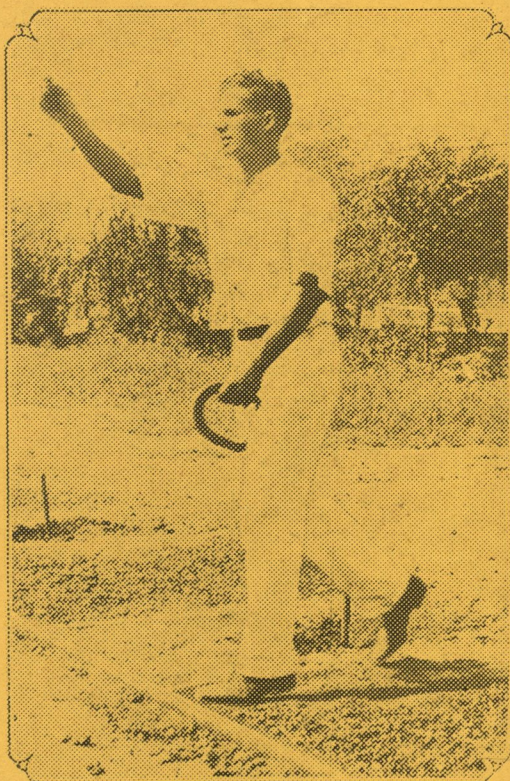


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THIS is the beginning of a new year . . . just what 1932 holds for the horseshoe pitching game cannot be told, but the progress of the game depends considerably upon what you make it . . . the Horseshoe World has felt the retrenchment policies of our advertisers very keenly and there is a question of how long the magazine can be held up to its present standard . . . this isn't a personal appeal for our own benefit, but an appeal for the good of the game . . . mention to the manufacturers, when writing for equipment, that you saw their advertisement in the World . . . let them know that horseshoe pitchers do read this magazine . . . all of our readers can help us and help themselves . . . read Secretary Cottrell's interesting column in this issue . . . as usual it carries a lot of interesting information . . . let's co-operate with him, too . . . no sport can be stronger than its followers make their national organization.

It Won't Be Long!

WITH an "open winter" in the North, and many horseshoe pitchers in action in the Southland, there has been little let-up in the game since last summer.

And now that Spring is only a few weeks away it is time to begin planning for next year's league games. Many city recreation departments have added horseshoe pitching to their programs and the clubs in cities where horseshoe pitching isn't recognized in the park programs should get busy now. Many park boards are curtailing expenses and, therefore, horseshoe clubs should begin early to make sure that horseshoe pitching receives its just share of appropriations.

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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Washington State Championship Tourney

The first two days of the tournament it rained practically continuously so that several of the pitchers from Vancouver went home and also 25 or 30 pitchers from the eastern part of the state did not play all of their games, but also left for their homes. The tournament was held at Deep Lake, eight miles south of Olympia, at MacHenry's resort. Mac. had 11 fine sand courts and the players were more than pleased with them. Tournament was held September 5, 6, and 7.

A large 3-way table was built for the secretary, with a large tent covering it. Each man's tablet was placed on this table and as the games were brought in they were tallied on his own book. Another large card told the games won and lost by each pitcher; another large schedule gave the number of his opponent and the lane he pitched on. Each man was given a duplicate card with the games he played in the order they were to be played and the lane on which he was to play. Mr. Brown, president of the state association, blew a whistle at the start of each round so all the players began pitching at the same time. Each lane had a permanent score keeper during the whole tourney.

The Washington Hardware Company, of Tacoma, furnished the official score pads for the whole meet. The Olympia stores furnished 10 or 12 merchandise prizes, and Mr. Gordon, of the Gordon Horseshoe Company, donated a beautiful pair of nickelplated horseshoes.

The qualifying round consisted in pitching 100 shoes, the 16 men making the highest number of points then pitched a round robin for the championship. Mr. F. W. Sayre, Tacoma, made the highest number of points—254 points, 81 ringers, 32 double ringers. The next highest was F. Long, Tacoma, with 221 points, 69 ringers, 23 double ringers. The 16th man was F. Colver, Aberdeen, with 190 points, 52 ringers, 15 double ringers.

The men that did not get into the 16 round robin, pitched a round robin among themselves which was won by Mr. C. Walker, Olympia, who won all of his games with a ringer percentage of .370. Mr. Walker had only been pitching for

about three months and showed wonderful skill for the length of time he had been playing. In this round robin, Mr. R. Isaacton, Aberdeen, made the highest percentage of ringers, although he lost three games. His percentage was .392.

