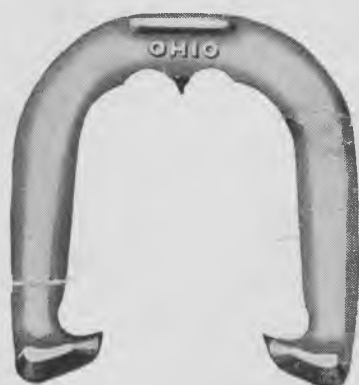
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Maybe we are just enthusiastic . . . but it seems to us that more dates for tournaments have been announced as we write this than in any other May in history . . . some of the fall tourney dates are set . . . this is a good sign . . . one date that isn't set worries us and the place of holding a meet worries us more . . . and we refer to the National Tournament . . . we just don't seem to be able to find any group that wants a "stepchild" on their doorstep . . . maybe we will succeed yet . . . don't fail to read the main article in this issue by Roy W. Smith . . . Mr. Smith is doing a lot for the game . . . another chap that is doing his full share is Dave Chess, of Cleveland . . . he recently had an idea on raising some money for a National meet but we can't tell you just now what it is . . . if Dave succeeds we will certainly give him a lot of credit . . . we do anyway, for trying!

May, 1938

THE MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Now is the time to start your membership drive!

Don't wait until the season is well under way, but sign 'em up now, so that each member gets the benefit of a full season.

Impress upon all pitchers that carrying a National Association card, countersigned by the state secretary, makes him a part of the National Association and the State Association, and that he will be welcome on courts from one side of the country to another. Impress on him that he should use regulation equipment — shoes that meet the measurements of the National Association and bear the official green stamps on the box they come in.

Let's get the membership drive under way now. What state will win the D. D. Cottrell Memorial Trophy?

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Pitch Horseshoes For Health, Says Roy Smith

If you are one of those people who think tennis calls for more skill than any other sport, or if you think playing form is more important in golf than any other game, you are mistaken both times. While both of these games are splendid ones, they are mere upstarts and infants compared to the fine old game of horseshoe pitching.

Modern horseshoe pitching is more than a mere game. As practiced today, it is a scientific art. There are grips, stances, gestures and motions enough to make a golf pro turn green with envy. Theodore Allen, the present national champion of the men pitchers, states that "for every fundamental and hazard encountered in golf, I can name a corresponding one in pitching horseshoes." To those who are prone to remain skeptical about the veracity of this statement, a pair of regulation pitching shoes, in the hands of any good player, will soon erase the last vestige of doubt.

Over half the people in this country have, at some time in their lives, pitched a game of horseshoes, but only a fraction of these know how to pitch scientifically and correctly. In fact, many thousands of these persons do not even know the regulation shoes are drop forged and made expressly for pitching purposes. Although it is a game that appears easy to play, such is not the case. Without proper instruction no one can master it, but this part of the game is rapidly gaining ground and many people are learning to throw the shoes correctly and make ringers. Nevertheless, the art cannot be mastered with only a few hours of practice. Months, even years, of diligent application are required to become an expert. Mrs. Esther James, the comely queen of the women pitchers, states: "If there is a doubt in anyone's mind as to whether they can ever master the game, they must first determine if they can master themselves. If they cannot do this they most assuredly will never succeed in mastering the shoe."

Horseshoe pitching dates back to at least two centuries before the Christian era, and is a descendant of the old Grecian sport of throwing the discus. It is closely associated with the birth, growth and historical progress of this nation. It was a very popular sport among the soldiers of the Revolutionary, Civil, Spanish-American and World wars. The Duke of Wellington is credited with having once made the remark

that "the Colonial War of Liberation was won on the village greens by pitchers of horse hardware." Our present histories would, perhaps, read very differently if these soldiers had failed to keep themselves physically fit by pitching horseshoes.

 * The article "Pitch Horse- *
 * shoes for Health" is written *
 * by Roy W. Smith, of Elgin, *
 * Oregon, well-known pitcher *
 * and author of a booklet on *
 * horseshoe pitching. It was *
 * first run serially in the Wal- *
 * lowa (Washington) Sun by *
 * Harold Hamstreet, editor, who *
 * is a great booster for the *
 * game. *

 Up until the year 1909, the sport was merely one of casual interest, but during that year a discovery was made that completely revolutionized the sport and caused it to sweep the country within a very short time. The "open shoe" was discovered. The exact facts, relative to this epochal discovery, may never be brought out to the satisfaction of everyone. Some authorities credit it to Doctor F. M. Robinson of Poughkeepsie, New York, while others attribute it to George W. May, of Akron, Ohio. Be as it may, one or both of these gentlemen demonstrated that a horseshoe if held on the side or shank, instead of with the old customary method of the forefinger around one of the heel calks, could be thrown and controlled with far greater accuracy. This discovery spread rapidly and soon men began to pitch with uncanny accuracy.

