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## Just Among Ourselves



Bob Brown's article in last month's magazine is continued in this month's issue . . . forced to omit scads of letters regarding the proposed name change . . . more coming in than we can ever hope to print . . . Florida and California are prominent in the news this month in contrast to some of the issues last fall when Ohio, New Jersey and Eastern states were predominant . . . that makes it right . . . all states should have a share in the news . . . and the biggest news is that there is a real chance that there will be a 1935 tournament . . . if one is held at Moline, as is proposed, we hope to get a special railroad fare and to make this a huge event . . . Some other cities are considering bidding also . . . we should know more about it by next month . . . It's O. K. to vote on the proposed change of name but don't feel hurt if it isn't printed . . . will try to finish up these letters next month.

March, 1935

## CHANGING THE NAME

A great many more pitchers and well-wishers of the horseshoe game prefer keeping the same name — "Horseshoe Pitching" — than there are ones who advocate a new name, as was recently suggested by D. O. Chess, of Cleveland, Ohio.

A vote of thanks should be accorded Mr Chess, however. Out of the idea has come some good—it has aroused the pitchers and has brought them to a realization that after all the National association is their association and that it is their sport. They have, in their effort to protest against a change or to advocate a change in name, taken a new interest in the governing body of the good old game.

And we never could pay for the columns of publicity that has been given throughout the land as a result of press releases regarding the proposed change of name.

Whether we ever change or not, Mr. Chess has rendered a valuable service to the sport.

### 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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 ❖ BREAK STATE MARK ❖  
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 ❖ Harold E. Seaman and Bob ❖  
 ❖ Jamieson, well known Pough- ❖  
 ❖ keepsie, N. Y., horseshoe fling- ❖  
 ❖ ers, unofficially broke the state ❖  
 ❖ record for total ringers in an ❖  
 ❖ exhibition match pitched about ❖  
 ❖ a month ago. ❖  
 ❖ The pair, who threw only 106 ❖  
 ❖ shoes in completing the 50- ❖  
 ❖ point match, totaled 140 ring- ❖  
 ❖ ers, breaking the state record ❖  
 ❖ by ten shoes and an old mark ❖  
 ❖ set by Seaman and Jamieson ❖  
 ❖ by one. Jamieson threw 71 ❖  
 ❖ ringers, including 18 doubles, ❖  
 ❖ and had 50 points for a per- ❖  
 ❖ centage of 66.9 while Seaman ❖  
 ❖ had 45 points, 69 ringers, in- ❖  
 ❖ cluding 20 doubles, for a per- ❖  
 ❖ centage of 65. ❖  
 ❖ Jamieson, who resides at 337 ❖  
 ❖ Hooker avenue, Poughkeepsie, ❖  
 ❖ writes that he and Seaman will ❖  
 ❖ team it this spring and that ❖  
 ❖ they will book two men teams ❖  
 ❖ in the eastern part of New ❖  
 ❖ York. ❖  
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**SPEAKING FRANKLY**

Our "Speaking Frankly" article last month seemed to ring the bell in some quarters and started the real boosters of the horseshoe sport thinking.

A number have sent in \$1.00 for a membership card. Others have made valuable suggestions for keeping the National Association and its magazine "afloat." A greater majority have done nothing, however, seeming to be willing to let us "turn the charter to the wall" as we said we might be forced to do—and believe us, we will if more interest and financial support isn't forthcoming!

We are still speaking frankly—

It's our only course. As long as we keep still about the conditions existing that makes the job of secretary so discouraging (operating a national association on less than \$10 per month) the pitchers seem to feel that everything is going along fine, they are riding free on the benefits—so why worry?