In the 16-man round robin for the championship, Mr. F. Sayre won all of his games as shown in the table of results published herewith. In about a month, Mr. Sayre won two other tournaments besides this one, making a total in all three tournaments 1471 ringers out of 2126 shoes pitched, for a ringer percentage of .692. Out of the 32 games in these three meets he lost only one game. He won the Tacoma city championship with a total percentage of .743. He also pitched 100 shoes for a record Aug. 17th, 1931, making 87 ringers, 39 double ringers and 272 points. This is wonderful horseshoe pitching and looks as though Mr. Sayre holds about the best record ever made in such a series of plays.

At the meeting of the state association, Mr. Brown gave a very interesting address and showed the pitchers a beautiful cup that he is holding for the 1932 championship. This cup is being donated by Mr. Brown and gives the pitchers something to work for. The 1931 cup was given to Mr. Sayre.

Mr. Ashcraft of Spokane won the state championship in 1929 and 1930. Clarence Swan of Tacoma, won the 1928 state championship in which Sayre did not play. Sayre won the three previous state championships in 1925, 1926 and 1927.

COUNTY TOURNAMENT

A county horseshoe contest was held at the county fair at Reading, Mich. There were three events, with cash prizes for each.

First, the doubles. In this event there were four teams that qualified. Winners of first prize, Albert Zeiter and Ed Barnhart; second, Perry Harper and Fred O'Mally; third, Wesley Peck and F. Cartwright; fourth, Hukell and Fuller. Each pitcher the other one game. This was a close contest.

In the singles, each man who entered was required to pitch 100 shoes. Only eight qualified for the final contest, each to pitch the other. I regret that I haven't the score sheets at hand. However the standing is as follows:

Albert Zeiter, first; Clarence Peck, second; Perry Harper, third; Fred O'Maley, fourth; Glenn Rogers, fifth; Ed Barnhart, sixth; Sidney Hill, seventh; H. Fuller, eighth.

In this contest the score was close and hotly contested.

In the third event which was open to anyone, brought together some of the best pitchers. There were pitchers from Detroit and other cities, and it was a real contest. But the real battle was between our ex-state champion and our county champ, Albert Zeiter. The ex-champ, R. Baxter, and Mr. Zeiter were both tied for first place. The final game was won by Mr. Zeiter, 50 to 49. Two to four ringers was a regular thing.

Finals Result

	W	L	Pts	R	DR	SP	Pct
F. Sayre, Tacoma	15	0	764	486	158	706	.688
L. Getchell, Port Angeles	11	4	684	446	104	850	.525
R. Getchell, Port Angeles.....	11	4	715	539	150	938	.575
F. Colver, Aberdeen.....	10	5	691	493	130	918	.537
H. Long, Tacoma	9	6	677	482	114	960	.502
J. Premel, Seattle.....	9	6	657	478	118	938	.510
H. Oaks, Seattle.....	8	7	649	460	96	978	.470
V. Reynolds, Seattle.....	8	7	614	433	99	884	.489
E. Nelson, Tacoma.....	7	8	687	494	108	996	.496
J. Elliott, Yakima.....	6	9	563	404	82	920	.439
I. Stuckey, Seattle.....	6	9	554	383	86	868	.441
O. Lee, Mt. Vernon.....	6	9	590	408	74	902	.452
J. Strangler, Bremerton.....	5	10	574	419	93	910	.460
L. Long, Spokane.....	4	11	514	370	78	880	.420
A. Liedes, Aberdeen.....	4	11	451	336	67	854	.393
A. McCleod, Yakima.....	1	14	394	289	54	798	.362

Theodore Allen Wins Regional Horseshoe Crown

Two successive years grand champion of the entire Rocky Mountain region.

Eight successive years champion of the state of Colorado.

Pitcher of a score second only to the world's record.

Holder of 12 cups and eight medals.

That is the horseshoe pitching record of Theodore Allen, young farmer boy of Lafayette, Colo., at the close of the second annual Rocky Mountain Region Horseshoe Pitching tournament held Saturday in Denver's City park under the auspices of The Denver Post and the Colorado State Horseshoe Pitching association.

And Theodore's brother, Ira, as usual, came in second. The father of both boys, J. W. Allen, of Longmont, and another brother, Nathan, also qualified for places among the 16 men who played in the tournament.

More Than 2,000 Watch Players

So fine was the pitching of various Colorado players in the preliminaries that only two men from states outside Colorado got into the finals. Both these were Nebraska players, L. Siebenaler and Kimball and L. Stumph, of McCook.

The crowd attending Sunday's games was the largest that ever turned out for a horseshoe tournament in this part of the country. More than 2,000 persons watched the players, and other hundreds visited a short while and left for lack of room.

