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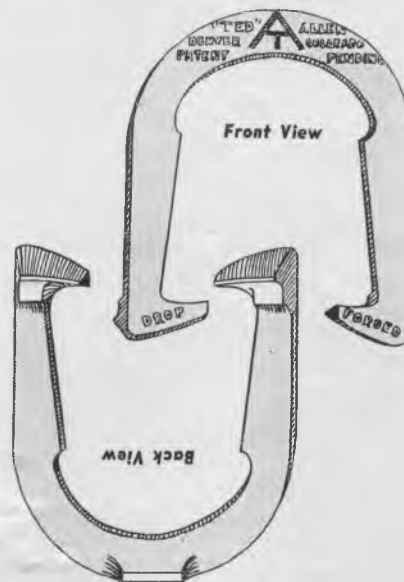
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**A**S THIS season rolls around and the summer schedules of horseshoe pitching begin, we always take on new courage . . . it seems that during the winter months the lack of activity causes us to wonder just how long the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association can function on the funds available, and we wonder over and over again if the Association is right in its effort to obtain numbers at a small fee rather than a good treasury with fewer members. We are prone to think of other organizations that have high fees and seem to do well in a national sport field.

**Members vs. Money** Then we think again of the great good that comes to thousands of horseshoe pitchers who probably would not have an opportunity of pitching in a league or an affiliated club if dues were too high.

But summer comes again and we are heartened by the renewed activity, and it looks like there should be enough horseshoe pitchers to fill the coffers of all local clubs, state associations and at the same time swell the treasury of the National even on a 25-cent national fee (10 cents of which the National doesn't get). It is a problem for the present officers to wrestle with. The editor of this magazine had it as one of his chief worries for a long time and didn't make any real success, but he hopes that at the Des Moines convention the matter of adequately financing the Association will receive top position on the agenda.

**Some Can Pay** In the meantime, let those horseshoe pitchers who can afford to pay local, state and national dues do so willingly . . .

let them support their associations and let them give consideration to a plan which will enable local, state and the National associations to do the kind of a job that should be done.

And speaking of the National Convention in Des Moines, may we join with ex-President Tanner in urging all pitchers and fans to give their support to the tournament and convention . . . your attendance will be of great help to those in charge.

The Horseshoe World would be pleased to have short letters from clubs that have financed new courts, new lights, etc., through various money-making schemes that we might pass them on to our readers.

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Only one thing wrong with this issue of the old Compendium of Slipper Slammers and that is: it is late . . . but better luck next time . . . news has been coming in rather slowly and there just wasn't much change of getting out early . . . but thanks to all our friends and the beginning of a late Spring, pitching is starting and activities bring us something to print . . . in fact we are rather proud of this issue because of the number of states represented in the news . . . keep sending it in, boys and girls . . . had a nice letter from Vice President Jack Claves . . . there's an all-year-round booster for the game . . . come summer or winter, tournament or no tournament, Jack usually smiles and pours a little common sense into the situation which we all need so badly at times . . . he is a real asset to the National Association . . . he isn't afraid to say what he thinks and he does something about it when there's work to be done . . . this issue has a good message from President Page and another from ex-President Tanner . . . be sure to read 'em both . . . Mr. Tanner makes a heart-to-heart appeal that may sound "preachy" but he is dead right and unless the horseshoe pitchers heed his advice to "wake up" they will find themselves without some of their best boosters . . . this magazine, for instance, doesn't get the support from clubs that it used to get in the way of subscriptions . . . if it folds up, who would have the nerve to start another? . . . they just don't make money! . . . we have struggled along since 1922, and we know!

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## A MESSAGE FROM EX-PRESIDENT L. E. TANNER

The Horseshoe World is pleased to give the following message from former President L. E. Tanner. Mr. Tanner served the National Association well and has the interest of the game at heart. It is very timely, this message from Mr. Tanner!

To All Horseshoe Pitchers:

As it is now a settled fact that there will be a National Tournament at the Iowa State Fair in Des Moines, it is time for all horseshoe pitchers to commence making plans to help the Des Moines men in charge and the National officers to make this tournament a grand success.

If the pitchers do not wake up, the time is soon at hand when the promoters will just have to quit. Just suppose the manufacturers and others who have been trying to hold up the game would get out and do no more than thousands of pitchers—it would look mighty bad for the future of the game.

