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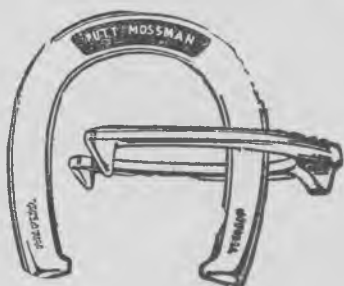
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IF we were dedicating this special Anniversary Number as authors do with books, we would dedicate it to C. Ervin Sturm, co-founder of the Horseshoe World.

While Mr. Sturm sold his interest in the magazine to the present owner only a few months after the first issue appeared, due to a change in his residence, the idea for such a magazine was largely his; it was his inspiration his vision and his technical knowledge of the game at a time when the writer was uninitiated, that spurred the magazine on to higher goals.

Mr. Sturm has been in the newspaper business in Leesburg, Ohio, for several years, having purchased a newspaper soon after the Horseshoe World was started.

So we pay tribute today on our Tenth Anniversary to Mr. Sturm—a good horseshoe pitcher and a jolly good fellow!

January, 1931

Our Birthday

WE come to you on our 10th Anniversary, as we did with our initial issue, pledging to the horseshoe pitchers of the world, the best that we can afford in the way of a magazine that will give the horseshoe news from everywhere, promote the best interests of the game and at the same time render a service to mankind in spreading the gospel of horseshoe pitching as a clean, enjoyable and health-building recreation.

The past years have been difficult, yet they have been pleasant, thanks to the many kind friends of the game and the magazine who have helped us in so many ways. Tasks have been lightened by kind words from pitchers who appreciate our efforts and we are beginning today with renewed effort to repay by making the Horseshoe World the very best we can make it.

We ask you to join with us in this happy celebration of our 10th Anniversary and we wish you a Happy New Year.

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.

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CHAMPS WE HAVE KNOWN--*A Review by the Editor*

CHAMPIONS have come and gone since the Horseshoe World has been in existence. Some have been able to keep in the limelight for considerable time and other stellar attractions have soon been dimmed by new champs after having held the title one season.

Funny, how America idolizes champions. Flag-pole sitters, champion this and champion that hold the interest of Americans, draw fat theater contracts and break front pages of the metropolitan dailies.

Champion horseshoe pitchers have their place in the sun, too. There are more than two million horseshoe pitchers in the United States who think some day they will be a Charlie Davis or Frank Jackson. The women pitchers are sure that they can become a Mayme Francisco or a Mrs. Lanham.

That's what makes the pegs click.

This ever-hoping notion that you can increase your ringer percentage, that you can flop them on just as good as a champion—that makes good horseshoe pitching—that's why there are so many horseshoe courts in America.

But getting back to the "coming" and "going" of champions—

Let's start at the beginning and brush up our horseshoe history and renew our knowledge regarding our national champions.

Years ago the world was introduced to the "grand old man of the horseshoe game," Frank E. Jackson, of Lamoni, Ia., who won his first national championship at Bronson, Kansas.

He successfully defended his title yearly until the World's Championship Tournament held in St. Petersburg, Fla., Feb. 22-26, 1919, when he did not defend his title. In September, 1921, in a World's Championship Tournament, held in Minneapolis, Minn., he again won the world's championship and for the second time failed to defend his title at the next world's championship meet.

At the World's Championship Tournament in St. Petersburg, Fla., Feb. 8-18, 1926, Mr. Jackson again won the world's championship from a field of

32 other contestants, pitching an average of .614 per cent ringers in the finals. He and Putt Mossman tied in games won and lost in the finals, and agreed to play off the tie for the championship in a series of three 50-point games. Each won one game, Jackson winning the third game by two points. Mr. Jackson is a farmer.

With 18 other contestants in the field, Fred M. Brust won the world's championship at St. Petersburg in February, 1919. He lost only one game in 54. While he has never held the title but once, Mr. Brust, who is a Columbus, Ohio, business man and the owner of the Ohio Horseshoe Co., is still a mighty good pitcher.

And then we come in contact with another good pitcher, who won his title at St. Petersburg in February, 1920. George W. May, Akron fireman. George proved to the world that he could manage the Dobbins as well as a fire-hose and he knocked off the entire tournament,

with 24 entrants, without losing a game.

May failed to defend his title in the next tournament, but again became world's champion at Cleveland in the fall of 1923. We saw him pitch in this tournament and have always classed him as one of the top-notchers.

Charles Bobbitt, Lancaster, O., copped the title in a tournament held in Williams Park, St. Petersburg, on February 21-27, 1921. Bobbitt has not competed in a National tournament since. Bobbitt pitched a wicked shoe while he was in the public eye, however, and his name is well remembered in horseshoe history.

One of the most colorful figures in the horseshoe realm has been Charles Clyde Davis, a Columbus, O., carpenter, who won his first championship at St. Petersburg in February, 1922. There were 22 entered.

Davis has traveled into almost every corner of the United States giving exhibition matches, doing fancy pitching. Even with the widest pub-

licity given to the crowning of new champions you could always find some who believed Davis was still the champion. This was due, perhaps, to his unusual skill and wide acquaintance.

He became champion again in February, 1924, and again in February, 1927. He defended his title successfully in the summer meet at Duluth, August, 1927, and in February, 1928 refused to give up the crown, thus making five national victories to his credit.

Out in New London, Iowa, a boy took a notion in 1922 that Ohio had had enough champions and that the crown should go to the state made famous by Jackson. And that's what happened—Frank Lundin, a shoemaker lad, entered the national events at Des Moines, August 28-September 1, 1922, and won the championship. He was unable to keep the title in the winter meeting at St. Petersburg the following year, losing to Harold Falor, who, then, was a 15-year-old school boy in Akron, O.

The writer witnessed the tournament in St. Petersburg in 1923 and saw this lad take 29 other contestants, including such noted personages as Lundin, defending his title, and Davis, Jackson, "Kelly" Spencer and others, into camp.

What a tournament! What crowds and what interest! Florida was in her prime then and the Sunshine Pleasure Club boys and the St. Pete Chamber of Commerce did things up in great fashion.

Imagine young Falor's eyes when he was handed a bag of gold containing \$500, in addition to a diamond studded

world's championship gold medal and a cartload of merchandise given by "Sunshine City" business houses. Falor's parents brought his education came first and he wasn't allowed in any more tournaments until the Florida classic of 1928, in which he did not fare so well.

Now let us introduce one Orren "Putt" Mossman. This Iowa youth's career reads like an Alger book and



has been every bit as colorful as that of Charlie Davis.

Putt goes in for all kinds of sports—boxing, baseball, etc., and has spent some time in Hollywood. He fills theater engagements and thrills crowds at the state fairs and expositions with his dare-devil motorcycle stunts and his trick and fancy horse-shoe pitching.

Mossman, whose home town is Eldora, Ia., won his first national horse-shoe honors at Minneapolis, Minn., in September, 1924. He successfully defended his title at Lake Worth, Fla., the following winter. He lost his title to Frank Jackson at St. Petersburg in February, 1926.

And now we are down to the present champion, Blair Nunamaker, of Cleveland, O. Nunamaker has not been called upon to defend his title since winning it in 1929, since no national tournaments have been held.

He won his first world's championship honors at Waterfront Park, St. Petersburg, Fla., in the tournament held February 4 to 9, 1929, although he has been a contender for this title in a number of previous tournaments. He lost only one game and that to Duryee, and made a ringer percentage of .695, which is the largest total percentage ever made by any player in any such tournament on a single round robin plan.

The first time we hear of Nunamaker in a world's championship tournament is in September, 1923, in Cleveland, O., where he won 16 games and lost 16 in the preliminaries with a total percentage of ringers of .426. He was successful in getting into the finals in which he won the eleventh place, although he lost 15 of his 20 games. His ringer percentage in the finals was the same as in the preliminaries.

His next trial to win the highest honors was at the Lake Worth, Fla., world's championship tournament in February, 1925, in which he made the eighth place in the preliminaries, winning 22 and losing 9 games with a total ringer percentage of .499. In the finals he made a total ringer percentage of .551, losing 30 games and winning only 25, which gave him the seventh place.