The record made by each of the 16 players follows:

Theodore Allen, of Lafayette, won 15 games, lost 0. Pitched 716 shoes, made 480 ringers. Percentage of ringers, 67 plus.

Ira Allen, of Boulder, won 12 games, lost 3. Pitched 922 shoes, made 488 ringers. Percentage of ringers, 52 plus.

Frank Wilson of Denver, won 12 games, lost 3. Pitched 804 shoes, made 450 ringers. Percentage of ringers, 56 plus.

Charles Riche of Denver won 10 games, lost 5. Pitched 880 shoes, made 442 ringers. Percentage of ringers, 50 plus.

D. A. Houston, of Greeley, won 10 games, lost 5. Pitched 982 shoes, made 503 ringers. Percentage of

ringers, 54 plus.

Wade Lloyd of Greeley won nine games, lost six. Pitched 866 shoes, made 434 ringers. Percentage of ringers, 50 plus.

Nathan Allen Wins Eight Games

Thomas Clayberg of Denver won 9 games, lost 6. Pitched 868 shoes, made 373 ringers. Percentage of ringers, 42 plus.

Claude Frese of Denver won eight games, lost seven. Pitched 894 shoes, made 463 ringers. Percentage of ringers, 51 plus.

Nathan Allen of Lafayette won 8 games, lost 7. Pitched 949 shoes made 417 ringers. Percentage of ringers, 53 plus.

James Shelton of Denver, won 7 games, lost 8. Pitched 880 shoes, made 363 ringers. Percentage of ringers, 41 plus.

Herman Worthof Denver won 7 games, lost 8. Pitched 866 shoes, made 376 ringers. Percentage of ringers, 43 plus.

C. W. Uhrich of Windsor won 4 games, lost 11. Pitched 828 shoes, made 311 ringers. Percentage of ringers, 37 plus.

J. W. Allen of Longmont won 3 games, lost 12. Pitched 814 shoes, made 277 ringers. Percentage of ringers, 34 plus.

L. Siebenaler, of Kimball, Neb., won three games, lost 12, pitched 931 shoes, made 347 ringers. Percentage of ringers, 37 plus.

Charles Monroe of Englewood won two games, lost 13, pitched 836 shoes, made 297 ringers. Percentage of ringers, 35 plus.

L. Stumph, of McCook, Neb., won one game, lost 14, pitched 940 shoes made 244 ringers. Percentage of ringers, 26 plus.

In an exhibition game between the brothers, Theodore and Ira Allen, a score next to the world's record was hung up. Theodore won with a score of 50 points to Ira's 42 points. Out of 108 shoes pitched by each man Theodore made 82 ringers while Ira made 81 ringers. Theodore's percentage of ringers was 75.9, while Ira's was 75. Twenty times during the game there were four ringers on the stake at one time. Each player had 68 dead ringers. The world's record is only a fraction better than this.—Denver Post.

WILLIS AVENUE NOTES

Willis Avenue Horseshoe Club, 145 Willis Avenue, Springfield, Ohio, held its second annual banquet October 5, 1931 at Chaney farm with a chicken dinner after which a smoker followed and each member was presented a copy of his season's record. Then the president entertained with a novelty introduction of each member and asked each for a few remarks. Then Mr. D. B. Ruttan was introduced as the principal speaker of the evening, his talk was very enjoyable, one of the sincere points of his talk was the Need of Our State Organization which we hope will be taken up by some one for 1932. There was an election of officers at which Mr. L. D. Johnston was re-elected president; Mr. Wm. Gravenkemper, vice president; Mr. Thos. Haley, treasurer; Mr. F. D. H. Hurley, secretary. It was suggested that the club members get together once a month during the winter months for a good time, so the president appointed a committee for the November meeting. To date we have had two meetings, both euchre parties, with good attendance, and all having a grand old time.

The banquet then adjourned.

Willis Avenue finished the 1931 season as follows:

Shoes pitched, 40,480; points, 28,166; ringers, 14,332; double ringers, 2704; games played, 1337; won 810; lost, 527; ringer percentage, .554.

Opponents—Shoes pitched, 40,480; points, 23,102; ringers, 12,822; double ringers, 2142; games played, 1337; won, 527; lost 810; ringer percentage, .316.

Our out-going secretary, Mr. N. J. Bennett has been confined to his home for the past 12 weeks seriously ill. Our sincere wishes are for his immediate recovery.

PLAN 1932 MATCHES

A state and regional tournament are being planned for 1932 in Colorado. Those serving on a committee to promote these contests are: President Bonar, of the Colorado State Horseshoe Pitchers Association, Harry M. Duncan, James Shelton and Edw. Walters.