I, who have been a National officer and a promoter of the game for 25 years, say that the horseshoe game could go places if the pitchers would wake up. The success of the National Tournament all depends upon your support. If you fail this time do you suppose Des Moines will ask for it again? No!

Des Moines has a fine place for this tournament. I was surprised last year when I attended the Fair, to see the fine set-up and I am sure nothing will be omitted this year in making the meet a success. I am proud to say that Des Moines can point to two fine men, who are there on the ground floor to see that nothing is left undone. One is our new National President, Mr. Page, and Mr. and Mrs. Leland Mortenson are old-time workers. They have had much experience and they believe in fairness to all.

I take this means of appealing to the pitchers. Let's get busy and make our plans to attend. If you are an honest fan and love the game, help swell the attendance. If the fair officials come around to see the crowds in the bleachers, let us hope that the attendance will be as successful as we know the tournament is going to be.

Let's all do our part!

L. E. TANNER,  
Anchor, Ill.

### NEWS FROM DES MOINES

By Leland Mortenson

Entries in the World's Championship Horseshoe Pitching Tournament at the Iowa State Fair this year must wear shirts with their names and addresses on the front. This is a usual State Fair rule.

The entry fee is \$5.00, and the guarantee deposit fee is \$5.00; but each entry will have both returned as soon as he has finished his schedule of games or has been eliminated. Any fees forfeited because of failure to finish a schedule, will become the property of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association.

Every month I have about ten persons who either drop around and read or borrow my Horseshoe World (once it was 22). Now they are coming here to read that new book "The Horseshoe Compendium," put out by Lee Rose. And, by the way, Harry Woodfield, of Washington, D. C., says, "Every library in the United States should have a copy of that book."

Since Lee Rose's book has come off the press, two Iowa pitchers have announced they will write books. One of these, Eddie Packham, has already

written twenty pages of what he plans to be a cloth-bound edition of several hundred pages. It is quite possible that the Iowa Horseshoe Pitchers Association will publish a book of its own.

Guy Zimmerman, of Sac City, Ia., writes for California, that he recently averaged 87 per cent ringers to beat Dean Brown in three games; while Charlie "Casey" Jones, of Waukesha, Wisconsin, writes that he will leave for a long exhibition tour in June. Jones says, "I'm really going to be in shape this year."

The Des Moines pitchers have had access to indoor courts at the Drake University Field House this winter. Coach Williams of Drake likes the game and has urged the local men to make use of the university courts. Last summer I asked Mr. Williams if he thought there was any chance of the universities taking up horseshoes as an inter-scholastic sport. He said, "I don't know; it is a nice sport; I would like to see more of the college boys take it up."

The following correction appeared in a small town paper:

"Our paper carried the notice last week that Mr. John Jones is a detective in the police force. This was a typographical error. Mr. Jones is really a detective in the police farce."

### MAY-JUNE ISSUE

We are combining the May and June issues this month, with the promise of some "double headers" at tournament time next fall, when extra sized issues will be printed to make up for the "vacation month" which we are skipping.—Editor.

### ST. ALBANS NOTES

The St. Albans Horseshoe Pitching Club team went on the air on May 8th, at 12:30 a. m. in competition with the wives of the club, under the name of the St. Albans Horseshoe Widows, on the "Battle of the Sexes" program. The women captured first place and were each awarded with a 21-jewel Bulova wrist watch.

On the men's team were C. Shepherd, F. Egger, C. Kimbrough, and C. Hine. G. Hackett, who was originally scheduled to be on this team, was unable to be on hand.

On the women's team were Mrs. C. Shepherd, Mrs. F. Egger, Mrs. C. Kimbrough, Mrs. T. Byrne.

Prior to the program going on the air, Julia Sanderson, Frank Crumit and Harold Kemp, director of the program, and a resident of St. Albans, were presented membership cards in the St. Albans Horseshoe Pitching Club, of Long Island.

The big crash for the men's team came when one of the men was called to sing a song for Mother's Day to the tune of Annie Laurie, and boy what a series of weird sounds. You horseshoe pitchers of the West coast who were listening in, sure must have been disappointed in hearing sounds like that coming from a person connected with the sport of horseshoe pitching.

