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Putt Mossman

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World's Championships Won Again With "OHIO" Shoes

Mrs. C. A. Lanham
Lady Champion



"Putt" Mossman
World's Champion



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thusiastic fans presented the "Cyclone" with a purse of \$20. Jackson demonstrated his sportsmanship by leading the cheering for Duryee when the game was over.

Putt Mossman registered his fifth consecutive win over C. C. Davis in the last game of the forenoon, Mossman winning with 50 points, 48 ringers and 16 double ringers on 68 shoes pitched. Davis being retired with 35 points, 44 ringers and 14 double ringers.

Mossman took the lead in the first innng and held it for three innings, but Davis passed him in the fourth and by the tenth was leading 22 to 7. In the eleventh, neither scored and Mossman passed Davis in the twentieth, the count then being 26-25 in Mossman's favor. He held the lead throughout the remainder of the contest, Davis counting in only five innings from the tenth to the thirty-fourth.

In the Mossman-Jackson game, the champion chalked up 50 points while Jackson was scoring 30, tossing 64 ringers and 21 doubles on 90 shoes with a ringer perrentage of .711. Jackson finished with 54 ringers and 15 doubles, percentage .600.

Jackson scored one point in the first inning, and the next three throws all four shoes were on the peg, neither scoring. Jackson added three more points in the fifth, and Mossman scored his first two points in the sixth inning on close shoes when both missed the peg. Mossman passed in the eighth, and at the thirty-third, was leading 36 to 19. He failed to count for the next seven innings, while Jackson increased his score to 28. From the fort'eth to the forty-fifth, Jackson gained only two points, while Mossman raced across the 50 line.

Women's Tourney Won By Mrs. Lanham; Makes New Record

Defeating Mrs. Mayme Francisco, of St. Petersburg, Fla., former title holder, Mrs. C. A. Lanham, of Bloomington, Ill., held her title as the world's greatest woman horseshoe tosser, winning the game by a score of 50 to 38. She had 36 ringers and 10 doubles in 66 shoes pitched, while Mrs. Francisco scored 33 ringers and 8 doubles.

Mrs. Francisco gained the first point in the initial inning on closest shoe when each tossed a ringer. She added four more in the next inning on one ringer and closest shoe when the title holder missed both. Mrs. Lanham passed her opponent in the third inning on a double when Mrs. Francisco missed both. She added 3 more in the fourth, 3 in the fifth, 3 in the



MRS. LANHAM

sixth, 1 in the seventh, 1 in the eighth, 1 in the ninth and 3 in the tenth while Mrs. Francisco stood at 5.

The fourteenth inning saw Mrs. Lanham leading 26-12, but a rally sent Mrs. Francisco to 31 in the next five innings while Mrs. Lanham stood still. Mrs. Lanham chalked up 3 points in both the twentieth and twenty-first inning making her count 32 and Mrs. Francisco moved up to 34. Mrs. Lanham again took the lead in the twenty-third inning and held it through the remainder of the game. Mrs. Francisco scored her last point in the thirtieth inning when she changed her count from 37 to 38, while Mrs. Lanham was 48. In the thirty-first inning both doubled and in the thirty-second

Mrs. Lanham gained a lone point on closest shoe with a ringer each. She went out in the thirty-third inning with one more point while a cheering crowd of spectators rushed upon the field.

A few minutes previous to her game with Mrs. Francisco, Mrs. Lanham established a new ringer record for women in her game with Mrs. George Brouillette, of Minneapolis. In this game Mrs. Lanham pitched 21 ringers and 8 doubles on 26 shoes for a ringer percentage of .807, bettering her previous record of .770 made in Minneapolis last September. She also had both shoes around the peg five times in succession in her game with Mrs. Brouillette.

LEAGUE FORMED

MARION, O., March 7—A horseshoe pitching league, with representatives of teams of Bucyrus, Crestline, Findlay, Wharton and Marion was formed here recently. Officers elected are R. M. Pinney, Marion, president; H. M. Hiland, Findlay, vice president; A. Shaw, Bucyrus, secretary; and B. Hoffman, Crestline, treasurer.

It is planned to play one game each week on indoor courts. As soon as the weather permits contests will be staged outdoors. The length of the schedule definitely. Each city will be represented with a five man team.

The schedule follows:

Friday, March 20—Marion at Bucyrus, Wharton at Marion, Findlay idle.

Friday, March 13—Crestline at Bucyrus, Findlay at Crestline, Wharton idle.

Friday, March 27—Wharton at Findlay, Marion at Crestline, Bucyrus idle.

Friday, April 3—Wharton at Bucyrus, Marion at Findlay, Crestline idle.

The schedule is reversed for the next four Saturdays, and the home teams become the visitors.

The last series of games is: Crestline vs. Bucyrus, at Marion; Wharton vs. Marion at Bucyrus, Friday May 22.

Friday, May 29—Marion vs. Bucyrus at Crestline; Findlay vs. Crestline at Wharton.

