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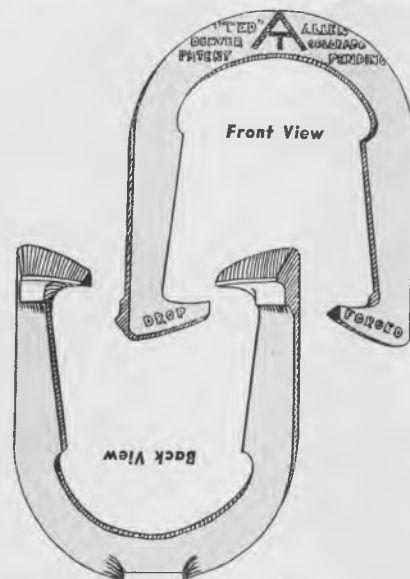
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Read the editorial . . . it really isn't an editorial but an important announcement that all pitchers and club officials, especially, should read and act upon . . . let us hear from you . . . one state champion writes that he hasn't heard a thing about the National Tournament . . . shame on him! No wonder the Horseshoe World doesn't flourish when state champions don't even take the time to subscribe . . . we sent him one FREE with our compliments . . . if he reads this (how can he unless we send him a copy free?) he will know who we are talking about and may get mad . . . if he does he isn't worthy of the title he holds . . . that's plain talk, but we get burned up over the lack of support and the thought of some champions who yell the hardest for tournaments, who won't even invest 25 cents in a membership or a dollar in their official magazine . . . maybe it's the hot weather bothering us . . . yes, maybe!

June, 1939

## NO TOURNAMENT?

Word from our good friend, A. F. Heuer, of the Northern California Horseshoe Association, is to the effect that the possibility of a National Tournament is more remote than ever. This is to be regretted and Mr. Heuer and his official staff and Mr. John A. Gordon, who has been assisting them, are to be congratulated upon having done everything in their power to stage a meet.

The San Francisco Exposition advertised the meet, but later cancelled it. That's all there is to it. The National Association might put up a scrap with the Exposition officials but that would not be the thing to do.

Shall we hold a convention at the Mid-Western at Des Moines? Write us if your state would send delegates.



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# What Does The Future Hold? . . . . . And The Real Answer

By R. B. HOWARD

 **W**HAT does the future hold for the horseshoe game in America?

That is a question that is often asked and often answered, even though the answer may be more or less of a guess. Sometimes we feel that we spend too much time worrying about the future instead of taking care of the present, yet horseshoe pitching can die or it can go on to new heights—all depending upon the groundwork that is built today—in 1939.

Youth is the answer to the problem.

Unless we interest the boys, and yes, the girls, of today in the sport, it may be lost tomorrow.

It is not a heartening thing for the writer to sit at his desk only to open mail from warring factions in some state, more interested in personal preferment than they are in the interest of the game. It is not heartening to open letters from state associations saying they feel that they can't pay National Association dues any longer—that their pitchers just won't pay the extra quarter. It isn't heartening to listen to the grumbling of the pitcher who thinks that the rules are ruining the game, little realizing that if he would quit grumbling and get behind his club, his state association and National Association that tournaments would be held oftener and that conventions would be possible, where rules he complains of could be changed.

But there is a brighter side.

And this brighter side comes from the stacks of mail we receive from pitchers who like to play horseshoes and who want to see others interested in it, too. They realize that it is healthful exercise and they want all to enjoy it. These folks give much of their time in building courts and in interesting their neighbors in the sport. Many of them have brought the youngsters into the game and here lies the big answer to the question "What does the future hold for horseshoes in America?"

It was this thought that prompted the writer to go to Houston, Texas, several years ago to "sell" horseshoe pitching to the American Amateur Athletic Union. Certainly, college athletes who can't participate in professional tournaments should not be denied a chance to pitch horseshoes.

And the A.A.U. set-up will work out. Some over-zealous A.A.U. organizers did overstep their authority by accepting any and all pitchers,

regardless of their professional acts in the past, into the A.A.U. We protested this "raiding" of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association membership and this "whitewashing" of professionals and we now believe that A.A.U. officials have the matter in hand. The youth of the land are the ones to be enrolled as A.A.U. pitchers.

And this need not be confined to the A.A.U.

Horseshoe clubs, ever so professional, may interest young men and boys in the game. Why not start a Junior club, playing for medals or other prizes, not considered professional?

The boys you start in a junior club today will be the making of your club tomorrow, perpetuating this great game that we love so well.

In fact, the writer is so taken with the possibilities that, having asked to be relieved as soon as possible of the secretaryship of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association, he may give what time he does devote to the game to junior organization. What could be more interesting and what could be of more service to the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association or such organization that has a vision into the future of the sport. Unless the several state organizations making up the National realize this, they will not long exist and the National, which isn't faring so well these days, will drop into oblivion. Let's interest the youth of today in horseshoe pitching that we may have a bigger and better game tomorrow!