In the world's championship tournament held in St. Petersburg, Fla., in February, 1926, he again competed, winning third place in the preliminaries with 30 games won and only two lost, and a total ringer percentage of .552. In the finals, however,

he was only able to get fourth place by winning 21 of his 30 games with a total ringer percentage of .574.

In February, 1927, he was again a competitor in the world's championship tournament held in St. Petersburg, Fla. In the preliminaries he won 23 of his 25 games, making a total ringer percentage of .600, and stood in the second place. In the finals, however, he lost 6 of his 33 games and had to be contented with third place, although he made a .625 total ringer percentage.

He did not compete in the tournament held in Duluth, Minn., in August 1927, but he again entered the world's championship tournament held in St. Petersburg, in February, 1928. Here he won 27 of his 29 games in the preliminaries, with a total ringer percentage of .628, which gave him second place. In the finals, however, although he pitched a total of .662 percentage of ringers, he was able to win only 23 of his 33 games, which put him in the third place.

And last, but not least, comes a review of the work of the lady champions of the nited States. Not so many champions are listed in this division—only three having held championship honors since the first tournament was held.

Mrs. J. F. Francisco is the present lady champion, having won the title at St. Petersburg in February, 1929. She has held the title many times, winning first at St. Petersburg in February, 1922, and also in February, 1923, and at Cleveland, O., in September, 1923, and at St. Petersburg in February, 1928, and again in February, 1929.

Mrs. C. A. Lanham, of Bloomington, Ill., is a housekeeper who first won honors as world's champion horseshoe pitcher at the tournament held in Des Moines, Iowa, August 28-Sept. 1, 1922. She did not defend her title at the tournament held at St. Petersburg, Fla., Feb. 19-24, 1923, but at the meet held in Cleveland, Ohio, Sept. 19-23, 1923, she lost her title but made a world's record for women by pitching .708 per cent ringers in a 50-point game. She won her title again at the Lake Worth, Fla., tournament Feb. 18-23, 1924, successfully defended it at Minneapolis, Minn., Sept. 17-21, 1924, and at Lake Worth, Fla., Feb. 16-28, 1925. She did not compete in tournaments again until the one held in Duluth, Minn., Aug. 8-15, 1927, where she again won world's championship hon-

ors.

In the tournament at St. Petersburg, Fla., Feb. 20th to March 1, 1928, she did not compete and lost her title. She regained the title of World's Champion woman pitcher at the Rochester, N. Y., Exposition September 3rd to 6th, 1928, where the women's tournament was held.

The third champion is Mrs. George Brouillette, of Minneapolis, who has been pitching horseshoes for a number of years. She first won women's world championship honors at the tournament held in St. Petersburg, Fla., Feb. 8 to 18, 1926, winning all of the 14 games she was scheduled to play. There were five other contestants. She successfully defended her title at St. Petersburg, Fla., Feb. 14 to 23, 1927, making an average of 47 per cent ringers in all of her games in the finals. There were four other contestants.

Who tomorrow's champions will be cannot be safely predicted. When another tournament is held—and we hope that is soon—some "dark horse" may emerge from some playground lane or from some barnyard court and break all records.

It is the world's most democratic sport—anyone can enjoy horseshoe pitching and anybody can win a championship if he or she improve their skill sufficiently.

That is the romance of horseshoe pitching!

HOUGH IN SUNNY SOUTH

James Hough, North Main St., Champaign county's horseshoe pitching king, and his wife, will leave on Tuesday morning by automobile for St. Petersburg, Fla., where they expect to spend the winter months.

Mr. Hough says he expects to continue his ringer tossing under the balmy southern skies and will enter the national tournament again if held in the South.

For several years Mr. and Mrs. Hough have made their annual pilgrimages to the southland.—Urbana (O.) Citizen.

Among those who are members of the Horseshoe World's Ten-Year Club having taken the magazine since it started, is, D. J. Cowden, Adair, Ia. Mr. Cowden is much interested in the game and has many good ideas for scoring games, tabulating records, etc.

Gardner, Mass., has an indoor club with 52 members.

"EXPERTS"

A WORD FROM
THURMAN "Dusty" MILLER
 NATIONALLY-KNOWN WILMINGTON, OHIO, HUMORIST

SOME Wisecracker once said that an Expert is a fellow who knows more and more about less and less, and on that theory, fellows, I'm an expert hoss-shoe pitcher! When I was a boy the "corners" used to tell about the time Fatty and Shorty drove into Petersburg one Sattidy evening, considerably under the influence of then unprohibited beverages—that was along about 1895 B V D—before the Volstead disaster, understand.

Stopping in front of the village store, Fatty studied, through blurred eyes, the lettering on the Odd Fellows Hall across the way. He read it aloud, to the cock-eyed world: "I. O. O. F.!" Dazed, and appalled, he muttered: "One Hundred Feet! Gawd, ain't that high!"

My own golf score and the other fellow's horseshoe score always remind me of this incident, and, like Fatty, I muttered: "Gawd, ain't that high!"

And the Horse Shoe World is ten years old!

Think o 'that!

I remember when it was "bornd-ed" in my newspaper office, and I've seen every copy of it since.

Gee, how the chee-ild has grown!

As a horseshoe pitcher, personally, I'd do just as well throwing red-hot rivets from the ground to a guy with a bucket on the 'steenth floor of a skyscraper, or for that matter I am just as good at deep-sea diving—but a Merry Christmas-er and a Happy New Year-er, for the fine li'l ole paper, boys, I'm as good as the guy who can pitch ringers over a horse blanket at a distance of 300 feet at midnight in the dark of the moon, during a thunder storm!

Long may the Horse Shoe World wave!



 ROSE CITY HORSESHOE NEWS
 * PORTLAND, OREGON *
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 * By C. Esberg, Secretary *

The big handicap turkey pitch was a big success and seven 14-lb. turkeys were won by members of the Rose City club.

The way this contest was played was as follows:

Each entry pitched 500 shoes, three courts were used—Woodstock, Griffiths and Montavilla—200 shoes on Woodstock, 200 on Montavilla courts and 100 shoes on Griffiths courts. Three Sundays playing.

The different players were handicapped. The 50% pitcher started at the scratch, or no handicap; and for every 5% under the player was given 10 points. The lowest percentage player was a 15% per cent pitcher, so he was given 70 points to each 100 shoes or a total of 350 points for 500 shoes.

This was done so as to give the poor player a fair chance with the good player.

Now if you think the crack players won all the turkeys you are mistaken as the 50 per cent players had to pitch shoes to get in the money, and only one player, O. Johnson, with no handicap, got his turkey, his score was 958 points out of 500 shoes.

The other six winners were three 30 per cent players, two 20 per cent players and one 15 per cent pitcher.

Twenty-five players entered this contest and the games had to be played on schedule days, rain, shine or snow. That is what made it good, as we had every kind of weather—lots of rain and wind, but our courts are all covered, but open in the center, and the games were all played under these conditions.

Will say that the horseshoe game in Portland is played all winter on these courts and other ones and that the interest the players take in this sport is wonderful.

It is my honest opinion that horseshoe contest as promoted by our club and other clubs in Portland will be the making of the game in this territory, as each year hundreds of new players can be seen at the game.

The Rose City club looks forward to a big season next year and with the state association now working to perfection you can look for some interesting contests in 1931. We are now working on a Northwest meet to be held in July that will bring all the crack players together as we have 20 or more in Oregon and Washington that are 60 per cent pitchers, and some as high as 70 per cent, so why not a \$2000 tournament for these gents to shoot at.

A few tournaments played like these in different parts of the United

States would certainly put horseshoe playing on a par with other sports.

It certainly was a great boost to the game when the boys elected Mrs. Sayre and Mrs. Kittilsen officers in the Washington State Association as I think the women are good boosters and can play the game with the same spirit the men do.

Will say that the women in Portland play horseshoes as well as the men, and we have four or five now that pitch 50 per cent or better.

I think that the Horseshoe World should be read by every horseshoe player as the more publicity the quicker the game will grow and thrive.

Now a suggestion to subscribers of the World—when you get through reading, give it to a new member of your club. In this way it will help them to learn the different players and also make them a booster for the sport.

Advertising is the success of all business and all sports, so give it all the publicity you can in your own financial way; so join a horseshoe club if you pitch horseshoes, join them all, in your city for dollars is what makes the game good, more places to play, more competition, more players, more fun and more health.