Next, someone devised a scientific system of scoring which made prolonged match or tournament competition possible. These two innovations ushered in a new era for the horseshoe pitching sport. Gone forever were the old haphazard methods of pitching. Countless thousands of ardent enthusiasts, of all ages and both sexes, took up the fascinating art of pitching ringers. A National association was formed, a constitution, by-laws, and a standard set of playing rules were drawn up and adopted to govern the game.

Under the able guidance of The National Horseshoe Pitchers Association, the game has progressed so rapidly in this country, especially within the past few years, that an accurate census of all its adherents cannot now be determined. Every state in the Union has their clubs

and associations which are affiliated with the National. State, district and national tournaments are held each year. A number of firms are engaged in the manufacture of pitching horseshoes and playing equipment; the players dress in neat and attractive uniforms and everything pertaining to the game is kept in the best possible condition. According to Raymond B. Howard, secretary of The National, and editor of The Horseshoe World, the official magazine of this organization, there are about 3,000,000 organized players in this country; these are fairly well distributed throughout the nation. About one quarter of a million of these pitchers are women. Nearly every civilized nation on the globe lists horseshoe pitching in their sporting categories, so that today the game enjoys a universal popularity.

Practically all of our universities, colleges and public schools include horseshoe pitching in their physical culture departments. Almost every city, town and hamlet, throughout this country and Canada, have their outdoor, indoor, public and private playing courts.

Another important factor in favor of the game, is that it is quite inexpensive and within reach of every one. A set, (two pair), of the best pitching shoes on the market can be bought for around \$4.00; courts can be installed by the individual at a minimum cost and there is no additional expense attached. Many people are taking up the sport because they are unable to afford the equipment for baseball, tennis, target shooting and golf.

Many people who are not conversant with the sport, as it is played today, are inclined to regard and class it as a "barnyard" or "back alley" game, but such is not the case by any means. For those who have not kept pace with this scientific game of skill, a brief description of a regulation court lay-out is in order.

A standard horseshoe court covers an area of 10 feet by 50 feet; the pitching boxes are six feet square, with a stake in the center of each. These stakes are of soft iron or steel, one inch in diameter, 12 inches in height, with a three-inch lean towards each other. The pitching distance is 40 feet (30 feet for women); on each side of the stake, about 18 or 20 inches from it, is a platform from which the players deliver their shoes. The official shoes cannot exceed 2½ pounds in weight,

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Massachusetts Heads List In Membership Drive Just Closed

As the various state associations start their membership drives, and a lot of them are having good results, we are told, we think it might be well to give the position of the states in the 1937-38 season.

Good old Massachusetts came in first again, with Wyoming in second place. Illinois was in third place, and Ohio was in fourth place, with Missouri not far behind. Well, anyway, here's the whole list and you will note there are a great many states not listed at all who should be organized:

1Massachusetts

2	.....Wyoming	18	.....Oregon
3	.....Illinois		
4	.....Ohio		
5	.....Missouri		
6	.....New Jersey		
7	.....Pennsylvania		
8	.....Colorado		
9	.....Oklahoma		
10	.....Michigan		
11	.....Maine		
12	.....Northern California		
13	.....Connecticut		
14	.....Indiana		
15	.....Iowa (Miscellaneous Fund)		
16	.....Wisconsin		
17	.....Washington		

***** * HISTORY OF HORSESHOES * * ON HEIGHTS * *****

Turning back the pages of history to the year of 1924, we find a small band of men residing on Washington Heights, N. Y., who engaged in the game of pitching quoits.

The rendezvous of this group was on the ground now occupied by the George Washington high school at 192nd street and Audubon avenue. The arena then shifted to a spot in High Bridge Park on Fort George avenue, on property now under the supervision of the Department of Parks of the City of New York, where the game changed from quoits to the game of horseshoes pitching. It was at about this time that the manufactured horseshoe was introduced into the game by Charlie Harris, one of these ardent "Slipper Slammers."

The pioneers of the game included the names of The Courtright Brothers, Charlie and Bob, Doc Druckers, Charlie Harris, Elmer E. Burdick, Oscar E. Stewart, Michael Clifford, Harry Leeder, John Larsen, Tom Duane and Vic Larson.

The present courts of the Fort George Horseshoe Club located to the rear of the George Washington high school were erected by and are maintained by the members of this organization at their expense and are the result of their efforts in promoting and advancing the game over a period of years as a community activity.

The roster of this group now numbers over 250 members with 50 per cent of these men residing within an area of one-quarter mile from 189th street to 193rd street on Washington Heights.

Many outstanding players of the

game have appeared on the courts of this club in tournaments conducted each season. Ted Allen, the present worlds champion, has staged exhibitions for the past three seasons at the Heights arena, as have several champions from other states from time to time. Vito Fileccia, the New York State champion, and present title holder, is a product of this club. In 1935 the Knickerbocker Horseshoe league of New York was organized at Fort George by Secretary Thomas P. O'Gara.

As a civic organization, the Fort George Horseshoe club is interested in all movements and activities that aim for the improvement of conditions for the benefit of residents of Washington Heights.