Frank J. Troxel, secretary of the Recreation Horseshoe Club, White Plains, N. Y., has written the National Association a sketchy, yet interesting outline of his idea of the need of "the future horseshoe pitcher." "Don't print this as it is . . . dress it up a bit," says Frank, but we think he tells it in straight-forward simple language that needs no dressing, as a climax to our appeal, in this article, for an interest in junior shoe tossers. Here's Frank's outline:

### The Future Horseshoe Pitcher

From lack of space to give 24 boys adequate group activity, a Junior high school teacher conceived the idea of having the boys pitch horseshoes. He brought his class to the indoor courts, after brief instruction in the rudiments of the game; the boys are divided into 12 teams; they pitch doubles; 25 points were allowed to a game and the boys pitched the 30-foot distance. The teacher kept a

record of the games won and lost, and the number of ringers each boy made. This group has now increased to 36 boys and they come to the courts each week.

Of the 36 boys, 12 were very much interested in the game of horseshoes. The local club is now sponsoring these 12 boys. This unit is known as the Junior members of the club. They receive membership cards in the club and are given instruction and encouragement by the senior members.

As the Juniors pay no dues they are now awarding a chest of silver, the proceeds to help buy uniforms and to pay their fee in the county and state associations.

In order that each boy may have his own shoes, the club buys them, and the junior member in time pays for them at the rate of 10c a week.

A book listing the records of each boy is kept handy and great interest is shown in the ringer percentage of each boy.

At first it was decided to have the boys pitch among themselves (two teams of six), but due to the rapid improvement of some of the boys, a challenge will soon be forthcoming to any team pitching under 35 per cent.

Fifty shoes are allowed to a game, and this year the boys pitch the 30-foot distance. They are all under 16 years of age.

It is very encouraging to see the boys step back ten feet after tossing their shoes; also they observe the foul line rule, and I believe that these boys know more about the rules of the game than their elders.

These boys have been taught to keep score and this gives the senior team score keepers for their home games.

Round robin play is scheduled for this summer; also games will be booked with teams averaging up to 35 per cent.

We feel that these twelve boys will be future horseshoe players; also State and National Association members.

As we are always interested in the promotion of horseshoes and any new ideas that come up, we feel that this idea of Junior Members is too good to keep and we want to pass it along to the other clubs who might be interested in getting new blood into their organizations.

FRANK J. TROXEL, Secy.

Recreation Horseshoe Club, White Plains, N. Y.



## HEAD 16-YEAR-OLD HORSESHOE PITCHERS ASSOCIATION



The officers of the Kentucky Division of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association are from left to right, E. B. Patterson, president; E. M. Merchant, secretary and treasurer; Joe King, assistant tournament director, and S. B. Mattingly, tournament director. The first and second vice presidents were out of town

at the time the picture was taken. Patterson was elected president for the tenth time and E. M. Merchant secretary and treasurer and national organizer for 16 years. Joe King is a new official and S. B. Mattingly has held some kind of office for 16 years, and has pitched in the world's tournaments.

The youngest member of the association is Emmett McCoy, 12 years old, son of the state champion, and Henry Fox, 79 years old, is the oldest member. The City National, Jefferson County National, and Kentucky State National championship meets are under their supervision.

## LARRY MAHONEY WINS CENTRAL JERSEY "OPEN" TITLE

Lawrence Mahoney, of Lincroft, New Jersey state champion, won the Central Jersey open title in the tournament at Emil's Log Cabin, Middletown, New Jersey, Sunday, May 28th. He won nine straight games and averaged 65.9.

William Kolb, of Newark, N. J., and Clare Hume, of Jersey City, N. J., tied for second with seven wins and two losses, but Kolb's 60.9 per cent average won him second place. Kolb and Hume both topped Mahoney's high percentage of 72.9 per cent for a single game; Kolb shooting 75 per cent against Steve Mirkovic of Elizabeth, and Hume 73.8 per cent against Kolb.

Kolb, Hume, Joe Puglise, Joe McCrink and John Rosselet all made determined bids to win in their games against Mahoney, and at several times in the game were in the lead, but the champion always had enough in reserve to win.

Lee Davis went undefeated in Class B to win from a strong field, including Sam Mongillo, Jersey City; Walter Haring, Englewood; Vince Fittin and John Landers, of West Orange, N. J.

Class C was closely contested and

the winner, Chas Dorshimer, of Collingswood, N. J., finally took first place with eight wins and one loss, followed by his son, Charles, Jr.