A game of horseshoes a day will keep the doctor away, I know.

C. Esberg, Sec'y



KIND MESSAGES

RECEIVED ON OUR
TENTH ANNIVERSARY



H. L. ERMATINGER

St. Petersburg, Florida

President, National Horseshoe Pitchers Association

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

Dear Friend Howard:

Received your card, announcing the 10th Anniversary of your magazine, and I want to offer my sincere congratulations to you, and my best wishes. No doubt you had many trials and vicissitudes during the 10 years just past, but you know the first ten years are the hardest. You are now entering the second decade and I trust your path will be strewn with roses.

Every horseshoe pitcher in the United States and Canada should subscribe to your interesting magazine, for it always contains a great deal of information and good reading matter. As president of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association, I again wish to congratulate you and to wish you and yours, and through your paper, I wish every subscriber and every horseshoe pitcher throughout the land, and to my fellow officers of the National Association, a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Sincerely yours,

H. L. ERMATINGER

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W. J. SEAS

St. Petersburg, Florida

Treasurer, National Horseshoe Pitchers Association

It's correct, sure enough! The Horseshoe World has been published for ten years. How the things that time and the world bring, hustle up to us, touch us, then scuttle around the corner to greet others.

Since writing the foregoing lines I have leaned back in my comfortable chair for quite a spell. I must have been quiet for a long time because the "missus" called, "what's become of you?" She has known me for many more than ten years and knows how long I can sit without stirring.

I have been rummaging among the pictures hung on the walls of my memory ten years ago. Gosh! They have been hid from view a long time.

Myriads of newer ones covered them and their dusty edges. Here's one of Raymond Howard; and this one must be Mrs. Howard. I do not think I placed them in the group of the wrong year. The scene is Williams Park, St. Petersburg, Florida. A national winter tournament is in progress and they are watching it intently. In between the exciting moments they are showing me The Horseshoe World, telling me their plans for the publication, and Mrs. Howard is writing my receipt for a year's subscription.

In front of us are the tournament courts and the busy contestants. The sand sprays the stake and surroundings every time a shoe lands. They are dandy courts. About the best the players have ever used. Not a stake had been reset all day. And the players do not have many shoes break for them. Several players brought only two pairs of shoes, confident they will not have more than two break during the entire week of play.

There, another double ringer! That's the second one Fred Brust made in this game. Everybody is watching him now to see what he will do next. He has made as high as twenty ringers in one game. There's another game for him. John Robinson, of Uniontown, Pa., is chalking up the score on a large blackboard near us. The crowd is cheering.

What a change has taken place in horseshoe pitching since I placed these pictures where I hope they may remain for many more years. A fellow who can pitch as good as those men did then is in the novice class now. Even I can do it and I am not thought of, and much less mentioned, when they talk about horseshoe pitchers. The methods of scoring used then look so crude now that one employing them would be laughed off the courts. Stakes that have to be reset more than once a year were not put down properly. Shoes that break had a flaw.

Through all this transition, this formative period of the great game, The Horseshoe World has kept up

with the sport. Sometimes at a loss to the publisher. Seldom has it shown a profit. I know. Class publications are often that way. Few publishers stick by a publication of this kind for ten years. The sacrifice is too great. Raymond Howard has done it. More power to him and The Horseshoe World. May the seed that has so patiently been sown bring a bountiful harvest before the end of another decade.

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THE WILLIS AVENUE HORSESHOE CLUB

145 Willis Ave., Springfield, O.

The Horseshoe World,
London, Ohio.

Dear Sirs:

We, the officers and executive committee of the Willis Avenue Horseshoe Club, of Springfield, Ohio, duly assembled

Resolved: To extend to the Horseshoe World of London, Ohio, our hearty appreciation for the valued space in printing our past season's results in their November issue.

Resolved: Further, to offer our congratulations on their tenth anniversary of service to the horseshoe pitchers and followers throughout the world, and wishing them many more successful seasons.

With the best regards, and the seasons greetings, we are

Yours very truly,

WILLIS AVENUE HORSESHOE CLUB

Signed

L. D. JOHNTSON, Pres.,

HARLAN HURLEY, Vice-Pres.

N. J. BENNETT, Secretary,

B. R. HARRAH, Treasurer.

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RUSSELL H. KNIGHT

Columbus, Ohio

Field Manager, Ohio Newspaper Association

Mr. R. B. Howard, Publisher

The Horseshoe World,
London, Ohio.

My Dear Mr. Howard:

Well do I remember the first issue of The Horseshoe World almost ten years ago, and little did I realize the big part it was to play in the development

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NEWS, OFFICIAL REPORTS, ETC.

From the Secretary's Desk

D. D. COTTRELL
Secretary
746 - C - 5th Ave., N.
ST. PETERSBURG, FLA

Happy New Year to all the readers of the Horseshoe World and the horseshoe fans everywhere who ought to be readers of this, the only periodical published about the sport we all love so well. With this issue the World celebrates its Tenth Anniversary and Editor Howard is to be greatly congratulated for the pluck and courage it took to start the publication of such a periodical on a sport that ten years ago was not organized and very little known as a national game, but only on the farms and in the country towns and villages.

The first ruling body of the game that we have any record of was organized in the First District Court room in Kansas City, Kansas, May 16, 1914, which adopted a constitution and by-laws, elected officers and adopted rules for the game. It chose as its name, The Grand League of the American Horseshoe Pitchers Association which granted charters to organized clubs in a number of states. They established the weight of shoes so that in 1915 in the annual tournament no shoe was used that weighed less than two pounds or more than two pounds and three ounces. They kept the rule that leaners counted 3 points, ringers 5 points and no shoe more than 6 inches from the peg would count. Pitchers box was three feet on all sides of the peg, but 6 feet back. Pitcher could stand anywhere in the box. Stakes were 38½ feet apart.

Since that time the present rules have been, through many changes from time to time, decided upon as the best for the development of the game and are practically in universal use not only in this country but all over the world where the good old game has been introduced.

The Horseshoe World has been the connecting link between the organized players throughout the country and the thousands of players, organized clubs and state associations many of which are formed into the state associations affiliated with the National Association. The only trouble is that so comparatively few of the players throughout the country subscribe for the World regularly and so keep up

with the development of the game throughout the country. It should have at least from twenty-five to fifty thousand subscribers, which would enable the editor, Mr. Howard, to make it a much larger periodical and give more of the news of the sport which is so rapidly becoming one of the most fascinating games. Every one reading this should send to the publisher one dollar for the renewal of the World for the coming year, if already a subscriber, or for a year's subscription if not at present a subscriber. Such a shower of dollars as a New Year greeting would be only one dollar from each one, but to Mr. Howard, it would mean a number of thousand dollars and enable him to plan for the year 1931, the greatest magazine on the game ever published. Be a good sport and follow up this suggestion with a letter containing a dollar for your subscription.

The National Tournament will not be held in St. Petersburg this winter, as the city has not the money to finance it. The city this year is not appropriating as much for sports as they did last year, although the sport clubs this season have a much larger membership now than they did last season at this time. Last year, Fort Lauderdale wanted to hold the National tournament, but the matter was not brought up early enough for the necessary arrangements to be made. I have written them this season, but have not heard from them yet. So whether or not a National Tournament can be held in Florida this winter cannot now be announced. Your secretary is now in correspondence with four or five places who want to hold the National Tournament next summer if the necessary financial arrangements can be made. Denver, Colorado, would very much like to hold it and has been promised the backing of the Denver Post. In a recent letter Mr. A. G. Birch, Promotion manager of this paper says:

"The Denver Post is very much interested in promoting horseshoe tournaments and I have been after the Colorado Horseshoe Association for a year to make efforts to bring the National Tournament to Denver. Last

September I had a committee of their men here, and tried to urge them in this direction. They seemed enthused over it. Their one hitch seems to be adequate finances. However, The Post will help them and they seemed to feel there was a chance to raise the rest. You can count on us to boost the proposition all we can, as we would very much like to see your national tournament come here."

In a letter from Mr. A. S. Bonar, President of the State Horseshoe Association, who is also special representative of Continental Casualty in Denver, he says:

"We are all very much interested in having the National Horseshoe Tournament held in Denver if it does not cost us more than we are able to raise for same."

