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## Just Among Ourselves



WILL you do something for us? . . . we believe that all our readers are interested in the success of the Horseshoe World or they wouldn't subscribe to it . . . the time has come when we have to make some kind of a change . . . many of the horseshoe equipment manufacturers have failed to support the magazine and we have printed it at a loss for many months . . . what would you say if we included some other lines of sport and accepted advertising from other lines of business . . . we don't want to discontinue the magazine if we can help it . . . we would appreciate hearing from our readers before the next issue, which will be early in December.

## THANKSGIVING

We come again to that season set aside for an accounting of the many things for which we should be thankful. Even in a year that has been filled with depression we should be thankful. We should be thankful that our country is not as bad as some. We should be thankful that there seems to be a dawning—the beginning of a new day, a better day, for truly, folks, we do believe that conditions are a bit better and that we may soon see a return of prosperity.

If you have food, shelter and your health, you should be truly thankful.

### OUR READERS COME FIRST

In publishing THE HORSESHOE WORLD, our readers come first. The magazine is printed monthly for them and every article is run with the idea of interesting them. Suggestions to the editor for the betterment of the magazine are always welcomed.

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## ERWIN WINS 1932 MISSOURI SHOE CROWN

Lefty Steinmann, 1931 Missouri state champion, lost his title to Jack Erwin, a 16-year-old youth from Kansas City, Mo., at Sedalia, Mo., Aug. 24, 1932. There were 28 entries.

In the finals in which eight men participated, these two gladiators were tied, each having lost but one game each. Erwin lost to Gene Wors of St. Louis, while Steinmann lost to Erwin. In the play-off, which was shot best two out of three games. Erwin beat Steinmann the first game 50 to 42; Steinmann won the second 50 to 20, and the score in the third,

and deciding game, was 50 to 33 in Erwin's favor. Steinman averaged .617 in the play-off to Erwin's .607.

In the finals Steinmann averaged .611, Erwin .558. E. Gaulding of Kansas City, was third with .552; Robert Jackson, of St. Joseph, was fourth; Wm. Pfender also of St. Joseph, was fifth; Gene Wors of St. Louis and Dan Cook of St. Joseph were tied for sixth and seventh place. Wors winning the pitch-off and getting the sixth position, Jack H. Claves of St. Louis, took the cellar position.

## FARGO TOSSER IS VICTOR IN 2 MEETS

Fargo, N. Dak., was the scene of two splendid tournaments in August—the Tri-State Tournament on August 11 and 12 and the North Dakota

State Tournament on August 13 and 14.

Arthur Engebretson, of Fargo, was the winner in both tournaments.

Following are summaries of the two events:

### Tri-State Tournament

	W	L	P	R	DR	SP	PctR
Art Engebretson, Fargo .....	11	0	550	271	69	504	.537
P. J. Olson, Kidder, S. D. ....	10	1	532	286	64	650	.440
H. V. Keen, Christine .....	8	3	506	251	46	708	.354
Otto Loseth, Harana .....	7	4	481	218	32	610	.357
Inar Letness, Fargo .....	7	4	469	222	35	686	.323
R. Whiting, Glyndon, Minn. ....	6	5	460	231	39	670	.344
H. Amundson, Abercrombie .....	4	7	434	219	32	704	.311
D. B. Allen, Walcott .....	4	7	418	192	21	672	.285
C. Amundson, Abercrombie .....	4	7	398	176	19	656	.268
Lester Moe, Fergus Falls .....	3	8	370	185	25	652	.283
J. Forness, Christine .....	2	9	342	166	22	640	.259
D. Humphrey, Finley .....	0	11	251	119	8	620	.191