Friday, June 7—Wharton vs. Findlay, at Marion; Marion vs. Crestline at Bucyrus.

Friday, June 14—Wharton vs. Bucyrus, at Findlay; Marion vs. Findlay at Wharton.

Friday, June 21—Wharton vs. Crestline, at Findlay; Findlay vs. Bucyrus, at Crestline.

HEAVY RINGER CLUB

	40	50	60	70	80
	and over				
Mossman	30	14	6	2	1
Davis	29	11	2	.	.
Jackson	26	5	2	.	.
May	20	4	.	.	.
Yocum	21	3	.	.	.
Duryee	19	6	2	1	.
Spencer	20	7	.	.	.
Nunamaker	23	6	.	.	.
Brundige	11	1	1	.	.
Cumming	12	1	.	.	.
Thompson	13	3	.	.	.
Todd	4

Leighton and Horseshoes

By R. B. HOWARD

To B. G. Leighton, retiring secretary of the National Horseshoe Pitchers association, who is succeeded by E. M. Twynham, of Akron, must go considerable credit for the present status of the game in America.

Those who know Ben Leighton know him to be one of the best organizers of sport activities that America has ever produced. I say this not because he has been a very good friend of mine, but because of the intimate knowledge I have had of his work the past several years.

As a recreation worker at Minneapolis he stands in the very front ranks.

As assistant director of recreation in the city of Minneapolis he recently made a very extensive report to the park board in connection with his work in the following lines:

- I. Publicity—Promotional Events
 - A. U. S. Olympic Ski Try-outs.
 - B. Winter play week celebration.
 - C. Nat'l Horseshoe Tournament.
 - D. Sane Fourth celebration.
- II. Special Contests with Newspapers and Others:
 - A. Junior Dog Derby, Minneapolis Tribune.
 - B. City Parks Horseshoe Meets, Minneapolis Journal.
 - C. Pushmobile Derby, Minneapolis Tribune.
 - D. Sail and Motorboat Contest, Warner Hardware Co.
 - E. East Side Horseshoe Meet, East Side Argus.
- III. Supervised Playground Work for Men and Boys:
 - A. Inter-Playground Competitions
 - B. Playground Features.
 - C. Community Celebrations.
- IV. City-wide Horseshoe Competition:
 - A. Leagues.
 - B. Tournament and Matches.
 - C. Minneapolis Players in State and National Meets.
- V. Skiing:
 - A. Minneapolis Municipal Ski club—Its program.
 - B. The Olympic Ski Tryouts.

We wish space would permit the reproduction of his report covering these topics.

The following are some of the things Mr. Leighton did for horseshoe pitching while president and later secretary of the National association:

He introduced the game of Horse-

shoe in 1919 in Minneapolis through the Park Board Recreation department. Minneapolis was the first city to organize on a municipal basis as a leisure time and organized recreation activity.

He organized the Minneapolis Municipal Horseshoe Pitchers' Association in June, 1919—the first of its kind.

He organized the first state association in September, 1919—the Minnesota State Horseshoe Pitchers' Ass'n.

He organized and was superintendent of the Horseshoe Pitching Department of the Minnesota State Fair in 1921 and 1922.

Organized and directed the following: The Municipal Horseshoe competition in Minneapolis since 1919. The 1924 program consisted of 274 groups with 2772 Minneapolis players entered and conducted on 200 courts in 28 neighborhood parks. The program also consisted of—100 teams in 10 leagues of 630 players; 95 neighborhood and city-wide tournaments with 1700 players taking part; 64 matches and exhibitions, with 259 entered; 183 Minneapolis players taking part in the National, Minnesota State and out-of-town tournaments.

Minnesota State tournaments at the 1919, '20, '21 and '22 Minnesota State Fairs; National Horseshoe Tournaments at the Minnesota State Fair in 1921; the Iowa State Fair in 1922; at Cleveland, Ohio in 1923, and Minneapolis, Minnesota in 1924.

He conducted the first National Amateur meets in 1924, and held the following offices in horseshoe organizations:

Executive Secretary, Minneapolis Horseshoe Pitchers Ass'n since 1919; Executive Secretary, Minnesota State Horseshoe Pitchers Ass'n 1919 to 1923; President, National Horseshoe Pitchers' Ass'n, 1921, '22, '23, '24; Secretary National Horseshoe Pitchers Ass'n, 1925; Horseshoe Representative, Board of Governors of the National A. A. U., 1923 to 1925.

He originated, compiled or sponsored the following developments in the horseshoe game:

First Horseshoe Handbook, 1920.

League Play, with teams organized same as in baseball.

First Handicap System, similar to that used in golf.

The nine official national records in tournament play.

Present plan of National Horseshoe Rules.

The group plan of tournament play. Singles leagues.

Scientific score cards and charts.

Affiliation of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Ass'n with the National A. A. U.

Ty Cobb Tries Hand At Game



Courtesy NEA Service.
Ty Cobb

Meet one of the sport world's greatest celebrities trying his hand at barnyard golf. Yep, it is none other than Tyrus R. Cobb, famous baseball player and manager, enjoying a little recreation while vacationing down in Augusta, Ga., this winter.