Individual membership fees and a "tax" on horseshoe equipment sales, designed to support the National Association, are the only logical answers to keeping the association alive. Fees of \$25.00 from states

will not do it. As it is now the state association pays \$25.00 for a charter and all the members of that association are automatically made members of the National. It was a fine plan in theory but it won't work. If the individual is to become a member of the National by virtue of joining his local club, which in turn is affiliated with the state and which is in turn affiliated with the National (the present plan except where an individual joins the National direct), a fee of \$25.00 will not be enough—a scheme that will permit a per capita from each club to the National must be worked out or we will have to go direct to individual memberships. Club secretaries—give this some thought.

We don't want to stress financial difficulties until it becomes bore-some or until it reflects upon the sport, but it is better to talk frankly now than after the association is on the rocks and beyond recovery.

**1935 TOURNNEY MAY  
BE HELD AT MOLINE**

Moline, Ill., is the chief contender, at present, for the National Association's 1935 tournament and convention, although several other cities have indicated that they want to make bids.

The Moline Horseshoe Pitchers Association is doing everything possible to arrange for a 1935 national meet and it seems now that this city may be the successful bidder. At any rate, other cities will have to get their bids in very soon as Moline is anxious to have the matter settled, so that plenty of time will be left for completing plans for the meet.

One of the chief drawbacks to the last several tournaments, including even the one at the World's fair at Chicago in 1933, has been the lack of time for announcement. Pitchers who must travel clear across the continent need to know the dates and conditions of the tournament in plenty of time. Besides, sufficient time is allowed for the host city to raise its funds and post its prize money so that pitchers will be assured there will be no "slip up" on the pay-off.

Moline is starting work on what are said to be 16 of the finest courts in the country.

Officers of the Moline club are Andrew F. Peterson, president; Wm.

Scott, vice president, and Dave Swanson, secretary-treasurer.

L. E. Tanner, Anchor, Ill., first vice president of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association, has kept closely in touch with the Moline club and the national offices and has been quite helpful in making tournament plans.

So, Mr. and Mrs. Horseshoe Pitcher, your next tournament may be held in Moline, Ill., so get ready now. Of course we can't make the announcement now—Moline may be outbid by some other city, but it isn't likely. Other cities are only at the "talking" stage now and Moline apparently is past that point and ready to put up the money.

It certainly will be a boost for the game if a 1935 tournament can be held.

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**THE COVER PAGE**

The cover page illustration is that of Ray W. Smith, Eastern Oregon champion, who holds the following records:  
 85 ringers out of 100 shoes  
 34 ringers out of 35 shoes.  
 29 consecutive ringers.

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**ELECT OFFICERS**

Mobridge, S. Dak.—George Griffin was recently re-elected president of the Mobridge Horseshoe club. The meeting was held to organize the club and formulate plans for the coming season.

Other officers elected were Frank Williams, vice president; Glen Farrar, secretary; Ludwig Johnson, treasurer; Martin Hanson, team captain; Andrew Laih, assistant team captain; Ben McManus, grounds manager.

Dues for the coming year were set at 50 cents. It was decided that if the membership warrants the expenditure, electric lights will be installed at the pitching grounds to allow play after dark. Last year there was considerable enthusiasm for horseshoe pitching here, the club having a membership of 40 and it is expected that the club will have more members this year. The regular play of the club members will begin as soon as the weather permits.

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**PATRONIZE OUR ADVERTISERS**



## YOU CAN IMPROVE YOUR HORSESHOE GAME

By BOB BROWN, New York State Champion, 1931-32

(Editor's Note—This article, continued from last month, picks up where Brown left off discussing turns used in pitching)

The 1½ turn can be wobbled just as effectually as the 1¼. The 1½ opens late and has to be pitched with more elevation than the 1¼. It cannot be forced with success. The grip is generally a full hand grip, which makes it perfect for pitching under wet conditions. It wobbles very nicely and lands dead. It does require wrist action to complete its turn. It is a natural turn for many beginners, because of the grip. It is a good wind shoe, because of its wobble, but a low 1½ turning shoe will be just as effective. The old adage that any shoe which turns fewer than once around while in flight, and more than twice around, is no good for open shoe pitching.

