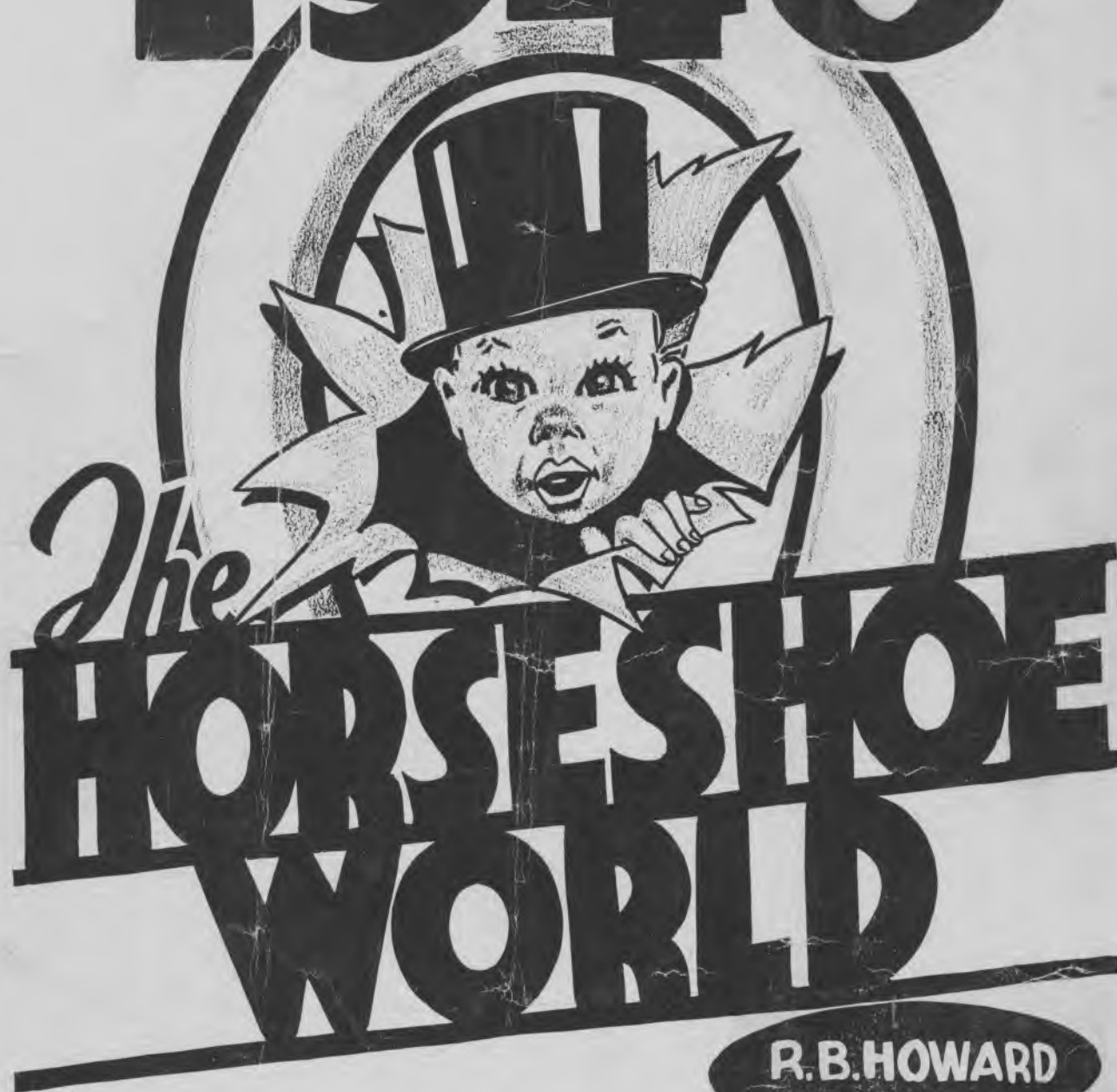


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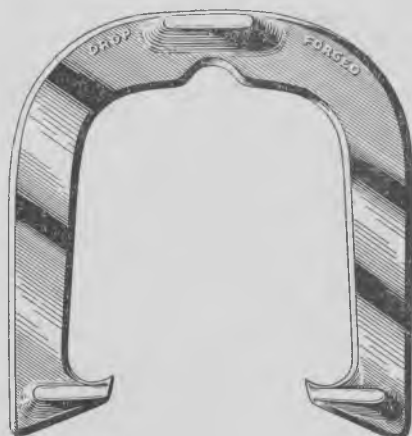
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**LET'S MAKE THE MOST** of our resources, so far as horse-shoe pitching is concerned. This is a new year and it's a good time to take "inventory" and check up!

Horseshoe pitching will never become stronger in the United States than the men and women who are the officials of the various horseshoe clubs. These officials need vision, yet need not be visionary to a fault; they need confidence and they need good, common sense and an ability to work together.

The National Horseshoe Pitchers Association may not be said to have been a huge success. We attribute this largely to the fact that too many pitchers want to **play without Numbers vs. Finance** paying. Let's quit chasing rainbows and get a membership that will pay! There are other ways of obtaining large numbers of pitchers later, who, after all, are the purchasers of equipment and must be catered to. But they will see the light and join later. Let's get the "cream of the crop" now in every community and make our associations pay their way.