The Open Shoe

By Robert W. Deianey, Valparaiso, Ind.

My belief is that nine out of ten people who observe the present-day interest in horseshoe pitching, are of the opinion that it is simply a revival of interest in the old-style game. Not being pitchers themselves, they have no way of knowing that scientific principle has been introduced into this game within the past few years, which has revolutionized the sport, and explains, of course, why there are thousands of enthusiastic pitchers today, as against, perhaps, hundreds when the old game was in vogue. I refer, of course, to the open shoe.

There is another phase of this matter which has been very interesting to me. If you state to an old-style pitcher, that you know a man who can control a horseshoe, that is, that he can determine the revolutions so as to have the shoe open when it reaches the stake, you will be compelled to interpret the expression on the face of the old-timer to mean that he thinks you are either a tall, conscious liar, or that you have innocently, in moment of weakness, allowed yourself to be imposed upon by someone whose capacity to reason has gone awry.

There is always the chance, of course, that he may tell you these things, and more. If he does, the method he employs to communicate his ideas will depend on heredity and environment. In my time I have known horseshoe pitchers, and some of them pretty good ones, too, who, when they express doubt or disapproval, permit themselves to range freely over a wide field of words, some of which were picked up on a golf course, some in a sewer, and some in various other unsanitary places. I regard this method as unsportsmanlike. Doubtless their defense would be, that they have no choice but to use the language with which they are most familiar. Fairness compels me to say, however, that I have known only a few horseshoe pitchers of this type.

But to revert to the old-timer and his attitude toward the open shoe. If he has played other games, and has, therefore, acquired a sense of force and direction, and a sense of proportions as well, he will remember how the mysteries of these games unfolded themselves through experience, and very probably refrain from openly expressing his doubts. His facile expression, however, will tell you that doubt is lurking in the back of his mind.

I appreciate, of course, that I have told you nothing that you didn't already know. My object in writing this was to ask you if you wouldn't some time publish a brief biographical sketch of the man who invented the open shoe. I feel sure this information would be interesting to many of your readers, who, like myself, are wholly ignorant on the subject.

The occupation of a prophet has never been a particularly hazardous one, and therefore the emoluments thereof have always been provokingly unsatisfactory; but I am willing to venture the prediction, that five years from now horseshoe pitching will have reached a place in the field of sports immeasurably beyond the wildest dreams of the present-day enthusiast. For the horseshoe game is riding on a wave of popularity, and there isn't a man alive who is wise enough to foresee how far it will go and so I think something of the history of the ingenious chap who may properly be said to have invented the game, would make interesting reading.

Horseshoe Meet Sees Many New High Marks Set

At least thirteen new world records were established in the seventh annual midwinter tournament of the National Horseshoe Pitchers' Association held February 16-28 on the Lake Worth horseshoe courts according to figures compiled by tournament officials.

In every one of these records, Putt Mossman, who walked away with the national crown for the second time, participated. Bert Duryee, of Wichita Kansas, was instrumental in helping to establish several and Roy Thompson, of Constance, Minn., the only man in the tournament who failed to win a game, figured in one. The list follows:

Shortest number of shoes pitched in one game, Mossman and Roy Thompson 20; greatest number of shoes pitched in one game, Mossman and Duryee, 108; highest percentage of ringers in one game, Mossman, 90 per cent; largest number of double ringers in succession, Mossman, 10; all four shoes on at one time, Mossman and Duryee, 18 times; largest number of ringers by one player, Mossman, 80; largest number of ringers by both players, Mossman and Duryee, 155; largest number of double ringers by one player, Mossman, 30; largest number of double ringers by both players, Mossman and Duryee, 56; all

four shoes on by both players in succession, Mossman and Duryee, 8; largest number of ringers without scoring a point, Mossman and Duryee, 32; largest percentage of ringers made in a national meet, Mossman, in 55 games, .676 per cent; highest percentage of ringers made in a series of not less than five games, Mossman, 90 per cent.

GAME AT MARION

MARION, O.—A horseshoe contest played on the M. S. S. courts January 23, between the M. S. S. Co. team and the Crestline team resulted as follows:

M. S. S. Co.						
	W	L	P	R	DR	SP
Pinney	6	0	300	138	31	326
Harruff	5	1	288	143	28	346
Watson	4	2	275	128	21	434
Wynn	3	3	254	134	27	362
Burrough . . .	3	1	194	82	10	252
Markin	2	1	134	43	4	202
Foos	1	2	124	71	9	232
Courtney . . .	1	1	75	35	6	114
Total	25	11	1644	774	136	2268

Crestline						
	W	L	P	R	DR	SP
Hoffman	4	2	271	152	22	396
Eckert	3	3	264	127	20	350
Garwick	2	4	238	125	18	426
Morrow	2	4	227	116	12	392
Sayles	0	6	160	74	9	340
Pry	0	5	136	70	4	304
Eker	0	1	13	9	0	60
Total	11	25	1309	673	85	2268

Foolish Question

When Demetrius was asked whether he held his tongue because he was a fool or for want of words, he replied: "A fool cannot hold his tongue." —Boston Transcript.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Time and space will not permit us to publish the complete table of the National Tournament this month. These figures are always furnished us by D. D. Cottrell, of North Cohocton, N. Y., statistician for the National Association.