Some of the others have asked that their letters about the holding of the summer tournament be not quoted until they had come to a decision in the matter. All of these applications will be considered by the National officers under the conditions set forth in Sec. 5 of Article VI of the constitution of the National Association. This states that facilities available for conducting a tournament, amount of cash and trophy prizes offered and miscellaneous advantages must be considered in awarding to any place the National Tournament. It is greatly to be hoped that a tournament will be held this coming summer and your national officials will do all they possibly can in awarding such a tournament to look out for the best interests of the National Association and the players and give it to the place making the best proposition, all things being considered.

Mr. Carroll Jackson, who is now living in Chicago, has been in St. Petersburg a month or so on vacation. He told your secretary that a National Tournament could be held in Chicago next summer if it was conducted according to the way he suggested in a letter that he wrote to the Horseshoe World which was published in that periodical some time last winter or spring. He suggested

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M. L. TATE WINS

By HARRY SPURRIER

Sport Writer, Rockford, (Ill.) Register Gazette

Illinois' horseshoe pitching champion, M. L. Tate, of Knoxville, Ill., won the Northern Illinois and Southern Wisconsin championship at Fair Grounds park when he emerged from the final round, against the best group of pitchers ever assembled in Rockford, with nine victories and no defeats.

The tournament, sponsored by the Rockford Horseshoe club, drew 40 entries from 15 towns in Wisconsin and Illinois and Wisconsin. The state champions of Illinois and Wisconsin were present in addition to the defending title-holder and a former Illinois champ.

Never in the history of barnyard golf has such a fast field been assembled in this section of the country. The large crowd of fans assembled to watch the finals were amazed at the uncanny fashion in which the experts scored their ringers, despite the high wind. Time after time all four shoes would be on the peg.

Rockford Man Tied for Fourth

Gaylord Peterson, Illinois ex-champion, was second with eight victories and one defeat. John Harper, of Maquon, Ill., was third, and Clifford Plumb, only Rockford man to qualify for the finals, tied for fourth.

Towns represented by pitchers included: Evansville, Milwaukee and Madison, in Wisconsin, and Rockford, Rochelle, Richmond, Elgin, Marengo, Freeport, Knoxville, Maquon, Toluca, Garden Prairie, Sterling and Aurora, in Illinois.

It remained for Harry Elmerston of Milwaukee, four times the Badger state champion, to supply the sensational work of the afternoon. The wind seemed to bother his game and his spurts were so interlaced with mediocre work that Elmerston was able to finish no better than in a tie for fourth.

Three hundred and seventeen times Elmerston tossed ringers. Seventy-four times his tosses were good for double ringers. Only Tate, with four more double ringers, bettered Elmerston's mark. Tate had five ringers less.

Defending Champ Ninth

George Thompson, of Rochelle, defending title-holder, was unable to finish higher than in a tie for ninth and tenth positions. Thompson was

CHAMPION



Sam B. Mattingly

Mr. Mattingly is the 1930 Louisville City Champion and State Champion of Kentucky.

able to win only one game out of nine.

Qualifying play for the tourney started Saturday noon. The pitchers continued to toss their 100 shoes through Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning. The ten men with the highest scores were named for the finals, which started at 1:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon and finished at 4:45.

The entire group of finalists were as follows: M. L. Tate, Knoxville, Ill.; Gaylord Peterson, Toluca, Ill.; John Harper, Maquon, Ill.; Clifford Plumb, Rockford; H. Elmerston, Mil-

waukee, Wis.; Fred Qually, Madison, Wis.; J. Sweinhamer, Aurora, Ill.; E. Cobb, Aurora, Ill.; George Thompson, Rochelle, Ill.; and Oscar Peterson, Evansville, Wis.

Summary:

	P	R	DR	W	L	Pct.
Tate	450	302	78	9	0	1.000
Peterson	435	261	66	8	1	.880
Harper	434	293	62	7	2	.778
Plumb	403	238	44	5	4	.556
Elmerston	383	307	74	5	4	.556
Qually	374	245	56	4	5	.444
Sweinhamer	281	252	44	3	6	.333
Cobb	286	213	32	2	7	.222
Thompson	304	198	37	1	8	.111
Peterson	253	184	31	1	8	.111

Secretary's Page

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in that letter that the players write to him or the World what they thought of the plan, but told your secretary that he had never had any communication from anyone commenting on the plan. He thought the players ought to write to him or the World what they thought about it. This is again mentioned here in the hopes that some of the players will look up his letter and write him or the World what they think of the matter.

It is a good thing to begin the New Year right by sending the dues for each State Association to the National and also the dues of each club in states where there is no state association organized, to the same place. On receipt of \$5.00 for clubs of less than 50 members or \$10.00 for clubs of over 50 members by the National Association a charter will be sent under the seal of said association giving the right to conduct tournaments, award championships and in all ways control horseshoe activities in the said territory under National rules. To all members of the national that hold annual tournaments sanctions are issued for such tournaments and Certificates of Championship are issued under the seal of the National to the winners and each winner is recognized as the champion in the territory in which the contest is held. Any individual becomes a member of the National Association by sending \$1.00 annual membership dues on receipt of which a membership card is sent under the seal of the association. Send all dues to your secretary whose address appears at the head of this article.

ELEPHANTS and HORSESHOES . . .

By A. K. CHENOWETH

Editor, The Madison Press and Contributor to National Magazines



THE old story of the easy destruction of a bridge with the men of an army marching across it in step has cobwebs all wound 'round its fabric, but the other day we heard a new one that fits it well with the horseshoe pitching game and the lack of the growth of the horseshoe pitchers in a strong, nation-wide organization.

A circus was being held in a small town in the Middle-West and a parade was in motion through the town streets.

Six elephants were in the parade. When the procession neared the bridge over the small stream that passed through the village, and the trainer was preparing to take his great animals over the structure, a civil engineer in the crowd halted the man.

"Don't try to cross that bridge with your elephants holding tails," the man advised.

"Why," the trainer inquired.

"If your six elephants cross that bridge with their tails and trunks linked as they now are, and they remain in step, the bridge will be wrecked."

It took ten minutes to get the animals over the small bridge which swayed dangerously even with the animals out of step and the world was taught another lesson in the power of organization.

We have watched the horseshoe pitchers of the United States in and out of season now for several years and to save our hides, we cannot understand why the association isn't the strongest in the world, with the more than 2,000,000 active pitchers in this country.

We haven't any tails and our trunks are in storage until we leave for the North next summer to fish, but just the same if the hundreds of thousands of shoe tossers in this good old United States were just as well organized as the elephants, the soldiers of the army and the hornets in the old nest in the tree, there

wouldn't be any necessity for the writer to bang out this yarn and the athletic generals of the country would worship at the feet of the pitchers' group.

There are scores of reasons why the horseshoe pitchers should organize more thoroughly and travel more perfectly in step, and there aren't any reasons why they should not do so.

The writer has watched with considerable interest, the efforts of many to boost the great shoe pitching game and to place it in the front rank of athletic and recreational activities, but somehow or other, the right angle has not been touched.

We do not claim to know the answer, or rather all of the answer. But for one thing, it looks like the game is too inexpensive to make the grade with other outdoor and indoor events of an athletic nature.

Put a suit or coat up for sale at \$10 and no one wants to buy it. Mark the price up a couple of hundred per cent to \$20 or \$30 and you have to order more for the trade.

Make the horseshoe pitching game a bit more costly some way or another and it might grow into a national ORGANIZED sport and it might even become first page news because of commercialization, such as football, boxing and the like.

Joking aside, it looks like the horseshoe pitchers of the country are too easy and take their game too lightly to make it the success it richly deserves and to place the game on the firm foundation that it has a right to demand.

And what a game. Think of what horseshoe pitching really is. A form of mild, yet invigorating outdoor or indoor exercise, perfectly safe for all to play, within the reach of all and beyond the ability of none.

It is as old as the hills and just as honorable. It offers much and demands little. It is the friend of rich and poor, high and low, large and small, old and young, and it can be

played most anywhere and most any time.

What it needs is efficient and happy organization and hearty co-operation on the part of the legions interested in the game.