The present officers of the club are as follows: President John C. Butler; First Vice President, Joseph A. Franz; Second Vice President, Charles V. Passantino; Recording Secretary, Francis X. Rice; Financial Secretary, Thomas P. O'Gara; Treasurer, Bernard Healy; Sergeant at Arms, William Gallagher.

Brown Heads New Jersey Tossers

The officers of the New Jersey Horseshoe Pitchers' Association for the 1938-1939 season were elected as follows:

President, D. E. Brown, Camden, N. J.; 1st Vice Pres., Paul Puglise, Paterson, N. J.; 2nd Vice Pres., Geo. MacNeil, Absecon, N. J.; Sec.-Treas., Reynold Santoro, Perth Amboy, N. J. Executive Committee, Lee Davis, Englewood, N. J.; Otto C. Peters, Jersey City, N. J.; Claude Hart, Jersey City, N. J.

The first tournament of the season will be held Sunday, June 5th, at Emils Log Cabin, on Route 35, Middletown, N. J. A large turn-out is expected, as players have started

early this year tossing ringers. This will be the Central Jersey Open Tourney.

Who will win in the 1938-39 drive, winning the D. D. Cottrell Memorial Trophy offered by The Horseshoe World? This trophy will be given to the winner on January 1, 1939, although our fiscal year runs from June 1 to June 1. We believe that it is fair to close the membership contest then, as so few memberships are taken after January 1, anyway. Is that O. K.? If we hear no objections, January 1, 1939 (reports postmarked before midnight on January 1) will be the deadline.

The New Jersey State championship for 1938 will be held earlier this year, August 21st; location undecided as yet.

Other tournaments scheduled are: June 19th, Hudson County open, Lincoln Park, Jersey City, N. J.; July 24th, State Open tourney, Emil's Log Cabin, Middletown, N. J.; September 11th, Open tournament, location later.

ZEIGLER ELECTED PRESIDENT

At the annual meeting of the Knickerbocker Horseshoe Pitchers' League of New York, held at the club rooms of the High Bridge Horseshoe Club, Inc., at 671 Edgecombe avenue, Lou Ziegler, 36 East 235th street, Bronx, was chosen as the standard bearer of that organization for the third consecutive term.

The other officers who will surround and support President Ziegler are Vice President Walter Byrnes, Secretary Thomas P. O'Gara, Treasurer John Mullaney, Handicapper William Mullaly, Trustees Charles Lehanka, Bernard Healy, and John Faughey.

President Ziegler appointed Edgar Smith as executive secretary. Mr. Smith's duties will be to promote and organize clubs throughout the metropolitan district.

Francis X. Rice was named as assistant secretary and will serve in a dual capacity under Secretaries O'Gara and Smith.

MAKE FINE RECORD

A new local record for horseshoe contests was made recently at Zanesville, O., by Ray Yocum and Jack Todd. An average of 50 ringers was reported in 15 games. In several Yocum pitched 70. Shoes pitched in 15 games were 750.

BUCKEYE STATE NEWS

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

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"IMPORTANT"

Ladies, Gentlemen and Friends:

We might just as well face the facts as they are. If you have read and analyzed the April, 1938, issue of The Horseshoe World you cannot help but note the discouragement of its editor and the National officers.

In the United States it is claimed there are upwards of three million organized horseshoe players and possibly as many as ten times this number unorganized who play in back yards, outings, etc., besides the Amateur Athletic Union claims millions of students in their organization who play the game, yet out of these enormous numbers our associations have been unable, so far, to secure sufficient affiliated members with the National and State associations to support annual tournaments, or sufficient subscribers to our National magazine, The Horseshoe World, to make it self-supporting.

Naturally, you say, What's the reason? What is being done about it? Are we all doing our bit?

Among divergent opinions of the players, some say it is because the game itself is not spectacular, while apparently little has been done that would make it so. Others say it is too cheap, and so on, while little or no effort has been put forth to overcome this feature. Who knows the REAL reason?

Would it be reasonable or fair to put the blame on the National association? They provide what appears to be a perfect Constitution and By-Laws including scoring rule that is flexible to meet any and all possible conditions.

For the benefit of our friends, we quote:

Rule 14, Sec. a.—A regulation game shall consist of 50 points in all contests where a National, State or County title is involved.

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

Properly applied, the former is for the expert competing against expert in title competition and is fair for that class, while the latter is for all other activities permitting any uni-

form method for encouragement and greater interest.

The Amateur Athletic Union uses the latter section, and fitting it to the conditions they score all points earned, and limit a game to a specified number of shoes, scoring three points for each ringer, and one point for each shoe within six inches of the stake. This comes under the "intent" and "meaning" of our National rule, and while they are going places, with the press solidly behind them, they have no monopoly on it. The only difference between them and our organization is that they do not issue money prizes while we do, and, of course, must be operated as two distinct and separate organizations.

