used in a tournament. I sincerely wish him every success in the world as I know he deserves it. He is a sincere man and loves the horseshoe game.

I urge all pitchers and club officials in Ohio to support Mr. Chess in his plans for the coming state tournament. His method of scoring, the non-cancellation system, which he believes helps the weaker pitcher, deserves a fair trial.

However, it is necessary to form plans for league activity in Ohio and it would be well if Mr. Chess and other officers of our state association would get in touch with Mr. Rose, of Detroit, in order to get the National League into effect in our state, before the tournament.

League activity will increase the activity of the horseshoe pitchers, which in turn will aid the local clubs, who in their turn will boost the state associations to new high spots in membership and finally our national association through its affiliation with the state associations will become a solid, influential organization.

I urge all state officers of our associations in the country to get in touch with Mr. Rose immediately so as to have a National League throughout the country this summer. It would also be advisable to have state leagues that is, leagues within each state.

Horseshoe pitchers! Join your organizations, get everybody you can to join. Increased membership means greater financial strength in our associations and then and only then can they give you pitchers what you want.

Your rewards will be in exact proportion to the amount of energy and finances that you put into your organizations.

Let's make the coming season something to remember with pride! Start now!

Yours sincerely,

JOHN SEBEK, 1417 Superior Ave.

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#### CONDUCT

Conduct, culture and character are graces that go through life hand in hand, never separate or alone. Happy is he who has more than a speaking acquaintance with each. — Elbert Hubbard.

When one door closes, another opens; but often we look so long and regretfully upon the closed door that we do not see the one which has opened for us. Defeat is nothing but education; it is the first step toward something better.—Nuggets.

# Complete Statistics Of The 1940 World Tournament

By LEE ROSE, Former National Secretary

	W	L	P	R	DR	SP	TFD	CFD	CD	R.Pct.	P	Opponents'		H.G.	LG
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Guy Zimmerman .....	28	2	1,496	1,884	808	2,188	414	9	18	.861	597	1,596	.729	.932	.800
Ted Allen .....	28	2	1,479	2,187	897	2,642	491	9	15	.828	876	1,976	.747	.958	.745
Fernando Isais .....	28	2	1,476	1,923	789	2,330	411	8	15	.825	753	1,677	.719	.896	.750
"Casey" Jones .....	24	6	1,476	2,043	823	2,538	434	8	14	.824	947	1,864	.734	.900	.723
Alvin Gandy .....	22	8	1,377	1,929	746	2,464	395	6	13	.782	,032	1,809	.734	.891	.653
Ira Allen .....	22	8	1,379	1,896	738	2,438	385	5	12	.777	.047	1,775	.732	.878	.613
Robert Bales .....	22	8	1,357	1,933	740	2,510	401	7	13	.770	,046	1,832	.729	.875	.602
Lyle Brown .....	22	8	1,364	1,873	706	2,454	369	6	17	.763	,058	1,757	.715	.883	.676
John Sebek .....	20	10	1,371	1,992	681	2,574	420	6	12	.774	,066	1,907	.741	.880	.700
Dean Brown .....	18	12	1,359	1,994	785	2,522	427	8	13	.790	,024	1,878	.744	.901	.687
Sidney Harris .....	18	12	1,271	1,765	676	2,284	320	7	13	.772	,029	1,648	.721	.897	.653
"Sam" Somerhalder .....	18	12	1,289	1,858	702	2,444	387	5	12	.760	,073	1,785	.730	.928	.611
Harvey Elmeron .....	18	12	1,215	1,704	626	2,308	330	6	11	.738	1,164	1,698	.735	.855	.621
Ellis Griggs .....	17	13	1,314	1,836	680	2,472	341	7	9	.742	1,217	1,800	.728	.842	.621
Dale Dixon .....	17	13	1,224	1,665	612	2,308	320	5	12	.721	1,210	1,661	.720	.836	.544
Lee Rose .....	13	17	1,128	1,716	641	2,318	332	6	11	.740	1,299	1,757	.758	.865	.542
Alvin Dahlene .....	13	17	1,255	1,704	609	2,372	325	5	9	.713	1,277	1,731	.729	.813	.515
Roland Kraft .....	13	17	1,288	1,638	577	2,290	294	5	12	.715	1,386	1,665	.727	.814	.523
John Paxton .....	12	18	1,076	1,514	491	2,272	257	5	6	.666	1,303	1,608	.707	.797	.425
Eddie Packham .....	11	19	1,034	1,531	537	2,198	286	4	10	.696	1,315	1,622	.738	.880	.520
Joe Bennett .....	10	20	1,118	1,608	560	2,314	297	8	10	.694	1,339	1,687	.728	.796	.547
Clayton Henson .....	10	20	1,104	1,500	505	2,166	257	6	8	.692	1,323	1,589	.733	.791	.466
Joe Dubie .....	10	20	997	1,433	481	2,152	236	4	7	.665	1,358	1,530	.711	.792	.413
Irwin Hosier .....	9	21	1,131	1,645	552	2,388	285	4	8	.688	1,388	1,735	.726	.808	.500
Nels Peterson .....	9	21	960	1,333	432	2,004	213	3	8	.665	1,050	1,459	.728	.850	.500
Thorsten Madsen .....	7	23	983	1,338	441	2,046	222	4	10	.654	1,362	1,478	.722	.750	.500
Gaylord Peterson .....	6	24	1,010	1,405	458	2,148	225	5	8	.654	1,414	1,534	.714	.739	.473
Wilbert Steinkamp .....	6	24	799	1,158	355	1,874	167	4	9	.617	1,419	1,361	.726	.757	.452
Howard Robinson .....	5	25	964	1,408	464	2,146	246	5	9	.656	1,397	1,564	.728	.857	.456
W. O. Maxwell .....	5	25	824	1,296	403	2,040	210	4	8	.635	1,422	1,484	.727	.744	.520
"Lefty" Steinmann .....	4	26	840	1,201	368	1,950	181	4	7	.615	1,465	1,413	.724	.730	.520
Totals.....	465	465	36,958	51,910	18,873	71,154	9,878	9	18	.728	36,958	51,910	.728	.958	.413

