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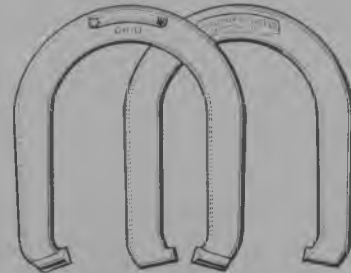
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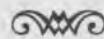
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FAIRS are beginning to get ready for tournaments . . . the Horseshoe World is receiving many requests for tournament supplies and helps . . . The Dominion of Canada Horseshoe Pitchers Association has just published a fine year book . . . the Horseshoe World has just received one from Albert Berscht, Wellesley, Ont., and it is a mighty fine step in the progress Canadian pitchers are making . . . It contains the rules of the association, pictures of champions, etc. . . . in this issue we have a 10-year-old Ohio boy challenging any 10-year-old boy for the championship of that age . . . the story of the coming Ohio tournament, with an entry blank, will interest Buckeye tossers . . . some New England news with our old friend, Charles Gerrish in the limelight . . . and the good stories we missed were due to the fact you boys didn't send them in. Don't forget us.

## MAKE COURTS SAFE



THE horseshoe game has had its first fatality, so far as we know, in the death of an Ohio lad, hit by a horseshoe.

This sad experience brings to our mind two things. The safety of the game compared with other sports. To our knowledge this is the first death connected with the sport. The second thing is that we cannot be too careful in building our courts to see that spectators are well guarded.

Children should be kept from the path of the flying shoes and all clubs should make "Safety First" their motto.

### 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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# OHIO STATE TOURNAMENT

**K**E. MILLER, secretary of the Ohio State Horseshoe Pitchers Association, announces that the Ohio State Championship tournament will be held at Lakeside-on-Lake Erie (Ottawa County, Ohio) August 3 to 8.

A cash prize list amounting to \$290 is announced, with V. E. Spaulding, Judge W. N. Crow and W. E. Stimson as the committee in charge with Mr. Miller acting as tournament manager.

It is to be hoped that all possible support will be given Mr. Miller who has worked hard in the interest of the state association. He deserves the support of all Ohio pitchers.

The announcement mailed to Ohio pitchers, together with an entry blank, reads as follows:

The tournament is for men only and open to any resident of Ohio, who is a member of the Ohio State Horseshoe Pitchers' Association, except those who have been world's champions. The rules of the National Horseshoe Pitchers' Association shall govern all games played. All entrants in the tournament will play each other one 50-point game on the Round Robin plan with no finals. Some form of elimination may be used if there are too many entries for one round robin. The decision of the Tournament Committee shall be final in this matter and on all questions regarding the tournament.

All contestants must be on hand not later than 10 a. m. Monday, August 3.

The Ohio State Championship, gold medal and first prize money will be awarded to the player winning the most games.

Entry fee of \$3 and deposit of \$3 must accompany the entry blank. The \$3 deposit is required of each entrant as a guarantee that he will finish the games for which entered. Deposit will be returned upon completing the schedule of games.

Upon arrival, purchase regular \$2.00 ticket at gate, adjustment to be made later.

Any question concerning entries and tournament should be addressed to K. E. Miller, Box 101, Lakeside, Ottawa County, Ohio.

In order that all names of entrants may be published, entry blanks and fees shall be in the hands

of K. E. Miller, Lakeside, by July 25, 1931.

This tournament is sanctioned by the National Horseshoe Pitchers' Association of America.

Only members of the Ohio State Horseshoe Pitchers' Association are eligible.

**\$290 in Cash Prizes**

Committee: V. E. Spaulding, Judge W. N. Crow, W. E. Stimson.

Tournament manager, K. E. Miller.

V. E. Spaulding is Director of Recreation and Sports at Lakeside and assisted Mr. Cottrell, National Secretary, in conducting last year's tournament.

Judge W. N. Crow is President of the Ohio State Horseshoe Pitchers' Association.

W. E. Stimson, of Cleveland, is a National Tournament enthusiast and well known to all Florida fans.

K. E. Miller is Assistant Manager of the Lakeside Association, and Secretary of the Ohio State Horseshoe Pitchers' Association.