NEWS, OFFICIAL REPORTS, ETC.

From the Secretary's Desk

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Secretary
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ST. PETERSBURG, FLA.

In a recent letter from Mr. E. V. Stevens, 51 Park St., Marlboro, Mass., he writes that they will make an effort to organize a New England Horseshoe Pitchers Association possibly during holiday week or early in January. He says that plans are moving in this direction and that he has hopes that they will soon materialize.

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At the meeting of the Washington State Horseshoe Pitchers Association at the state championship tournament at Deep Lake, 8 miles south of Olympia, the reports of the officers showed a very active year during the previous 12 months and the outlook for the coming year better than ever before. They re-elected all of the officers for the coming year as follows: Mr. M. H. Brown, 766 N. 74th St., Seattle, president; Mr. C. O. Kittleson, Yakima, vice president; Mrs. F. W. Sayre, 9644 E. C St., Tacoma, secretary and treasurer. As far as the records of your secretary goes, Mrs. Sayre is the only lady holding any office in any other state association. Her service must be especially satisfactory or they would not continue to elect her.

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Mr. Charles S. Gerrish, Gerrish Lane, Kittery Point, Me., writes that the "Boston Post" has a plan in mind for 1932 that should make a hit. They are considering holding a series of county, state and New England championships. Each county will be given instruction for a meet in all of the six New England states. Each county champion so decided will meet at some place and play for the state title, possibly at the state capital. Finally the six state champions will meet at Boston for a New England championship play off. Recognition and prizes of different grades are to be given for winners in respective competitions. The winner of the New England championship is to be awarded full expenses to the next world's championship tournament.

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A clipping from one of the Des Moines, Iowa, papers, says that Putt Mossman is in the Los Angeles Gen-

eral Hospital. It seems that early in December he started for California on his motorcycle where he had some engagements to give exhibitions. In crossing over the mountains when he was near his journey's end he was caught in a blizzard and froze his face and both his hands and feet. He was soon after taken with appendicitis and had an operation when peritonitis set in. This looks rather bad for Putt and all of his friends hope that it is not as bad as first reported. Putt is a mighty fine boy with a large number of friends in all parts of the country where he has traveled for a number of years giving exhibitions of horseshoe pitching, stunt motorcycle riding and in other sports at which he is an adept being equaled by few and in none surpassed by any. Before this appears in print it is hoped that Putt will be far on the road to recovery and that his genial presence may give pleasure in his playing and stunts again to the thousands that have so long enjoyed the work of this fine outstanding athlete.

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Mr. R. M. Page, General Manager of The Ledger-Inquirer, Columbus, Ga., writes that they are planning on a horseshoe pitchers' tournament at an early date and wants information about how to hold the same. The game seems to be just getting started in Georgia, and most of the southern states. We certainly will do all we can to foster the sport and are been so popular in the past. glad that the leading newspapers are taking such an interest in trying to introduce the game to their readers in so many places where it has not

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The Worcester (Mass.) Sunday Telegram, Dec. 20, 1931, gives a full page spread to the game of horseshoes. It publishes pictures of Rev. P. Virgil Harris, pastor of the Holden Congregational church of Worcester, in the act of pitching, and Rev. E. V. Stevens, the 72-year-old pastor of the First Universalist church of Marlboro, Mass. The picture of Rev. Stevens was taken by a fast action camera and shows him

in the act of pitching a shoe at a New Bedford tournament. The shoe is shown in the air after leaving his hand, and is about a third of the way to the opposite stake. There are also pictures of the way to hold a shoe, a pair of regulation horseshoes and of the way stakes are held in stake holders.

The article gives some interesting and instructive comments by both Revs. Harris and Stevens about the game, how it is played, the history of the open shoe and how the shoe is held and controlled, how each have studied the art of horseshoe pitching and how the towns in that section of the country are fast becoming horseshoe minded. Rev. Harris has two electrically lighted courts adjacent to the parsonage and night playing is one of the important developments of the game.

Rev. Stevens became a horseshoe enthusiast after making the acquaintance of Rev. Harris when they were both officiating in pastorates in New Bedford three years ago. Rev. Harris first began to take interest in the game when he, just out of college, became the acting minister in the Congregational church in Conneaut, Ohio. Putt Mossman came to the city to put on one of his wonderful exhibitions. Rev. Harris was so much impressed that he had a long talk with Mossman about how the game could be studied from a scientific angle and proficiency be acquired by practically everyone with consistent practice.