Horseshoe pitching today offers the most fertile field for organization of any sport in the world and the writer for one would like to see the club idea carried to the last line of trenches, over the top into everyman's land and on to success.

Every shoe pitcher should be a member of some club and then boost that club until it becomes a power in its own locality and a part of the power of the district or state organization.

The state organizations should boost the national group and the national group should make the organization so strong that it would function 100 per cent perfect day in and day out to the end that the national, state, district, county and club groups become one great association for the ultimate goal of successful recreation and competition that will attract the notice of the world and help make the old world a better place in which to live.

Horseshoe pitching is on the boom in Staten Island and it appears that many good pitchers will be developed as the result of the efforts of a few to boost the game there.

Indoor courts have been installed in a large garage at 114 Van Duzer St., Tompkinsville, Staten Island, New York.

Among those interested in the game are Senator Mark Allen, M. J. Quigley, of Brook St., Tompkinsville; Lester L. Callan, Corn Exchange Bank Bldg., St. George, Staten Island and others. Mr. Quigley has mastered the open shoe and is pitching a fairly good game.

The City Engineers, headed by their superintendent, Robert W. Wood are tossing the irons.

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Several have written us about the winter tournament. None will be held in St. Petersburg. Turn to Secretary Cottrell's page and read what he has to say on the subject.

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Bert Cornell, 5 Mattie St., Auburn, N. Y., is an excellent pitcher. He likes the game—that is certain since it is known that he pitched horseshoes recently with the mercury standing at 14 degrees above.

INTERSTATE HORSESHOE LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

The Brattleboro, Vt., horseshoe team became champions of the Interstate Horseshoe league by winning seven out of eight games played. Northampton was second to the local team, which this season rolled up the great record of 115 games won and 29 lost.

Four fine pitchers composed the local team. They are: Fremont Whit-

ney, Wesley Burke, Roland Lackey, and Herbert Lackey. A. E. Miller, who was elected president of the league, was the manager and director of the Brattleboro team.

The season was smooth and harmonious and there were no obstacles to the first league season. It is expected that there will be another league next year.

Dubuque, Ia., has some mighty fine courts in Comesky park under the direction of Bernard Joy, recreation superintendent. Dubuque has some good pitchers.

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Fred Brust, ex-national champion, announces the manufacture of a new model pitching shoe in this issue. Fred is now sole owner of the Ohio Horseshoe Co., Columbus, O.

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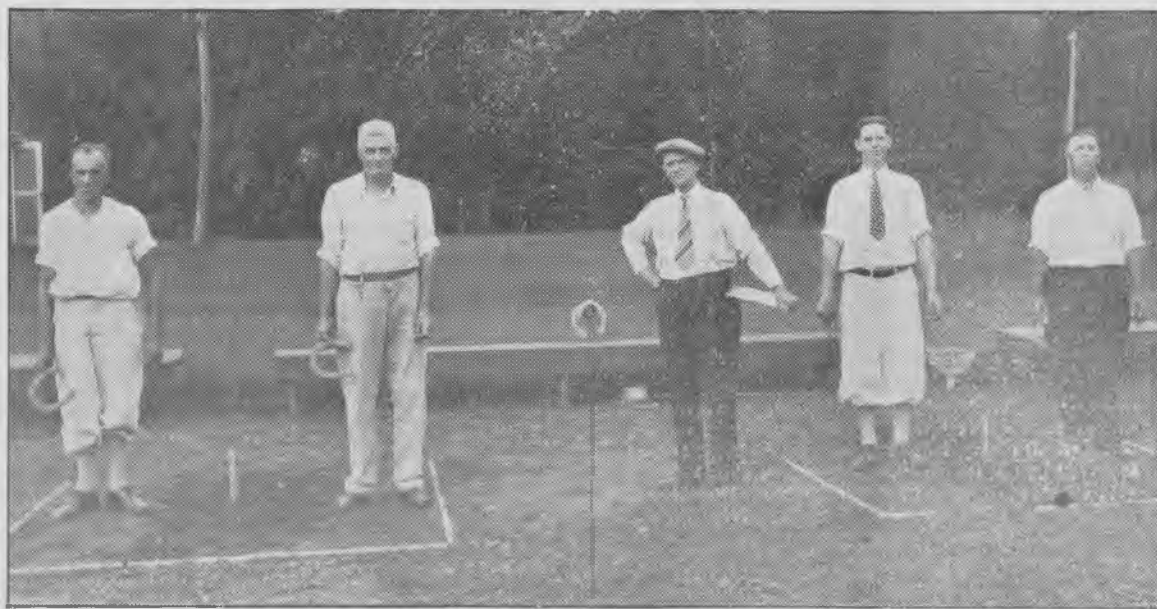
Officers of the Balboa Horseshoe, Chess and Checker Club, Seventh and Date Streets, San Diego, Calif., are B. W. Sinclair, president; Dr. G. Haggard Rider, vice president; Charlie Shaw, secretary, and Fred Williams, treasurer. Courts are located in "beautiful Balboa Park, where we play the game 365 days of the year," according to a line displayed on the club's letterhead.

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Record of Semi-Finals

Prize		W	L	Pts	R	DR	SP	OP	Pct.
	1 Roy Curtis, Rochester.....	9	2	497	300	75	620	371	.484
	2 Herbert Grant, S. Glens Fl.	8	3	510	331	78	660	353	.502
	3 A. H. Holzhauer, Schn'tady	7	4	467	323	80	670	425	.482
	4 Robt. Brown, Rochester.....	7	4	453	329	74	700	443	.490
\$20	5 Frank Antill, Corning.....	7	4	503	315	74	724	484	.435
\$15	6 Henry Sehm, Rochester.....	6	5	495	297	75	660	404	.450
\$10	7 Harold Forbes, Gloversville	6	5	453	283	70	628	436	.450
\$5	8 Fred Redfield, Rochester.....	5	6	431	272	53	708	508	.384
	9 Bert VanAuken, Lacona.....	4	7	408	316	65	710	483	.445
	10 Carroll Blakeslee, Roch.....	3	8	406	278	56	674	477	.411
	11 Sam W. Grant, Rochester.....	2	9	393	273	58	642	480	.425
	12 Robert Burke, Rochester.....	2	9	373	263	56	664	525	.396
Total.....		66	66	5389	3580	814	8060	5389	.444



BRATTLEBORO PENNANT WINNERS

Left to right: Fremont Whitney, Wesley Burke, Austin E. Miller, manager and president of the league; Herbert Lackey and Roland Lackey

Holzhauer, Brown and Antill tied for third place. Played off tie with one 50-point game each. Antill lost both games.

Sehm and Forbes tied for sixth place. On playing off with one 50-point game, Sehm won.

Record of Finals

Prize		W	L	Pts	R	DR	SP	OP	Pct.
\$100	1 H. Grant, S. Glenn Falls	3	0	150	89	21	194	89	.459
\$75	2 Robt. Brown, Rochester...	2	1	121	86	16	186	124	.460
\$50	3 A. Holzhauer, Schnechtady	1	2	133	91	19	218	149	.418
\$25	4 Roy Curtis, Rochester.....	0	3	108	77	19	202	150	.381
		6	6	512	343	75	800	512	.429

HOW PITCHING SHOES ARE MADE

By

E. J. Carlson, President
Indiana Forge & Machine Co.,
Indiana Harbor, Ind.

The average horseshoe pitcher knows that a drop forged shoe is the best shoe, but probably has had no occasion to find out just how such an article is made. The old time village blacksmith shop had its fascination, especially for the children of the neighborhood, and the modern forge shop is fully as interesting. Horseshoes have been made by various processes but to withstand breakage and abuse generally the drop forged shoe is considered the superior article.

Drop forgings are today produced under massive hammers which are operated by steam or are power driven. Before forgings can be produced under such hammers dies are made which contain the impression of the forging which is to be produced. These dies are made of a high quality steel which will withstand the severe blows caused by the hammer when in operation. The impression of the forging is machined into these die blocks by skilled mechanics. The dies are in two halves, a part of the impression being left in each block. One die is fastened in the top part of the hammer known as the ram and the other in the base. The top or ram moves up and down at the control of the operator, and the bottom remains stationary. By bringing the two dies together the forging is formed in the impression.