**Prize List**

First, with gold medal.....	\$60 00
Second .....	50 00
Third .....	40 00
Fourth .....	30 00
Fifth .....	25 00
Sixth .....	20 00
Seventh .....	15 00
Eighth .....	15 00
Ninth .....	10 00
Tenth .....	10 00
Eleventh .....	5 00
Twelfth .....	5 00
Thirteenth .....	5 00

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**BOY KILLED BY SHOE**  
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Russell Ashcraft, aged 12, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Ashcraft, Pataskala, Ohio, was killed recently when struck in the head by a horseshoe.

The lad was pitching shoes with his young friend, Keith Steman, aged 16. A flying shoe struck the Ashcraft boy in the back of the head, fracturing his skull.

This is the first fatality in the history of the game, so far as is known.

**GAMES AT PORTSMOUTH, N. H.**

Some ten or more horseshoe games including many heated contests, were

held at the Court Street engine house Friday evening.

A notable boost to local activity in the ancient pastime was the announcement that the Chamber of Commerce has given assurance to local players that full support will be given to a New England championship tournament, if that important title event can be obtained for Portsmouth this season. The 1930 event was held at North Attleboro, Mass. So far as known here, there has not yet been any other place to make a bid for the 1931 title matches.

Friday night the two ringer scorers visiting from the Maine side of the Piscataqua, Roy Fowler and Charles Gerrish, had such good control that they did not lose a single game. Two special contests featured the evening; one of them being the masterly pitching of Fowler when he defeated the able Fred Noyes. The other was the odd spectacle of seeing one pitcher playing two games at once, against two other players on two different courts. Gerrish did this stunt of disposing of two players at the same time, defeating Chief W. F. Woods 50 to 19, and defeating Fred Noyes with the same score, 50 to 19.

The other scores recorded were as follows: Fowler and Gerrish defeated Badger and Pickering two games, 50-13 and 50-17. The Maine team then defeated Badger and Noyes 50 to 34 and 50 to 32. They also defeated Badger and Trefethen 50 to 24. Amos Prohaska defeated Arthur Pickering, both of Portsmouth, in two games, 21 to 20 and 21 to 12.—Portsmouth, N. H. Herald, June 8.

**LOTUS ISLE COURTS**

All horseshoe pitchers traveling west are invited to stop and see the Lotus Isle pitching courts at Portland, Oregon, claimed to be the finest in the West.

They are located on the banks of the Columbia river at the Lotus Isle Amusement park and were built by the park corporation under the supervision of Frank Griffith, the daddy of horseshoe pitching in Portland.

**TO HOLD TOURNAMENT**

A horseshoe tournament will be held at the fair at Ponoka, Alberta, in August. C. W. Segerstrom, a trustee of the fair, will be in charge of the shoe matches.

**WILLIS AVENUE CLUB MEMBERS**



These are the members of the Willis Avenue Horseshoe Club, 145 Willis Avenue, Springfield, Ohio. First row, kneeling (left to right): B. R. Harrah, Treas.; N. J. Bennett, Sec.; Chas. Patton, Ralph Driscoll and Thos. Haley. Standing, (left to right) Harold Custis, Charles Kramer, Lester Allen, William Gravenkemper, L. D. Johnston, President; F. H. Hurley, Vice President, and D. B. Rutan.

The Willis Avenue boys wear uniform shirts. The shirts are orange with a black horseshoe and blue lettering.

**HORSESHOES RANK HIGH IN MUNY LEAGUES**

With 241,766 players in 1930, baseball continued foremost in popularity among municipal league sports, according to the results of a national survey announced today by the National Recreation Association. The figures include only the leagues having three or more teams, and do not include informal athletic contests.

Playground ball (soft ball) came second with 213,300, and basket ball third with 137,300 players. Contests in horseshoes came next on the list with 76,380 registrants; volley ball with 74,000 as against 69,300 in 1929; and soccer with 69,400 as against 50,300 the year before. Playground ball had 12,000 more participants than the year before, while basket ball surpassed its 1929 figure by 11,600. Adding to these figures

the enthusiasts of bowling, football, tennis and field hockey, a total of 1,603,000 different league players was recorded. The total number of players in 1929 was approximately 400,000 less. This year, their contests were played before 35,340,000 spectators, one-half of whom saw the baseball games.