Thanks to the Greater Cleveland League and their associated clubs for the earnest experiments they have made with both sections of the scoring rule in order to develop greater interest in the sport. In the former section the results have been that the public, the press and the prospective new member, because of the differences in players' ability view it as "legalized" highway robbery due to the destruction of points of the weaker player, and they are "just" not interested. What hope, under such conditions, should we have in interesting the beginners? Results under the latter section have shown enormous potential possibilities when scoring all points earned which does make it spectacular and does interest the public, the press and the beginners. Take your choice.

With these experimental results in mind, it should be possible to localize the difficulty at least in part and do something about it. Many clubs throughout the state have indicated they are going the limit this year on the latter section of the scoring rule, scoring all points earned in the interest of increasing their club memberships, which is most gratifying to your state officers because it indicates that this thing called personal selfishness on the part of the better players are going to be eventually and finally ruled out in time and that they will play their games with the same interest in competition as though they

were qualifying for the finals in State or National tournaments with the determination shown by all good sportsmen.

Personally, methods mean little to your state officers, but if we can apply the scoring rule as intended, and be able to count affiliation members by the hundreds of thousands instead of tens and hundreds, put all our experts on the theatrical circuits with remunerations on a par with other sports, have finances to spare in rotating tournaments, state and national, in all sections of our country, increase club members requiring additional and larger courts, equipment manufacturers move into larger quarters and the Horseshoe World become a paying unit within itself, then we, and everyone else interested should be vitally concerned and it only requires unselfish teamwork with all pulling together in its accomplishment. I am

Sincerely yours,

D. O. CHESSE, Secretary.

CLEVELAND NOTES

Ted Allen made his first Cleveland appearance last week when he put on a trick pitching exhibition at each of the 11 performances of the championship rodeo, held in the million dollar arena. Crowds ranged from 4,000 to 10,000 each show. Enclosed are clippings from the Cleveland Press.

Horseshoe tossing was represented on the A.A.U.'s annual sports exhibition at the Cleveland Athletic Club April 15. Art Schultz, Jr., defeated county champ Harry Behm in a close game. Swimming, diving, archery, weight lifting, squash, handball, fencing and other sports were on the program.

Cleveland's first teachers' tourney revealed some new shoe tossing talent. The finals, held at John Hay indoor courts in late March, were won by D. W. Evans, of West High from a field of 11 mean.

H. E. CORFMAN.

PITCH HORSESHOES FOR HEALTH

By Roy W. Smith

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7½ inches in length, and 7 inches in width. The opening, between the heel caulks cannot exceed 3½ inches and the caulks cannot be more than three-quarters of an inch in height. Many courts are beautifully lighted for night playing and rival a flower garden in beauty. There are many shoe and equipment companies engaged in the manufacture of horseshoes and equipment; the rivalry between these firms is decidedly keen which assures the player of the best equipment that money and science can produce. The use of proper equipment is very important and is the first step in learning to play the game.

There are several methods of gripping and pitching a horseshoe to make it arrive open at the stake. By way of explanation, an "open shoe" is one that lands with the opening between the heel caulk towards the stake. Of all the various turns, the 1¼ and the 1¾ turns are the most accurate and easy to control. No major tournaments or championships are won with any others. The turns of a shoe are indicated by the number of turns it makes in flight to the stake. In order to become proficient, one must master one or the other of these turns. He must also, stand, step, swing and follow thru correctly. The follow-through is very important and all these fundamentals must be perfectly timed and co-ordinated. In fact, the playing form is almost identical to that of golf; a perfect rhythm must be cultivated and maintained because rhythm is the dominating fundamental in all sports.

Turning from the technical phases of the game, we will now discuss it from the most important standpoint of all which is its relation to prolific and good sound health. Izaak Walton once said:

"Health is the second blessing that we mortals are capable of, a blessing that money cannot buy." Addison added: "Health and cheerfulness mutually beget each other."

A person who is forced to live without the blessing of abundant health is seriously handicapped in every walk of life, whether it be work or play. A healthy body is essential to a healthy mind and vice versa. If one is fortunate enough to possess a healthy body, he should guard it carefully by fully complying with Nature's laws. Health is one's most valuable asset, and once

it is lost, it is almost impossible to retrieve. Two of Nature's foremost commands is to secure plenty of fresh air and proper exercise. These are free to all, so why should one fail to take advantage of what is so freely given?

In this modern, mechanized age, the problem of keeping physically fit is becoming an increasingly difficult one, especially to the people residing in the overcrowded cities. Millions of these persons are confined, day after day, to work inside stuffy offices, factories and other establishments of all descriptions. Many of these places are inadequately ventilated, lighted, and often unsanitary. The majority of these people ride to and from work, and as a result, many of them suffer loss of health due to insufficient fresh air and exercise.

Up to the age of 30, it is fairly easy for most people to keep their bodies in trim condition, but once past this age everyone, especially women, need to adopt a program of daily exercise. When the muscles are allowed to become flabby, fat cells accumulate and it is impossible to slenderize the figure in the right places without proper exercise. Many of the reducing methods are injurious and dangerous because they are usually accomplished by the starvation and drug route. Satisfactory results are rarely secured and, more often than not, one's health is seriously impaired by these drastic reducing methods.