Mr. Cottrell has compiled this table for us and we had hoped to publish it this month, but subscribers have been too insistent in their request for their copies of the Horseshoe World, March number, that we are yielding to their wishes and going to press without the table.

—The Editor.

Michler Named as President Again

Owing to the fact that the Horseshoe World has been unable to get a full version of the happenings at the convention held at Lake Worth in connection with the tournament, the following story of the election of officers as given by the Lake Worth Herald:

Tightening up on loose ends of the organization preparatory to handling a largely increased volume of business caused by unprecedented growth and enthusiasm in horseshoe circles, the National Horseshoe Pitchers' association reorganized Thursday night at a regular session of the convention in the Town auditorium. A new constitution was adopted providing for a two-year term for all elective officers, and Al Michler, of Lake Worth, was made president. D. D. Cottrell, of North Cochocton, N. Y.,-St. Petersburg, treasurer of the old association, was made first vice president, and was also appointed national statistician, a position which he has held for several years. Alex Cumming, of Minneapolis, was elected second vice president, succeeding Mrs. Thomas Heenan, of Minneapolis. Ralph P. Spencer, of Picher, Okla. formerly first vice president, was made treasurer, and Edward M. Twynham, of Akron, was elected secretary. All officers were elected by unanimous ballots.

President Michler was escorted to the platform by a committee of delegates and Jack Francisco, of St. Petersburg, led the cheering which continued for several minutes after Mr. Michler had taken his seat. Election of the vice presidents, secretary and treasurer followed and committees were appointed to draft important measures to be presented to the convention for consideration at its session next Tuesday evening.

The constitution committee named by President Michler is composed of Harry Born, of Atlantic City, N. J.; T. C. Reed, of McKeesport, Pa.; Al F. King, of Akron, Ohio; J. C. Behling, of New York, and C. S. Walters, of Lake Worth. The rules committee is headed by Frank Jackson, of Kellerton, Iowa, the other members being C. A. Lanham of Bloomington, Ill.; Clark Wallis, of Akron, Ohio; W. J. Martin, of Cleveland, Ohio; Al F. King, of Akron; T. C. Reed, of McKeesport, Pa.; Jack Francisco, of St. Petersburg, and Wm. P. Yocum, of Zanesville, Ohio.

A committee to recommend rules and regulations under which women shall play at national tournaments was organized and Mrs. C. A. Lanham, of

Illinois, Mrs. Mayme Francisco, of Florida, and Mrs. George Brouillette, of Minnesota, were named to take charge of the work.

Acting upon the request of the retiring treasurer, D. D. Cottrell, the president appointed an auditing committee composed of Mrs. Thomas Heenan, of Minneapolis; M. R. Nicholson, of Lake Worth, and J. Snedaker, of Asbury Park, N. J., Al F. King, of Akron, was appointed head scorer, a position he has held with the national association for years.

The meeting developed real "kick" when President Al Michler, who was elected to the office at the convention in Minneapolis last September, announced his resignation after making the statement that he was unable to handle the office with any degree of efficiency, owing to the laxity in the business end of the organization. He expressed his appreciation of the honors that had been shown him and the co-operation extended to him by national pitchers since he has assumed office. He said he would continue to do what he could as a booster, but that he did not care to assume the responsibility of the presidency as things stood. His resignation was accepted and Mrs. Heenan, vice president, took the chair.

The delegates took up the cry of: "We want Michler! He's the best president we ever had!" which continued until Mrs. Heenan rapped for order. Mr. Cottrell took the floor and explained the statement previously made by Mr. Michler that the organization should be put on a business basis to warrant continued growth of the sport.

The convention agreed that if they had a constitution and by-laws, they did not know where the document was at that time, and the motion to re-organize followed. The roll call was taken by states, all delegates present voting in favor of the plan.

J. C. Behling, of New York, then presented a constitution and by-laws, clipped from the HorseshoeWorld, and purporting to be the constitution and by-laws of the National Association, although the original was not before the convention or in the hands of any of its officers, and moved its adoption with two changes. He proposed that the officers be elected to serve two years instead of one, giving them an opportunity to accomplish some real constructive work for the organization.

He also proposed the elimination of

a section which he said "throttled" the delegates in presenting amendments at regular sessions of the convention. The constitution and by-laws as proposed by Mr. Behling were adopted by unanimous vote and the reorganization proceeded.

Delegates to the convention declared they were highly pleased with interest being manifested in the association and said that the convention in Lake Worth this year had resulted in bringing many new states into the organization.