The grip on the shoe should be firm, not loose or tight. It should be a natural grip, which employs the use of the four fingers and thumb. The grip, which is the only part of the body which is not relaxed while pitching, should never be so firm as to cause wrist strain or fatigue of the pitching arm or hand. The shoe is generally held at an angle to the ground, which is the natural position of the arm when extended in front of the player. Some players do use the flat position of the shoe when pitching. This means that the shoe is held parallel with the surface of the ground. The palm of the hand is then face up. Either method of delivery of the shoe is successful, but the former method is more generally used, because it is easier on the arm.

The shoe should be sighted before starting the back swing. Either bring the shoe up in front of the face with arm extended, or swing it up there, for the aim. Some players use the broken arm method of sighting the shoe, which means that the shoe is sighted with the elbow pointing down, and the hand and forearm raised, so that the shoe cuts the line between the eye and the stake. Practice will make either method successful. After the shoe has been held just an instant for the aim, the back swing is started, the shoe passing by the right leg, and to a point in back of the player, where it cannot be swung any farther without discomfort, or loss of balance. This

point of hesitation in the back swing, before the forward swing is started, is known as the termination point in the back swing. The shoe is then swung forward and released before the nose. All during this swinging operation, the arm is kept straight, and swings from the shoulder like a pendulum of a clock. This is known as the pendulum swing. The weight of the shoe is sufficient to build up enough momentum to carry the shoe over the 40 feet of space between the stakes. The shoe is never pitched, tossed, thrown, pushed or heaved towards the stake, it is swung.

The arm must move in a straight line from the time it is aimed until it is released. To do otherwise is like aiming a gun at a target and then waiving it in the air, and expect to hit the bullseye when the trigger is pulled. In order for the arm to move in a straight line from the aim, point back to the termination point, and forward again to the release point, certain operations must be made with the legs and body, which will be taken up in the next paragraphs. One must always see that the aim point and the release point correspond, for the shoe is released at the same point as it is aimed at, except that the latter will be moved forward with the taking of the step. The swing is the governor of the distance. If the swing is controlled, by the three points previously mentioned, your distance will be perfect, for you will swing the same every time. There is a certain amount of energy put behind the shoe while taking the step and by body rhythm, that is more or less consistent, enough so in fact, that to force the shoe during the swing with the arm is unnecessary, unless you are off balance.

The step is taken with the left foot for right handed players, and is termed the stepping foot. The right foot is the stationary foot, because it remains on the ground until the left foot is firmly planted in front of the player, and then as the balance is shifted from the right foot to the left and the body moves forward during the completion of the

swing, for the follow-through, the right foot is sometimes lifted from the ground, and moves over in back of the left. The cross-over step is always employed in pitching. By this is meant that the left foot is crossed over in front of the right foot on the step, and the foot turned in, as in Indian fashion. This sideways planting of the left foot, helps to keep one's balance when the weight is being shifted to this foot, and also on the follow-through. The step is a natural walking step, and is taken simply to keep balance and to make it easier to swing the shoe. It is started at the same moment that the shoe starts on the forward swing. Often it is started at this point, by long swinging players, because they have forced themselves off balance by such a long back swing. It is just as natural to step with the left foot in pitching, as it is to step when pitching a baseball, or in the delivering of a bowling ball.

The step and swing should always be timed together, so as to add smoothness to the pitching form. Little attention may be paid to the step by most players, for it is so natural, but the proper timing and rhythm must be checked very closely. A good way to tell if you have stepped in time with your swing, is the feeling you have of perfect smoothness in your swing and delivery of the shoe. The step should be completed by the time the shoe has moved from the termination point in the back swing to a point even with the right leg. If this is true, the step must not be a long one. If you try this, you will realize that the step is taken for the sole purpose of keeping balance and aid in completing the swing.

Now going back to the swing for a moment, we find that if the step is taken in the cross-over manner, that the shifting of the weight from the right to the left foot (or from both feet if preferred), moves the right leg slightly to the left, which allows the swing to be completed in a straight line, which is the purpose of the cross-over. This gives perfect alignment.