Pitching shoes are as a rule made from round bar steel. This steel is heated in a furnace to a hot heat, then bent to the shape of the shoe and forged out under the hammer as described above. The metal is pounded by repeated blows down to the thickness required and the resulting "flash" or waste is trimmed off in a power driven press to the shape of the shoe. Our pitching shoes are trimmed while the metal is still hot so as to remove any burrs or objectionable fins. The shoes are then carefully inspected, painted and packed in boxes ready for the trade.

This short description is written with the idea of interesting the lay man and is intended to be as non-

technical as possible. The many readers of the Horseshoe World, who are enthusiastic horseshoe pitchers, will no doubt find this brief sketch of interest to them in describing the manufacture of an article that is now being used so extensively in the field

of sport. Our own product is new to the trade but has been received with considerable popularity. We look forward to an interesting season of horseshoe pitching and extend our greetings to all those who are interested in this great game.

RECREATION SHOW HELD OFF ONE YEAR

Springfield, Mass.—Because of requests by many foreign governments, U. S. government departments and several national organizations for additional time in which to arrange their representation, dates for the first National Recreation Exposition were advanced to the spring of 1932, by the executive committee of the Eastern States Exposition board of trustees.

Joshua L. Brooks, president of the Exposition, in a statement following the meeting of the executive committee said: "Although preparations for the National Recreation Exposition, originally scheduled for May 30 to June 6, 1931, have been under way only 12 months, contacts with representatives of 37 foreign governments, 22 U. S. governmental bureaus and an equally large number of national organizations with recreational interests have brought out the fact that while these would be represented in the 1931 exhibition, their participation would be increased greatly if more time could be given.

"The National Recreation Exposition is exceeding in magnitude anything contemplated in the original plan. The enthusiasm, whole-hearted response and co-operation accorded the idea has carried it beyond the most sanguine thought of its sponsors. It has become a matter of international concern as an increasingly large number of foreign governments have expressed a desire to participate.

"This same enthusiasm applies to departments and bureaus of the federal government, trade organizations and national and state agencies and groups. The tremendous scope of such an undertaking makes absolutely necessary the additional time allowed by advancing the dates to 1932.

"Additions to 'Storowton,' the New England Colonial village of original structures erected through the generosity of Mrs. James J. Storow, of Boston, must be made in 1931, to provide the needed exhibition space to properly present the planned home recreational features and more nearly

completing this unique development. Several general changes in plant and equipment will be essential in adapting grounds and buildings to this larger exhibition.

"Much has been done already in development of commercial exhibits for the industrial arts division, in contacts with national and sectional athletic, sportsmen's and other bodies, and in building up a program of features and attractions. This work will be carried forward with increased activity, and similar expansion will be extended to the Recreation Exposition's numerous departments and divisions."

Kind Messages

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opment in the healthful pastime of horseshoe pitching.

Only last winter on my visit to Florida I saw a number of tourists at various times, either at the beach or seated in some palm shaded park, reading The Horseshoe World and always my thoughts would go back to the first issue with which I was so familiar.

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Field Manager.

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Secretary, Lansing Horseshoe Club
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New Your State Championship Tournament

By D. D. Cottrell

FOR the past seven years there have been two New York State Tournaments—one held at the State Fair in which only those players who have won the right in their home county to compete can enter, and must have the endorsement of the County Farm Bureau Agent. The other has been held each year at the Rochester Exposition the week beginning Labor Day in which tournament any resident of the state can compete.

The plan of the tournament this

year was that each entrant should pitch 200 shoes and the 24 men that made the most points would play a preliminary round robin. Then the 12 men that stood the highest in games won in these preliminaries should play another round robin as semi-finals. From these 12 the four highest would play in the finals, another round robin. Then the two highest of these four would pitch the best four out of seven games for the championship of the state. A gold medal and one hundred dollars in prize money was awarded the winner.

There were 32 men entered from different parts of the state. In pitching the 200 shoes, Harold C. Forbes stood the highest, making 399 points, 108 ringers, 30 double ringers giving him a record of 54 per cent. The 24th man was William A. Marsh who made 275 points, 48 ringers, 4 double ringers or 24 per cent. Mr. Forbes was the state champion last year and it looked as though he might win the championship again.

In the preliminaries Forbes won all his games until the 21st when he played Brown who won as follows:

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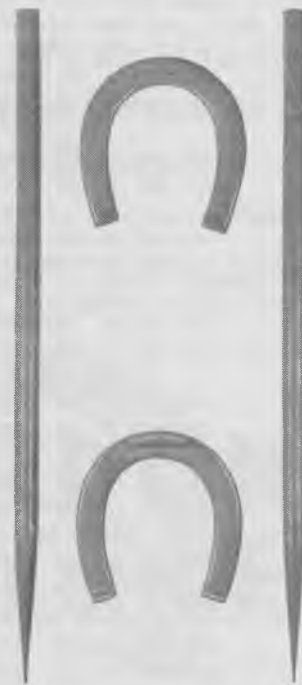
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	P	R	DR	SP	Pct.
Brown	50	33	8	66	.500
Forbes	32	25	4	66	.485

In the semi-finals Curtis stood at the head winning 9 of his 11 games, losing only to Sehm and Blakeslee. Grant lost to Antill and Curtis and also to Van Auken in a very close game as follows:

	P	R	DR	SP	Pct.
Van Auken	50	44	8	94	.468
Grant	49	44	9	94	.468

This proved to be the best game of the tournament considering the number of ringers pitched. Sehm caught Curtis napping when it came his turn to play him, and won the game as shown below:

	P	R	DR	SP	Pct.
Sehm	50	32	12	52	.596
Curtis	24	21	2	52	.404

Twelve double ringers was the most doubles made in any game during the tournament. The first game that Brown played in the tournament proved to be the best from the standpoint of percentage of ringers.

	P	R	DR	SP	Pct.
Brown	50	23	9	30	.766
Tucker	4	7	1	30	.233

In the finals Grant won all of his games and Brown lost only one game and that to Grant, which gave these two the right to play the best four out of seven games for the championship. They were very evenly matched as is shown by the record of these seven games given below in the order in which they were played.

	P	R	DR	SP	Pct.
Brown	50	38	8	78	.487
Grant	44	34	9	78	.436

Grant	50	29	6	60	.483
Brown	35	25	5	60	.417

Brown	50	39	9	78	.500
Grant	33	35	8	78	.449

Brown	50	32	10	60	.533
Grant	31	25	5	60	.417

Grant	50	29	8	54	.537
Brown	30	21	3	54	.389

Grant	50	37	9	72	.514
Brown	49	37	10	72	.514

Grant	50	35	9	70	.500
Brown	45	34	8	70	.486

Totals for the seven games follow:
 Grant308 224 54 472 .475
 Brown309 226 53 472 .479

In the sixth game they stood 43 even in the thirty-first inning. Each threw a ringer in the next inning and

the other shoe of each was out of count. In the next inning Brown missed the peg with both shoes, while Grant made four points. In the next two innings Brown threw a double in each while Grant could only get one ringer on the peg each time. This left the score 49 to 47 in favor of Brown in the thirty-fifth inning. Brown had the first pitch and missed the peg with both shoes and Grant threw a ringer and won the game. Here is where Brown missed his chance to win the championship, for if he had made that one point it would have given him the fourth game in the series of seven.

In the last game Brown was in the lead, 38 to 17 in the eighteenth inning, but Grant raised his score to 39 in the next seven innings without Brown making a point. In the twenty-sixth inning Grant threw a double which Brown promptly covered and increased his count to 45 in the next two innings when Grant again won the count and Brown was not able to get another point, giving the championship to Grant.

The crowd went wild with cheering and Grant could hardly believe he had won. This was without doubt the greatest tournament ever held for the championship of the state.

This makes the honors even for the eastern and western parts of the state, each having two champions. The seven tournaments that have been held have resulted in Leonard, of Adams Basin, winning the first four, Forbes, of Gloversville, winning the fifth, Niven, of Rochester, winning the sixth and Grant winning this year. Leonard and Niven both lost their titles by not defending them.

Mr. Leonard, the former champion who is a grower of fine fruit, treated the boys and their friends with about a bushel of delicious strawberry apples, which was greatly appreciated by them.