The summaries are as follows:

### Class A

Mahoney, Lincroft.....	9	0	65.9
Kolb, Newark.....	7	2	60.9
Hume, Jersey City.....	7	2	54.7
McCrink, West Orange.....	6	3	55.2
Rosselet, Elizabeth.....	5	4	52.0
Puglise, Paterson.....	5	4	51.2
Peters, Jersey City.....	4	5	45.8
Kientz, W. Paterson.....	2	7	36.2
McGraw, Bridgeton.....	1	8	33.0
Mirkovic, Elizabeth.....	0	9	34.9

### Class B

Davis, Englewood.....	9	0
Mongillo, Jersey City.....	8	1
Fittin, W. Orange.....	6	3
Landers, W. Orange.....	6	3
McIlwaine, Newark.....	6	3
Haring, Englewood.....	3	6
Ellis, Jersey City.....	3	6
Schmidt, Jersey City.....	3	6
Rome, Newark.....	1	8
Gant, Bridgeton.....	0	9

Note—All ties decided by points.

### Class C

Dorshimer, Collingswood.....	8	1
Dorshimer, Jr., Collingswood....	7	2

Kienzle, Bridgetown.....	6	3
Kolb, Newark.....	6	3
Miller, Jamesburg.....	5	4
Lackenauer, Newark.....	4	5
Puglise, Paterson.....	4	5
C. Biddle, Jamesburg.....	3	6
J. Biddle, Jamesburg.....	1	8
Kelly, Jersey City.....	1	8

## FORM LEAGUE

A league of 11 horseshoe clubs in Chicago is headed by Chas. Schneider, president. W. C. Patterson is secretary, and J. W. Harkenrider is treasurer.

Clubs belonging are: Union Park, located at Randolph and Ogden; State, 73rd and State; Rowan, 106th and Avenue D; Southtown, 63rd and Hoyne; Alderman McDermotts, 48th and Union; Bullocks, Lake and Cicero; Welles Park, Montrose and Western; Irving Park, 4240 Elston avenue; Center, Lincoln Park; Win-Lin, Winona and Lincoln avenue; Hi-Way, 5349 Northwest Highway.

## HAS FINE COURTS

Arthur E. Adams, of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada, enjoyed fine indoor courts last winter, built at a cost of \$900.

**NEW UMPH! AN OLD GAME IN NEW FASHION**  
**New Slant on Horseshoe Pitching Pictured Here**



Horseshoe pitching is real sport on beautiful East Lake, where amid snow-capped mountains, these lovely maidens play horseshoes in the water. Each girl has two large wooden horseshoes which float in the water.

They drive in two pegs far out into the water, don bathing suits and play. They can diversify this game by throwing ringers while lying on the water or swimming towards the peg.

**FILECCIA DEFENDS HIS BRONX TITLE**

Pitching true to form, Vito Fileccia, former New York state horseshoe pitching champion, waded his way through a tournament of 40 contestants to retain his title in the Bronx County Open Championships at Woodlawn Horseshoe Club Courts at 235th Street and Van Cortlandt Park East held on Decoration Day.

The field was divided into four groups of ten-man round robin tournaments that furnished keen competition in each group. Same Lane, of Stamford, Conn., was runner up with Claire Hume, of Jersey City, in third place, in the first group.

Ruth Allen, New York State Woman's champion, got away to a good start by bagging her first five games, but weakened in the home-stretch to finish in fourth place behind the leaders.

In the second group, Arthur Wracks, of DeKalb Club came thru with a clean slate of nine wins to his credit, followed by Charlie Ayvaliotis and Vincent Kestel of DeKalb Club.

Alton Roosa, of Kingston, N. Y.,

was the topnotcher in the third group with P. Beaton of Elmhurst second and Bobbie Keating, 14-year-old wonder, of Woodlawn, the third place winner.

The fourth group winners were decided after two play-offs. Eddie Berquist, of Woodlawn, defeated John Faughy, of Crotona, for first place, while John Sullivan, of New Rochelle, N. Y., upset Barney Healy, of Fort George for the bronze medal.

Gold, silver and bronze medals were awarded to the first, second and third place winners in each group.

The tourney was under the auspices of the Knickerbocker Horseshoe Pitchers' League of New York and sanctioned by the New York State Horseshoe Pitchers Association.

Referee, Lou Ziegler; director of tournament, T. P. O'Gara; clerks, Harold Steinheimer, William Mullaly, Frank Latham, John Mullaney and John Linn.

Summary:

	Class A		
	W	L	Pct.
Vito Fileccia .....	9	0	.642
Sam C. Lane .....	6	3	.528
Clare Hume .....	6	3	.584

Ruth Allen .....	5	4	.522
Henry Christy .....	5	4	.488
Andrew Dashna .....	4	5	.473
John Federico .....	4	5	.422
John Foley .....	3	6	.431
Mike Belsky .....	2	7	.432
Martin Smith .....	1	8	.420

Lane defeated Hume in the play-off for second place, in Class A, or Groupe One.