This article is one of the most interesting that has appeared in any publication about the game. It closes with an excellent letter which Mr. Lester L. Callan, Assistant District of Richmond County on Staten Island, N. Y., wrote to Rev. Stevens telling the reasons why he gave up golf a little over a year ago in favor of the horseshoe game.

The more such articles as this that are published in periodicals through the country the greater will be the growth of the popularity of horseshoes, one of the healthiest and enticing sports that any can become acquainted with.



C. C. Henson, Arlington, Va., is an interested fan and pitcher.

Arthur F. Winslow, 318 Holcomb St., Hartford, Conn., is a very good shoe pitcher.

One of Omaha's dyed-in-the-wool fans is M. F. Schoonover, 413 N. 18th Ave.

C. S. Sherman and Joe Galipo are Seattle, Wash., tossers.

Dr. F. J. Carley, of North Attleboro, Mass., one of the horseshoe game's most ardent supporters, committed suicide recently.

Chas. S. Gerrish, of Kittery Point, Me., state champ of Maine and New Hampshire, recently defeated Albert Fecteau, Biddeford champ, in four straight tilts.

Gerald Smith, Wilmington, O., tosser, who goes to the University of Florida, was home over the holidays. Smith heads the Smith Dry Cleaners team, defeated this fall by the Willis Avenue team, of Springfield, for the championship of Southern Ohio. Hillsboro finished third.

R. F. Isaacson, Aberdeen, Wash., business man, is a splendid shoe tosser.

Miss Dessie Mossman, sister of the famous "Putt," is now Mrs. Ray Grant. Mr. Grant is a Portland, Oregon, man. They are now living in Los Angeles.

Officers of the Bay City, Oregon club are: J. E. Provost, president; L. M. Thompson, vice president; J. C. McClure, secretary; Glen Wachob, grand marshal; W. H. Matthews, Archie Blair and Claude Riggs, directors.

Luther Jenkins is a Prospect, Ore., pitcher.

SEEK NEW SHOE LANES

Efforts are being made to have horseshoe lanes installed in the playground, in New York City, known as McComb's Dam Park, between the Polo Grounds and Yankee stadium.

AN OHIO TOSSER



J. P. ("Port," as he is known) Johnson, pictured above, of Outville, Licking county, Ohio, is a real horseshoe fan and a good pitcher despite his age of near 70. Port has pitched the old game since the days of the regular old horse shoe when a close shoe counted, but times have changed as is evidenced by this score recently made by Port of 106 points, 32 ringers with 10 double ringers out of 50 shoes pitched. His name should be spelled "Sport" for he is known throughout this section as a good clean sport and has done much to keep the game alive as he is always on hand where there is a game. He managed a team composed of all white boys last year and won the county championship. He did much to help the Samsel boy attain his position of winning the junior championship of Columbus, Ohio, recently

sponsored by the Columbus Dispatch. "Port" calls him his boy.

"Port" would like to create more interest in the game among the colored race and challenges any of his colored brethren to a match any time.

DELAWARE, MARYLAND, VIRGINIA TOURNAMENT

A horseshoe tournament was held recently by Rockawalkin, Md., to determine the champion of the Del-Mar-Va Eastern Shore. The meet was sponsored by the Gopher's Horseshoe Club. Twelve of the best pitchers of the Del-Mar-Va Eastern Shore gathered to pitch. Each contestant drew numbers and pitched according to order. A large crowd gathered about one hour before the game started. The referees were William Parker, Robert McDaniel, Merrill Culver and Harold Culver. Four courts were run at one time.

First play—Louis Rietzow defeated Arthur Wilson 25-16, 29-8; Elmer Leutner defeated Archie Shockley 25-23, 25-9; Carroll Shockley defeated Floyd Jackson 25-3, 25-2; Archie Townsend defeated L. F. Lord 27-11, 26-10; Dawson Payne defeated Samuel Williams 19-25, 25-16, 27-11; Howard Smith defeated Cecil Webster 27-24, 27-13.

Second Play—Elmer Leutner defeated Louis Rietzow 25-14, 25-12; Carroll Shockley defeated Archie Townsend 28-21, 28-13; Dawson Payne defeated Howard Smith 27-15, 26-15.

Third Play—Elmer Leutner defeated Carroll Shockley 25-11, 25-18; Dawson Payne, no play.

Fourth play and final—Dawson Payne defeated Elmer Leutner 27-21, 25-4.

Mr. Dawson Payne of Eldorado, Md., won first place; Elmer Leutner of Rockawalkin, won second; Carroll Shockley, of Waterview, third; Howard Smith, of Salisbury, fourth. Mr. Payne, who is a member of the Dorchester County Horseshoe club, showed great skill by only losing one game. Mr. Leutner, who is a former professional baseball player, also showed great form. Many double ringers were thrown in the game. Single ringers were numerous. Single points were scattered.