Of the 680 muscles of the human body the abdominals are the most important to health and figure. Virtually all of our daily habits tend to weaken these muscles; we become inclined to slump when sitting and walking, and such activity as we do secure seldom exercises the abdominals. These sag and slacken from disuse, and in addition to ruining the figure, this often paves the way for that universal evil, which is constipation. This is practically the root of all of the present day ailments that afflict the human race. If one will pause to consider the vital importance of the abdominals, he will become more concerned about keeping this muscular girdle in the pink of condition.

While pitching horseshoes is not a cure-all, as an exercise in helping to keep physically fit, it has few equals and no superiors. It is not a strenuous sport and teaches one a perfect co-ordination of the muscles and mental faculties, develops self-confidence, poise, the powers of concentration and endurance, besides enabling one to become an expert in the judge of distance. Anyone, who

is not a hopeless invalid, can play this game. Physicians who have studied the sport, pronounce it to be conducive to long life and further state that a player is seldom troubled with appendicitis. Frank Jackson, 13 times a world's champion, and affectionately known as "The Grand Old Man of the Horseshoe Game," has stated: "Throughout the many years that I have pitched the shoes, I have never known of a player to suffer from appendicitis." Mr. Jackson is now in his seventies and is throwing ringers with more vim than ever. One of his sons appeared here in Wallowa two years ago.

To those people who are troubled with excess weight, there is no better reducing exercise in the world than that of pitching horseshoes. Walking is recognized by doctors and physical culturists as the finest of all exercises in keeping physically fit. Plenty of this is to be had in pitching ringers; combined with this is the excellent bending, turning and stooping exercises which are employed in picking up the shoes. At first, if one desires, he may start the game in a mild way, 20 or 30 feet away from the stake. He will be astonished at how quickly he can pitch the full distance with ease and regain lost vitality.

Many youngsters are learning to throw correctly and make ringers. Parents, if your boy or girl is not enjoying the best of health, give them a pair of horseshoes and watch the rosy cheeks and sparkling eyes come back. Play and enjoy the sport with them; it is a clean game, more so than baseball, and it will make you feel years younger. After all, one is no older than he feels. Once the entire family began to pitch the shoes and make ringers, they will become ardent enthusiasts and, horseshoe pitching will become their principal sport and recreation. "A game a day keeps the doctor away!" City, school and juvenile officials heartily endorse the game and state that the clean, healthy, competitive exercises derived from it, are very important factors in training the youngsters to become better physical and moral citizens.

It is, indeed, surprising to note how many people are taking up this wonderful game. From fashionable Park avenue to the tiny village main street people may be seen indulging in this fascinating and scientific pastime. The sport is particularly popular at picnics and camping out parties, because it can be played wherever there is 50 feet of cleared ground. Many persons take portable courts with them on these outdoor

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MIDWEST NATIONAL AT DES MOINES

Great plans are being made for the Mid-West National Horseshoe tournament which will be held at the Iowa Centennial State Fair, at Des Moines, August 24 to September 2.

Hopes that a world's championship tournament might be held at the fair have been abandoned but it is expected that the Mid-West National fracas will bring in a great majority of the top-notchers.

Successful Season

The members of The Recreation Horseshoe Club of White Plains completed a most successful and enjoyable indoor season. The indoor courts sponsored by The White Plains Recreation Commission are considered by all who have pitched on them to be the finest indoor courts in the East. True, there are only three courts located in the gym of the old high school, but they were used by a monthly average of 800 players. A large balcony overlooks the courts where the spectators who have been quite numerous this past season, may sit in comfort and enjoy the games. Large, individual score boards were introduced this year, these proved a great help to the players and the spectators who could then follow the scoring of the games. A bulletin board, 12 feet long was used for posting schedules, notices, etc. There are six chairs and six desks for the score keepers, a wash basin with running water, towel racks, coat racks, racks for the players' shoes and even paint for the shoes was available.

The Police Department reserved the court for one night a week. No doubt to get in shape for the challenge of the Fire Department.

Twenty boys from the Junior high school, ranging between the ages of 12 and 16 used the courts one afternoon each week.

The "A" team used the courts on Sundays, playing host to some of the outstanding teams of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut.

Ted Allen, world's champion, and Vito Filleccia, New York State champ, appeared at the courts along with Miss Ruth Allen, of Albertson, Long Island, who demonstrated her ability to toss the "iron hoop."

The "A" team won 19, lost 6 and tied 5 matches meeting the following clubs: DeKalb, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Woodlawn, New York City; Elmhurst, Long Island; Fairlawn, Long Island; West Brighton, Staten Island; Bearcats, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; Montrose, Montrose, N. Y.; Stamford, of Stamford, Conn.; Hudson County, of Jersey City, N. J.; Orange, of Orange, N. J.; Englewood, of Englewood, N. J.