Your comments are welcome; let the Horseshoe World have your views. In the meantime the members of the St. Albans Horseshoe Pitching Club will oil up this rusty mechanism in this member's throat, and will promise to do better, if they are on the air again.

The official opening of the St. Albans Club was held on Sunday, May 19th, and a large delegation turned out to take part in the activities and refreshments. All had a good time.

F. J. EGGER.

"My husband has two thousand men under him."

"Goodness, what does he do?"

"Mows lawns at the cemetery."

## NORTHERN NEW JERSEY READY

The Northern New Jersey Horse-shoe League, in a meeting held at the Forest Hill club in Newark on Sunday, April 28th completed arrangements for the 1940 season. Claude E. Hart, 17 Van Reyepen St., Jersey City, was elected president; Jos. Puglise, 88 Lyon St., Paterson, was elected vice president, and Robert Pollock, 317 Clifton Ave., Newark, was elected secretary treasurer.

Teams from the Okenite-Callender Cable Company, (Paterson), Englewood, Butler, Forest Hill (Newark) and Hudson County are entered in the competition. It was decided to lift all restrictions as to quality of players and for the first time becomes a full Class A league.

The winner is recognized as New Jersey team champions, and the defending champs are the Okenite-Callender team from Paterson headed by Joseph Puglise and Artie Scolari.

Al Ford, 822 Parker St., Newark, will captain the Forest Hill team; Lee Davis, 2 Brookway Ave., Englewood, will head the Englewood entry; L. Weebens, 41 Walnut St., Pompton Lakes, and Leo Gormley, of Butler, will head the Butler team. Chas. Hines, 131 Sherman Ave., Jersey City, is captain of the Hudson County team, and will compete along with Clare Hume, Sammy Mongillo, Walter Duvalouis, George Zeman, and several other Hudson County stars.

### GREEN BAY CLUB GETS UNDER WAY

The Green Bay Avenue Club of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, held their annual spring meeting with the following officers elected: Ralph Maylahn, president; Elmer Herman, vice president; Erv. A. Fredricks, secretary treasurer; Rudy Abram, court manager Harold E. Fredricks, business manager and coach.

Having made new friends and stirred up horseshoe interest in the American Legion Posts by pitching exhibition matches with fellow members and a feature match between H. Elmerston and R. Maylahn, the Green Bay Avenue club looks forward to having a bigger and better season for 1940.

During the winter months great interest was shown in bowling and a new sport to our club as dart ball. In bowling we again were defeated by our rival but always our friends, the Auer Avenue club, losing both matches of our home and home series. But in dart ball we were the victors, playing three matches. Our club was represented in the first annual State Open Dart Ball Tournament, the largest tournament ever

### 1940 Schedule

Sunday, May 26, Paterson at Butler.  
Saturday, June 1, Hudson Co. at Forest Hill.

Sunday, June 2, Butler at Englewood.  
Saturday, June 8, Forest Hill at Paterson.

Saturday, June 8, Englewood at Hudson Co.

Saturday, June 15, Hudson Co. at Paterson.

Saturday, June 15, Englewood at Forest Hill.

Saturday, June 22, Paterson at Englewood.

Sunday, June 23, Forest Hill at Butler.

Sunday, June 30, Butler at Hudson County.

Saturday, July 6, Forest Hill at Hudson County.

Sunday, July 7, Englewood at Butler.  
Saturday, July 13, Paterson at Forest Hill.

Saturday, July 13, Hudson County at Englewood.

Saturday, July 20, Forest Hill at Englewood.

Sunday, July 21, Butler at Paterson.  
Saturday, July 27, Paterson at Hudson Co.

Saturday, August 3, Englewood at Paterson.

Sunday, August 4, Hudson County at Butler.

Sunday, August 11, Butler at Forest Hill.

held. Winning in the first round of play, but losing in the second round after a hard battle.

Plans were then made for the coming season, namely: A State Open Tournament, Club Tournament, Club Picnic, out of town matches, etc. The Green Bays will again be represented with a team in each division in the city league.

### ROWAN CLUB

The following is from the East Side Bulletin, Chicago:

How many of our East Side people know that we have on Avenue D, just south of 106th Street, one of the finest horseshoe courts in the country, and one in which the layout has been copied by horseshoe clubs in other parts of the United States?