N. J. BENNETT DIES

Past Secretary N. J. Bennett of the Willis Avenue Horseshoe Club, Springfield, O., died at his home on Willis Avenue, Springfield, at 5 a. m. Thursday, January 7, 1932. Mr. Bennett had been in ill health for some time and was confined to his home for the past twelve weeks.

Mr. Bennett was treasurer of the Clark County Horseshoe Pitchers Association, taking a great interest in the promotion of horseshoe pitching. It was due to ill health that he declined the office of secretary of the Willis Avenue Club for 1932, which he had held since the club was organized two years ago.

Mr. Bennett had many friends over the state, gained through his activities and sincere interest in horseshoe pitching. It was through Mr. Bennett and Mr. L. D. Johnston, president of the Willis Avenue Club that the Clark County Association was organized.

Mr. Bennett was 30 years of age and is survived by his wife and three children, his mother, father, four sisters and two brothers.

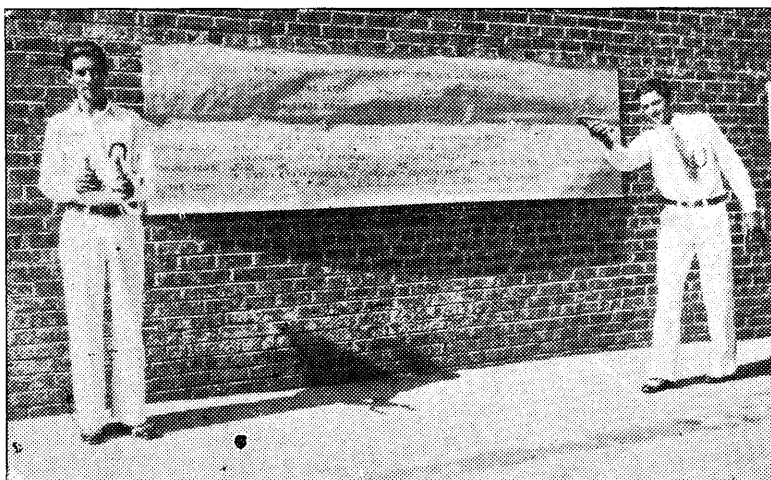
DETROIT LEAGUE

Following are the results of the first successful horseshoe league formed in Detroit. Due to a late start, the league made a late finish. There were eight teams in the league and they finished as follows:

	W	L
Dearborn	16	1
John R.	13	4
East Dearborn	9	5
Detroit	7	10
Pleasant Ridge	4	10
Rizors	5	12
Scovels	4	13
Fords	0	14

At two Dearborn-John R. matches, close to 2000 people attended. Dearborn's only defeat was at the John R. courts by a score of 14-11. Lee Rose led the league individually, winning 58 games and losing 6. He won 45 consecutive victories before he lost a game. K. E. Armstrong of Dearborn was the only man to play every game of every match, winning 61 games and losing 19. J. W. Harris, George Levagood, Frank Koppitsch, Vincent Kolb and Albert Hallup were the other members of the champion Dearborn team which was managed by Lee Rose.

THEY PITCH "WICKED" GAME



Fernando Isais, left, champion of Mexico, Los Angeles and Los Angeles County, California, and Jimmy Lecky, right, Arizona state champ, holding huge scoresheet of what is reputed to be the world's greatest game. The figures probably cannot be seen in this reproduction, but the score was: Lecky—50 points, 101 ringers, 46 doubles; Isais, 42 points, 97 ringers and 39 doubles. Lecky threw 101 ringers out of 118 tries in the match to set a new world's record.

CLOSE FIRST SEASON

The Pleasant Hill (Pa.) Horseshoe Club officially closed the 1931 season last month by playing a 45-game meet with the Westminster Club and won by a score of 27-18.

This was the first year since the club was organized and has been successful throughout the season.

The club is also fortunate through the courtesy of Curvin A. Sterner, prominent garage owner and business man of Hanover, as well as a member of the club, who has recently erected an indoor court in his garage which will enable the boys to play during the winter months and be well developed for the next spring opening and season at which time the club, preferably a team consisting of 12 players, within a hundred miles of Hanover.

THE COVER PAGE

Lou Fogassey, winner of recent St. Louis County (Mo.) horseshoe pitching tournament. He finished first in 17 of his 18 games, played on the Clayton courts in St. Louis. He made a ringer average of .474.

He is one of the star tossers of the Plegge Pet Shop team, which is managed by Harry H. Manuel. Manuel's team finished third in the St. Louis Municipal League in 1931.