**Class B**

Arthur Wracks .....	9	0	.514
Charlie Ayvaliotis .....	7	2	.463
Vincent Kestel .....	7	2	.460
J. R. McManus .....	5	4	.474
Charlie Seacord .....	5	4	.443
Earl Faulkner .....	3	6	.365
Frank Wagner .....	3	6	.360
J. Wilkinson .....	2	7	.403
Owen Farmer .....	2	7	.362
Peter Maley .....	1	8	.288

Ayvaliotis defeated Kestel in the playoff for second place in Class B.

**Class C**

Alton Roosa .....	9	0	.476
Pete Beaton .....	8	1	.390
Bobbie Keating .....	7	2	.376
Von Knomwell .....	6	3	.333
Peter Kestel .....	6	3	.293
Frank Kessler .....	5	4	.227
Bill Blyman .....	3	7	.322
John Picola .....	2	7	.164
Leo LaPage .....	1	8	.223
Eddie Brehms .....	0	9	.180

**Class D**

Eddie Berquist .....	8	1	.256
John Faughy .....	8	1	.209
John Sullivan .....	6	3	.182
Barney Healy .....	6	3	.136
M. O'Grady .....	5	4	.254
Joe Ferguson .....	4	5	.151
F. Sawchak .....	4	5	.119
Bart Kelly .....	3	6	.113
J. Stonarz .....	1	8	.091

H. C. Schmidt was forced to withdraw with a sore hand causing a bye game for each player in this groupe.

**STATE TOURNEY**

The Pennsylvania State Tournament will be held at Johnstown, Saturday and Sunday, August 26 and 27, according to H. S. Gamble, 3822 East Street, North Side, Pittsburgh.

**FINE SPIRIT!**

The newly organized Iowa State Horseshoe Pitchers Association officials have shown a fine spirit in not starting a second tournament in Iowa, after one had been sanctioned for the Iowa State Fair. The new State Association will hold an open state-wide tournament at the All-Iowa Fair at Cedar Rapids, August 13-18, which will in no way conflict with the Iowa State Championship meet at the Iowa State Fair. The latter tournament will be held in connection with the big Mid-Western National meet.

CANADIAN TEAM IN NEW YORK

An International Good Will Tour by a team of horseshoe pitchers from the Dominion of Canada was brought to a close with a series of match games played on Ft. George horseshoe courts in the shadow of the World's Fair. The final contest was held at the College Point Horseshoe Club Courts at 126th street and 11th avenue, with the visitors at the short end of a 15 to 10 score.

This was the third setback in a row received by the Canadians at the hands of the local players. In their first encounter they lost at St. Albans, L. I. They then faced the tossers of the DeKalb Horseshoe Club to meet their second defeat.

The Wearers of the Maple Leaf arrived in New York on Wednesday after spending three days in Washington, D. C., where they were successful in all of the matches played at the Capitol.

The Canadian players were at a disadvantage in using horseshoes without hooks. The use of hooked shoes in competition is prohibited by the Dominion of Canada Horseshoe Pitchers Association. The local players all use hooked shoes that insure a higher ringer percentage and therefore increase the scoring ability of the individual player.

The farewell tournament at College Point was followed by a reception at Fellowcraft Hall where a program of refreshments and entertainment was the order of the evening. Mrs. Frank P. Gamble, pianist, George Schavel, saxophone, and Bill Evans, guitar, furnished music for dancing.

The gathering was addressed by Lew Lenhardt, president of the Long Island League; Lou Ziegler, president of the Knickerbocker League, of New York; C. Hart, of the New Jersey Association, and Ted Stedman, manager of the Canadian team. As a token of esteem and good fellowship, President Frank P. Gamble, of the New York State Association, on behalf of the players of Greater New York, presented a plaque to the Canadian players. This was indeed a surprise to the visitors, who accepted it with many thanks.

A horseshoe carrying case was awarded to Dean McLaughlin, of the Canadian team by Lew Lenhardt for the highest ringer percentage as a member of his team. Mr. McLaughlin responded with words of appreciation and thanks.

The Arrangement Committee included Charles Helmstadter, John J. Enright, Fred Egger, John McAdams, George Schavel, Herbert Schlee, Peter McGill, Ralph Van Nostrand,

Earle Hendriches and members of the various horseshoe clubs. Thomas P. O'Gara of the Fort George Horseshoe Club acted as master of ceremonies.