Words of commendation were spoken in favor of Mrs. Thomas Heenan, retiring vice president for her services to the association, and a committee composed of Jack Francisco H. J. Born and Alex Cumming was appointed to draft a telegram of appreciation to be sent to former secretary, B. G. Leighton, of Minneapolis, whose resignation was tendered by telegraph and accepted by the association.

CRESTLINE-MARION GAME

Following are the results of a return game on the Crestline Courts at Crestline, O., between Crestline and the Marion Steam Co., Horseshoe club:

	Marion					
	W	L	P	R	DR	SP
Pinney	5	1	299	165	31	382
Harruff	4	2	273	139	16	408
Courtney	2	4	187	97	12	348
Foos	2	4	210	120	17	368
Wynn	2	4	174	84	17	336
Watson	0	3	87	50	5	180
Dye	0	3	82	39	3	172
Total	15	21	1312	694	101	2112
	Crestline					
	W	L	P	R	DR	SP
Marrow	5	1	280	129	22	346
Hoffman	4	2	297	150	23	398
A. Ekert	4	2	250	131	31	298
Garveick	2	4	231	115	16	382
Pry	4	2	245	108	14	364
E. Eckert	2	4	250	129	18	424
Total	21	15	1553	762	124	2112

THE FINISH

	W.	L.
Putt Mossman	53	2
C. C. Davis	45	10
Frank Jackson	42	13
Loren May	34	21
W. P. Yocum	29	26
Bert Duryee	26	29
Blair Nunamaker	25	30
R. P. Spencer	23	32
C. C. Brundige	17	38
Art Cumming	17	38
R. C. Thompson	14	41
Clifford Todd	5	50

Twelve Highest Men's Records

Record of the twelve men who stood "round robin" in the preliminary other, one game each day for five highest of the 32 men who played a games. These men each played the days to decide final position.

	W.	L.	P.	R.	DR.	OP.	A.R.	A.DR.	SP.	Pct.	D.Tr.	Lb.ST.
1. Frank Jackson	31	0	1,550	955	275	588	30.70	8.87	1,604	.595	40,100	4,010
2. Putt Mossman	29	2	1,532	989	315	592	31.80	10.19	1,592	.621	39,800	3,980
3. C. C. Davis	27	4	1,514	913	268	749	29.40	8.64	1,600	.571	40,000	4,000
4. R. P. Spencer	24	7	1,465	967	235	985	31.10	7.58	1,880	.514	47,000	4,700
5. Loren May	24	7	1,423	911	237	989	29.30	7.64	1,790	.509	44,750	4,475
6. Bert Duryee	23	8	1,400	942	239	1,055	30.30	7.70	1,882	.501	47,050	4,705
7. Wm. Yocum	22	9	1,397	926	231	983	29.80	7.45	1,810	.511	45,250	4,525
8. Blair Nunamaker	22	9	1,391	938	228	1,129	30.20	7.35	1,878	.499	46,950	4,695
9. C. C. Brundige	22	9	1,369	862	208	969	27.80	6.70	1,758	.490	43,950	4,395
10. Clifford Todd	21	10	1,405	961	231	1,091	31.00	7.45	1,938	.496	48,450	4,845
11. Art Cumming	21	10	1,399	918	219	1,039	29.60	7.06	1,860	.494	46,500	4,650
12. C. R. Thompson	20	11	1,340	820	199	1,117	26.40	6.41	1,770	.463	44,250	2,425

Results In Finals in National Tourney

Complete Returns from Last Day's Play

	W	L	P	R	DR	OP	Av R	Av DR	SP	Pct	D Tr	Lb ST
1. Mossman	53	2	2,717	2,358	783	1,552	42.9	14.2	3,490	.676	87,500	8750
2. Davis	45	10	2,623	2,241	701	1,726	40.7	12.7	3,486	.643	87,150	8715
3. Jackson	42	13	2,566	2,182	665	1,888	39.7	12.1	3,604	.605	90,100	9010
4. May	34	21	2,363	2,025	587	2,083	36.8	10.7	3,442	.581	86,050	8605
5. Yocum	29	26	2,309	1,973	544	2,210	35.9	9.9	3,544	.557	88,000	8860
6. Duryee	26	29	2,299	2,065	588	2,253	37.5	10.7	3,650	.566	91,250	9125
7. Nunamaker	25	30	2,221	2,070	561	2,439	37.5	10.2	3,754	.551	93,850	9385
8. Spencer	23	32	2,236	2,033	554	2,263	36.9	10.1	3,692	.552	92,300	9230
9. Brundige	17	38	1,964	1,768	446	2,472	32.1	8.1	3,484	.508	87,100	8710
10. Cumming	17	41	1,919	1,643	389	2,497	29.9	7.1	3,284	.500	82,100	8210
11. Thompson	14	41	1,953	1,788	460	2,556	32.4	8.2	3,462	.516	86,450	8645
12. Todd	5	50	1,529	1,539	339	2,660	27.9	6.2	3,220	.459	80,500	8050

Shoe Tossers

Name Officers

The South Park Horseshoe Club, of Los Angeles, California, held its annual meeting, for election of officers Saturday, February 13th. James Doyle, a very popular player, among the younger set, was chosen President, and as he is considered somewhat of an orator, made the club, a flowery address, thanking them for conferring on him this high honor, and other matters pertaining to the advancement of the game. Martin Feist was re-elected as secretary and treasurer, and M. W. Nelson was re-elected as field captain, not alone on account of his popularity, but also, for his great knowledge of the game, and for his sagacity in making up the teams and handling them. He is also one of the younger players.