* GREATER OMAHA LEAGUE *
* (Contributed) *

There were but three teams in the league, the smallest that we have ever had, but the play was closer than ever before. We think that we played one of the closest matches in the history of the game on May 17, one point being the margin by which victory was won. The Mickels won first place, winning ten games out of twelve; second, Omaha Baum Irons, winning six, and last, the Douglas Trucks, winning but two.

The contest for individual ringer per cent was very hotly contested with the following players being closely grouped at the finish: Chas. McLeland, .446; W. Shirk, .429; G. Duros, .423; S. Smith, .405.

The City tournament was more successful than usual at the end of regular play, W. Shirk and M. F. Schoonover were tied. Shirk winning the play-off 50 to 36, with a ringer percentage of .530; Schoonover per cent was .486. We are planning on a bigger and better league for next year.

HARTFORD WINS

In an inter-state horseshoe pitching contest at Colt park the Hartford Horseshoe Pitching club defeated the Springfield club, 9 to 7.

Bishop, of the local team, was the outstanding star of the match, registering a total of eighteen ringers, and placing four double ringers in four straight innings. The Gorgettes, father and son, also pitched great games. For the up river team Carlin and Laminca pitched well.

Next Sunday afternoon the two teams will meet again on the rinks at Forest park. Miss Doris Perkins, due to cold weather, did not give her exhibition, but assured the local club that she would appear here next summer in an exhibition with her father.

Following are the scores: Gorgette and Thompson defeated Carlin and Laminca, 51 to 25; Georgette and Thompson defeated Perkins and Hart, 53 to 44; Georgette and Thompson defeated Disco and Burke, 53 to 35, and Georgette and Thompson lost to Gorman and DeRoache, 51 to 39; Bishop and Pudlo defeated Perkins and Hart, 50 to 21; Bishop and Pudlo defeated Perkins and Hart, 50 to 21; Bishop and Pudlo lost to Gorman and DeRoache, 52 to 18; Disco and Burke defeated Bishop and Pudlo, 52 to 49; Carlin and Laminca defeated Bishop and Pudlo, 50 to 48; W. Guest, sr., and W. Guest, jr., defeated Perkins and Hart 50 to 43; W. Guest sr., and W. Guest, jr., defeated Car-

lin and Laminca, 51 to 41; Gorman and DeRoache defeated W. Guest, sr. and W. Guest, jr., 51 to 49; W. Guest sr., and W. Guest, jr., defeated Disco and Burke, 51 to 27; Barker and Ecker defeated Perkins and Hart, 50 to 26; Disco and Burke defeated Barker and Ecker, 50 to 45; Barker and Ecker defeated Gorman and DeRoache, 50 to 46; and Carlin and Laminca defeated Barker and Ecker 51 to 21. The Hartford team was composed of Captain Len Barker Ecker, Bishop, Pudlo, W. Guest, sr., W. Guest, jr., Georgette and Thompson. Yesterday's victory was the eighteenth straight for the home team who to date have never been defeated on the rinks at Colt park. —Hartford (Conn.) Times.

THERE IS ONE
BEST
IN EVERYTHING



THE SHOE THAT'S
DESIGNED FOR
RINGERS

STOP -- LOOK -- LISTEN

The week of September 7th, at the California State Fair Horseshoe Tournament, Sacramento, Fernando Isais, pitching the Gordon "Spin-On" Horse Shoes, pitched 74½ per cent ringers. This is the greatest percentage ever pitched in tournament play, either in State or National contest.

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To the Horseshoe Pitchers of the
State of Ohio.
Greetings:

During the week of August 3rd to 8th, it was my privilege to witness the Ohio State Horseshoe Pitching Tournament, at Lakeside, Ohio, which I understand, was one of the finest examples of horseshoe pitching ever witnessed for a tournament as a whole.

On Friday evening, Aug. 7th, a meeting of the Ohio State Horseshoe Pitchers Association was called to meet in the "Recreation Hall." The results were that the Ohio State Association was dissolved. In my opinion this was a backset for the game in Ohio.

Ohio, the official home of the National Association, the home of the present worlds champion, Blair Nunamaker, and the home of six world's champions since 1919. It makes me hang my head with shame, to think that I am a lover of a grand old game, in a grand old state that cannot or will not support a state association.

If the horseshoe pitchers themselves will not fight for their own game, it seems an imposition to ask someone else. In fact it can't be done.

I do not want to condemn Judge Wm. N. Crow, president, or K. E. Miller, secretary-treasurer, or any of the other officials for this lack of interest, as both of the above named gentlemen gave me valuable assistance in organizing our county unit.