Four thousand, three hundred baseball fields, 1,042 swimming pools, and 8,400 tennis courts were among the facilities that served sport lovers last season. Recreation demands lead to the opening of 791 new areas for sport and play during the year. Water sports, paddle tennis and winter sports were reported among the most popular activities in municipal programs. A gross participation of 7,520,000 was recorded on municipal golf courses.

**NAVY YARD MEN PITCH**

Horseshoe fans in the Portsmouth, N. H., navy yard, are busy with the game at noon and previous to beginning the day's work. The shipwrights crew is said to be taking to the game with much enthusiasm and are doing some good pegging.

They held a sunrise session recently when Charles Gerrish of Kittery Point, Maine's champion was on the grounds and gave a fine exhibition with the iron slippers. He doubled up with one of the shop crew against several other workers. They defeated all opponents by a fairly close score.

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**CLAIMS CHAMPIONSHIP**  
 \* AMONG 10-YEAR-OLDS \*  
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An exhibition pitcher, aged 10, has blossomed out at West Lafayette, Ohio, where Harold Thompson is said to be a wonder.

Young Thompson is the son of S. B. Thompson, a restaurant and confectionery proprietor, and expects to pitch exhibition games. He claims the championship in shoe tossing for his age.

Here's a score showing what he did in a recent game:

	P	R	DR	SP	Pct
Thompson .....	55	20	9	22	95.5
Hall .....	3	3	1	22	

**KANSAS CITY TOSSING**

The Kansas City, Mo., Horseshoe Club is in full swing with night games drawing great crowds. Ex-National Champion Charles Clyde Davis has been the feature attraction on the K. C. courts.

The following is from the Kansas City Star:

"With two of the leading horseshoe pitchers in Greater Kansas City ringing the pegs, the largest crowd ever to attend a match on the Grove courts, last night saw Jess Lutz defeat his old rival, Tommy Meagher, former state champion, four games out of seven. Lutz won the first, fifth, sixth and seventh games, 50-33, 50-26, 50-34 and 50-42. Meagher's winning scores were 50-25, 50-20, 50-26. Lutz pitched 62 per cent ringers.

The night match attracted more than 1,200 horseshoe fans.

Tonight Roy McLain will oppose Claude Adams in 30-point games, the best three out of five to decide the winner. Adams, Gaulding and Malone will meet in a 3-way match tomorrow night. A huge Warneke cake will be awarded the winner.

**AT COLUMBUS, OHIO**

Following are scores of three games played recently by Myron M. Ferguson and Robert Keethler, Columbus, Ohio, tossers (members of the Grener Radio team in the independent league):

	P	R	DR
Keethler .....	48	36	7
Ferguson .....	52	34	8
Keethler .....	47	47	14
Ferguson .....	50	44	12
Keethler .....	50	50	16
Ferguson .....	49	48	13

**City Meet Is Held**

City horseshoe pitching to urnament played on the Lotus Isle courts, in Portland, Oregon. Twelve highest qualifying out of a field of 30 entries played round robin.

A. W. Clark, Corvallis, qualified with 412; O. A. Johnson, Portland, 397; A. Robinson, Portland, 378; Wm. Hayden, Portland, 372; F. Riso, Portland, 354; C. Esberg, Portland, 350; Bacon, Portland, 348; L. T. Allen, Portland, 337; J. Craune, Portland, 335; Freedland, Portland, 314; Harriman, Portland, 311; T. Hendricks, Portland, 375; P. Damskaw, (withdrew) 342.

Many of the games were contested to the last shoe pitched, 40 ringers and more to a game. Three times straight, Tom Hendricks killed O. A. Johnson's double ringers.

Mr. Johnson led the field until the afternoon round, then weakened just enough to lose two games and his crown.