Now, as to our assets or resources that are really untouched, or just scratched, so to speak: Newspaper publicity, (we know some clubs have fine publicity but more of them don't, and it's because they don't see their editor and ask for it); Radio—here is an untapped resource that will yield members and support of members—the right kind of members; support of a national magazine

## Tap the Resources!

(and we hesitatingly mention this as it sounds too much like we are complaining, yet how can a sport become great if its national magazine doesn't even have the subscription of club presidents and secretaries in many cases, to say nothing of the members?); support of the Junior Chambers of Commerce, Chambers of Commerce, Rotary, Lions, Kiwanis and other luncheon clubs—all will enter teams if some smart promoter in each horseshoe club or league will present the thing in the right fashion; a greater effort toward interesting both employees and managers of industrial concerns in supporting a horseshoe program—it pays dividends to the boss and health to the workers.

Yes, these are some of the resources that we have only scratched—there are exceptions in some communities, of course—but let's start 1940 with a resolution to make the horseshoe game what it deserves to be!

Visionary? Maybe. But we have been struggling with this problem of building the game for more than two decades. We had printed on our letterheads "Two Million Horseshoe Pitchers." It sounded nice, but it hasn't paid this magazine or the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association very much. The fact is, the little book we kept the membership list in when the writer was National Secretary should have had 48 states represented in it. It didn't have half that many, as we remember it. And the number of members—well, that should not even

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**THIS IS THE TIME** to make New Year's Resolutions . . . it's the time also to take inventories and to look back over the past year to see what we can do to improve the new one . . . and as we look back over the decade just closed and the year just ended, we must agree that both have been eventful, so far as the horseshoe picture is concerned . . . 1933 saw a change in National Secretaries and other officers of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association and twice during this decade this has happened . . . the last change came during the past year . . . Ted Allen and Mrs. James were crowned National champions during the ten-year period and no tournament was held since 1935, so these crowns still sit saucily upon the heads of these two shoe tossers . . . maybe the new secretary has something up his sleeve, and will produce a tournament in 1940, and then we shall see where these crowns land . . . there has been a great change in models of horseshoes during the decade and 1939 saw some disputing of whether or not the manufacturers were living up to the rules . . . we must not forget that the manufacturers play an important part in the welfare of the game, so let's get them all agreed as we go along on what a legal shoe is and then let's make them stick to it . . . and they will, we know . . . they are a pretty fine gang and so are the boys who make the rules, so there should be no difficulty . . . but in retrospect . . . it's been a grand decade and a good year, and we wish you a Happy New Year!

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# To Be or Not To Be, That's The Question

Looks Like the Old Question of Separate New York Charter is Coming Up to Plague the National Association Officials Again

THE old problem of whether New York City should have a separate charter from the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association, or whether the entire state of New York should be under a single charter "pops" up every now and then.

J. J. Enright, columnist for the Long Island Daily Press, whose column is reprinted in the Horseshoe World (and thanks to the paper and Mr. Enright for this privilege, too) mentions it. Mr. Enright states "The Knickerbocker League, via. Tom O'Gara, has asked the co-operation of the Long Island Association in a new campaign to secure a city charter. . . . On several occasions the National has refused to issue a city charter on the grounds that it can recognize only one state organization. . . . In view of the recent sanctioning of the reorganized (and incorporated) New York State Association, a revival of this troublesome topic seems to be borrowing trouble. . . ."

This question has caused more "headaches" for National Horseshoe Pitchers Association officials. Former secretary, R. B. Howard, refused to grant the separate charter. Just what the new secretary, Lee Rose, and his co-officials will do, remains to be seen.

It seems that our old friend, Frank Gamble, who stepped down and out of the presidency of the New York State Association in a "harmony move" is back in the scrap again. At least here's a letter to the Long

Island Press that reads that way:

"Dear Sir:

"Like Napoleon, Frank Gamble finds retirement irksome. Having exiled himself to the remote interior of Staten Island some months ago, he misses the combat and controversy of other days. In fact he's already planning a return to the horseshoe wars. By way of a comeback he has revived the weary issue of a metropolitan charter for New York City.

"Now, this city charter plan has always been Tom O'Gara's pet project. For many seasons past Tom has sturdily contended that New York City has sufficient pitchers and problems to warrant a separate charter. Yet, when Gamble was 'reorganizing' the state organization two years ago, he vehemently opposed the idea of such a charter. His frequent exhortations on unity, peace and harmony made O'Gara seem like a radical isolationist.

"The city charter plan has merit, but to be properly effective it should include every horseshoe community in Greater New York. Unless the various parochial grievances of the Knickerbocker League, Staten Island, Westchester and Long Island can be reconciled, a city charter would be meaningless.

"Furthermore, as a veteran horseshoe parliamentarian, Gamble should know that the National cannot award a city charter now that the reorganized State Association has been incorporated and sanctioned.

"May be I'm wrong, but this new agitation smells somewhat of sabotage.

"J. MALONEY, Jr.  
"Elmhurst."

Up-state New Yorkers have fought bitterly to bring the city pitchers "under one tent" each time this question came up. Repeated meetings were held in an effort to iron out the difficulties. A group in the White Plains area became active and along with the Rochester pitchers tried to "reason things out."

Finally, the National Association took the attitude "enough is enough" and granted a charter to what seemed to be the group with the largest representation, although letters from some have indicated that the former secretary "made a mistake."

The most refreshing thought in the whole "scrap" is that the new officials of the National Association (most of them are new) can come into this argument with clear minds and that perhaps a correct solution can yet be found.

The Horseshoe World feels that New York City is worth giving consideration, as is the rest of the state. Just so something is done to bring all pitchers in that great city and that great state into membership in the National Association—that's the big question at hand.