Located on 90 feet frontage on the East Side of Avenue D, at about 10621 to 10629 you will find the courts of the Rowan Horseshoe Club, which property has recently been purchased by the club and more than \$1,000.00 has already been spent in cement work, lawns and lighting system.

Quite recently the club has been

incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois, and the officers and trustees are as follows:

President, Otto H. Koegel; vice president, Rudolph Lundgren; secretary, Chris L. Borg; treasurer, John W. Harkenrider; trustees, Fred Koegel, Leonard A. Berger, John W. Harkenrider.

With an active membership of more than 80 prominent men of the East Side and surrounding territory, and with plans for a club house to be erected in the near future on the club property, there is no doubt that the club is due for a large increase in membership, and any one interested in this great American game should contact the officers now as the season starts this month.

Exhibition or League games are played regularly throughout the season with other Chicago clubs, and the public is always welcome.

### ZIEGLER NAMED LEAGUE PREXY

The delegates of the Knickerbocker Horseshoe Pitchers League of New York held their annual meeting at the clubrooms of the High Bridge Horseshoe Club, 671 Edgecombe avenue, and elected Lou Ziegler, 36 E. 235th Street, the president of the league for the fifth consecutive year. The supporting officers elected with Ziegler are Charles Lehanka, vice president; Thomas P. O'Gara, secretary; Jerome Carr, treasurer, and William Mullaly handicapper.

The Knickerbocker League was organized by T. P. O'Gara during the winter of 1935-1936 and was composed of organized horseshoe pitching clubs from New York Bronx, Kings, Queens and Richmond Counties. After functioning for two seasons, it was decided by the clubs of Brooklyn and Long Island to organize their own league. This effort resulted in the formation of the Long Island Association which today is considered the most active group of horseshoe pitchers to be found in any part of the United States.

The Knickerbocker League through its activities has been instrumental in creating a public interest in this popular outdoor pastime. The league holds stated meetings at the High Bridge Horseshoe Club and acts on all matters of interest to the game of horseshoe pitching. Scheduled match games are held between the various clubs and several invitation tournaments interesting out of town players are held during the season.

Any organized horseshoe pitching club within the counties of New York, Bronx or Richmond that desires to join the league may write T. P. O'Gara, secretary, 131 Fort George Avenue, N. Y. C.



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To All Members:

Plans are progressing steadily for the most successful National tournament in the history of the National Association, and all who attend this great event in Des Moines this coming August 23-27 are due for a number of very pleasant surprises. May I personally urge each and every one of you to make definite plans to be on hand when August 23 rolls around. In later issues I shall detail the various items in connection with the tournament, but for the present just take warning—don't miss the National this year!

I recently received a copy of the Horseshoe Compendium from Secretary Lee Rose and spent many pleasant minutes reading various articles therein. One of the articles alone, Lee Mortensen's "History of Horseshoes in Iowa" is well worth the price of the entire booklet. Although I cannot entirely agree with Rose's "Michigan plan" of conducting tournaments, his idea has its points, but beyond that I most heartily recommend the Compendium to everyone who has any interest whatever in the horseshoe game. It is well worth many times the nominal 50-cent fee. If your copy isn't ordered already, don't fail to do so at once. You'll be sorry if you don't.

I am in receipt of a very nice letter from Mr. E. Steadman, president of the Dominion of Canada Horseshoe Pitchers Association, and he suggests that an International Committee be formed with the purpose of arranging international competitions in future years. I thoroughly agree with this idea and would also like to add that the committee might study the problem of affiliation so as to have one large, strongly-knit organization upon this North American continent. If war conditions permit, I shall be glad to contribute toward this goal at our next National Convention.

D. O. Chess, of Cleveland, recently wrote me regarding inclusion of the "total count" method of scoring in the National rules. I believe there is merit to the plan and intend to have it thoroughly discussed at the convention. I only hope that Mr. Chess can attend to personally promote the plan. Incidentally, I certainly envy Mr. Chess his doggedness, persistence and willingness in

spending hours upon end at his typewriter in promoting good will and sound planning for the game.