The "B" players used the courts four nights a week, playing a regular league schedule, 18 men making up the following six teams: Bearcats, White Plains; Chumps, White Plains; Tigers, White Plains; Snowbirds, Montrose, N. Y.; Sawpitts, Portchester, N. Y.; Hillbillies, Yonkers, N. Y.

On February 7th another "B" League started, 24 men making up the following eight teams: Bearcats, White Plains; Chumps, White Plains; Tigers, White Plains; Wildcats, White Plains; Snowbirds, Montrose, N. Y.; Sawpitts, Portchester, N. Y.; Hillbillies, Yonkers, N. Y.; Nutmegs, of Stamford, Conn.

Some of the boys increased their ringer percentage as will be noted by the individual records.

Bill Hamann, local ace, posted an enviable record of 72 games won, 2 games lost and a ringer percentage of 708.

Plans are under way for the most active outdoor season in the history of horseshoes in White Plains. The "A" team is entered in the newly formed Hudson Valley League, the "B" team in the Westchester County League, the "C" team in this league. Several tournaments are also scheduled.

A series of matched games between the pick of New York vs. New Jersey has been arranged.

A membership drive is under way.

A much needed lavatory has been erected at The Outdoor Courts.

Cement walks have been put in the three upper courts.

The lighting system is to be changed.

The 1938 outdoor season should be the largest and most active in the history of the Recreation Horseshoe Club.

A note of thanks has been tendered to Walter V. Hogan, Chairman of The White Plains Recreation and to Frank T. Hanlon, Director of Athletics, for the sincere interest they have taken in The Recreation Horseshoe Club and for the whole-hearted co-operation they have extended from time to time.

To William Mattison, Superintendent of Maintenance and to Chas. Hallock for the efficient manner in which they have kept the courts in

shape, so that the boys would have the best to pitch on.

The club members trust that this interest and co-operation will continue in the future.

Lively Tourney Is In Prospect

The state contest of the South Dakota Horseshoe Pitchers Association will be held on the State Fair Grounds at Huron during the 1938 exposition of the State Fair, September 11th to 16th.

Arrangements have been made between the State Association and the Fair Board wherein the Fair Board have offered suitable prizes for the contest winners.

While the State Association has been functioning for some years, this is the first time that east and west portion of the state will have a chance to get into the contest which means many new faces and a lively meeting.

The contest will be run under the National Association rules.

Lee Washburn, of Deadwood, is president, and Earl Toland, of Sturgis is secretary and may be contacted for further information.

GREAT INTEREST

A great deal of enthusiasm is being manifested at Wallowa, Wash., and at Lostine, a little town eight miles away, this spring, especially in the schools. Practically the entire teaching staff here are ardent horseshoe fans. Miss Hazel Stingley, home economics instructor is a natural. She has only been playing a few weeks and throws a beautiful 1¼ turn. Misses Blanche Billings and Ethel Roop, grade teachers, also show excellent possibilities. E. K. "Hoot" Gibson, athletic coach, and Crawford Overson, agricultural teachers, are both pretty good players. Misses Audry Wise, Isobel Kerr, teachers, and Mr. Norton, principal of Lostine high school.

Pitch Horseshoes for Health

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excursions and here they pitch ringers to their heart's content.

Pitching shoes will add to anyone's health and lengthen the span of life. People in every community, throughout the country, should encourage and support the game. The clean competitive exercises which the youngsters alone will derive from this sport, will make one feel that he has done much in contributing to the betterment of the community in which he lives. Pitch horseshoes for health and live long!

MINUTES

Of the Regular Meeting of
Northern California Horse-
shoe Pitchers' Association,
Sunday, March 13, 1938

The meeting was called to order by President A. F. Heuer. There were present some 30 delegates, all representing the San Francisco Bay area.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved and after an appeal for unity and co-operation by the president, the meeting was thrown open for suggestions.

Mr. Pearce suggested that in inter-city or county competition the teams might be made up of individuals from the various clubs in that city or county.

Motion made by Stapp, seconded by Davies, that a schedule of three games, home and home, between San Mateo, San Francisco and Oakland, be arranged, with not less than six men on a team. Motion carried.

It was regularly moved, seconded and carried that a tournament committee of four be appointed, with full power to act, to arrange dates and schedules for games. The committee named is, Mr. Stapp, Mr. Pearce, Mr. Pentecost and Mr. Turner.

Mr. Denney, of Oakland, was appointed as publicity chairman.

The Constitution and By-Laws, presented at a previous meeting, were read and approved, and on motion duly made and seconded, were adopted.

The following officers were then elected and installed: A. F. Heuer, president; Mr. Pearce, vice president; Vince Dearing, secretary-treasurer; Mr. Dogget, official scorer.

District vice presidents appointed were: For San Francisco, Roy Pentecost; for Oakland, J. Reimers; for San Mateo, Al Turner.