Let's all hope this thing is settled once and for all and that everybody is a real sport in the matter!

## Splendid Work

Harold Hubbell, of Henderson, Colorado, has always been interested in horseshoe pitching, but while tossing the irons in Denver last fall he took on a renewed interest.

Mr. Hubbell is lecturer in Pomona Grange No. 4, representing the fifth degree members in 21 Granges in six counties, and he is including horseshoe pitching in his program at Pomona meetings.

Now there's an idea that Mr. Hubbell has provided that is worth passing on. Horseshoe clubs should do something to interest their Granges, Farm Bureau units, 4-H clubs, Future Farm Chapters, Etc., in horseshoe pitching. These farm leaders are always looking for an idea. Why not pass a sample copy of the Horseshoe World on to such leaders? We will send them free of charge if you

will furnish the list of names and addresses.

## Plan Sports Show

Horseshoe pitching will have its "place in the sun," as usual, at the 11th Annual Chicago National Boat and Sports Show, which will be held at the Navy Pier, Chicago, February 3 to 11, inclusive.

## Good Climate and Good Pitching!

With climate such that horseshoe pitching can be indulged in the year 'round, we have the following results from Yakima, Wash., sent us by C. O. Kittilson:

Fred Anderson, a dark horse from Cowiche, Sunday took the Yakima Horseshoe Club veterans to the clean-

ers in the round robin tournament on the City Park courts. Anderson and Harry Scott tied for first place and, in the playoff, the Cowiche tosser won, 25 to 13.

	W	L	Pts.
Anderson .....	13	1	345
H. Scott .....	13	1	338
Redsike .....	11	3	318
Elliott .....	10	4	328
Cook .....	10	4	324
Maphis .....	8	6	274
Bewley .....	8	6	246
Born .....	7	7	274
Boswell (B) .....	6	8	246
Keys .....	5	9	270
Purdin (B) .....	3	11	216
Buker .....	3	11	214
Miller (B) .....	2	12	206
Rosser .....	2	12	199

Is your state represented in the National Association membership drive?

# WORLD CHAMPION COMING TO OHIO SPORTS SHOW

**T**ED ALLEN, world's champion horseshoe pitcher, will be one of the feature attractions at the American and Canadian Sportsmen's Show in Cleveland, February 5 to 14, inclusive, according to A. W. Newman, manager of the exposition.

The champion has been giving exhibitions from coast to coast ever since he won the crown at the World's Fair in Chicago, in 1933, and his appearance at the Cleveland show will be the first for that exposition which is held annually and which has been adding new features each year. Needless to say Ted's host of Ohio horseshoe followers will be interested in his performance, as well as the many other interesting things at the American and Canadian Sportsmen's Show, which is to be held in the Cleveland Public Auditorium.

Another horseshoe enthusiast will have a part in the exhibition, but not in connection with horseshoe pitching. R. B. Howard, editor of the Horseshoe World, who is also the manager of The Madison Press Company, publishing two newspapers, several magazines and doing commercial job printing business, will be in charge of the state's exhibit at the Cleveland show.

Mr. Howard received an appointment from Governor John W. Bricker in 1939, as public relations director of the Ohio Division of Conservation and Natural Resources, which is headed by Conservation Commissioner Don Waters. In addition to publicity work, publishing of the Ohio Conservation Bulletin, a monthly magazine; operating a speakers' bureau and a wildlife motion picture library, Mr. Howard's department is in charge of conservation exhibits. A large state exhibit will be held at the show.

Champions will come from the woods of Canada, from the plains of the West—from the four points of the compass, in fact. They will perform incredible outdoors feats.

Exhibits will be brought to the show from all over America and from many other parts of the world; fascinating, entertaining, instructive—reflecting the lure of nature and the joys of recreation in the open.

The American and Canadian Sportsmen's Show is the biggest event scheduled for the 1939-40 winter season in Cleveland's great nationally-known exposition building. A combined area totaling close to 110,000 square feet will be used. Among the large scale facilities employed will be a specially constructed

tank, 65x25, with a capacity of 36,500 gallons, for log-rolling, canoe tilting, boat races and other aquatic features.

Up from Texas, where men know how to tote guns—and shoot 'em, too—will come L. L. Cline, holder of both pistol and rifle championships in his native state.

Archery exhibitions will be highlighted by that well-known Milwaukee star, Larry Whiffen. He does his act with a young woman co-performer. Whiffen is not only a great archer but a master entertainer. He is literally a show in himself.

Clare Bryan, one of the world's outstanding trick casters, will exhibit feats with rod and reel.

An aquatic innovation this year will be an act performed on bubble boats—six-foot inflated rubber craft, resembling huge lilly pads. A group of expertly trained performers will demonstrate their ability to maintain their equilibrium on these boats while they go through a routine of comedy antics, including even birling and tilting battles. Swimming demonstrations will accompany this exhibit.

The celebrated Ozark Ripley himself will be there. The best-known Canadian and American fisherman, hunter and field-trial man living today, Ripley will appear on the platform and likewise preside over his own guides' camp where sportsmen and dog fanciers will be able to talk in person with this authoritative writer on outdoors subjects who has spent his life in the open.

Frank Hogan's Labrador and Golden Retriever dogs, which stopped the show last year, will work in and out of the water in a greatly enlarged act, displaying their marvelous obedience and perfect training.