As most players pitch to the right of the stake, it becomes simple then to see how easy it is to remedy this, for with the cross-over, the shoe can be brought in real close to the legs without danger of hitting them, and

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# BUCKEYE STATE NEWS

*A Page Devoted to the News and Views of the Buckeye State Horseshoe Pitchers Association*

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The fact the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association of America, Inc., was incorporated under the laws of the State of Ohio, May 10, 1921, and The Horseshoe World, our magazine going into its 14th year, both located in London, Ohio, would indicate sufficiently that "Ohio" has taken the lead in this sport. While interest has steadily increased as individual clubs in the building of fine concrete and modern electric lighted courts costing as much as \$3,000.00 for a single battery of courts in Ohio, yet it has lagged in the broader sense of supporting the magazine, National and State associations.

Sports writers are aware of this lack of interest and are not to be criticized for their lack of support in recent years. The present state officers have followed out an educational campaign in good faith to interest the individual players and club officers in suggesting the name of the sport be changed, dropping the word "horseshoe" entirely. Responses of players being about equally divided. Further, to "include the magazine to club members"; also, if the sport is "not spectacular enough" to make it so by having "a final day of single matches" in all our National, State and County tournaments.

Any, or all these things can be accomplished if there is the will to do. However, we can make the suggestions or lay the groundwork only, interest must first be shown by the individual players and club officers to make them effective, then the newspapers through their sports writers will be only too glad to support us. Last year our state was divided into five districts and succeeded in organizing three of these districts, Southwestern, Central, and Northeastern. This year we hope to organize the other two districts

through the aid of our newspapers in extending our invitation to all club officers, boosters and enthusiasts to communicate with us at our headquarters, 6208 Quimby Ave., Cleveland, Ohio, that we may arrange meetings with them and discuss the advantages in organization and their support in the broader sense.

The sport is non-profit-making in fact, state officers receive no compensation whatsoever and our only desire is to make it self-supporting, therefore, the more leagues and clubs there are who receive charters from us the less will be the cost to them.

#### A Few Interesting and Helpful Facts

We learn (Encyclopaedia Britannica) that as early as the second century before the Christian era, iron plates or rings for shoes were nailed on horses' feet in Western Asia and Eastern Europe, and further that athletic contests which formed some part of religious observances and festivities of that time included that of boxing, putting the weight, chariot races, archery and discus throwing, the latter being indulged in by the Royalty quite extensively to amuse themselves at the noon hour or at other times when at their leisure.

Discus throwing being very popular and also expensive to make it is said about the beginning of the Christian Era those who could not afford the discus to throw, used discarded horseshoes instead, and this practice spread to the armies of practically all the European nations for amusement and pastime and was discovered that this form of exercise contained great values in the development of the body and minds of man.

In our country the sport was taken up almost at its birth, being followed in all our armies and soldiers carried it into the rural districts upon their discharge, forming clubs. Records show contests for cash prizes in 1905, and in 1909 marked the beginning in the development of the "open shoe" and five "turns."

By the "open shoe" is meant to

throw the shoe and make it land fork-end to, or opening toward the stake in the opposite clay area. By the "turn" is meant, the number of lateral or flat turns the shoe makes in mid-air from the time it leaves the hand until it lands at the opposite stake "open," and they are the three-quarter, one and one-quarter, one and three-quarter, two and one-quarter and two and three-quarter turns, of which the one and one-quarter and one and three-quarter are most successful today.

In the sport's present state of development we have an exercise of unquestioned values in its movements sanctioned by medical authority and leaders of recreational sports. The skill in the holding of the shoe, the full backward swing of the arm and body,, then forward with a follow through at the proper speed and putting the wrist action into the delivery in order to attain the proper height, distance and turn to land a ringer, and finally the extreme science necessary to so skillfully co-ordinate, mental and physical all these movements in order to make ringers consistently is really little short of miraculous, and justifies its adoption for the benefits received in physical exercise values and in keeping the mind active, as well as competitive play as a recreational sport and the social side. The intense interest of anticipation, the concentration of mind, and the thrill in being able to pitch ringers is full compensation for the health-giving practice required, which is proven beyond a doubt by more than 3,000,000 members of record in organized clubs in the United States at the present time.