Under New Business it was regularly moved and seconded and carried that a player to be eligible for competition must be a member of a club affiliated with the N. C. H. P. or if there be no club in his neighborhood then he must have his individual membership in the National.

It was suggested that the president do his utmost to assist the Mission club in securing more adequate toilet facilities and the San Mateo club in securing more courts.

It was regularly moved and seconded that a player holding membership in two or more clubs may play only for the club of his residence town, or if there be no club there,

then with the club of his choice for that entire season.

It was agreed that each player pay 10 cents into a fund for the acquisition of trophies on each day he participates in team play.

It was agreed that in the tri-city matches arranged for, that the losing teams buy a supper for the winners and that all team members and as many club members as possible be urged to attend the dinner.

It was agreed that no member would compete in a tournament which had not been sanctioned by the N. C. H. A. according to the By-Laws.

The meeting then adjourned.

Charter Granted

The New York State Horseshoe Pitchers' Association through its secretary, William J. Farrell, has forwarded to Secretary Thomas P. O'Gara, 370 Wadsworth Ave., New York City, a charter issued to the Knickerbocker Horseshoe Pitchers' league of New York, giving that body full jurisdiction over horseshoe pitching activities in and around New York City.

This grant has terminated a matter started over two years ago at which time application was made and denied by the State association.

The receipt of the charter was accompanied by a certificate reading as follows:

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

On this ninth (9) day of May, 1938, a Charter has been issued to the Knickerbocker League of New York as a Division of the New York State Horseshoe Pitchers' Association, to act in the same capacity with full jurisdiction governing all horseshoe pitching activities as designated under the Constitution and By-Laws of said Association and to grant all charters and sanctions under this authority in the counties of Bronx, Kings, Nassau, New York, Queens, Richmond, Suffolk and Westchester.

A National membership card will be issued to all members by this Division within its recognized jurisdiction on the payment of the required fee of Fifty (50) cents per member. Twenty-five (25) cents of this fee will be sent to the State Secretary, with the name and address of the member. The remaining twenty-five cents will be retained by the Knickerbocker League and may be used as they see fit, such as for expenses of the league, returned to the county association where the membership was received or put into a fund for the holding of a future State Tournament. All memberships sent to

the State Secretary in this jurisdiction, while the charter is in force, will be credited to it.

This charter will be in effect from the ninth (9th) of May, 1938, and expire on the first (1st) day of June, 1939.

NEW YORK STATE HORSESHOE
PITCHERS' ASSOCIATION.

(Signed)

Frank R. Niven, Pres.
William J. Farrell, Sec'y

NEWS YOU READ TEN YEARS AGO.

(From May, 1928, issue of
The Horseshoe World)

Frank Chapman, an East San Diego, Calif., carpenter, won the city championship.

President Calvin Coolidge acknowledged the receipt, from D. D. Cottrell, secretary of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association, of the association booklet on horseshoe pitching.

Rogers Hornsby, Boston Braves baseball player, pitches horseshoes in Florida. The Braves got the horseshoe habit from Putt Mossman, who trained with that team.

Harvey Johnson was named president of the Red Wing, Minn., horseshoe club at a meeting on May 2.

Mrs. George Brouillette, Minneapolis, former world champion, had just returned from California where she was given a great ovation on California courts.

Ray E. Cast and his 16-year-old son, of Ogden, Ill., were listed as coming pitchers.

C. C. Davis, National champ, has left Florida for a barnstorming tour in the North.

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BACK YARD ARTISTS DEPRESSED AFTER SEEING ALLEN, WRITER SAYS.

Jack Warfel, reporting the rodeo performance in Cleveland, Ohio, in the Cleveland Press, has the following to say about Ted Allen, world's champion shoe tosser, who appeared on the program:

"Amateur horseshoe pitchers who bag glory by tossing four consecutive ringers in their neighbors' backyards, will feel somewhat depressed after watching Ted Allen, world's champion.

Mr. Allen lies on his back, swings shoes through the air so they clang snugly against the distant peg and he swings best when a stooge is sitting on the peg.

Blind Pitch Now!

A recent issue of the Oakland (Calif.) Post-Enquirers shows a picture of Miss Lou Turner and Miss Peggy Rush, residents of the state blind home, playing horseshoes with the aid of a bell device that directs their aim by sound.

An article in the same paper reads as follows:

"Guided by their ears rather than their eyes, residents of the Industrial Home for the Adult Blind today embarked on a new sport—horseshoe pitching.

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At each end of the regulation 40-foot playing pit a sound box is buried in the earth beneath the stakes, which are hollow tubes.

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GOING GOOD

Word from William J. Farrell, of Rochester, N. Y., indicates the New York State Horseshoe Pitchers Association, chartered this spring by the National, is making rapid strides in membership.

Mr. Farrell hopes to visit New York City soon.

HAVE FINE CLUB

A horseshoe club embracing Cherokee county has been formed in Columbus, Kansas. A meeting was held at the home of Floyd Bond, 206 Lee avenue, in Columbus, where plans were made.