## Hempstead Summary

Folowing is the summary of the West Hempstead, Long Island, season averages as compiled by the official scorekeepers:

F. Patrick .....	25-22	A45.7
P. McGill .....	16-26	A44.5
E. Skellington .....	15-20	A40.2
W. Rhodes .....	8-16	A40.3
P. Flynn .....	12-20	A40.3
H. Molter .....	1- 4	A45.7
F. Egger .....	7-23	A34.1
W. Rhodes .....	30-18	B35.3
H. Molter .....	20-22	B32.5
T. Goedeck .....	16-19	B34.1
P. O'Connor .....	7-23	B28.1
W. Dargan .....	9-44	B27.0
A. Conzo .....	20-12	C28.6

# SPARKS

## OFF THE PEG!

News from good old Bremerton, Washington, indicated a good season last year. The Bremerton Horseshoe Club has twelve courts and boasts the "best lighting system on the Pacific Coast," according to Mell Zuber, who served as secretary in 1939. The Bremerton Club is looking toward holding the state meet there.



"I looked everywhere for a copy of your magazine on the newsstand," writes a horseshoe enthusiast. We are sorry that it is difficult to get what magazine wholesalers call a "class magazine" on the newsstand. Besides, its cheaper to buy it by the year.



Monty Fourcade who won the Northern California championship, is one of our valued subscribers. By golly, it's good to have these champions on the list and it's surprising how many names we receive for publication of tournament winners who have never been on our list. Maybe they read somebody else's magazine!



And speaking of subscribers, are we proud of one we have! It's Clyde Ringer, 14 Marie Ave., Avalon, Pa. With a name like that he should be able to compete with the best of 'em.



As we write these lines about California, we are listening on the radio (New Year's Day) to the Tournament of Roses parade. We wonder if the horseshoe pitchers had a float in that parade? If they did how about letting the rest of the country see it by sending us a photograph, which we promise to use in the Horseshoe World?



Ernest Mottola, 29 Central Ave., Madison, N. J., sends us a letter with his subscription and the envelope bears a large horseshoe, with London, Ohio. We got it, OK, Ernest, and thanks!



In its "review of the sports year," the Columbus Citizen, Columbus, Ohio, claims that "horseshoe tourney rules were born here." The column, written by Jack Keller says: "Did you know that The Citizen helped organize the first rules ever used for horseshoe tournaments back in 1915?" We do know that the tournaments staged by newspapers created a lot of interest and some of us "old timers" believe that maybe that's the answer to the horseshoe problem. Why not interest newspa-

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# Shoes From Famous Horses

by Hugh Lyons

FOR unknown centuries it has been said that horseshoes bring Good Luck. If such is the case, Mr. H. A. Wiedemeier, of Chicago, Illinois, should be burdened with Good Luck. For years he has pursued his hobby of collecting horseshoes of famous horses until he acquired one of the most interesting collections of its kind in America. And doubtless there is an intriguing tale connected with each and everyone of these shoes. His theme song probably is "I found a horseshoe."

Many notable names appear on his list. The following is an enumeration of the horses that wore the shoes that carried their wearers to victory on many a track and in addition others that are famous but not on the turf:

Pluto, the famous saddle horse of Emperor Francis Joseph, of Austria; Mirage, bred in the desert and owned by a king, has the distinction of having led the first Armistice Day parade in London, England; Jeff, the famous mount of General John J. Pershing, presented to him by the American Legion, and has the honor of leading the victory parade in New York City; also Kidron, his famous French thoroughbred which led the Victory parade in Paris, France; Jadaan, the famous Arabian stallion owned by Rudolph Valentino; The Tetrarch, famous spotted wonder horse of Ireland; Barnum, the famous horse owned by "Buffalo Bill" (Col. W. F. Cody); Pinto, owned by William S. Hart, "Two-gun Bill," of movie fame; Tony, famous horse owned by Tom Mix; Champion, owned by Gene Autry of Western movies; Silver, owned by Buck Jones, and the first horse to cross the new San Francisco bridge; Tarzan, owned by Ken Maynard, of Western cowboy fame; Texas, owned by Ozark Jack-Berlin, famous western scout; Mollie, owned by "Diamond Jack."

Exterminator, winner of the 1918 Kentucky Derby; Sun Beau, champion money winner of the world; Sun Brier, sire of Sun Beau, and a famous thoroughbred; Man O'War, the only super-horse alive, owned by Samuel D. Riddle.

Equipoise, the mighty, owned by C. V. Whitney; Pennant, famous sire of Equipoise; Zev, winner of the 1923 Kentucky Derby; Flying Ebony, winner of the 1925 Kentucky Derby; Pompey, famous sire of Pompoon; Wise Counsellor, famous stake winner; Crusader, by Man O'War, famous stake winner; Sir Harry, winner of the King Edward gold cup; Kantar, famous Imp. French race

**Editor's Note:** Mistaking the Horseshoe World for another type of magazine, Mr. Lyons recently sent us this very interesting article. Our first inclination was to return it saying we only used stories about horseshoe pitching. Then we read it again and agreed that it was of enough general interest to pass on to our readers, who may like to know something about horseshoes which have adorned famous horses rather than those which have called for a "count three!"

horse; Miss Gussie, winner of the first Canadian Derby, 1898, at Ft. Erie; Cavalcade, winner of the 1934 Kentucky Derby; Discovery, the miracle horse of 1935, owned by A. G. Vanderbilt; Omaha, winner of the 1935 Kentucky Derby; Bull Dog, famous sire of thoroughbreds; Teddy, the daddy of them all; Sickel, famous sire of many winners; Grayboy, the horse used by Will Rogers "In Old Kentucky"; John P. Grier, famous race horse and sire; Hadagal, famous racer, winner of the King Phillip Handicap; Burgoo King, winner of the 1932 Kentucky Derby; Bubbling Over, winner of the 1926 Derby; Black Helen, winner of the American Derby and champion filly of 1935, owned by Col. E. R. Bradley; Gallant Fox, winner of the 1930 Kentucky Derby; War Admiral, winner of the 1937 Kentucky Derby.