### North Dakota State Tournament

	W	L	P	R	DR	SP	PctR
Art Engebretson, Fargo .....	11	0	500	251	65	440	.570
Otto Loseth, Harana .....	9	2	390	188	31	526	.357
O. N. Norlidsund, Bismarck .....	8	3	451	207	32	586	.356
M. T. Wold, Minot .....	7	4	462	215	37	556	.387
D. B. Allen, Walcott .....	7	4	455	214	39	670	.319
Inar Letness, Fargo .....	7	4	454	204	31	608	.318
H. V. Keen, Christine .....	6	5	474	196	33	578	.338
O. Peterson, Harana .....	4	7	389	190	27	620	.306
J. Forness, Christine .....	2	9	264	144	14	590	.244
R. Hefty, Walcott .....	2	9	235	111	7	530	.209
A. Nordahl, Finley .....	2	9	213	98	14	374	.235
Sam Hegrenes, Fargo .....	1	10	99	52	4	200	.260

### WIN SHOE TILT

Newfane, N. Y., Sept. 23—The Rev. Frederick L. Harburn of Newfane Methodist Episcopal church and Columbus C. Robinson, also of this village, attended the outing of the Western New York Bankers Members Group 1, at Orchard Park last Saturday. Both Rev. Mr. Harburn and Mr. Robinson were champions of

the horseshoe pitching contest, winning a prize of leather traveling kits.

F. L. Finnell, of Portland, Oregon, has been appointed secretary of the Western States Association to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of C. O. Kittilsen. Ill health is given as the cause of Mr. Kittilsen's resignation.

### WINS CITY CHAMPIONSHIP

Ed. Tarraba won the Columbus, Ohio, city championship from Art Meier by winning 4 out of 6 games. Meier held the championship for 2 years. This tournament was held as part of the Gateway Jubilee Festivities which is an annual event for the city of Columbus. Two cups were presented by the Chamber of Commerce.

Following are the scores:

#### First Game

	P	R	DR	SP	%
Meier .....	50	32	10	56	57
Tarraba .....	37	28	9	56	50

#### Second Game

	P	R	DR	SP	%
Meier .....	32	26	6	54	48
Tarraba .....	50	31	8	54	57

#### Third Game

	P	R	DR	SP	%
Meier .....	32	30	9	60	50
Tarraba .....	50	38	10	60	63

#### Fourth Game

	P	R	DR	SP	%
Meier .....	34	34	8	68	50
Tarraba .....	50	42	12	68	61

#### Fifth Game

	P	R	DR	SP	%
Meier .....	50	36	13	54	64
Tarraba .....	18	25	3	54	46

#### Sixth Game

	P	R	DR	SP	%
Meier .....	48	35	11	66	53
Tarraba .....	50	37	11	66	56

Meier averaged 53½% for the 6 games and Tarraba 56. Both players are members of the Ohio Horse Shoe Co. Team, winners in the Capital City League.

### DAD GETS A SETBACK

Clarence White, 16 year old youth won in the father and son match at Erie, Pa., September 11. The boy won two out of three from his father Sam White. The exhibition was played for a group of interested fans.

The following scores:

	P	R	DR	SP	Pct.
C. White .....	50	53	19	72	73.6
All on 9 times.					
Sam White .....	34	47	15	72	65.2
All on 7 times.					
C. White .....	48	44	15	70	62.8
Sam White .....	50	46	15	70	65.7
All on 6 times.					
C. White .....	50	57	21	68	83.8
Sam White .....	38	51	19	68	75.9

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# HOW THE CHAMPIONSHIP WAS WON

(Reprinted from the American Agriculturist)

Interest in horseshoe pitching has never been greater in the nine years that the American Agriculturist-Farm Bureau-State Fair Tournament has been held than that shown this year at the meet that began at Syracuse about 10:30 a. m. Tuesday, September 6, and continued through Wednesday, in which contestants from 33 counties were on hand to compete for the Amateur championship of New York State. The contest was played on the fine clay courts put in by the management of the state fair.