My correspondents probably think that I have forgotten that I owe them letters. That isn't the case. The truth of the matter is that personal interests have kept me so busy since the first of May that I just haven't had time for a session with the typewriter. So to all of you to whom I owe letters, please accept my apology and remember that I still have time to read and enjoy your letters even if I haven't time to answer them promptly. Keep them coming, will you?

Sincerely,  
C. LEROY PAGE, Pres.

LEAGUE NEWS

The somewhat doubtful adventure of the National Association into the realm of league promoting will begin soon, and the outlook is at the best only fair. The response of the so-called "big time" clubs or teams to this league has not been quite as good as was expected. Mind you, the expectations for this enterprise were not very high, for it is something new, and needs a while to get a good start, and it was to be expected that many possible entries would hold back to see what the other entries looked like before joining. Only a few of the hardier teams willing to take a chance to further a cause were expected to join, and it seems that these hardy ones are fewer than supposed.

To date, there are three bona fide entries, and three other probable ones. The three cities already in are Indianapolis, Canton and Detroit. The other three who are still trying to make up their minds are Pittsburgh, Ft. Wayne and Terre Haute.

These teams are really too far apart to allow them to play a regular home and home schedule between each of the teams, but after all entries are definitely in, a schedule will be drawn to form three teams in a division, and this will give those teams four games. Then each will play a match or two with teams from the other division, and the two division winners will play at the end of the season to decide a National champion. The National champion

can then play the Canadian winner for the world title.

The entry list to the league will be held open until a week from the day this issue of the Horseshoe World is out, and at that time a schedule will be sent out to start play with whatever teams have entered.

Any team who still desires to enter this league is urged to get in touch with Secretary Lee Rose immediately, and your teams will be included in the schedule. Don't delay, for the time is growing short, and the league is late in starting.

The complete schedule and team rosters are expected to be printed in the June issue of this magazine. More news then.

OPEN FINE COURTS

The first annual invitation tournament and official court opening of the newly constructed horseshoe pitching courts of the East End Club of Houston, Texas, was held at the Mason Park courts of the club Friday and Saturday, May 10 and 11. The qualifications were run off Friday night and the finals of the tournament Saturday night. In all there were 51 horseshoe pitchers to qualify with all but the top 27 being eliminated from the finals.

The top 27 men were divided into three brackets each and offered prizes to the winner and the runner-up in each bracket. Mr. Ike Reese won the lion's share of the honors, when, with only four days practice with a new pair of shoes, and not feeling too well, proceeded to rope 25 ringers out of the 50 shoes pitched. He also won eight consecutive games to cop first honors in the championship flight. His ringer average in the finals was 48.6 per cent. While this average, of course, will not compare with the topnotch performers of the country, it is very good in view of the fact that Mr. Reese had only four days in which to accustom himself to a new pair of shoes and pitching on a strange court.

B. E. SIPPLE, Sec4 Treas.  
East End Horseshoe Club

ILLINOIS DATES

The correct dates of the Illinois Horseshoe Tournament, L. E. Tanner writes, are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, August 20, 21 and 22.

## GUY ZIMMERMAN "INVADES" CALIFORNIA

The Guy Zimmermans have just left Los Angeles on their way back to Des Moines, leaving behind them a spirit of good will among horseshoe pitchers and a desire to get down to business and better our game.

They have a very good exhibition, winning acclaim wherever they performed.

Mr. Zimmerman had some especially good games during their stay in this vicinity. On April 14th at Exposition Park in Los Angeles, Guy played a match against Dean Brown, Southern California champion, winning three straight games with an average of 87 per cent.

	P	R	DR	SP	Pct.
Zimmerman	50	46	24	64	87.5
Dean Brown	19	44	16	64	68.0
Zimmerman	50	71	31	82	86.5
Dean Brown	19	61	23	82	74.4
Zimmerman	50	56	25	64	87.5
Dean Brown	16	46	15	64	70.4

Archie Gregson, of Montebello, California, played Mr. Zimmerman on

the South Park courts in Los Angeles, April 25, and was nosed out of the first game by one ringer. In the second game, however, Guy really went to town and chalked up a 93.2 per cent game against Gregson's 75.7 per cent.

	P	R	DR	SP	Pct.
Zimmerman	50	89	37	110	80.9
A. Gregson	46	88	34	110	80.0
Zimmerman	50	69	32	74	93.2
A. Gregson	9	56	21	74	75.7

After his exhibition at South Park on April 27, Zimmerman played Ira Allen, of the championship Allens, of Fresno, California, one 50-point game and was victorious.