We solicit Ohio subscribers to our magazine to help the sport and aid us by "blue-penciling" and loaning their copy to sports writers of their local newspapers for copy of this bulletin, and we hope those of other states will use it to best advantage for the players and the sport.

D. O. CHESS, Sec.

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**WANTS BOOKINGS**  
 Ted Allen, world's champion, hopes to make a horseshoe exhibition tour and wants to hear from clubs in Missouri, Kansas, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky, Oklahoma, Iowa, Minnesota and other states farther East. Allen's address is 1504 South Third street, Alhambra, Calif.  
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**MAY BID ON TOURNEY**

Salina, Kans., may make a bid on the 1935 national horseshoe tournament.

**A NEW RECORD**

A new record was set up for a 21-point doubles game in a match played March 3, the scores as follows:

	P	R	DR
C. Claypool	12	20	7
G. Zimmerman	6	28	13
Ted Allen	6	28	13
A. J. Byrns	15	20	6

The scoresheets show a ringer percentage of 93 plus, and further reveals that out of the first 26 ringers by the four men, not a point was scored. Champion Allen writes us regarding the game calling attention that 96 ringers for a 21-point doubles game is a world's record and that 28 ringers for one man is also a new record.

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**SIZZLING!**  
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Here are the ringers thrown in three 50-point games pitched by Theodore Allen, world's champion, and Guy Zimmerman, on the South Park Courts in Los Angeles, Sunday, March 3:

	R	DR	Pct
Allen	62	26	70
Zimmerman	67	28	83
Allen	60	24	75
Zimmerman	72	34	90
Allen	86	36	81
Zimmerman	94	42	87

Walter C. McKain, Conn. State College, Storrs, Conn., is greatly interested in the game.

**BOOSTS SALE OF SHOES**

The National Secretary has never taken a trip that he has not realized the opportunity of boosting the horseshoe game. Recently while in Chicago we visited some of the larger stores in Chicago and asked a simple question: "Do you sell horseshoes?" After stammering somewhat, the managers of some of the sporting goods departments said "Yes." They then proceeded to dig them out from behind other merchandise. After telling the manager I was secretary of the National Association I asked "Why have them hid.?" "Oh, we don't sell many," was the reply in most cases. "No wonder," was my rejoinder, "if you put those tennis racquets or basket ball shoes under the counter out of sight, your sales would fall off on them, undoubtedly."

Rather presumtuous on our part? Yes, we realized that a "boy from the country" had little right to talk that way to store managers but it just had to be done. Fortunately, some stores had them on display, but others seemed willing to know more about the game. One manager said that he didn't know where to get any information, that he didn't know there was a national association or a magazine on the sport.

The writer is planning displays to boost the sport that livewire sport departments of department stores or sporting goods stores can use in boosting the sale of horseshoes.

And why? Because we want to see the game succeed.

Are the manufacturers interested enough to support an association that boosts them in such a manner?

Fred M. Brust, of the Ohio Horseshoe Co., has written that he is willing to pay two cents "excise tax" or whatever it might be called, on each pair of shoes leaving his factory, to support the National Association, if others would follow suit.

The National would work hard in doing things to boost the game and increase the sale of shoes, as the more shoes sold the more money that would be available — and the more money the more we could do!

How many manufacturers of equipment read the National Association's magazine? We haven't written them a letter—we want to see if they really read the magazine and if we hear from this. Only a few of them advertise in the magazine.