Forty-seven counties of the state through their farm bureau agent had written that they would send players to represent them but for various reasons contestants from only 33 counties were on hand at the beginning of the tournament. This was six more counties than were in the competition last year. The men sent had won their right to represent their respective counties from each county by the farm bureau agent.

It being impossible for thirty-three men to play a round robin of games in the two days allotted for the meet it was decided that each man pitch fifty shoes and the sixteen men making the greatest number of points should pitch a round robin, each playing each other one twenty-five point game. The man having the highest number of points in pitching fifty shoes Tuesday forenoon was Murray Beardsley, Trumansburg, Tompkins County, who made eighty-eight points ten ringers, one double-ringer, for a percentage of .200. Fifty-nine points last year won a place in the preliminaries, but only after four men who had tied with this number of points had each pitched another fifty shoes to decide who was entitled to the place. Complete result of this qualifying round was published in the last issue of American Agriculturist.

In the preliminaries, results of which are given in Table A printed herewith, Seaman and Beardsley tied for first place, each winning twelve games and losing three. The other four men that played in the finals were tied by each winning ten games and losing five.

In the report given in the table, preference for place is given to the largest number of points as had been

agreed upon where there was a tie in games. It took until Wednesday noon to finish playing the preliminaries. Tuesday the wind was very strong which made the controlling of shoes pitched very difficult and accounts for some of the low percentages. The best game in the preliminaries was played by Seaman when he won from Kelder with a score of twenty-five points, twelve ringers, four double ringers, in pitching eighteen shoes, making a percentage of .666.

About 1:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon after the results of the preliminaries had been rechecked to be sure of the six high men, the finals began, in which each was to play each other one fifty point game for the championship and the other prizes. It was decided that in case of tie in games won, points should control in awarding prize money unless there should be a tie for the first place, in which case a fifty point game should be played to decide the winner. As it turned out there were no ties in either the pitching of fifty shoes, in the preliminaries, or in the finals that had to be played off. This lack of ties is very unusual and rarely happens in any tournament.

As shown in Table B Harold Seaman, Hyde Park, Dutchess County, won all his games which gave him the Amateur Championship of New York State. Bult and Beardsley had each won from him in the preliminaries but he returned the favor and won from each of them in the finals. The best game of the tournament considering the number of ringers and double ringers made was pitched by Seaman when he won with fifty points, thirty-seven ringers, thirteen double ringers, in pitching fifty-six shoes, making a percentage of .661 while Bernard scored only twenty-four points, twenty-seven ringers, four double ringers, with a percentage of .429, in pitching the same number of shoes. In this game Seaman once pitched four consecutive double ringers and twice besides pitched three consecutive doubles.

It will be noted that Seaman's percentage of ringers in the finals was .543. His average percentage in his total of twenty games in both the preliminaries and finals was .524. These percentages are higher than those made in any similar series of

games in any state championship tournament ever held in New York State either amateur or professional up to the time of this meet.

At the end of the tournament, about 4:30 P. M., because Mr. Eastman, editor of the American Agriculturist was compelled to meet another engagement, Mr. L. R. Simons of the College of Agriculture at Ithaca, who is State Leader of the County Farm Bureaus, awarded the prizes. Mr. G. E. Snyder, Albion, N. Y., who for the ninth year has helped D. D. Cottrell, North Cohocton, N. Y., in the management of these tournaments introduced Mr. Simons who paid tribute to the sportsmanship of the contestants and the way the tournament had been conducted and then awarded the prizes in cash as mentioned in Table A. He also presented to Mr. Seaman a trophy in the form of a beautiful gold medal emblematical of the horseshoe game. Ray Beardsley won second prize in the tournament last year and Foster Bult who won the fourth prize this year won the same prize last year. This is the first year Mr. Seaman has entered the tournament. Last year Dutchess county was represented by a man who failed to qualify for the preliminaries. Mr. Seaman says that he is a "dirt farmer" and that he has two other men in his county that are as good players as he is and that he is going to see that the best one of these comes to the meet next year to again carry back to his county the championship, the gold medal, and the money. It will be remembered that Mr. Miller of Delaware County after winning the championship one year developed another player in his county who won the championship the next year. Table on Page Eight.