The South Park Club is in great shape financially and otherwise, and is looking forward to an increased membership this summer. "We are always pleased to entertain any players from Eastern states, visiting our fair city," writes one of the members.

PITCHERS BUSY

The "boys" of the Coldwater Horseshoe Club have been spending a busy winter on the courts in their quarters finishing up their game with a view towards staging an exhibition match in the near future to which the public will be invited to come and see the local barnyard golf stars in action. Benches have been placed the entire length of the south side of the room to accommodate their visitors. The date of the exhibition will be announced a little later.

The Horseshoe Club was organized by a small group of lovers of the sport in 1923 and the members have taken a keen interest in the game since the organization. Scarcely a night passes but that some of the members can be found enjoying a game of horseshoe pitching on their two excellent courts. With the coming of spring several inter-city matches will be arranged. C. R. Jenkins is the president and Charles E. Schindler is secretary of the local club—from Coldwater, O. newspaper.

St. Petersburg Will Be Host To Next Tourney

The 1926 Midwinter Championship Tournament and Convention of the National Horseshoe Pitchers' Association of America was awarded to St. Petersburg, Fla., by vote of the national association assembled in convention at Lake Worth. The bid, submitted by the Sunshine Pleasure club and underwritten by the St. Petersburg Chamber of Commerce, guarantees \$3,500 in cash prizes and a bonus of \$500 to the national convention. The bid and letter of invitation from the Horseshoe club, Chamber of Commerce and city of St. Petersburg, were presented in person by Dr. B. C. Beach, for seven years president of the St. Petersburg Horseshoe club.

Fort Lauderdale also submitted a bid for the national meet, offering \$3000 in cash prizes, \$250 in trophies and \$250 bonus to the national association. The tournament was awarded the highest bidder.

Putting 'Em On the Peg With Gec. May

Horseshoe pitching has generally been considered the hardest of all games to master. Does such an impression do the game an injustice? Does that view tend to make the efforts of the beginner all the more difficult?

A good many authorities of the country do not agree that horseshoe pitching is the most difficult of all games to master. I have been pitching dobbin's cast offs for five years and still have something to learn.

Don't get the impression that any one regards it as an easy game to learn. Far from it. However, the consensus of the different pitchers of the country I have heard discussing horseshoes, was that the game was not nearly so hard to master as the beginner really thinks it is.

Many persons take up horseshoe pitching with the wrong impression. They start out believing that to play and pitch a good game one must be a specialist, and give much time to the game. They start out with a number of peculiar theories, the result of perhaps years of gossip they have heard other pitchers disseminate. They all start feeling that they are taking up a game that only a few can master.

They are all wrong, and have the wrong frame of mind from the very outset. When one starts to play basket ball, tennis, hand ball or any other sport, he doesn't have the impression that he is trying to master a game in which only a few become expert.

The beginner has seen several pictures, and had pitchers show him the several holds on the shoe, of this and that pitcher, and all claiming to know which is the best hold. He has heard time and again that he cannot become a good pitcher unless he follows the idea of this or that pitcher. The sole thought with a great many persons who take up horseshoe pitching as a sport, is to do as some other fellow does, or to try some hold. Well, this is wrong; you should take the hold that will become natural, and give you an easy swing, full length of the arm, and not become fatigued in a few throws. In baseball when a player catches a ball he does not pay any attention to the position of his feet, hands or body, he simply keeps his eyes on the ball.

knowing that if he judges the ball correctly, the rest of his body will coordinate with his judgment.

This is the same thing in horseshoes, if you judge the distance correctly you will become perfect.

In horseshoe pitching the proper swing is the thing, far more important is to keep one's eyes on the shoe until it reaches the stake; concentrate on being accurate, and judging the distance. Don't take your eyes off the shoe, but follow its flight. If a player gets into such a habit, he will surely know his faults at once. The big thing is to pitch the shoe at the proper height. First take a free easy swing, and your pitch will be in keeping with

your eye. That is the way the game's leading pitchers view the thought that horseshoe pitching is the most difficult of all games to master.

This narrows it all down to the mental attitude of the player. Just make up your mind that there is nothing mysterious about the game; follow the instructions offered by experts to the letter, and don't get the impression that you have mastered the game after a few trials, or after winning a few games from some good pitcher. And above all things don't play the game unless you are a good loser; be a sport and a gentleman at all times; play your best no matter whom you are playing; don't try to make light of an



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opponent's efforts. Be willing to show every person who is interested in the sport—this is what makes it popular—by learning others the science of the art of horseshoe pitching. In 1920 I was the first horseshoe pitcher in the country to give to the public the true facts how to throw the open shoe, and I have instructed nearly 5000 persons how to play the game. It has been my aim to give every known fact on the game that will help others to become as good as myself. I am not selfish in my ability; I spent days to become proficient. This is the one thing every pitcher should bear in mind, that he cannot become a champion horseshoe pitcher in a few weeks. A better sport is not on the calendar in the sport world.