Wm. Hayden makes a comeback, winning the J. L. Kline horseshoe pitching trophy and city championship from a field of 12. Hayden lost only one game and won ten. O. A. Johnson, defending title holder, lost two games and won nine. Johnson won the crown from Hayden last year. A. V. Clark of Corvallis was the only out-of-town player to try to lift the cup from Portland, but was not quite good enough, although making the highest qualifying score of 412.

Harriman was the only player to lose all his games, many of them by a close score.

Frank Griffith handled the score sheets and posted the scores.

**YOCUM-BENEDICT MATCH**

Following are the scores of a few games played by Wm. Yocom, of Zanesville, Ohio, and C. A. Benedict, of Johnstown, Ohio, at Connors Camp, east of Newark, Ohio, Sunday, June 7th, Yocom winning 6 to 2. New model Ohio Shoes were used.

Here is a summary of the games:

	P	R	DR	SP	Pct
Yocom .....	50	41	12	74	55
Benedict .....	44	40	10	74	55
Yocom .....	35	40	10	72	55
Benedict .....	50	46	13	72	64
Yocom .....	50	35	12	52	67
Benedict .....	18	26	4	52	50

Yocom .....	50	37	12	58	65
Benedict .....	30	30	7	58	51
Yocom .....	49	57	18	90	63
Benedict .....	50	56	18	90	62
Yocom .....	50	48	15	74	65
Benedict .....	37	43	11	74	58
Yocom .....	50	46	17	66	69
Benedict .....	27	40	10	66	60
Yocom .....	50	41	12	68	62
Benedict .....	32	37	10	68	54
Yocom .....	335	345	108	554	62
Benedict .....	288	318	83	554	57

**Uhlig Wins**

The championship of Nebraska-Colo- rado in the art of horseshoe pitching was decided in Kimball when Uhlig of Cozad defeated Allen of Boulder. Between four and five hundred people from Kimball and vicinity witnessed the very interesting contest. At times the Colorado boy displayed more skill than the Nebraska champion, but the steady pitching of Uhlig won for him. Allen threw 12 double ringers which is only a few short of the national record.

The contest was based on four out of seven 50-point games. Uhlig took the first, second, third and fifth games. With one exception all games were very close, and many times double ringers by both blanked the frame.

Credit is due to the local club members for bringing these two state champs to Kimball. It is their intention to bring the National champion here during the county fair.—Kimball Observer.

**MADISON COUNTY TORNEY**

The annual Madison County Horseshoe tourney will again be held at the London (Ohio) city playgrounds on July 27, 28 and 29, according to J. von Kanel, city recreation director. Games will be conducted in the same manner as last year's event. Three evenings will be given to the affair, play starting at 6 p. m. sharp.

Anyone residing in Madison county can participate.

The courts are being worked into condition and will be in good shape by tournament time.

The tournament will again be a Round Robin affair in which each man plays every man entered, and the winner declared upon the basis of the most games won.

**World Champ in Action**

Blair Nunamaker, world champion, helped celebrate the opening of the eight electrically lighted courts of the Wade Park Horseshoe Club, in Cleveland, Ohio, June 10.

An attendance of 1200 marked the special matches, the scores of which are as follows:

	First Game				
	P	D	DR	SP	Pct
Nunamaker .....	50	59	19	92	64.1
Cash .....	34	56	16	92	60.8
Duryee .....	50	25	10	36	65.7
Patton .....	18	13	2	36	38.8
Second Game					
Nunamaker .....	50	32	12	44	69.5
Patton .....	8	16	1	44	36.3
Duryee .....	50	59	20	80	73.7
Cash .....	38	56	18	80	70
Third Game					
Nunamaker .....	36	54	20	80	67.5
Duryee .....	50	59	22	80	73.7
Average for All Games					
Duryee .....	150	143	52	196	71 Plus
Nunamaker .....	136	145	51	216	67 Plus
Cash .....	68	112	34	172	65 Plus
Patton .....	26	29	13	30	37 Plus

**BUFFALO TAKES TO SHOES**

Buffalo, N. Y., has taken to the horseshoe game. More than 500 men are pitching in team, club or league games, it is said.