## TRYING TO BE FAIR

The publisher of the Horseshoe World is trying to be fair about discontinuing unpaid subscriptions. We have been carrying a few old subscribers for a month or so beyond expiration date but we find this is unfair to both ourselves and those who pay promptly. Hereafter all subscriptions will be promptly discontinued as soon as they expire. Look at the date on your address slip.

## NEWS, OFFICIAL REPORTS, ETC.

## From the Secretary's Desk

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Mr. Harvey J. Sconce of the Century of Progress Exposition, Chicago, writes that there were 55 entries for the Central States Championship Horseshoe Pitching Tournament held on their grounds the last of September, coming from six different states. Many from Ohio and Missouri did not come even though they had sent in their entries. The quality of the sport was very high and scores were fine.

The championship was won by John Colao, Chicago; Harry Reese, Lake City, Iowa, was second, and Casper Leinweber, San Jose, Ill., was third. John J. Hogan was fourth and Arnold Thompson was fifth. Others that were well up were Louis Kincannon, Paul Ingersoll, Harry Stromberg, Bruno Thorm and Elmer Guersch.

The winner of the ladies tournament was Caroline Schultz, Harvey, Ill., and her sister, Charlotte won second place.

In a recent letter from Rev. E. V. Stevens, 51 Park St., Marlboro, Mass. who is one of the greatest boosters of the game in New England, he says the sport is sweeping that section like wild fire. Five leagues in Massachusetts have been playing regular series of games this season. The Interstate League in Fitchburg, Gardner, Mass. Twelve clubs in the Middlesex league of six clubs closed a very successful series. Six men in the leagues averaging over 50 per cent for the whole series of 12 games. The Southeastern, Mass., league has recently completed a splendid series. The Portland, Me., Express has been conducting a state championship tournament. Mr. Lester H. Sibles, state club leader of the 4-H club boys held a tournament for the 4-H boys of the state of Maine at the state fair in Lewiston with about 100 boys competing. Mr. Stevens conducted a tournament at Bear Pond Park, Turner, Me., in which there were four men that played better than 60 per cent ringers. One man, Ralph Robinson, of Paris, threw nearly 67 per cent ringers in an eight-man round robin. He attended a local meet in the City of Bideford, Me., and found four men

playing better than 60 per cent ringers. He says that he is now in touch with about three thousand men signed up in clubs in New England. If every section of the country had as enthusiastic a man as an organizer as Rev. Stevens, the game would grow by leaps and bounds.

In a recent letter from Blair Nunamaker, world's champion, he writes that he made 110 ringers in 10 minutes, out of 140 shoes, one day, in Rochester, N. Y., where he was the week of the Rochester Exposition, giving exhibitions of his skill in the game, including stunt pitching. He also reports that he and Duryee have been playing considerably recently. One of their games was as follows:

	P	R	DR	SP	Pct
Nunamaker	50	68	29	82	.829
Duryee	21	58	21	82	.707

Nunamaker writes that he will probably be south this winter at Miami, Fla. His home address is 1303 East 141st Street, Cleveland, O.

The Brocton (Mass.) Fair held the championship horseshoe tournament for the states of Massachusetts and Rhode Island on Saturday, Sept. 17. The meet was scheduled to be held Friday, but on account of a terrible hard rainstorm it was necessary to postpone the meet until the following day. Most of the entrants were able to be present Saturday, although there was not as many as there would have been had it been possible to hold it Friday as scheduled. There were 23 entries almost evenly divided between the contending states. These were eliminated down to eight men who finally played a round robin for the championship. Howard Hutchins, West Warwick, R. I., and Jas. Leo O'Shea, Brockton, Mass., tied for the championship by each winning seven games and losing one. It had been agreed that in case of any ties the total number of points should control. Their scores were as follows:

	P	R	DR	SP	Pct
Hutchins	346	188	50	396	.472
O'Shea	344	176	34	388	.455

Albert Dion, Jr., Phoenix, R. I., and J. B. Hudson, W. Warwick tied for third place, each winning four

games and losing three, but as Dion had 311 points to 302 for Hudson, Dion received the preference. Phil Lewis, Brockton, Mass., and David Lambert, Hope, R. I., tied for fifth place, but Lewis Received it as he had 265 points to 251 for Lambert; and finally Geo. Martin, Brockton, and H. E. Shogren, East Greenwich, R. I., tied for seventh place, each winning one game and losing six; but Martin having 261 points to 250 for Shogren received the seventh honors. In the elimination rounds men were paired twice and as soon as one lost two games he was out of the finals.

There was good interest in the event and the audience was large all the time that the horseshoes were being pitched. Putt Mossman one of the well-known horseshoe pitching experts, put on some motorcycle stunts on the track and afterwards came over to the horseshoe courts and gave an exhibition of his skill at pitching the shoes.

There seems to be a number of places that already want to hold the New England championship tournament in the summer or fall of 1933. There may be a New England horseshoe pitchers association affiliated with the National before next spring as there has already been one organized, but they have not yet sent their dues for their National charter, but expect to do so in the near future so your secretary has been informed.

Before you read the November issue of the Horseshoe World, your secretary will have motored to 746-C Fifth Ave., North, St. Petersburg, Florida, where he expects to be until next spring. The balmy air and the wonderful climate of Florida certainly is health giving. It easily wins when you consider shoveling snow and coal and carrying out the furnace ashes in the cold bleak winter weather in the north. When you consider the cost of coal and winter clothing necessary in the northern states, it is possible to go to St. Petersburg and enjoy its almost perpetual sunshine, oranges, grapefruit, strawberries and all kinds of fresh

garden vegetables all winter at what is spent for the necessities of comfortable living in practically any place in the North. Why not spend one winter in the South and enjoy all of these advantages and in addition the good sport of horseshoe pitching daily as hundreds do at the Sunshine pleasure club's excellent clay courts in St. Petersburg.

To date the Century of Progress Exposition to be held at Chicago next year has not made any definite proposition as to the prize money they will offer for holding the world's championship horseshoe pitching tournament on their grounds next summer. They say that they will give help and publicity and furnish plenty of courts to hold the meet, but to date have not offered to furnish any prize money for the tournament. Do you think that it would be possible to get a representative lot of first-class pitchers from different

parts of the United States to come to Chicago and enter the meet for the honor of competing for the world's championship without a considerable amount of money divided up into quite a good many prizes? What do you think about this?

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 \* Lakeside, O.—Pitchers in a \*  
 \* recent state championship \*  
 \* horseshoe pitching tournament \*  
 \* scored 10,616 ringers out of \*  
 \* a possible 19328. Bert Duryee, \*  
 \* Cleveland, who won, pitched \*  
 \* 913 ringers out of a possible \*  
 \* 1217 for a percentage of 71.5. \*  
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The Horseshoe World was recently visited by B. C. Farmer, of Union City, Ind. Mr. Farmer sells Gordon shoes and is a booster for the game wherever he travels.