But I do want to censure the horseshoe pitchers as a whole, because they have not given their hearty support in their own game and by not organizing themselves.

In this day and age of specialties, every craft, profession, sport and what not is organized. Our creator put us on this earth to be dependent upon each other some way, either directly or indirectly. With the better than two million active horseshoe pitchers in this country, there is no reason for this game of ours to lag.

It is my conviction, that the only way to place the game of horseshoes

in its rightful place, is by the organization of county units, these county units organize into state groups, and these state groups, become affiliated with the National Association.

I base my convictions upon the following concrete example:

In Clark County, Ohio, of which Springfield is the county seat, the horseshoe pitching game had a few followers and they trailed along in a promiscuous manner, making very little progress.

Last November, 1930, a few of these lovers of the game decided to try to organize a county association to govern the game in this community and anything else to promote the game. The process of organizing was slow and somewhat discouraging, as most of the old-time tossers took the attitude of "it can't be done," or "let George do it."

In February, 1931, about 12 fans and pitchers met at an agreed place, and drew up a constitution following along the lines of the National Association's elected officers, etc.

They agreed to conduct a league for the season of 1931, and set the dead line of April 1st for all clubs to enter a team. On this evening they found that they had eight clubs with a combined membership of some two hundred players. Each club entered a six-man team in this league and schedules were drawn up to open the season May 15th, and to close August 14th. A split season was decided upon, the winner of the first half playing the winner of the second half for the championship team of the county. These matches drew crowds of five and six hundred fans to witness these play-off games.

At the close of the season the secretary made his report and had an individual season's record of each of the players. In this report it showed that 99 players participated in 4032 games (25-point); they tossed 120,108 shoes, made 75,503 points, threw 35,809 ringers, and 5,835 double ringers. The ringer percentage for these 99 players averaged .299.

The prospects for the next season are very encouraging, as some three or four additional clubs have expressed their desire of entering. Probably two or three leagues will be conducted.

Our county association conducted their own championship tournament, the winner of same received the certificate of championship from the

National Association, \$30.00 cash and a silver loving cup.

If this progress can be made in a county like ours, it can be done in others.

I would like to hear from the pitchers in Ohio what they think of the prospects for organizing a state organization under a plan similar to the above or a better, and have the organization more centrally located.

Come on, you horseshoe tossers, let's get organized and better acquainted with each other's troubles.

Yours very truly,

LOY D. JOHNSON, Sec.

Clark County Horseshoe Pitchers Association.

Cleveland, O., Oct. 17, 1931

Mr. Howard.

Dear Sir: Wish to call your attention to the fact that for the past two years we have not had a National tournament. Now I do not wish to criticize the officers of the association, as I am sure they have tried, but owing to hard times have been unable to find any one city to sponsor such a meet, but I do not think they have made any effort to put on a championship match which I feel is their duty.

I think that whenever a prospective city is interested in holding a National tournament and due to some cause or another find that they cannot undertake to underwrite the tournament for that amount that the city which is interested in it should then be given all the necessary information in regards to a championship match, and that this should be printed in your paper in every issue. This would help stimulate the game as there are many new pitchers of championship timber come up in the past two years.

If championship matches were held in different sectors each time it would spread the game all over the country.

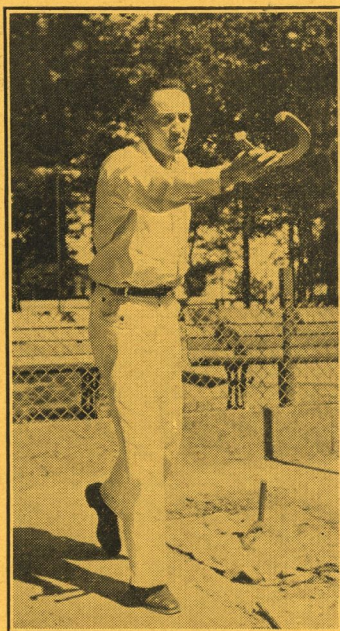
I feel sure that St. Petersburg, Fla., would support a match of this sort in winter; and California and St. Louis, Mo., especially the latter place, where there is great horseshoe interest and activity. There are very few horseshoe fans know that the championship can be decided in match play. Would be obliged if you would give this your attention.

Yours truly,

BERT DURYEE.

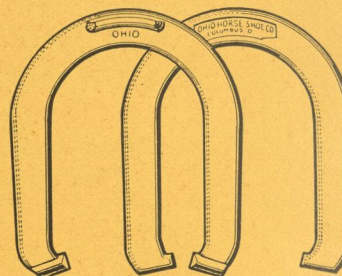
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