E. G. Phillips, manager of the Weck's Horseshoe Pitching Club desires matches for any Saturday or Sunday this summer. Write him at 344 Norfolk Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.

**PRIZE SUBSCRIPTION**

The management of the Horseshoe World is always glad to co-operate with horseshoe organizations conducting tournaments and will give a free subscription as a part of the prizes if the secretary or tournament manager will write us in advance regarding the matter.

**SEE WHAT AN M. D. SAYS**

Dr. Malcolm W. Wickware, who conducts a horseshoe column in the National Gleaner Forum, Detroit, Mich., heads the column as follows: "Keep young; keep fit; massage your liver; dissipate excess abdominal fat; stir your circulation and tone up your muscles! How? Why play horseshoes, of course."

Dr. Wickware says some mighty fine things about the Horseshoe World in the July-August issue and we take this means of thanking him, very, very much.



# SPARKS FROM THE PEG

Newark, Ohio, has an eight-team league with six men on each team.

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Joe Kellner, Pine Bush, N. Y., is a shoe tosser.

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J. B. Spraka, Detroit Lakes, Minn., is a horseshoe fan.

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A horseshoe pitching contest was held in connection with the K. of P. picnic in Columbus, Ohio, recently.

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A horseshoe league was recently formed at Sedgwick, Kans.

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S. C. Lane is the champion of Connecticut, having won his title at Bridgeport last fall. His address is 79 Fairview Ter., Stamford, Conn.

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Lakeside, Ohio, tournament dates are: Lakeside Horseshoe Tourney, July 27-August 1; Minister's Horseshoe Tournament, July 27-August 1; and Ohio State Championship, August 3-8.

Oxford, Ohio, Kiwanis club has become interested in horseshoe pitching.

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A dyed-in-the-wool fan is Clayton C. Hunter, Linton, Ind.

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A horseshoe tournament was conducted recently at Escanaba, Mich., by the Escanaba Daily Press.

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E. G. Phillips is manager of Weck's Horseshoe Pitching Club, Buffalo, N. Y. His address is 344 Norfolk avenue.

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Jack Lewis, Columbus, Ohio, foreman is still tossing the irons. He is president of a league recently formed in that city.

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Rev. E. V. Stevens, Malboro, Mass., visited the Horseshoe World office the other day and we had a fine chat with him. He was visiting in Columbus and was on his way to Evanston, Ill.

## WEST JEFFERSON, O., ORGANIZES TEAM

Horseshoe fans at West Jefferson, Ohio, recently organized a horseshoe pitching team and have installed a modern lighted four-lane court for the pitchers. Straud Russell, present Madison county champion, was elected president, and captain of the team; Leslie Cochrunn treasurer, and George O. Decker, secretary.

The opening game was played with Willis Ave. club of Springfield, who won by a score of 20 to 16. A short time later the game was returned at the Willis Ave. courts and they again won 21 to 15. West Jefferson players have some victories to their credit by defeating Lowery Ave., of Springfield on two different occasions and beating Mt. Sterling and Newport, and breaking even with Washington C. H.

The team being newly organized, memberships are coming in fast, and within a short time a crack team will result. At present they have such pitchers as Rusells, Pete Gordon, ex-county champ., Ray Miller, a contender for county championship Floyd Benner and many others.

Any team desiring games with the West Jefferson team will please get in touch with the secretary, Geo. O. Decker, London, Ohio.

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 \* THE COVER PAGE \*  
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The cover page bears a likeness of Charles Patton, William Gravenkemper and Lester Allen, the three-man team representing the Willis Avenue Club, Springfield, Ohio, that defeated the Mid-Western team of Washington D. C. on the Willis Avenue lanes recently.

### LETTER TO EDITOR

S. Glens Falls, N. Y., July 1, 1931  
 Mr. Howard.

Dear Sir: Was reading in the June issue of the Horseshoe World about scoring. I don't think it would help the game any by counting each man's score. It would hurt it because now one has a chance to win the game when he is way behind. That's what the people like. They want a good game where there is a tension and a few thrills. I have tried both ways. May be it would

be all right to have every other pitch, but I don't think the scoring rules can be improved as they are played now.