### LEAGUE STANDING

Joe Hoeksema, Grand Rapids, Mich. secretary of the Western Michigan Horseshoe League, with two divisions—A and B—furnishes the following standing of the league, as of July 5:

#### A League

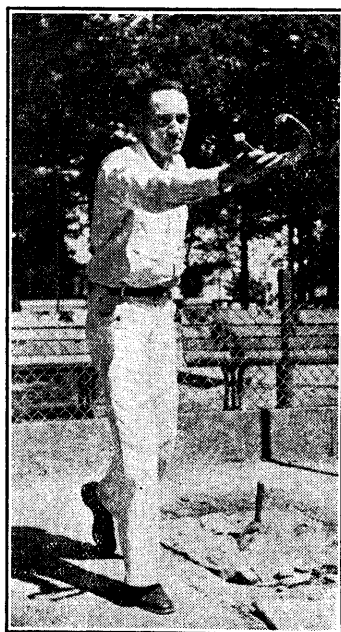
	W	L	Pct.
Hastings .....	2	0	1.000
Grand Rapids .....	2	0	1.000
Fairview .....	0	2	.000
Clyde Park .....	0	2	.000

#### B League

Grand Rapids .....	2	0	1.000
Fairview .....	2	0	1.000
East Paris .....	0	2	.000
Hastings .....	0	1	.000
Clyde Park .....	0	1	.000

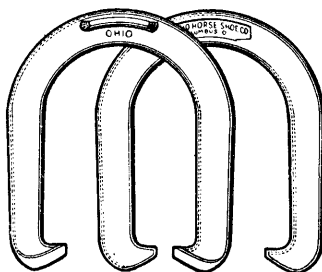
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# SAYS EAST LIVERPOOL BIRTHPLACE OF GAME

In a recent issue of the Pittsburg Press there appears a very interesting article in "The Village Smithy" column, written by Chester L. Smith, sport editor. It follows:

"Now I am not a story writer," confesses Grover Jackman, of East Liverpool, O., but he immediately launches into a story which leads the reader to conclude he may be wrong about that.

To Mr. Jackman this column is indebted for the first bit of historical research on the subject of horseshoe pitching brought to light in some time. East Liverpool, he asserts, is the birthplace of the horseshoe league, a game since grown to country-wide proportions and occasionally referred to as barnyard golf.

Our correspondent says he possesses the documents to prove his case. He offer to produce them to any doubters who may care to take the trouble to pay East Liverpool and him a visit, averring he will refute the right of other cities to the honor of nurturing the sport.

"We don't claim to be the first ones to pitch horseshoes," writes Mr. Jackman, "because they have been pitched ever since shoes were made, but I repeat again we were the first ones to get together and organize a league."

But perhaps we had better let the gentleman get along with his story.

"It was in 1904 that a neighbor of mine, Mr. Schneidmiller, and I, got a pair of horseshoes and started pitching them. We beat all comers in our home town, and of course everyone who found out what we had done, came after us for a game. It went on all that summer, while we continued winning.

"One day while down street, Mr. Schneidmiller met a Mr. Rigby, who had heard about us. He invited us down to pitch his team, which we did, and beat them. Mr. Rigby said his regular partner had a sore thumb, but if we would return about three days later he would be okeh and things would be different. So we went down, but they were no different. We took them over again.

"We then invited them up to our ground and beat them again. I guess that was a little too much for them and they asked us if we would not make another trip back to their

ground. We consented.

"When we were about three squares away, I happened to look in that direction and what I saw certainly surprised me. I said to Henry, 'Look!' and when he looked he saw a bunch of rooters gathered around the grounds where we were to pitch. I believe there were 200 kinds there with pans and anything else they could get to make a noise.

"I said to Henry, 'There is only one thing to do and that is keep your head right down on your shoulders where it belongs no matter what they say or do. We have come down to win and that's what we are going to do.'

"So we arrived at the ground and I said, 'Well, Albert, you have a fine looking crowd out this time,' and of course he agreed that they were all his rooters.

"I told Albert we expected a square deal and did not care how much noise they made or what they said as long as they did not interfere with us in pitching or wave or throw anything between or around the pegs. So he said to the boys, 'You know what is expected of you.'

"Well, we started, and so did those kids. I never knew a gang of that size could make so much noise. But Henry and I did not let it worry us much, as we had set our minds not to hear or pay attention to it. We won the first two and finally gave them a bad beating.