	P	R	DR	SP	Pct.
Zimmerman	50	93	41	108	86.1
Ira Allen	27	86	35	108	80.0

Immediately after this game, Zimmerman played Dean Brown and after 146 shoes had been pitched, the game finally ended with Zimmerman again the winner.

	P	R	DR	SP	Pct.
Zimmerman	50	125	53	146	85.6
Dean Brown	41	121	50	146	82.8

## NASSAU REVIVAL

By JOHN J. ENRIGHT  
In Long Island Press

Ten years ago, when Ed Coleman of Hicksville was the undisputed metropolitan champ, Nassau County pitchers were plentiful and potent. Veterans like Pop Schavel can be easily persuaded to recount the prodigious ringer feats of the oldtimers from Oyster Bay, Great Neck, Glen Cove, Huntington, Roslyn, Hempstead, Freeport, Rockville Centre, Mineola and other sections in the happy days when Ludwig's Farmingdale courts were the center of the local horseshoe game.

That Nassau's ringer prestige has dwindled in recent years is no secret. Coleman has retired from active competition. The Farmingdale courts are used only once each season for the county championships. The growing proficiency of Queens and Brooklyn pitchers put the Nassau boys definitely in the shade.

This season, however, it looks as if the Nassauites are determined to recapture some of their former glory. Pete McGill reports that for the first time in many moons a majority of the entries in the annual Nassau Open have come from home-county pitchers.

Availing themselves of the season's first opportunity, Bill Dargan, Phil Mazur, Pete Pasiuk, Marty Flynn, Tony Conzo, Ernie Skellington and young Billy Rhodes will defend their Class B laurels on June 2. The

Class A entry list is not yet complete, but Nassau will be equally well represented in that bracket.

### Rochester Bid

Bruno Hamann writes from White Plains that the only thing certain about the 1940 state tournament, is that it won't be held at Rye, scene of the last two championships.

"A state tournament is a necessary and fitting climax to each season's play," says Bruno, "but its very importance makes it a headache to handle. Try as you will, you can't please everyone every time—especially horseshoe pitchers.

"As usually happens, the tournament tends to follow the title. With the trophy back in Rochester, Frank Niven and Bill Farrell are attempting to build a tournament around Carl Steinfeldt, last year's winner. Their present plans call for a women's championship as well.

"A lot of people, including myself, were hoping the Long Island Association would promote a state tourney this season. With the World Fair giving a repeat performance in your backyard, Long Island seemed to be the logical location."

### HAVE NEW COURTS

New horseshoe courts have been installed at the Congressional Golf and Country Club, Washington, D. C. "Wiffy" Cox, pro at the club, is interested in the game, according to Harry Woodfield, who keeps an "eagle eye" on all things horseshoe in the nation's capital.

## PITCHING IN EIRE

The following letter was forwarded to Thomas P. O'Gara, Secretary of the Knickerbocker Horseshoe Pitchers League of New York by Maureen P. Ford, for his attention:

Mountain House  
Greaghalone, Carrickmacross,  
Co. Monaghan, Eire.

Dear Mr. Ford:

As a reader of your paper, The Irish World, I would appreciate very much if you would send me particulars and rules for the purpose of introducing the game in Ireland, as it would be a much better game than pitching and tossing copper pennies which is the only game here in that line.

Oblige Yours Truly,  
Michael J. Hand.

P. S. Achara. 1 copy I. W.

In complying with the above request, Secretary O'Gara enclosed a folder showing the specifications and layout of a horseshoe court with all of the rules of the game. Also several sample score sheets and a schedule for conducting team and match tournaments were forwarded to the "Slipper Slammer" enthusiast in Eire. Hands across the sea.

## INDIANA LEAGUE

The Indiana division, National Horseshoe Pitchers Association is organizing league groups for team match play during the 1940 horseshoe season, as closely patterned after the national league as possible.

All club secretaries of horseshoe organizations in Indiana are urged to get in touch at once with state headquarters in Indianapolis. Any pitchers who can organize such a team are urged to write also.

Communications should mention number of courts available for play; number of players constituting the playing team and whether doubles or singles method is preferred for match play.