Lawrin, winner of the 1938 Kentucky Derby; Johnstown, winner of the 1939 Kentucky Derby; Seabiscuit, champion stake horse and winner of many races, 1938; Battleship, a Man O' War horse, winner of the Grand National, London, England, 1938; Will Somers, famous race horse owned by his majesty King George 5th, England; Twenty Grand, winner of the 1931 Kentucky Derby.

Bold Venture, winner of the Kentucky Derby and Preakness, 1936; Fairway and Hyperion, famous English race horses and winners of the St. Ledger stakes, owned by Lord Derby.

Other famous horses are represented in this collection—Indian Broom, Pompoon, Jock, Sir Galahad, Witchmont, Flying Scot, Nedayr, Sweeping Light, In Memoriam, Blenheim, owned by Aga Khan, Brooklyn, Billionaire, Granville, Fighting Fox, Black Tony, Blue Larkspur, Black Servant, Brevity, Steffen The Great, Dick, famous horse owned by May Wirth, champion bareback rider of

the world; Sky-line Tommy, champion jumper of the world; Bad Ear, horse owned by Frank James, notorious outlaw, and many others with amusing stories connected with these shoes, including one from Col. Theodore Roosevelt's horse; three mule shoes also have a place of honor among his collection—Whiskey, famous U. S. Army mule, 40 years old, now retired, presented to him by the boys of Fort Niagara, New York; Old Jack, retired with honors at Fort Totten, N. Y.; Prof. Todd, the famous T.V.A. mule, which cost the U. S. Government \$4,500 (some mule), and was the topic of discussion one whole day on the floor of the U. S. Senate by U. S. Senator Bridges.

Letters of presentation and many autographed photographs are included by the donors.

## Editorial Comment

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be printed in a magazine that might get in the hands of persons who don't belong to our fraternity—they wouldn't understand why a national group was so small!

It isn't wrong to hope. It is commendable to be alert and aggressive. To fail to try is a disgrace. So, here's hoping and here's best wishes to every club official and to all the officers of the National Association with the promise of doing everything we can to make 1940 bring the results we have so long needed.

You see I can say these things, folks, for the undersigned was secretary of the National Association from 1933 until August, 1939, so I am not casting rocks at anybody that I can't easily toss right into my own backyard horseshoe court!

A Happy New Year!

*R. R. Howard*

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## Women Champions



These lady tossers, Rosa Froyen (left) and Virginia Coker were winners in the Class A women's tournament staged by the Northern California division of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association at Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, in November. Virginia Coker was the winner and Rosa Froyen was the runner-up. Doris Doggett was winner of the Class B event.

San Francisco speaks again! Let's go to press!

A new woman champion is acclaimed; Virginia Coker, against odds and stiff competition, won the coveted trophy presented by the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association of Northern California, at an open tournament for women held at Golden Gate Park on November 19th. Old man weather co-operated to his fullest, and a grand feed of Tagglarini certainly made the day one not to be soon forgotten.

Commendable credit should be given to the members of the National who made this tournament possible.

The returns of the day were as follows:

A Class	W	L	Pct
Virginia Coker .....	2	0	68
Rosa Froyen .....	1	1	66
Dixie Shepard .....	0	0	64
B Class			
Doris Doggett .....	3	0	36
Angela Hopkins .....	2	1	28
Chris Callas .....	0	0	0
M. Randolph .....	1	2	0

Trophies were given for first place  
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## LONG ISLAND 'SHOE NEWS

As Told By J. J. Enright in  
The Long Island Daily Press

Long Island delegates will get together Thursday night\* to tackle the problem of reclassifying local horseshoe pitchers for the 1940 outdoor season.

(\*Editor's Note—This meeting was held the latter part of November).

The growing membership of Association clubs makes it necessary to permit the participation of more players next summer. The increasing ringer prowess of veteran pitchers also makes it necessary to boost the present class averages.

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### Kestel Leads Field

A summary of the statisticians' records reveal that Pete Kestel of DeKalb led the field in the number of games played during the 1939 season. Pete competed in exactly 100 games to prove himself the most durable and improved rookie in the league.

Roy Clinton, of Whitestone, was close behind with 95, while the versatile Charlie Schmid, of St. Albans (who played in all three classes), was third with 90 games.

Elmhurst's Pete Beaton, whose horseshoe appetite is tremendous, lost only 15 of his 88 games pitched. A. Gustafson, of St. Albans, had an even 80, while young Billy Rhodes of West Hempstead had a total of 77 for the semester.

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### Charter Appeal

The Knickerbocker League, via Tom O'Gara, has asked the co-operation of the Long Island Association in a new campaign to secure a city charter.

Not without reason, it is, and has been, the O'Gara contention that New York City has enough pitchers (and peculiar problems) to warrant recognition by the National Association as an independent horseshoe colony. On several previous occasions the National has refused to issue a city charter to New York on the grounds that it can recognize only a state organization.

In view of the recent sanctioning of the reorganized (and incorporated) New York State Association, a revival of this troublesome topic seems to be borrowing trouble. However, the fact that this new attempt bears the O'Gara imprimatur makes it deserving of a proper hearing by all metropolitan groups.