Summary of Match

N. Y. Team	W	L	Pct.
V. Fileccia	3	0	.689
H. Christy	3	0	.533
J. Rossett	2	0	.550
C. Hume	1	0	.483
R. Keating	1	0	.402
H. Trissler	1	0	.375
K. Hurst	2	1	.577
A. Scolari	1	1	.522
J. Puglise	1	1	.444
W. Kolb	0	2	.489
E. Hendrichs	0	1	.416
F. Schlee	0	1	.333
Ruth Allen	0	2	.313
J. Leghorn	0	1	.200
	15	10	

Canadian Team	W	L	Pct.
D. McLaughlin	4	1	.612
R. McLaughlin	3	2	.547
J. Lovett	2	3	.416
J. Liston	1	2	.402
R. Ferris	0	3	.406
N. Black	0	3	.350
C. Hudson	0	1	.340
	10	15	

Match Scores

	P	R	DR	SP	Pct.
New York					
Fileccia	151	101	37	144	70.1
Hurst	142	112	31	196	57.1
Christy	152	80	20	150	53.3
Rosselet	105	65	24	118	55.1
Kolb	55	62	13	126	49.2
Scolari	61	53	12	100	53.0
Pugliese	91	55	13	126	44.0
Hume	52	29	5	60	48.3
Henrichs	38	30	6	72	41.6
Schlee	24	22	3	66	33.3
Leghorn	9	8	1	40	20.0
Allen	18	24	4	76	31.6
Trissler	55	30	6	80	37.5
Keating	54	28	4	72	40.2
	1007	699	179	1426	49.1
Toronto					
D McL'ghlin	216	181	56	298	60.9
R McL'ghlin	204	145	35	278	52.2
Lovett	161	105	21	244	43.1
Liston	121	78	15	194	40.1
Ferris	65	68	14	168	40.5
Black	111	72	9	194	37.1
Hudson	18	17	2	50	34.0
	896	666	152	1426	46.7

WHAT'S YOUR ANSWER?

Lately the Horseshoe World has had many requests from readers as to the best place to purchase clay for horseshoe courts. Most of these requests have come from city pitchers. We have answered them the best we could but would appreciate suggestions from our readers as to the best sources for clay.

LONG ISLAND NEWS

Earle Henrichs is convinced that the proximity of College Point to such projects as the Whitestone Bridge, North Beach Airport and the World Fair itself, is responsible for the big doings of the Point pitchers during the past few months.

While other clubs were waiting the tardy arrival of warm weather to make minor repairs on the courts, Earle and his mates pooled their enthusiasm and their pennies and accomplished the "unaccomplishable."

Having united the members of two local clubs in one new organization, the Pointers proceeded to construct five courts on the site of the old tennis club at 126th street and 11th avenue. With a new lighting system installed and the entire premises fenced in, the pitching season has been under way there, despite the weather, for almost a month.

Jimmie Ruggles, 15-year-old boy champ, now pitches the regulation 40-foot distance. Joe D'Andrea, who makes fancy rods for "millionaire" fishermen, is an active member of the Baisley Park Club.

"Prexy" Joe Croasdale, of Elmhurst, comes to the defense of the old-fashioned doubles-game and he wants to know why the L. I. A. does not revive interest in this leisurely style of play. Joe still likes to pitch, but his rheumatism doesn't permit walking comfort. "Even a horseshoe," says Joe, "loses its youthful shape and temper."

A lot of horseshoes have bounced off a lot of pegs since Matt Schavel, Ed Coleman, Pete McGill and other veterans christened "Pop" Ludwig's now famous courts in Farmingdale. Back in the days when the young Ted Allen was busy cutting teeth instead of his present horseshoe capers, the opening of the Long Island season was a more modest occasion.

But times have changed, and the 1939 horseshoe game is very much up to date. Like the modern golf ball and baseball, the new pitching shoe (which isn't a horseshoe at all) has made this ancient pastime more interesting for both player and spectator. Today, the opening of the Long Island season is an event on a par with the annual baseball debut. —Long Island Daily Press.

GIVE EXHIBITION

Harry M. Duncan, of the Ted Allen Horseshoe Co., Denver, Colo., informs the Horseshoe World that Mr. and Mrs. Guy Zimmerman, Palermo, Calif., gave an exhibition at the Washington Park Courts, June 8.

LOOK FOR THE GREEN STAMPS

ALLEN PUBLICIZES HORSESHOE GAME

World's Champion Ted Allen is doing a lot to publicize the horseshoe game, thanks to his connection with the J. E. Ranch Rodeo, which has traveled all over the United States.

Allen has given at least 500 radio broadcasts and has appeared before millions of people.

"Fog Horn" Clancy, an old-time showman and advance man for the rodeo, has taken particular pains to brush up on the rules of the horseshoe game so he can properly publicize Allen's act over the radio and in the newspapers.