I like the game and intend to stay with it as long as health will permit.—George May, Ex-Nat'l Champion.

Industrial Pitchers Organize

CLEVELAND, O—With twenty horseshoe pitchers enrolled at the present time, The McKinney Steel Co. horseshoe club will begin inter-department match play as soon as the weather permits.

The McKinney All Star team, composed of members, Walter Ward, Harry Watson, Otto Wesley and Jim Duncan, will represent the club in match play with other industrial teams of Cleveland and vicinity.

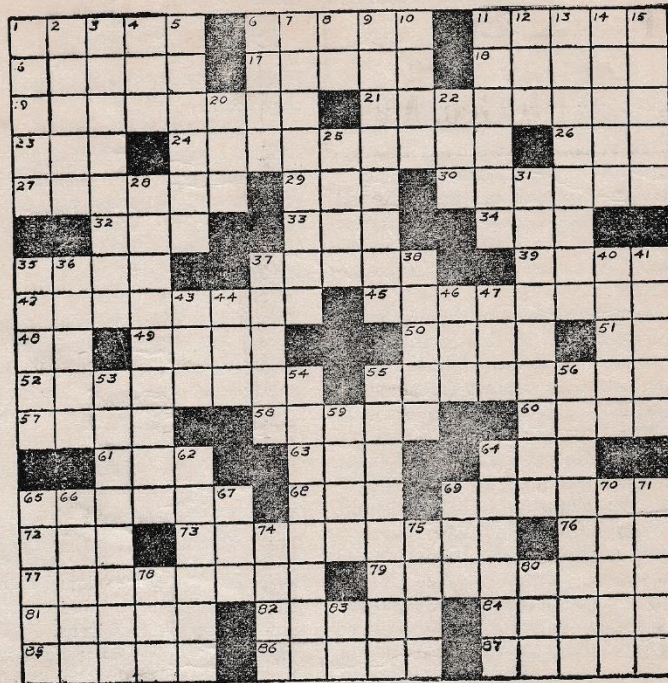
The roster of the club is as follows:

Walter Ward, Harry Watson, Cliff Dew, Otto Wesley, Walter Deucher, Frank Grubb, Jim Duncan, Bob McCleery, Edd'e Ineman, Frank Horn, George White, Roy Shumacher, Ned Townsend, George Ritz, George Lenz, Bill Snyder, Mike Molloy, Emil Kral, Joe Murry, Dick Parkinson.

INSTALL HORSESHOE COURTS

GEAUGA LAKE, O—Owing to the increasing popularity of horseshoe pitching, the management of Geauga Lake, a very popular summer resort of Northern Ohio, has decided to install eight regulation courts for men and two regulation courts for women. Installation of these courts will begin as soon as weather permits.

Walter Ward, Cuyahoga County Champion, has been engaged as instructor to demonstrate the open shoe and to meet all comers. Exhibition games will be booked for every Sunday during the summer season, during which time the best pitchers of the country will demonstrate their ability.



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Horizontal.

- 1—To drop or cast down
- 6—Toughen by use
- 11—The tails of notes (musical)
- 16—Secretion of kidneys
- 17—Wound about
- 18—In regard to
- 19—A waterfall
- 21—Private warfare
- 23—Tree
- 24—Wife of a maharajah (Hind.)
- 26—To mark with ridges
- 27—Prisoner serving certain term (colloq.)
- 29—Headpiece
- 30—Philosophy of morals
- 32—Assistance
- 33—Little devil
- 34—Rested
- 35—To draw out and twist threads
- 37—Contends with
- 39—Mumble
- 42—Reticent
- 45—One who releases
- 48—About
- 49—Painful
- 50—A sound used to convey meaning
- 51—Act
- 52—One who listens
- 55—Remunerated
- 57—The burbot
- 58—Diseased person
- 60—Expression of affirmation
- 61—Segment, circle
- 63—Spirit
- 64—Deface
- 65—Inventor of a gas burner
- 68—High priest (Bib.)
- 69—Warbles
- 72—Girl's name.
- 73—Give up
- 70—Lighted
- 77—Written laws
- 79—Cloak
- 81—Oriental guitar
- 82—Hinder
- 84—Father's or mother's brother
- 85—Musical drama
- 86—To eat or wear away
- 87—One who eats

Vertical.