Address National Horseshoe Pitchers Association, Indiana Division, 618 Arch St., Indianapolis, Ind.

## NATIONAL CLUB FORMED

The National Capital Horseshoe Club has been organized in Washington, D. C., with Harold S. Ronning president; Ed Baronowski, vice president; Walter N. Haley, secretary-treasurer, and Harry T. Woodfield, honorary president and director of promotion.

Old Man—There's a boy named Eddie O'Connor working here. May I see him? I'm his grandfather."

Manager—You're too late. He's just gone to your funeral.

## HUDSON COUNTY "OPEN" DATE CHANGED

Due to conflicting attractions in Jersey City it has become necessary to hold the Hudson County Open Horseshoe Pitching Tournament on Sunday, June 16. The Hudson County Horseshoe Club, Inc., 671 Montgomery Street, Jersey City, sponsors of this popular annual tournament had hoped to hold it a week later but found too much competition from other sources and thus decided to move it up a week, to the 16th. The rain date will be June 30th.

Larry Mahoney, of Lincroft, New Jersey, the defending titleholder will be on hand to defend his laurels against the best talent in the East. As usual the competition is open to all members of the National Horseshoe Pitchers' Association and it is hoped that stars from other sections may be able to enter.

The tournament will be held on the Lincoln Park courts and the registrations close promptly at 11:30 a. m. In addition to the ten regulation courts for Classes A and B, there will be up to 25 temporary courts for the lower classes, thus assuring round robins in all classes.

## NAUTICAL COURSE

The American Nautical Academy, National Training School for Merchant Marine Officers, Washington, D. C., announced today that boys and young men between the ages of 11 and 21 years will be allowed to secure practical ship experience on board a training ship of the academy within the period from July 1 to October 1, 1940.

The young men may remain on board ship for the entire period, or for any shorter time they may wish, but not for less than a month.

Students who enter for any period less than the full course will receive instruction only in those subjects being taught while the student is on board ship.

The purpose of the course is, First, as a foundation for those who wish to become officers in the Merchant Marine, and devote their lives to a career in the service; Secondly, for those boys and young men who, though not desirous of following the sea, still wish to obtain a general knowledge of ships and the life afloat.

There is no charge for instruction nor for living quarters on board ship. The only required expense is

for meals, which are 49 cents. Three meals are served daily.

There is no tuition charge for any of the courses offered by the academy; and no obligation for future merchant marine, military or naval service of any kind is incurred by the young men.

Due to the fact that the number of accommodations available is limited, those wishing to take advantage of this opportunity should write at once to the American Nautical Academy, National Training School for Merchant Marine Officers, Washington, D. C.

## GOOD PUBLICITY

Good publicity for the horseshoe sport will result from a new book that will be published by A. S. Barnes of New York. John R. Tunis, Rowayton, Conn., writes that he is preparing a chapter for the book on

horseshoe pitching and that "I find your publication, The Horseshoe World, very valuable."

## MEMORIAL DAY EVENT

Although we haven't had the results, the Metropolitan Open Horseshoe Tournament was staged on the Woodlawn Courts in the Bronx on Decoration Day. The event was sponsored by the Knickerbocker Horseshoe Pitchers League and the billing stated that it was sanctioned by the National. Results will be published next issue.

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## JULY 4th CELEBRATION

A big Fourth of July celebration is planned in Peekskill, N. Y., and Mike Fenaughty, of the Peekskill Evening Star, has been named chairman of the horseshoe committee. He may import some shoe "celeb" for the event such as one of the Jacksons, Risk or other top notchers.

## FAIR EGGS-CHANGE

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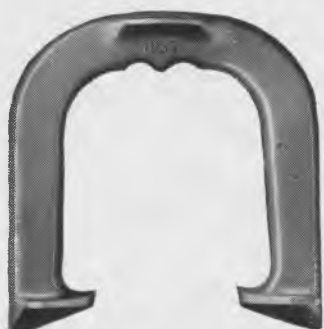
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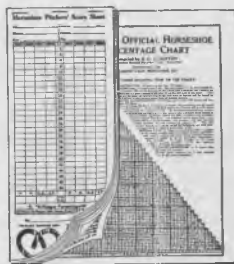


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