The games were all played on the beautiful lawn of the Rochester Exposition in which ten fine clay courts were placed this year the same as they have had for the use of the tournament for the seven seasons it has been held here. Mr. William B. Boothby, General Manager of the Exposition, and Mr. Beghold, Secretary, did everything they could for the planning of this successful meet, as well as the other officials of the Exposition, and have the thanks of the pitchers of the state for all they did to make the tournament the great success that it was.

Record of Preliminaries

Name	Address	W	L	P	R	DR	SP	OP	Pct.
Harold Forbes, Gloversville...		22	1	1132	643	164	1270	601	.506
A. H. Holzhauer, Schenectady		18	5	1048	588	136	1292	702	.451
Henry Sehm, Rochester.....		17	6	1060	638	138	1404	791	.454
H. Grant, So. Glens Falls.....		17	6	1058	595	136	1354	753	.431
Roy Curtis, Rochester.....		16	7	1041	585	121	1412	869	.424
Frank Antill, Corning.....		16	7	1023	577	136	1302	727	.443
Robt. Brown, Rochester.....		15	8	1049	660	153	1420	845	.465
C. Blakeslee, Rochester.....		15	8	1022	626	123	1518	933	.412
Bert VanAuken, Lacona.....		14	9	1033	558	111	1440	942	.387
Robert Burke, Rochester.....		14	9	1027	545	120	1372	898	.397
Fred Redfield, Rochester.....		14	9	1026	576	127	1468	865	.391
Sam Grant, Rochester.....		14	9	1015	594	124	1446	856	.411
A. J. Pooler, Adams.....		13	10	1037	549	113	1416	894	.387
Stanley Drum, Schenectady....		9	14	868	538	84	1482	1006	.363
James Welcher, Newark.....		8	15	850	450	62	1448	1049	.310
John L. Peters, Elmira.....		8	15	823	471	68	1432	1054	.328
R. J. Montrois, Watertown....		8	15	814	436	83	1316	1922	.331
E. R. Hildebrandt, Roch.....		7	16	913	501	85	1444	1027	.346
Clement DeKruger, Roch.....		7	16	834	462	73	1440	1069	.321
W. A. Marsh, Rose.....		6	17	782	416	69	1380	1062	.302
Warren Tucker, Spencerport		6	17	708	440	65	1330	1063	.303
Frank DeVilbiss, Roch.....		5	18	813	490	73	1500	1082	.320
Frank Rockefeller, Phelps....		4	19	639	371	49	1320	1077	.281
Scott Smith, Elmira.....		3	20	702	402	51	1390	1125	.281

Total.....276 276 22315 12796 2464 33596 22312 .381

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California Tournament Held at Covina

THE California Horseshoe Pitchers' Association held their tenth annual tournament at Covina, October 30, 31 and Nov. 1. There were five events, and over one hundred entries. Prizes in all amounted to \$614, not including medals.

There was something doing every minute of the three days play. In the elimination for the championship event there were 37 entries. Of the sixteen qualifying, Fernando Isais ranked first with 366 points, 114 ringers and 42 doubles out of 150 shoes thrown, while the sixteenth man, F. D. Record, had 285 points, 79 ringers, and 20 doubles. You will note that Fernando threw exactly 76

per cent ringers, and had 42 doubles out of 75 throws—not bad for a schoolboy's first state tournament!

And then came the old men's event. Thomas Awrey, of Pomona, walked away with this event, not losing a game, and throwing .472 per cent ringers. Three men tied for second place, J. R. Bleeker, R. M. Foster, and Wm. Found. These were ranked according to the percentage of ringers thrown in the order shown in the table below. Mr. Awrey is 80 years old.

The team contest occupied most of the second day of play. Merle Stoner and Fernando Isais, the South Park club youngsters, walked away with the beautiful new banner, presented

the association by Mr. J. A. Gordon, manufacturer of the popular horse-shoe. Fresno's team, composed of Eddie Hansen and H. J. Hamilton, were the defending champions, and gave a good account of themselves, winning second place. It was verily no disgrace to be beaten by such a pair as Stoner and Isais.

Most of those eliminated from the championship event elected to enter the 200-shoe contest. Walter Krowel, last year's State Champion, was second in this event. Fifteen of the 35 entrants threw over 50 per cent ringers, and therefore drew a \$5.00 prize.

The last day of the tournament was the thriller. In the finals of the singles championship there were

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many hair-raising moments, when a would-be champion would lose a game by a few scant points margin. Here are a few of the close games, and interesting ones from the spectator's standpoint:

	P	R	DR	SP	Pct
Oke Hosier	48	63	17	100	63.0
F. Isais	50	67	21	100	67.0
Geo. Sechrist	42	69	26	98	70.4
F. Isais	50	73	27	98	74.5

Dean Brown	47	61	18	90	67.7
Oke Hosier	50	62	20	90	68.8
F. D. Record	44	61	11	106	57.5
Dean Brown	50	64	17	106	60.4

In this last game, Record failed to have at least one ringer on only three times in the 53 throws. Merle Stoner in his game against Wm. Crick, had 21 ringers out of 24 shoes, with 9 doubles.

RESULTS STATE HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT AT COVINA, OCT. 30, 31, NOV. 1, 1930

Singles Championship						
Rank	Name	W	L	R	DR	SP
1	Merle Stoner, South Park	15	0	615	203	874
2	Fernando Isais, South Park	14	1	624	206	926
3	Dean Brown, Riverside	10	5	652	177	1082
4	Faye Sayre, Visalia	10	5	522	140	922
5	Oke Hosier, Pomona	10	5	551	143	984
6	Geo. Sechrist, San Diego	9	6	573	169	930
7	Eddie Hansen, Fresno	9	6	498	147	832
8	Wm. Heber, Santa Ana	9	6	525	136	974
9	Victor McKinzie, Santa Ana	9	6	499	132	928
10	J. E. Burress, Covina	7	8	469	104	978
11	Chas. Claypool, South Park	4	11	441	125	916
12	F. M. Becker, Long Beach	4	11	459	106	976
13	F. D. Record, Santa Barbara	3	12	478	91	1008
14	R. A. Magee, Culver City	3	12	364	86	788
15	Wm. Crick, South Park	3	12	369	67	866
16	E. McChesney, Covina	1	14	339	65	840

EVENT No. 3—200 SHOES

	P	R	DR	Pct.
1 R. Ramberg, Exposition Park	420	126	37	.63
2 Walter Krowel, South Park	410	113	29	.56
3 Archie Beatty, South Park	409	119	33	.59
4 Elmer Hansen, Fresno	399	112	34	.56
5 J. O. McTeer, Fresno	398	108	26	.54
6 E. C. Wilson, Santa Ana	390	102	24	.51
7 Chas. T. Ferguson, Jamul	388	107	25	.53
8 F. L. Phillips, Long Beach	382	103	25	.51
8 W. R. Bradfield, Long Beach	380	97	24	.48
10 B. C. Farmer, South Park	379	109	30	.54
11 Carl Johnson, Turlock	378	108	30	.54
12 H. J. Hamilton, Fresno	378	102	25	.51
13 F. C. Bartlett, Fresno	377	103	27	.51
14 Geo. Bauder, South Park	376	105	29	.52
15 J. B. Paine, San Diego	372	113	28	.56
16 Raymond Decker, Turlock	361	97	24	.48
17 J. Frank Smith, Culver City	360	97	23	.48
18 Geo. Greenwood, Whittier	352	91	24	.45
19 G. M. E. Janssen, Long Beach	352	90	18	.45
20 Glenn Kincaid, Culver City	350	90	18	.45
21 Geo. Barnett, Long Beach	344	101	26	.50
22 Noah Hutchison, Covina	334	88	25	.44
23 O. L. Mason, South Park	333	83	16	.41
24 S. E. Raysor, Whittier	331	89	19	.44
25 C. T. Umsted, South Park	325	82	11	.41
26 Jesse Jones, Visalia	322	90	18	.45
27 Karl Eriksen, Long Beach	308	64	13	.32
28 F. S. Griffith, Long Beach	307	64	8	.32
29 N. E. Spence, Long Beach	305	70	12	.35
30 T. T. Godsey, Visalia	297	71	8	.35

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Looking Back a Decade

Excerpts from the First Issue
of The Horseshoe World

If a tournamanet is held in St. Petersburg, in February, Charles Bobbitt, of Lancaster, former national champ, will be on hand to show the world that he is still a good pitcher and can give the boys a run for their money.