Ted has converted some of the cowboys in the outfit to his favorite sport and leisure time between shows finds them pitching. Among the best in the outfit is George Ward, bronc rider and judge; Buddy Medford, famous trick roper and promoter of rodeo shows in Florida, and Junior Eskew, son of J. E. Eskew, owner of the show. Young Eskew not only holds the title of world's champion trick roper but he is adept at the horseshoe game also.

Yes, this Allen boy is doing a lot for the game!

ALL-STAR HORSESHOE PITCHING MATCH AT GRISBRO PICNIC

On Sunday, July 2nd, the employees of Gristede Brothers Inc. Grocers, will hold their annual picnic at Schmidt's Farm, Fort Hill, Greenburgh, Westchester County, N. Y.

The affair is conducted under the auspices of the Grisbro Social Club, with John Sonnemann chairman of the Picnic Committee.

The outstanding feature of the day will be the championship horseshoe pitching match between six title holders who will compete for prizes. This array of talent is bound to produce one of the greatest exhibitions ever staged in the East in any tournament of horseshoe pitching and will be worth going miles to witness. The line-up:

- William Hamann, White Plains, N. Y., New York State Champion.
Miss Ruth Allen, Hempstead, L. I., New York State Woman's Champion.
Ken Hurst, Providence, R. I., Rhode Island State Champion.
Larry Mahoney, Lincroft, N. J.; New Jersey State Champion.
Vito Fileccia, Brooklyn, N. Y.; former New York State Champion.

Henry Christy, Corona, L. I.; Long Island Champion.

This championship match will be under the direction of T. P. O'Gara, secretary of the Knickerbocker Horseshoe Pitching League of New York, assisted by William Mullaly and Frank Latham, of the Woodlawn Horseshoe Club as scorers.

Lou Ziegler, President of the Knickerbocker League who made all arrangements, will have personal supervision of this classic.

The contest is scheduled to start at 1:30 p. m., so come early and bring all of your horseshoe friends to "The Treat of the Year."

Any person interested in attending this picnic should inquire from any of the employees of the Gristede Brothers Stores.

SANTA CRUZ NOTES

Just a few lines to your valuable paper in regard to horseshoes here in California—Santa Cruz especially.

Our club is made up of pitchers from several different towns around here owing to the fact that other places have no clubs. However they have plenty of good players, but for some reason the boys like to come to Santa Cruz.

We have very good courts here, only about 200 feet to the ocean. Maybe the mermaids draw them here. But nevertheless we have an 8-man team that will usually average around 60 per cent in contests, of which we have had several already this year. We hold a Central California tournament here every Fourth of July, since 1935. We will have four days this year, which we all look forward to. All the money received through qualifying, entry fees and donations, go for prize money. Our prizes run around \$100 for 16 men.

Am sending you a score of games played here on May 14 when Guy Zimmerman gave his exhibition here. He played Monty Fourcade three games and let me say here Zimmerman sure knows his horseshoes. The scores follow:

Table with 5 columns: Name, P, R, D, R, SP, Pct. Rows include Zimmerman and Fourcade with their respective scores.

In the second game Zimmerman threw 42 ringers out of 44 shoes.

Yours for more ringers. J. M. HENDERSON, Sec.

MARYLAND MEETS

J. J. E. McFarland, sports manager of Alamac Sports Field, whose address is Hyde, Md., plans three tournaments this season. He successfully conducted last year.

The three tournaments would be held on Sunday, July 2, Sunday, August 6, and Sunday, September 3, the last tournament to carry the usual Alamac cup.

Here are the facts:

Horseshoe tournament, Alamac Sports Field, Route 147, three miles south of junction with Route 1 and six miles south of Bel Air, Md.; it is about 14 miles north of the junction with Route 1, in Baltimore, at North Ave., and Harford Road at the Sears, Roebuck Building. Full information as to location will be given to each entrant, and fans.

The cash prizes will be. First, \$50; second, \$25; third, \$10; fourth, \$5.00.

Three qualifying rounds of 50 shoes each will be given each entrant, the highest ten entering the play for the cash prizes.

Entrance fee of \$2.00 which must accompany entry at least 10 days before the tournament which will be held on Sunday, July 2, 1939.

Further information from J. J. E. McFarland, sports manager, Alamac Sports Field, Hyde, Md.

The Sports Field is located at Reckord, Md., on Route 147.

WINS CITY HORSESHOE TITLE

Elmer McCoy, the Kentucky State champion, swept undefeated through the Louisville city horseshoe pitching championships conducted by the Kentucky Division of the National Horseshoe Pitchers' Association on the Central Park lanes.

McCoy won 11 straight matches and had a ringer average of better than 60 per cent. In three of his games, the champ posted an average of 72 per cent.