If one has a bad start, he has a good chance to come up and win the game.

I wrote to Bob Brown, the president of our horseshoe club at Rochester, and the way he wrote me I think he thinks as I do and many more whom I have asked.

Respectfully yours

Herbert Grant,  
 N. Y. State Champion.

### INSTALL COURTS

Four courts for night pitching have been installed at Johnstown, Ohio.

### PLAY AT PARK

Columbus horseshoe pitchers are utilizing the splendid courts that have been installed at Olentangy Park, large amusement park in the Ohio capital city.

The courts are brilliantly illuminated for night playing, have permanent scoreboards, shoe wipers, and fenced so as to prevent injury to bystanders, with regulation clay basins.

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D. D. COTTRELL  
Secretary  
NORTH COHOCTON,  
N. Y.

Mrs. F. W. Sayre, 9644 East C St., Tacoma, Wash., secretary and treasurer of the Washington State Horseshoe Pitchers Association is the only lady holding such a position in the United States. In sending \$25.00 for the annual dues of the state association for the year 1931, she writes a fine letter about the different activities of the sport in her state and says, "Washington horseshoe pitchers want to extend to you and any horseshoe fans and associates their hearty invitation to come and visit our city and horseshoe fans if you ever come here. We will do our best to show you some real horseshoe pitching and picnics. We feel we have some of the best horseshoe pitchers in the West and would like to show you what they can do. Your secretary is sending a story about some of their activities and games that will probably be published elsewhere in this issue.

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The Ohio State Horseshoe Pitchers Association will again hold its state tournament at Lakeside-on-Lake Erie this year, early in August. It has been held at this lake resort for a number of years on their beautiful grounds. They have some fine courts and every player in Ohio should write to Mr. K. E. Miller, Lakeside, Ohio, for full particulars. A substantial amount of prizes is to be offered and a very successful tournament is looked forward to. This is a fine place for every horseshoe pitcher to plan to go for his vacation and enjoy his favorite sport for the week.

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Your secretary is in receipt of a very neat and complete schedule of the Interstate Horseshoe League from Mr. A. B. Cleveland, 56 Nonotuck St., Holyoke, Mass., who is manager of the Holyoke Horseshoe Club of that city and also vice president of the Horseshoe League. According to the schedule the first half of the league games ended June 10th. The second half of the games begin August 5th and end Sept. 6th. The following cities have playing fields and teams that belong to the league and meets are scheduled at different fields once or twice each week: Amherst, Athol, Brattleboro, Easthampton, Greenfield,

Holyoke, Millers Falls, Northampton, Springfield and West Springfield. Mr. Cleveland says that he is trying to arrange dates with some New York teams through Mr. Victor Larsen, Woolworth building, New York City, who is manager of the Midland Beach, Staten Island, Club. Mr. Cleveland has several open dates and would like to arrange with teams in Eastern New York or Massachusetts if possible to fill these dates.

In a later report from Mr. Frank L. Hinds, 44 Lincoln Ave., Northampton, Mass., who is president of this league, he says that a match is played by two teams of four men or "two pair" from each team and eight 50-point games per match. The standing of the four leading teams to date is:

	W	L
Northampton .....	46	10
Brattleboro, Vt. ....	37	19
Amherst .....	31	25
Athol .....	25	23

He says that they do not attempt to keep individual scores or records nor percentage of ringers. This is the second year that the league has been running. Brattleboro won the championship in 1930 with Northampton second.

They have 100 or more pitchers in this league and have a very full summer program for the horseshoe game.

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The New York State Horseshoe Association will again hold its state championship tournament for the eighth year at the Rochester Exposition beginning the week of September 7th and continuing the whole week. A fine list of prizes will be given by the exposition besides a championship gold medal to the winner. A full statement of the meet and prizes cannot be given at this writing, but will appear in the next issue of the World. Anyone interested may write Mr. W. B. Boothby, manager of the Exposition, Rochester, N. Y., and full particulars and entry blank will be sent at once.