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**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION INFORMATION**

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- Glenn B. Porter, Third Vice President, 202 W. Broadway, Glendale, Calif.
- R. B. Howard, Secretary-Treasurer; "The Horseshoe World", London, Ohio.
- B. G. Leighton, Chairman, Interim Comm., Virginia, Minn.

**YEARLY DUES**

Manufacturers	\$50.00
State Associations	25.00
Clubs less than 50 members	5.00
Clubs more than 50 members	10.00
State Fair Associations	5.00
Expositions	5.00
County Fairs	2.50
Individual Members	1.00

**VICE PRESIDENT ON THE JOB!**

Vice President L. E. Tanner, of Anchor, Ill., has been doing a good job in behalf of the association. We vote him as this month's busiest National Association board member.

In addition to working with the Moline Horseshoe Club which is trying to bring the National Tournament to Moline in 1935, Mr. Tanner has been interesting the University of Illinois and the high schools in his territory in the game.

He has had much encouragement in his endeavors from Prof. H. L. Burkardt, of the University of Illinois.

J. Miff Nave, Route 4, Box 134, Elizabethtown, Tenn., is greatly interested in the game. He claims the championship of East Tennessee.

Arthur Wissel, Sta. L, R. F. D. 3, Box 253, is contemplating organizing a horseshoe club.



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 ♦ "STRADDLERS" ♦  
 ♦ From Miami ♦  
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Horseshoe activity and facilities may be increased at Lummus park next season it developed this morning, following a conference between Dr. Allan Pottle, president of the Miami Horseshoe club; Ernie Seiler, head of the city recreation department, and Jerry Donovan, supervisor at Lummus park.

Seiler stated that if the enthusiasm in horseshoe pitching is renewed next season, the pavilion adjoining the horseshoe courts, now being used for card and checker playing, will be remodeled for a club room for the members of the horseshoe club and their guests.

Harry and Frank Kuder, Ohio, father and son, respectively, members of the Miami club, challenge any father and son team to a match.

At the Miami Horseshoe courts on February 26th, Blair Nunamaker pitched 83 ringers in his first 100 shoes, pitching against his own record of 91 ringers in 100 shoes. In a second 100 shoes Blair pitched 89 ringers, missing his record by two ringers. This, of course, makes 172 ringers in 200 shoes. A record to be proud of.

Saturday, Feb. 9, the West Palm Beach team played at the Miami club courts. The first round each had won three games; second round found each with six games; third round Palm Beach was leading 10 to 8 games. The teams see-sawed up to the last game, when Lawson Seybold, with his famous "Tumble Shoe" won the game from Secretary Nettleton. The final result was

	W	P
West Palm Beach .....	17	716
Miami Team .....	19	731

**PUEBLO CLUB ELECTS**

The horseshoe club of Pueblo, Colorado, elected officers Friday night, February 1, 1935, as follows: W. G. Work, president, 919 W. 14th St., Pueblo; Andy Watts, 3012 N. Grand Ave., Pueblo, vice president; W. F. O'Neal, secretary treasurer, 307 Polk St., Pueblo. Grievance Committee, E. McCrumb, E. M. Lafayette, O. W. Wares.

**BROWN WINS THREE**

Dean Brown, topnotch California pitcher, and Vyril Jackson, recently put on a "hot" battle at Riverside California, Brown taking the Iowan three out of five as follows:

		P	R	DR	SP	Pet
Brown .....	32	58	19	84	69.0	
Jackson .....	50	65	23	84	77.3	
Brown .....	21	44	14	70	62.9	
Jackson .....	50	55	22	70	78.6	
Brown .....	50	60	23	80	75.0	
Jackson .....	33	55	16	80	68.7	
Brown .....	50	166	66	206	80.5	
Jackson .....	45	164	65	206	79.6	
Brown .....	50	126	53	150	84.0	
Jackson .....	43	122	48	150	81.3	
<b>Totals</b>						
Brown .....	203	454	175	590	76.9	
Jackson .....	221	461	174	590	78.1	

**NEW FIRMS STARTING**

New horseshoe equipment firms are springing up. A large malleable iron company in the East is contemplating putting a new shoe on the market soon and two firms have indicated they will start making other kinds of equipment for the game soon.