S. D. Hooper was runner-up. Mr. McCoy received a bronze trophy and Mr. Hooper a silver trophy, presented by President E. B. Patterson.

Mr. King, Tournament Director, had six girls in uniform as score keepers back in the pits. Mr. King says it was something new and it worked fine. The boys pitched harder and made more ringers. The girls said they would be back for the Jefferson and Kentucky State National meet in July and August.

GOING GOOD

Charles (Casey) Jones, Wisconsin star pitcher, is expected to put thru a bigger and better season this year. He lives at 505 Maple avenue, Waukesha, Wis.



**AN OPEN LETTER**

To the Affiliated Clubs of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association.

In this day when profitable ideas are much in demand, we of the Northern California Horseshoe Pitchers Association feel that we have to offer you an idea to solve the financial problem of our Annual National Tournaments.

Our suggestion is that the city holding the tournament sponsor the same to the amount of \$500 and that each affiliated club donate \$5.

This in addition to the entrance fee, we feel would finance bigger and better tournaments.

This idea seems well worth a try so why not discuss it at your club meetings and acquaint us with the reaction of our horseshoe pitchers?

Hoping it is favorable with 100 per cent co-operation, I am

Sincerely yours,

MRS. DIXIE SHEPARD,

Publicity Chairman, Northern California Horseshoe Pitchers Association.

**DEFEAT CANADIANS**

On the 26th of May, the DeKalb Horseshoe Club won from the Canadians who visited our courts while at the World's Fair, 11 games to 7.

Vito Filecchia was the outstanding player, with five wins, and Arthur Wracks was there with four out of five.

On the 28th of May the Poughkeepsie Bear Cats visited our courts and were taken into camp by the score of DeKalb, 15, Bear Cats 10.

Vito Filecchia won all of his five games, but the outstanding game was won by Frank Hessler, who beat Jim Grant after Grant having him 41 points to 16. Kessler kept putting on the ringers and won 50 to 48.

**NEW CLUB ORGANIZED**

Willard Anderson, 252 Glendale street, is the secretary of the newly organized Salt Lake City, Utah, club.

**POPULAR COURTS**

The five horseshoe lanes in Sunshine Park in Columbus, Ohio, are quite popular with the Buckeye capital's horseshoe enthusiasts. Paul Critchfield is in charge.

**NOTICE**

Ted Allen has made an offer of \$50.00 in cash to the four pitchers doing the best in the Mid-West tourney with Allen shoes—\$20, \$5, \$10 and \$5.

If any other horseshoe firms wish to make cash offers in regard to their shoes, I shall be glad to announce it.

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**WOODWARD WINS**

Lloyd Woodard, Columbus, Kans., horseshoe pitching expert, took Alvin Dahlene, of Lawrence, Kans., to a trimming to the tune of four games to two recently at Legion Park. Woodard wins \$40 donated to the Columbus Horseshoe Club to bring this match to Columbus.

Dahlene beat Alvin Gandy, present Kansas champion in Topeka four games to two in a seven game match.

Woodard has defeated Frank E. Jackson, 13 times world champion, and Putt Mossman, twice world's champion, both on Columbus courts, losing only once on home courts to Ted Allen, present world champion.

Much interest was aroused by the match and a large crowd gathered under the large roof at the park.

Floyd Bond, secretary of the horseshoe club, hopes to bring several other big matches to the local courts this summer. The scores for the six games:

Woodard	.....16	50	31	50	50	50
Dahlene	.....50	30	50	28	31	41

**OPEN SHOE COURTS**

Horseshoe courts have been installed at the Big Four play ground in Marysville, Ohio. Frank Gilbert is in charge of the park.

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**NOTICE**

Since the President of the N. H. P. A. has officially ordered all official tournaments to stick to the National rules, I am going to have in my hands a copy of the rules direct from the National Association. All rules, including those in regard to shoe measurements, will be enforced. I hope that all the pitchers and horseshoe companies will co-operate with me and try to see the matter in this way; if tournaments are not played according to rules then they become tournaments by men instead of tournaments by rules.

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**PLAN SHOE TOURNEY**

Although details have not been completed it is expected that a statewide horseshoe tournament will be held at the Ohio State Fair on Farmer-Sportsman Day, which will be the last day of the great Ohio exposition, according to Win S. Kinnan, fair manager.

R. B. Howard, secretary of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association has held a number of conferences with the fair officials regarding such a tournament.

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## READY FOR DES MOINES TOURNAMENTS

By Leland Mortenson

The only recent developments in regard to the Iowa State Fair Horseshoe Tournaments are: John Gordon has promised to bring ten "hot shots" from the coast; Blair Nunamaker, of Cleveland, will be here if our meet doesn't conflict with the San Francisco tourney; Ted Allen will be here only if the Frisco tourney is held; Charles Jones, of Wisconsin, Dahlene, Kraft and Gan-

dy, all of Kansas, will be here.