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Mr. Charles S. Gerrish, formerly of Oil City, Pa., but whose present address is Gerrish Lane, Kittery Point, Maine, writes that the horseshoe fans in that section are anxious to

hold an officially sanctioned New England championship horseshoe tournament this summer at Portsmouth, N. M., which is about half way between Boston, Mass., and Portland, Me., so is centrally located for such a meet. He says that the tourney will be fully supported by the Chamber of Commerce of Portsmouth and that he has the co-operation of the lovers of the game in all that section. Such a tournament would give the game great impetus in the eastern states and we hope that Mr. Gerrish will be successful in his endeavors to hold such a tournament. He has always been a great booster for the game wherever he is.

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Although Mr. J. Christ Hahn, of Fort Wayne, Ind., has been doing all that could possibly be done to hold the National Tournament in that city this summer at this writing it looks as though there would not be a tournament this year. The financing of such a meet seems to be more than any city under present conditions wants to get under and the National Association thinks that a National Tournament should give a reasonable amount of prize money so as to attract players of national importance from different parts of the United States so that the winning of the meet and the awarding of the world's championship title would be a well-earned honor against the keenest competition.

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Let your secretary remind you that if you have not already paid your dues to the National Association either for your individual membership or those for your club or state association, they should be paid at once so that a Certificate of Championship can be mailed to the winner of your tournament under the seal of the National at the end of your meet when you send in the report of it to the National Secretary.

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**What is Being Done in the State of Washington**

I am indebted to Mrs. F. W. Sayre, Secretary Treasurer of the Washington State Horseshoe Pitchers Association for most of the informa-



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tion given in this story of their activities.

This association held their annual picnic at Woodland Park, Seattle, early in June, there being more than 100 pitchers and their families in attendance. The day was spent in novelty horseshoe pitching and contests for both men and women. Prizes were donated by both Tacoma and Seattle firms. Nalley's, Inc., of Tacoma, furnished enough potato chips for all. Barkers Bread Co., of Tacoma, a huge cake. Manning's Coffee Co., of Seattle, all the coffee. Ramblers Bakery, of Seattle, a huge cake, and one of the large meat companies of Seattle, a large ham.

Carnation Milk Co., of Seattle, 15 cans of milk.

Individual prizes were as follows: Merrick and Race, jewelers, of Tacoma, a beautiful leather bill fold; Carsten's Packing Co., of Tacoma, a 14-pound ham; Washington Hardware Co., of Tacoma, a Pen-Lite; Tschunke Florists, of Tacoma, three large potted plants; Park-N-Shop Grocery of Tacoma, a 10-pound sack of flour; Davies, florist, of Tacoma, a potted plant; Mrs. Brown, wife of the state president, donated a beautiful black Fostoria fruit bowl as one of the prizes for women.

There were pitchers from all parts of the state, Eastern as well as Western Washington being well represented.

Tacoma is planning a tourney and

picnic to be held July 4th, at Ft. Defiance park where there are 12 fine lanes and where the state association has already held two state tournaments. Tacoma will be host to players from all over the state. Mrs. Sayer writes that she has a list of over 200 pitchers in the state and an invitation will be sent to each one asking him to participate in the meet. Tacoma always has a large celebration over the Fourth of July, having a large stadium which seats thousands of people and a picnic and tourney over the holiday will draw a large crowd.

This statement of the activities of the Washington State Association is made to show what a live state association is doing to help the game and as an example to be emulated by

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other state associations. Washington state horseshoe players will hold tourneys all summer at lake resorts and on city courts all over the state with from 20 to 60 pitchers in attendance. Scores are kept for the day's play and averages figured. Sometimes they have singles and other times round robin tourneys are played. The averages are always kept for each picnic and when a new player attends his average is taken so that when he attends again they know just what percentage he throws and where to place him.