**PLANNING TOURNAMENT?**

Those planning tournaments should secure a sanction from the National Association. If your club is affiliated with a state organization (only about four states in good standing) that belongs to the National you can get a sanction from the State association. Otherwise you should write the National headquarters at London, Ohio. A sanction makes your champions bonafide champions and we issue a beautiful certificate of championship to the winners.

**PITCHER DIES**

John M. Neeson, 3095 E. Derbyshire road, Cleveland Heights, long a member of the Wade Park club, died in St. Luke's hospital, Cleveland, February 14. The horseshoe club sent a floral offering.

**REAL SLIPPER SLAMMING**

In test pitching, Ted Allen recently made these ringer records: 94 ringers out of 100 shoes, J. H. Tedlie, scorekeeper; 183 ringers out of 200 shoes, J. H. Tedlie, scorekeeper; and 184 ringers out of 200 shoes, A. J. Byrns, scorekeeper.



George Kent, 313 West Twentieth street, New York City, is writing an article on horseshoe pitching for Country Home.

Shuffleboard has been giving the horseshoe game some competition for interest. Officers of the National Association are P. V. Gahan, president, St. Petersburg, Fla.; L. L. Bensley, vice president, Traverse City, Mich., and C. H. Fleming, secretary-treasurer, Winchester, Mass. Directors are E. F. Wolfram, Maumee, Ohio; E. E. Seiler, Miami, Fla., and D. K. Hubbard, Wisconsin.

Caroline Schultz, national champion, and her sister, Charlotte, runner-up, attract much attention when they appear in their Dutch costumes on the horseshoe courts. If these young ladies could make an extended tour of fairs and other expositions this summer they would do much to boost the game as well as entertain the crowds with their horseshoe pitching prowess.

Wm. Smith, 4 Minnisink Rd., Totowa Boro, Paterson, N. J., has been tossing horseshoes for a number of years.

On Wednesday, Feb. 13, at the Miami, Fla., club courts, Blair Nunamaker, Ohio champ and former world title holders, pitched 52 consecutive ringers, breaking his former record of 31 in a row.

Lakeworth, Fla., Horseshoe club has a membership of 215. They have built and paid for their own club house and courts. They are a thriving organization. More power to them.

Albert A. Edrman is an Elkins, W. Va., pitcher.

Ted Allen, national champ., is still putting 'em on in California. Ted still pitches championship shoes.

Benj. D. Raskopf, 9th Squadron, Hamilton Field, San Rafael, Calif., is interested in the horseshoe sport.



**YOU CAN IMPROVE YOUR GAME**

By Bob Brown, New York State  
Champion, 1931-32

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thus assure the player if he does this, that his arm is swinging straight.

Now as many players have perfect form, but still do not get the expected results, a few words on timing and release may help. The release point should correspond as said before, with the aim point. The point of releasing the shoe should be natural, that is, when this point is reached in the forward swing, the hand should open automatically and release the shoe. Practice will make this perfect. Your fingers must act instantly and release the shoe in the proper order. The thumb and index finger always release the shoe last. They give it the spin or revolving motion. The little finger, (and the next to the little finger, in case of the 1 3/4 turn), act as a brace on the under side of the shoe. The middle two fingers, where a grip is employed that does not use the finger, just mention to support the shoe, act as governors on the shoe to speed up or slow down this spinning motion. Of course this is instantaneous, and you do not realize the action of your fingers, but a close study of this will reveal that this statement is more or less true. The fingers have to be trained to act properly. This takes practice, and is why trouble is first experienced with the shoe when warming up. Remember just one thing, release that shoe in front of the nose, and always keep the shoe

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up, so as to allow it time to revolve.