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### Indoor Info

The indoor gents at Whitestone have become acclimated to the changed conditions and are ready to

begin tournament play next week.

Thanks to the energetic shovels of Bill Berger and Percy Willets, the possibility of denting the ceiling is forever removed. (Joe Ruggles, whose high shoe practically wrecked the joint last season, confesses that the new ceiling is safely over his head).

Henry Schmidt has installed the new courts with a level and accurate eye. Pat Malloy's lighting system makes for bigger and better vision. Anyone so decrepit as not to boost his ringer average at least 10 per centage points might as well hang up the shoes and devote himself to a winters' pinochle, or dominoes, under Joe Ryan's expert tutelage.

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### Peg Sparks

Earle Henrichs has joined the horseshoe columnists.

John Menso is recruiting a Baisley Park bowling team to compete with De Kalb, Elmhurst and Whitestone. Any more kegglers?

Dan Salvesen, Long Island's fifth ranking pitcher, is embarrassed by too many offers from local clubs. To date he's still faithful to Sunset Park. Faithful, but willing.

Pete Beaton has gone back to school and is getting gray hairs worrying about exams and stuff.

The St. Albans Club will hold its annual dance at the South Side Civic Hall, Springfield, on Jan. 27, 1940.

John Roll has become the unknown casualty. No one seems to know how or where he is. Come, come, John; let's hear from you. What's a broken leg between friends.

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### No Radical Changes

The Horseshoe World:

Please send my paper to the address below and oblige.

I hope no radical changes will be made in the old game, where fine courts will be destroyed for any fad. Would gladly yield to any changes whereby more skill would be required.

Hope more publicity will come from Washington State in the future. We have many fine courts, many good contests, and some of the finest people backing the game. Let's get associated and have more contests.

Respectfully yours,

W. A. BENTLEY, Pacific, Wash.

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### Remember the "Widow."

A good New Year's resolution is to spend at least one evening a week this summer with your "horseshoe widow."

## Sparks off the Peg!

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pers in conducting county and state tournaments and then send the state champs to a national meet? It would get the best pitchers and would reach down into the counties where stimulation of interest is needed. And it would sell horseshoes, too. Are you manufacturers listening?

Our genial ex-president, L. E. Tanner, wrote us recently that he is still just as interested in horseshoe pitching as ever, but was mighty glad to get the burdens of heading the National Association over. He should be added to the "championship" list as a "champion" at fixing up tournament schedules. He knows the "number racket" and we don't mean gambling—we mean matching players so that a tournament runs smoothly.

It's been a long time since Fred Brust held the national championship but this Columbus, Ohio, manufacturer is just as interested in the game as he ever was. It was 18 years ago that a "youngster" with an idea of printing a national horseshoe magazine made the second visit of his life to the state capital to see Fred Brust and some other men about starting a magazine. Fred's encouragement was a big help in those days and The Horseshoe World was born in January, 1922. And, may we add, the Ohio Horseshoe Company has had an advertisement in every issue since. All our advertisers have been fine, but we add to the "champions," Fred Brust, our "champion advertiser"!

H. W. Clear, Hayward, Calif., is an interested horseshoe fan. He is a member of the Mosswood Club, of Oakland.

As 1940 comes upon the scene and we take a glance backward, we nominate the following for "championships"—Ted Allen, world's men champion, because nobody has been able to take it away from him; Mrs. Charles James, world's woman champion as being the least publicity-seeking champion of all time (let's hear from you, Mrs. James, for after all no women's meet has been held to decide that title again); that fine sport, D. O. Chess, of Cleveland, as champion for "sticking to an idea," (more power to you, DOC); Harry Woodfield, of Washington, D. C., for turning out more horseshoe promotion ideas per month than any of our readers, and Lee Rose, new secretary, as champion hard worker. Lee has a difficult job, folks, and the fellow who conducts this column

knows what he is saying, too! He used to be in Lee's shoes or rather Lee is in his.

## AS IT LOOKS TO ME

MAIL FROM OUR  
READERS

### Have Fine Club

Horseshoe World:

I am reading the Horseshoe World and like it very much.

I organized a horseshoe club in our city last Spring and it went over in a big way. Horseshoe pitching was arousing so much interest that we went to the Park Board and asked for a horse shoe court and got it. We had about 15 or 20 horseshoe players to start with and now we have at least 75 and more are coming out in 1940.

Here's what I want to know: What does it mean to a horseshoe club to belong to a state organization and the National Association, and where do I find out about it? I read in the Horseshoe World about new officers—do I write them? Please let me know how much good it would do our club.

CORNELIUS SARKNESS,  
303 Second St., Madison, Minn.

(Editor's Note—We have forwarded Mr. Sarkness' letter to Lee Rose, 5228 Shaw Avenue, Detroit, Mich. He is the secretary of the National Association and will answer Mr. Sarkness, if he hasn't already. Of course it means a lot to a club to be able to say that it is affiliated with the state association and the National Association. If we didn't have these organizations where would we get our rules, our standards to play by? Well, Lee will tell the whole story that your editor has repeated so many times when he was secretary).

### Asks "Break" for Losers

The Horseshoe World:

Mr. Howard, you as editor of the Horseshoe World, I am convinced, will, and can do more to correct what I believe to be one of the greatest mistakes in the playing rules of our horseshoe game.

For all time there has been a custom (not a rule) that each player winning the points of each inning is to pitch first in the next inning, and so on. This should be corrected; it is a handicap on all new players and is a "black ball" to most of them.