- 1—Ancient European silver coin
- 2—Eradicate
- 3—Pertaining to Mithra
- 4—Mothers: a Tagalog term
- 5—Named
- 6—Constant teasing desire
- 7—Act of swimming
- 8—Above
- 9—A patcher
- 10—Earthly paradise
- 11—Pupils of military school
- 12—Unit
- 13—Rubbish
- 14—Foolish action
- 15—Poniards
- 20—Famous Swiss river
- 22—Born
- 25—Inclined plane
- 28—Clergymen
- 31—Wood nymph
- 35—A booth
- 36—Inner court of Spanish dwelling
- 37—Willow basket
- 38—Drainage pipe
- 40—Sister of Circe (Gr. myth.)
- 41—Jabs
- 42—Part of foot
- 44—Vessel
- 46—In a humble rank
- 47—Period of time
- 53—Salt of stannic acid (chem.)
- 54—Backturner
- 55—Called to mind
- 56—Abandoned ship
- 59—Heap
- 62—Pause (poet.)
- 64—House for unknown dead
- 65—Singer
- 66—Remove extremity
- 67—Seed
- 69—Affirmative
- 70—Inventor of sheening process
- 71—Guide
- 74—Advise; counsel (Scot.)
- 75—Great
- 78—Sailor
- 80—Heroine in Spenser's Faerie Queene
- 83—At

Horseshoe Pitching As Seen In Milwaukee

By Art Wiesner

The knack in sports eventually becomes a standard game with set rules, a more or less exact science of playing and even professional teachers.

It wasn't so long ago that golf and basket ball were looked upon as nice enough diversions for those interested, with little science and without standard rules.

The athletes who tossed a leather ball around in Y. M. C. A. gymnasiums late in the last century laid the foundation for the greatest indoor sport in the schools. It was only in 1824 that Sir Walter Scott made the acquaintance of the lure of the links and wrote of the derivation of the word "golf." The open championship was established in England in 1860. The adherents of both sports today are legion.

The history of the newer sports becoming popular today shows an even more rapid development. This because greater numbers are taking part in athletic and because persons of all ages and walks of life are giving part of their leisure time to sports. The result is that the "knacks" have been vested with a science, have obtained a large and definite following and have taken their place among our leading sports.

To appreciate how such pastimes have developed, we have but to look to the growth of volley ball and horse shoes in Milwaukee.

Until about 1912 horseshoe was but a barnyard and backyard pastime here. There were probably several hundred tossing the iron shoes, but the distance between the stakes varied from 20 to 40 feet, the size and weight of the shoes differed on almost each court and every group had its own scoring system.

Today Milwaukee has about 5000 interested in horseshoes, according to a survey being made by the extension department of the school board. Questionnaires issued by the department brought over 800 returns, mostly from

persons affiliated with some club or shop team.

The Athletic club has 200, Federal Rubber company 100, Harvester company 100, and the Sycamore club 75 players. Playgrounds and industrial concerns as the Worden-Allen, Koehring Machine, Allis-Chalmers, Nash and Bucyrus companies have easily 400 more. West Allis has its devotees and plans for a club are being made. It was not until 1921 that industrial clubs were formed, inter-club and inter-city matches scheduled for local players. Zip Morgan plans to form a municipal league here this spring.

Horseshoes is truly every man's game. According to the replies to the questionnaires sent out by the school board, the firemen are probably the biggest boosters for the sport, outside the clubs, but professional men, students, business men, laborers and mechanics also toss the irons.

Milwaukee has numerous horseshoe "bugs" but probably the greatest is the city and county champion, Wesley Gibson. To hear this very earnest young man talk on horseshoes is to be convinced. We'll let him tell you a few things about the game.

"It's certainly a science which some would deny. Articles have been written on various styles of play. We have a national paper, The Horseshoe World. The distance between stakes, weight, and size of shoes, position of players, scoring, all have been standardized for the entire country. There are about four accepted methods of pitching: the one and three-quarters turns, the three quarter turn, one and one-half turn, and the back flip-flop. Players always get the same number of turns or flops

to their shoes on every pitch. Putt Mossman, national champion, is almost as sure of a 'ringer' as a baseball pitcher is of finding the plate."

Leading figures in the game here are Dr. John Koehler of the county dispensary; Fire Chief John Linehan, Aid, Arthur Bennett, Former Ald. Wm. McDermott, Tom McKenna, Harvester company champion; Paul Ronayne, of the same club, Bill Marnitz, Bob Gainor and Pete Hayes of the Athletic club, and W. H. Morgenroth of the Federal Rubber company.

Lapham Park, and all the playgrounds for that matter, have their champions. All was serene at the playgrounds several years ago, until the boys began to wager a few pennies on the games, when the authorities stepped in and had the sport stopped for a short time. With supervision, however, the gambling fever is certain to be replaced by the competitive spirit. The National association of Horse shoe Pitchers estimates that there are 2,000,000 playing the game in this country.

DID YOU KNOW THIS?

How did the game of horseshoe pitching start? In the Greek olympic games, nearly 1,500 years before the Christian era. In those games, however, heavy discs were pitched by the contestants, the object being to hurl the discs toward a given mark. When horseshoes were first made, the game was revised and the contestants endeavored to throw the shoes around a peg.

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