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Buckeye State Horseshoe Pitcher's Association.  
6208 Quimby Ave. Cleveland, O.  
February 3, 1941

Mr. Willard Ruse,  
608 West 8th Street,  
Aledo, Ills.  
cc, The Horseshoe World.  
My Dear Mr. Ruse:

I am happy to add your name to my mailing list, not because you mentioned my name in your article on page 7 of the January, 1941 issue of the Horseshoe World, but simply because it was just "plain horse-sense."

Take the boy or girl who becomes enthused over the sport and especially the "great" healthful outdoor exercise it affords and after getting under way only to find out "under the cancel

method" that a single ringer of their opponent cancels "both of their close-shoes "within count" becomes discouraged and drops out of it. That is the thing that licks the sport, and as much as we hate to see the old method go, go it must if the sport is "ever" to succeed for the reason that "ringer" pitchers are not made "over night." It is a science that takes years.

It is my honest opinion, through my personal contacts over many years, that the percentage of sportsmanship among horseshoe pitchers is just as high, if not higher, than those of any other sport, and when the time comes that the boys controlling National Conventions divorce themselves from personal desires, and reason things out for the best interests of all players as well as the National and State Associations, the sooner the 2,000,000 players will put their 25 cents on the line for affiliation producing \$500,000, which is a half million dollars, and sufficient for National, State and Local tourneys besides other things that might help the players and their families in the way of insurance.

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that I was handy with the typewriter and calculating machines, being an office man, and I was made an officer, then on the league and shortly thereafter as secretary of the State. My average thereafter went down because I had no chance to practice regularly. I love the cancel, but it "just" won't click as a financial success. I am enclosing our 1941 Buckeye State set-up along with some other dope which I know you will be interested in. I want you to know that Ohio appreciates your article and we will look forward for more of such.

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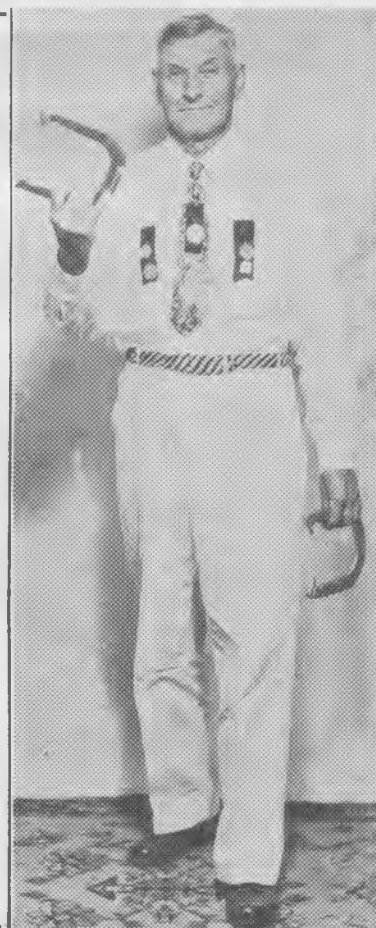
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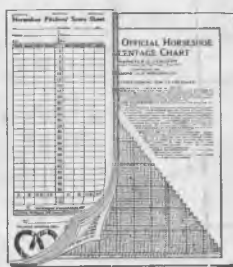


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