Now, Mr. Howard, don't you think we should have a national rule to take care of this? I for one believe that to reverse that old custom and allow the loser on points to throw

first would be a very sane method. Anything that will improve our game will help finance it, too.

WILLARD RUSE, Aledo, Ill.

### Women Champions

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and medals for second in each class. Rosa Froyen is the champion of the Sportswomen's Horseshoe Club and Dixie Shepard formerly held that title for two consecutive years in the same club. These girls on occasions pitched 70-88 per cent in club tournaments.

How about that men? Let's hear from other women pitchers throughout this grand country of ours.

ANGELA HOPKINS.

## The Cover Page

Readers of the Horseshoe World who enjoyed the special Christmas cover on the December issue will again be pleased, we hope, with the January cover design.

These designs, drawn especially for the Horseshoe World, are from the pen of Paul Latray, 6022 Virginia Avenue, St. Louis, Mo. Paul seems to be as handy with a pen and brush and he is with the horseshoes themselves. He is a former Missouri state champion.

We would say that he is going places with his art!

### Likes His Hosshoes

James Templeton, Route 1, Box 1, Lincoln, Calif., is a real shoe enthusiast.



Illustrated here is the new 1940 design Champion professional type hook heel hammer forged steel pitching horseshoe just announced by Giant Grip Mfg. Co., Oshkosh, Wisconsin. These new shoes have slanting heels and notches; and this model takes the place of the Champion shoe that has been sold for several years. Finished in bronze and aluminum, the new design is one of a complete line of Giant Grip pitching shoes, all of which have been improved.



# Preserve These Official Rules For 1940

Here are the Rules and Regulations, Brought  
Up-to-Date and Furnished by the National  
Horseshoe Pitchers Association of America

## The Horseshoe Courts

Rule 1. Sec. a—Layout of Courts—A court shall consist of two pitchers' boxes with stake in the center of each, and shall cover a level area over all ten (10) feet in width and fifty (50) feet in length.

Sec. b—When a number of courts are constructed as required in tournament play, the stakes shall be at least ten (10) feet apart between courts and front pitching box foul lines shall preserve a straight line across the entire lay-out. Construction shall be made to permit of north-south pitching.

Rule 2. Pitching Distance—The pitching distance shall be forty (40) feet between stakes. Ladies' pitching distance thirty (30) feet.

Rule 3. Indoor Pitching—When indoor courts are constructed, the height of pitching boxes should not be over six (6) inches above floor level. Ceiling height at least twelve (12) feet.

Rule 4. Sec. a—Pitchers' Box—Pitcher's box shall be six (6) feet square, with stake in the exact center.

Sec. b—The pitcher's box shall be filled to a depth of six (6) inches with potter's clay or substitute of like nature and kept in a moist and putty-like condition in the stake area. (When boxes are hard surface, as related in Section C, the opening about the stake shall be filled with clay).

Sec. c—When the pitcher's box is hard surface, an opening not less than thirty-one (31) inches in width, and forty-three (43) inches in length must be left about the stake as a clay area.

Sec. d—Foul lines surrounding the pitcher's box shall be clearly defined and the frame at the front must extend approximately one (1) inch above the surface.

Sec. e—Foul lines shall be determined by inside measurement to the near side of the box frame from the stake.

## Horseshoe Equipment

Rule 5. Stakes—The stakes shall be of iron or steel, one inch in diameter, and shall extend twelve (12) inches above the clay surface with a three (3) inch incline toward the opposite stake.

Rule 6. The Official Shoe—No horseshoe shall exceed the following dimensions: seven and one-half ( $7\frac{1}{2}$ ) inches in length; seven (7) inches in width; two and one-half ( $2\frac{1}{2}$ ) pounds in weight. No heel or toe caulks shall project more than one and one-sixteenth ( $1\frac{1}{16}$ ) inches in height over all, that is including the body of the shoe. The opening between the heel caulks shall not exceed three and one-half ( $3\frac{1}{2}$ ) inches, inside

measurement. Said opening shall not be more than nine-sixteenths ( $9/16$ ) inches from the extreme end of the shoe determined by measurement from a straight edge placed across the extreme ends of the heel. No hook shall project more than thirteen-sixteenths ( $13/16$ ) inches from inside the body of the shoe. No projection shall be allowed extending beyond an imaginary line following the general inner contour of the shoe, with the exception of the hooks which shall be no farther than one (1) inch from a line drawn between the extreme ends of the shoe heels.

## Playing Rules

Rule 7. Sec. a—Conduct of Players and Members—No contestant, while opponent is in pitching position, shall make any remark or utter any sounds within the hearing of opponent, nor make any movement that does or might interfere with the opponent's playing. Penalty—Both shoes of the offender shall be declared foul in the inning complained of.

Sec. b—Any member of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association of America who indulges in heckling or unfair rooting against any pitcher in a tournament, whether with malicious intent or otherwise, shall be expelled from the grounds and from the National Association.

Sec. c—No contestant shall touch own or opponent's shoe or shoes until winner of point or points has been agreed upon by contestants or decision rendered by the referee. Referee shall declare foul, shoes thrown by a contestant failing to comply with this rule, and award points to the opponent according to the position of his or her shoes.

Sec. d—No contestant shall walk to the opposite stake or be informed of the position of shoes prior to the completion of an inning.

Sec. e—A player, when not pitching, must remain on the opposite side of the stake to the player in action and to the rear of a line even with the stake.

Sec. f—Any player repeatedly violating rules or guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct may be barred from further participation in the contest.