In a round robin series of five games played with each other by Roy Getchell, Floyd Sayre, John Premel and Louis Getchell the total scores were as follows:

	P	R	DR	SP	Pct
Sayer .....	469	493	177	696	.708
R. Getchell .....	414	399	118	638	.635
L. Getchell .....	379	384	121	628	.602
Premel .....	265	279	63	580	.457

These were played at Port Angles this spring and show that these players are of championship timber. If some of the best players of other clubs would like to play a game of two or three hundred shoes by wire some time, these clubs in Washington probably would like to accommodate them. Certainly the Washington State Association is doing great things in making the horseshoe game one of the leading sports of the state.

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**Michigan Games**

Following are results of games played Sunday, June 28th, between Battle Creek, Mich., and Lansing,

Mich., at Potter Park, Lansing.

Fisher for Lansing won all his six games, while Skinner for Battle Creek, won five and lost one.

**Battle Creek**

	W	L	P	OP	SP	R	DR	Pct
Skinner .....	5	1	291	145	312	155	37	49.7
Harrison .....	4	2	265	190	352	171	37	48.6
Emerson .....	4	2	265	186	312	149	37	47.4
Cadwallader .....	3	3	266	215	364	156	36	42.9
Gorsline .....	2	4	265	267	406	154	27	38.0
Rial .....	1	5	218	290	386	109	13	28.2
Totals.....	19	17	1570	1293	2132	894	187	41.9

**Lansing**

	W	L	P	OP	SP	R	DR	Pct
Fisher .....	6	0	300	188	354	171	37	48.3
Ehret .....	1	0	50	49	68	31	6	45.6
Graham .....	3	2	196	214	296	131	28	44.3
Johnson .....	3	3	225	279	410	149	31	36.1
Price .....	2	4	233	267	382	146	27	38.2
Allen .....	2	4	143	273	288	82	13	23.5
Strayer .....	0	6	146	300	334	93	11	27.8
Totals.....	17	19	1293	1570	2132	803	153	37.7

**Donnellsville Wins**

The Clark County, Ohio, Horseshoe Pitchers Association league has just completed the first half of a split season with the Donnellsville team winning the first half.

The Donnellsville team will play the winner of the second half for possession of the E. C. Denton Company trophy.

The Clark county championship tournament will be staged beginning July 27, the winner and runner-up to be sent to Lakeside for the Ohio tournament.

Following is the Clark county standing for the first half of the season:

**FINAL STANDING FOR FIRST HALF 1931 CLARK COUNTY HORSESHOE PITCHERS ASSOCIATION**

	SP	Pts	R	DR	R%	W	L	G%
Donnellsville .....	7158	5709	2774	576	.387	190	62	.754
Willis Ave. ....	7546	5581	2757	518	.365	185	67	.734
Pitchin .....	7608	5084	2334	366	.306	142	110	.563
Rockway .....	7710	4781	2219	317	.287	122	130	.484
Rice St. ....	7690	4699	2068	299	.269	118	134	.468
Villa .....	7710	4535	2136	291	.277	107	145	.424
Lowry Ave.....	7674	4123	1815	240	.236	99	153	.392
Husted .....	7816	3306	1379	134	.176	45	207	.178

**RECORDS OF FIRST TEN PITCHERS**

Name	Club	SP	P	R	DR	W	L	R%
Peters, Ron.,	Donnellsville.....	920	898	448	105	35	1	.487
Allen, Willis	Ave .....	1012	914	485	117	34	5	.479
Patton, Willis	Ave.....	842	674	359	74	22	8	.425
Berry, Donnellsville	.....	1184	971	490	108	32	10	.410
Peters, K.,	Donnellsville.....	1186	967	485	91	34	8	.409
Driscoll, Rockway	.....	1064	818	412	80	26	10	.387
McCarty, Donnellsville	.....	1172	975	460	115	35	7	.384
Coil, Willis Ave.....	.....	558	420	214	34	15	3	.384
Dillon, J.,	Pitchin.....	1202	958	454	84	31	11	.377
Gravenkemper,	Willis Ave.....	1024	802	381	68	27	9	.372

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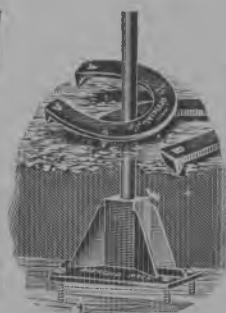
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