The Mid-West National is open to the world, with \$500 in prizes, and will be held August 26-29.

Another meet for the Iowa State championship will be held August 24-25; \$100 in prizes.

Entry blanks can be secured by writing to Mr. A. R. Corey, secretary, Iowa State Fair Board, Des Moines, Iowa.

## NASSAU COUNTY TOURNEY RESULTS

Summary of the Nassau County Pitching Championship, May 21, 1939.

B Class							
	W	L	P	R	DR	SP	Pct.
Patrick	8	1	309	141	26	360	39.2
Skellington	7	2	306	142	22	362	39.2
Querett	7	2	297	136	23	366	38.0
O'Connor	6	3	281	136	22	44	30.5
Vassello	5	4	264	118	16	396	30.0
Roll	4	5	261	109	17	398	27.5
Conzo	4	5	216	91	16	400	22.8
Dargan	3	6	246	130	19	406	32.0
Egger	1	8	197	100	8	394	25.3
Reids	0	9	104	35	3	358	10.0

A Class							
Fileccia	9	0	462	389	137	530	73.4
Hume	7	2	428	353	106	554	63.7
Wm. Kolb	6	3	397	326	90	576	56.6
Christy	6	3	391	340	93	600	56.6
Belsky	5	4	339	291	86	548	53.6
Pugliese	4	5	397	348	94	584	59.6
Henrichs	4	5	370	294	71	552	53.2
Avalitis	2	7	319	286	64	592	48.4
Hessler	2	7	207	204	39	490	41.6
Schlee	0	9	224	236	50	534	44.2

All ties were decided by points.

Best game, Christy 50 points, 57 ringers, 63.3 per cent; Kolb, 47 points, 54 ringers, 61.1 per cent.

Best ringer percent game, Fileccia 40 ringers in 48 shoes, 83.3 per cent.

In the B class, Frank Patrick lost the first game, then won eight straight.

This was the most successful tournament ever run by the West Hempstead Club. The club wishes to thank everyone that took part in it, the score keepers, the umpires and the players.

There were three prizes in each class.

PETER MCGILL.

## PLANS NEW CLUB

Robert E. Lewis, New Holland, O., wrote recently that he was planning to organize a new club in his community.

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## BUSINESS MAN

A panhandler was seen standing on the corner holding a hat in each hand. A stranger approached and asked what was the idea of two hats. The bum grinned:

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A recent letter from Leland Mortenson, of Des Moines, Ia., tells the glad news of the arrival of a baby boy at the Mortenson home.

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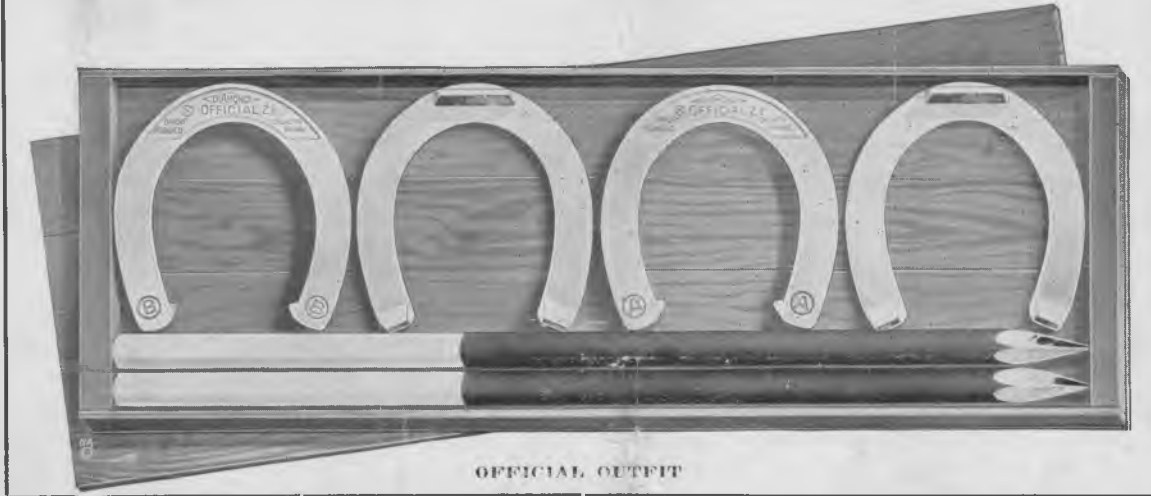
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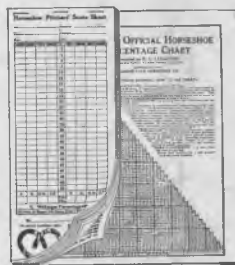
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