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P. E. Crosier heads a number of pitchers at the Prospect Gas Co., Indianapolis, Ind.

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Members of Hose Co. No. 2, Marietta, O., are interested in the game.

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At a recent meeting of the Wilmington, O., Horseshoe club, the following officers were named for the coming year: Charles D. Sprouse, president; Thomas J. eDnehy, secretary-treasurer; George Locke, Clyde Whitehead and Will Cooper, directors.

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It was with a great deal of pleasure that the writer learned of the plans of Messrs. R. B. Howard and Ervin Sturm to begin the publication of a monthly journal which will devote itself to the game of horseshoe pitching.—Frank Smith, Sporting Editor, Chicago Tribune.

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Sheboygan county, Wisconsin, has many enthusiasts of the game. C. E. Broughton, owner of the Press-Telegram at Sheboygan, is one of the leading pitchers in that city.

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Dobbin's boots come handy for C. A. Benedict, Johnstown, O.

* * *
I have your recent letter in which you invite me to send you a mesasge for the first issue of the Horseshoe World. You know, of course, of my genuine interest in the fraternity of horseshoe pitchers. I wish you very great success.—President Warren G. Harding.

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California Tournament at Covina

31	Joe Gowens, Covina	276	52	4	.26
32	H. O. VanPetten, Long Beach.....	275	65	10	.32
33	W. E. Hornbeck, Exposition Park.....	269	55	10	.27
34	M. B. Leshner, Santa Ana.....	260	54	9	.27
35	Smith Budd, Covina	231	37	3	.18

EVENT No. 2—Team Championship

Rank	Team	W	L	Rank	W	L
1	Fernando Isais			7	Jesse Jones	
	M. Stoner, South Park.....	27	6		Fay Sayre, Visalia.....	17 16
2	Eddie Hansen			8	Elmer Hansen	
	H. J. Hamilton, Fresno....	25	8		F. C. Bartlett, Fresno.....	14 19
3	Geo. Sechrist			9	J. F. Smith	
	J. B. Paine, San Diego.....	24	9		Chas. Lugo, Culver City....	9 24
4	Vick McKinzie			10	J. E. Burrese	
	Wm. Heber, Santa Ana....	24	9		N. Hutchison, Covina.....	9 24
5	Chas. Claypool			11	W. E. Hornbeck	
	Wm. Crick, South Park....	20	13		J. L. Wilson, Expo. Park....	7 26
6	Glenn Kincaid			12	Maynard Decker	
	R. A. Magee, Culver City	18	15		Ray Decker, Turlock.....	4 29

EVENT No. 4—Men 65 to 75 Yrs. Old

Rank	Name	P	R	DR	SP	Pct.
1	M. W. Claypool.....	210	79	13	194	.427
2	N. E. Spence	203	73	14	190	.384
3	A. W. Casselman	191	90	16	246	.366
4	J. L. Wilson.....	179	78	8	218	.357
5	Geo. H. Cleaver.....	157	68	9	248	.233
6	R. L. Stoddard.....	163	72	8	213	.338
7	D. J. Reynolds.....	150	60	8	220	.273
8	S. B. Leach.....	112	62	7	214	.290
9	Emerson La Forge.....	108	51	6	232	.228
10	J. R. Humphrey.....	124	52	4	222	.234
11	C. H. Prior.....	79	28	2	214	.130

EVENT No. 5—Men 75 Yrs. old and up

Rank	Name	P	R	DR	SP	Pct.
1	Thos. Awrey, Pomona.....	105	51	8	108	.472
2	Wm. Found, Covina.....	96	46	5	112	.410
3	R. M. Foster, Santa Ana.....	99	46	3	116	.396
4	J. R. Bleecker, Covina.....	87	46	7	146	.315
5	H. W. Temby, Pomona.....	66	28	1	114	.245
6	James Neilsen, Pomona.....	40	13	0	108	.120
7	Chas. West, Whittier.....	20	8	0	64	.125

Mr. West was not able to complete the contest, pitching three games only.

Just before play started on the first day of the tournament, the secretary, Glenn B. Porter, announced a \$5.00 prize to be awarded at the close of play to the participant in this tournament who should be adjudged the best horseshoe sport, according to the following standards:

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- One who loves competition and is not afraid of defeat.
- One who promotes the game by

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One who strives to observe all pitching rules.

One who shows himself a gentleman on and off the courts.

One who is not given to obscene or profane language.

One who does not belittle his opponents or gossip about them.

One who pitches his best in all competition, and does not "lay down."

One who loves the game of horseshoes, but not to the neglect of his

business or work.

The object of this prize offer was to encourage clean, sportsmanlike competition, and to promote the game of horseshoes as the donor thinks it ought to be played. It certainly had a salutary effect, for during the entire tournament there was not heard a word of complaint, there was no quibbling over scores, no objections to decisions, and no ill feeling exhibited. To George Sechrist of San Diego was awarded this special prize.

There were twenty-four men throwing more than 50 per cent ringers in at least one event. The three throwing the highest percentage in the championship event were all under 20 years of age, thus refuting the charge that horseshoes is an old man's game. The highest percentage in the 75-year-old class exceeded the best mark made in the 65 to 75 year class. To the best of our information, Merle Stoner's record of .703 percent has never been equalled in any National Horseshoe Tournament final.

Mr. J. A. Gordon's prize offer of \$15 was awarded to Merle Stoner for throwing the highest percentage of ringers with the Gordon shoe, while second prize of \$10 went to Fernando Isais.

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Following are scores of the Inter-boro, Vt., Valley Fair. The tournaments were under the direction of A. E. Miller, Brattleboro, who is

president of the Inter-State League. State League championship tournament and the Southern Vermont tournament both staged at the Brattle-

Inter-State League Championship

Name and Address	W	L	P	R	DR	SP	OP	Pct.
R. Lackey, Brattleboro, Vt.....	8	1	431	218	35	550	218	.396
L. Lebeau, Northampton, Mass.....	8	1	441	214	34	564	273	.379
W. Burke, Brattleboro, Vt.....	7	2	406	192	35	508	297	.370
A. Latourelle, West Springfield, Mass.....	5	4	396	187	22	533	335	.350
D. Guilmette, Athol, Mass.....	5	4	358	162	19	560	366	.289
V. Eastman, West Swanzey, N. H.....	4	5	358	167	24	588	394	.284
W. Reardon, Holyoke, Mass.....	4	5	396	181	25	563	364	.321
W. Judge, Holyoke, Mass.....	3	6	313	122	14	526	401	.231
W. Mann, Athol, Mass.....	2	7	270	108	7	532	407	.203
L. Glazier, Leverett, Mass.....	0	9	198	106	7	484	450	.219

Southern Vermont Championship

Name and Address	W	L	P	R	DR	SP	OP	Pct.
D. Hodgeman, Windsor, Vt.....	9	0	450	214	35	546	248	.391
F. Whitney, Brattleboro, Vt.	8	1	442	207	38	552	273	.375
H. Lackey, Brattleboro, Vt.....	6	3	430	196	31	562	262	.348
C. Herrick, Brownsville, Vt.....	6	3	365	155	19	556	349	.278
J. Boutelle, Townshend, Vt.	6	3	398	172	14	600	357	.286
L. Barnes, Brattleboro, Vt.....	4	5	355	166	19	631	401	.263
H. Lee, West Brattleboro, Vt.....	2	7	271	100	10	502	390	.199
C. Lee, West Brattleboro, Vt.....	2	7	264	122	14	582	420	.209
R. Covey, West Brattleboro, Vt.....	1	8	260	114	7	608	440	.187
E. Adams, Brattleboro, Vt.....	1	8	338	156	19	595	434	.262

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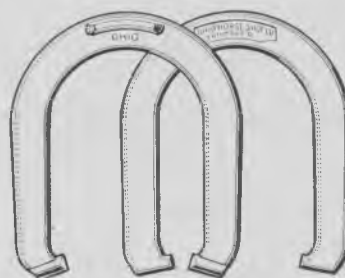
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