Timing is a hard matter to explain. Everyone knows what timing is. Some people have a better sense of timing than others. Some call it a natural sense of balance or ability, but it is timing just the same. You might employ counting to assure yourself of proper timing. A count of one, two, three, four, starting from the aim point to the releasing of the shoe, will often help. A feeling of smoothness in pitching is a good assurance of timing. Baseball players time their swing; golf players do likewise. Get the feeling of this, and you will have half the battle won.

Mastering of fundamentals, although it may take years to do it, will give better results. Knowing what you wish to accomplish before you start to practice, will assure you of progress. Don't become discouraged. The best players had to learn, although I grant you that they have that certain something which eliminated them from bothering about fundamentals. But the players who haven't been gifted with natural form and ability, can acquire it to a remarkable degree, by knowing what they wish to do when they play. The most of these fundamentals should soon become habits, so that you can give your mind over to concentration on making ringers. That is the other half of the game. Concentration and the ever-prevailing thought that you are going to make a double every time, will give results. As Blair Nunamaker says, "Think that they are on, and pitch them on." That is a true axiom; remember it.

Books can be written on this game, but time and space prevents further comments. In closing, there are two phrases I wish that you would all remember every time you go out to pitch. They are: "Once the fundamentals have been mastered well enough to give confidence, it's then the timing of the step and swing and the co-ordination of the body movements that gives consistency, distance and alignment," and "keep relaxed at all times."

Movies taken of Blair Nunamaker and Dr. Alan R. Pottle in Miami have been shown throughout the country and have done much to boost the game.

**ORGANIZE CLUB**

A horseshoe club was organized July 7, 1934, at Pulaski, Va. James Martin and R. C. Stratton are two of the club's best tossers.

**DOUBLES MATCH**

A 21-point standing game pitched on the South Park courts, Los Angeles, resulted as follows:

	P	R	DR	SP	Pc
Henry Harper	9	20	8	26	75
Wm. Crick	9	18	6	28	64
G. Zimmerman	20	21	8	28	75
Geo. Bander	6	18	6	26	69

**SAYS "NO"**

Otto M. Anderson, Lowry, S. D., does not favor changing the name of our sport, he writes. The present name is too well established, he declares.

**THIS IS A GREAT HELP**

Some of the horseshoe equipment manufacturers are not only advertising in the magazine but are giving the Horseshoe World the opportunity of printing letterheads, rules folders, etc. Some clubs are giving us the opportunity of furnishing scoresheets, letterheads, envelopes, membership cards, etc. This is a great help and we acknowledge it with our sincerest thanks!

One of these days we may print an "honor roll" of those aiding the association by membership, by advertising or by printing sent out to National offices.

We had a letter from Frank E. Jackson, "grand old man" of the horseshoe game recently, mailed from St. Petersburg. Jackson's permanent address is Blue Mound, Kans. Mail sent to him there, care of Clarence Townsley is forwarded to him.

Coral Gables, Fla., has just installed a battery of horseshoe courts under the supervision of Jerry Donovan, recreation supervisor of Lummus Park, Miami, who asked Blair Nunamaker and "Doc" Pottle to assist in the dedication, March 10th. Coral Gables City Manager, Gene Williams, addressed the boys as did also Jerry Donovan and "Doc" Pottle.

**AT SHELBY, OHIO**

Sunday, Feb. 24th, a team from the Greater Cleveland league played a match game with a picked team

from Shelby, Marion, Bucyrus and Galion on the indoor courts at Shelby, six-man teams and 50 shoes pitched per game. Score, Shelby 25, and Cleveland, 11.

Shelby	P	R	DR
Biller	244	189	56
Leistensnider	216	153	34
Myers	185	149	36
Pry	273	207	70
W. Campbell	219	175	48
Shoup	283	175	51
Totals	1420	1048	295
Ringer percentage	58.2		
Cleveland	P	R	DR
Andree	161	147	31
Gunselman	211	203	63
Wargo	58	58	10
Gehring	78	72	14
H. Schultz	37	58	11
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