A championship match was held April 24 when Dade Riley captured the county championship belt from Floyd Bond.

Riley won the right to play Bond by scoring 102 points out of 50 shoes pitched. He then won two out of three games from Bond. Their score:

Riley	15	23	23
Bond	23	11	19

Scores made in the elimination game were as follows:

Dade Riley	102
Clifford Miller, Lowell	84
Pete Bowers	78
L. Waggoner	72
R. V. Williams	70
Tommy Scott	70
W. L. Miller, Lowell	69
Jim Kieth	68
Leon Rousseau	64
Prof. Hansen	60
L. Stockton	56
Russell Frobish	53

HOLIDAY TOURNEY AT HIGH BRIDGE PARK

The Knickerbocker League will sponsor an open tourney on the courts of the High Bridge Park club on Sunday, May 29th. All contestants will qualify by pitching 100 shoes for a point score starting at 10 A. M. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded to the winners. Tournament play at 1:30 P. M.

FORT GEORGE FLASHES

The Fort George Horseshoe Club, with courts located at 196th street and Fort George avenue, to the rear of the George Washington high school stadium staged a tournament for members on Sunday, May 15th.

The annual election of officers of the club will be held in June. The present incumbents are: President, John C. Butler; 1st Vice President, Joseph Franz; 2nd Vice President, Charles V. Passantino; Recording Secretary, Thomas P. O'Gara; Treasurer, Bernard Healy; Sergeant at Arms, William Gallagher.

A revised copy of the Constitution and By-Laws of the club will be submitted to the members at the next regular meeting for their approval and adoption.

Many horseshoe enthusiasts throughout the country are hoping all interests in New York State will be merged into one big, active association.

SEEKS TOURNAMENT

Ernest G. Mattola, 29 Central avenue, Madison, N. J., has been in touch with his local fair, trying to interest the fair board in holding a horseshoe meet. We hope others do the same thing—it will mean many new meets this summer.

TOURNEY DATES SET

The Eastern States Exposition will sponsor a Western Massachusetts Horseshoe Championship Tournament as a part of the exposition program on Saturday, September 24. A New England Grange tourney will also be held but this is not a sanctioned meet under the state association's sponsorship.

Ralph Forsstrom states that the Western Massachusetts meet is expected to draw some very good pitchers. Mr. Forsstrom is secretary of the state association.

CALIFORNIA TOURNEY

Czar Marceovich was first place winner in the recent tournament of the Mosswood club of Ackland. He is Northern California champion. Roy Pentecost was runner-up and W. F. Pearce came in third in the "A" division. Jess Reimer and Harry Neilson were winners in the "B" division.

STILL YOUNG YET!

The Horseshoe World tried to make the genial ex-world's champ, Blair Nunamaker, out a bit older than he is. Last month's issue said he was 35, whereas he is only 32.

Blair will give exhibitions this summer. He has returned from Florida and is living at 1303 E. 141st street, East Cleveland, O.

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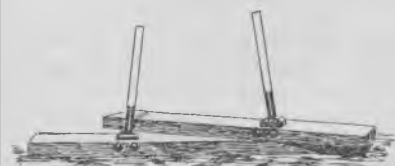
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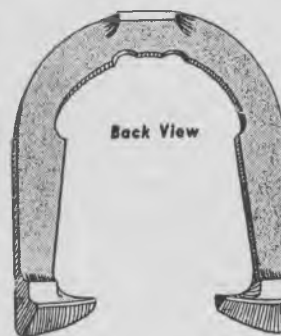
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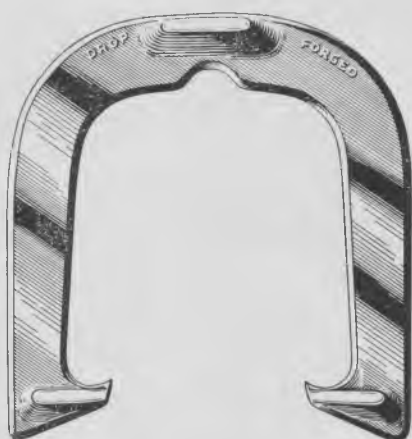
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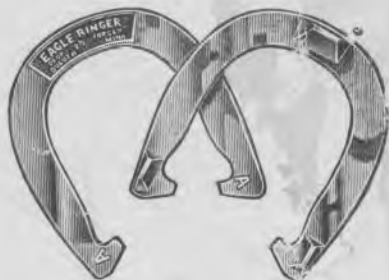
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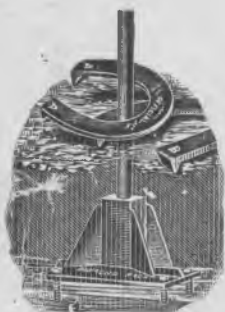
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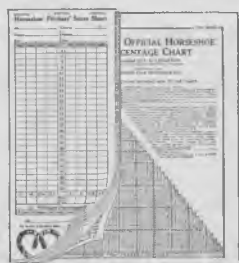
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