Rule 8. Sec. a—Foul Lines—Any shoe delivered while the pitcher's foot extends on or over the raised foul line (See Rule 4, Sec. d) shall be declared foul and removed from counting distance.

Sec. b—In delivering the shoe the pitcher shall stand within the pitcher's box, but outside an eighteen (18) inch radius of the stake.

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Rule 9. In delivering a shoe, the pitcher must remain behind the foul line until the shoe pitched reaches the court at which it is delivered.

Rule 10. Choice of Pitch—Choice of first pitch or follow shall be determined by the toss of a coin. In successive games between the same players, the loser shall have choice.

Rule 11. Broken Shoes—When a shoe lands in fair territory and is broken into separate parts it shall be removed and the contestant allowed to pitch another shoe in its stead.

Rule 12. Sec. a—Foul Shoes—A shoe pitched while contestant stands beyond the box foul line limits. A shoe striking outside the opposite pitching box or on the hard surface area when courts are so constructed.

Sec. b—Foul shoes shall be removed from the opposite pitcher's box at the request of the opponent.

Sec. c—A foul shoe shall not be scored or credited except in the score sheet column headed "shoes pitched."

Rule 13. Measurements—Measurements to determine points won shall be made with calipers and straight edge.

#### Scoring Rules

Rule 14. Sec. a—A regulation game shall consist of fifty (50) points in all contests where a National or Sectional title is involved. Any other contests may be decided in any manner acceptable to the state association in that state, provided that the National Rules, Constitution and By-Laws are not violated.

Sec. b—Game points in other tournaments, leagues or contests may be determined by local authorities to fit their conditions.

Sec. c—A game is divided into innings and each inning constitutes the pitching of two shoes by each contestant.

Rule 15. Sec. a—A shoe must be within six (6) inches of the stake to score.

Sec. b—Closest shoe to stake scores 1 point

Sec. c—Two shoes closer than opponent's .....2 points

Sec. d—One (1) ringer scores.....3 points

Sec. e—Two (2) ringers scores.....6 points

Sec. f—One (1) ringer and closest shoe of same player scores.....4 points

Sec. g—Party having two (2) ringers against one for opponent.....3 points

Sec. h—All equals count as ties and no points are scored.

Sec. i—In case each contestant has a ringer, the next closest shoe, if within six inches shall score 1 point

Sec. j—In case of tie, such as four (4) ringers, or contestants' shoes are equal distance from the stake, causing no score for either, party pitching last in the inning will start the next inning.

Sec. k—A leaning shoe has no value over one touching the stake.

Rule 16. Sec. a—The points shall be scored according to the position of the shoes at the inning's end, that is, after the contestants have each thrown two shoes.

Sec. b—Ringer credits shall be given on the same basis.

Sec. c—The winner of points shall call the result. In case of tie, the party pitching last shall call.

Rule 17. Definition of a ringer—A ringer is declared when a shoe encircles the stake far enough to allow the touching of both heel caulks simultaneously with a straight edge, and permit a clearance of the stake.

Rule 18. Recording of Results—The recording of results shall be as follows:

W—Games won; L—Games lost; P—Points; R—Ringers; DR—Double Ringers; SP—Shoes Pitched; OP—Opponents Points; PR—Percentage of Ringers.

#### Jurisdiction

Rule 19. Sec. a—A tournament committee, satisfactory to the Board of Directors, shall supervise National contests.

Sec. b—A referee appointed by the committee shall decide points when contestants are in doubt. He shall also see that rules are complied with.

Sec. c—Appeal may be made to the committee if a ruling of the referee is not considered proper. Decision of the committee shall be final.

Sec. d—All protests shall be made immediately the occasion arises. Protests covering shoes or conditions of play can only be made before start of the game.

Sec. e—If rain or other elements interfere, players must stop play and not resume until officials authorize. On resuming play, score at time of interference will be in effect; also the same courts will be used by contestants unless they agree otherwise.

Sec. f—The interpretation of the tournament committee covering technical points and their rulings on matters uncovered by these rules shall be final.

Sec. g—An official scorer shall cover each game. When open scorers are also maintained, the official scorer shall watch closely the open score and correct immediately any error.

Rule 20. Three-handed Games—In three-handed games, when two of the players each have a ringer and the third player no ringer, the party without a ringer is out of the scoring and others score according to conditions pertaining if only two were in the game. Otherwise the regulation rules apply.

Rule 21. An official contest between two players shall consist of best six (6) out of eleven (11) games.

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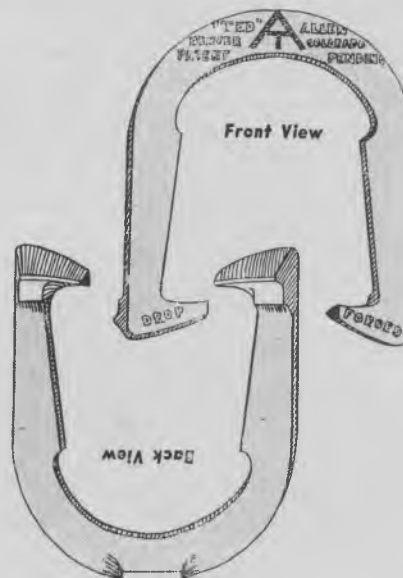
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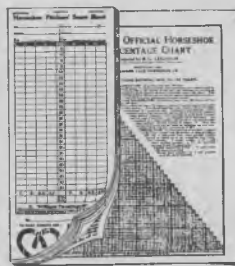


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