"Albert finally stepped over and told the boys they would have to stop the racket because it was doing their own team harm, not us. Then we took four out of five more. After the games were over, Albert said, 'You fellows have been real sports and I am going to tell you something and invite you to take part in it. I have bought a bunch of watermelons to treat the kids for rooting for us, and I want you fellows to stay and help us eat them.'

"It was while we were on our way home that night I suggested to Henry that we get up a league the next year, which was 1905. In the meantime, we had written to leading sports writers and supply houses trying to get rules on the game, but in every case we received the same answer: No one ever had heard of any. We were determined we were

not going to give up without a struggle, so we decided we would call the crowd together and make our own rules. Which we did.

"The first game we pitched we used a pound and three-quarter shoe and pitched 60 feet. The next year we used a two-pound shoe and cut the distance to 50 feet, and the third year a two and one-quarter pound shoe at 45 feet. Finally we agreed on a two and one-quarter or two and one-half pound shoe at 40 feet. We did not use clay in those days, but agreed that the ground had to be dug up and loose. This matter was up to the visiting team and they had to agree pitching conditions were all right.

"If a man tossed a ringer he got three points, and if he tossed two ringers he got six points, that is, if the fellow pitching against him did not throw one on top. If this happened, the second player got what the first pitcher had on the peg. If the first fellow put one on and the second one topped it, the latter got six; if the first got two on and the second one, the second got nine, etc. A leaner counted two points, and how we would get down and poke sticks under the shoes to prove they were leaners. The closest shoe counted, it making no difference how far it was away from the peg. In case of a tie, the second shoe would take the point.

"These were the first rules which governed a horseshoe league—and the first league organized in America. The scores of all the games appeared in our paper and that is how other cities got interested and asked us for copies of our rules. We always gave them out gladly. Of course we never thought the game would become the outstanding pastime it is today. It is far more scientific now than it was when we started, but it is still a game to be enjoyed by a beginner or star."

## WINS PRIZE

A complimentary subscription to the Horseshoe World goes to Roland Lackey, Brattleboro, Vt. as a special award for the best ringer percentage in the New England tourney at Portsmouth, N. H. Sept. 17. His high percent game was 68.4% when playing Ieon Kerry in the finals, with 26 ringers out of 38 shoes pitched.



## CLARK COUNTY TOURNEY RESULTS

Following are the official results of the 1932 Clark county championship tournament conducted by Clark County Horseshoe Pitchers Association, and sanctioned by the National Association.

This tournament was conducted the week of July 18th, with 22 entries. Each entry was forced to pitch 100

shoes for three consecutive evenings, and the 12 high point men pitched round robin the last two nights for the championship.

Mr. Lester A. Allen, of 1630 W. Pleasant St., a member of the Willis Ave. club, defending champion, again won with 11 victories and no defeats, with a ringer percentage of 74.3.

### Final Standing in the 1932 Clark County Horseshoe Pitching Championship Tournament

Name	Club	SP	P	R	DR	Pct	W	L
Allen, Willis Ave.	.....	436	550	324	119	74.3	11	0
Brown, Willis Ave.	.....	546	511	313	92	57.3	10	1
Heaton, Florence St.	.....	596	475	303	79	50.8	8	3
Peters, K., Donnelsville	.....	670	485	358	106	53.4	8	3
Dillon, J., Pitchin	.....	588	446	282	72	47.9	7	4
Gravenkemper, Willis Ave.	.....	578	416	260	55	45.0	5	6
Kramer, Willis Ave.	.....	668	425	265	59	39.6	4	7
Dillon, J. R., Villa	.....	610	412	245	51	40.1	4	7
Monroe, Villa	.....	558	354	190	42	34.0	4	7
Johnston, Willis Ave.	.....	600	350	231	45	38.5	4	7
Dillon, M., Pitchin	.....	334	172	116	24	34.8	0	10
Haley, R., Willis Ave.	.....	168	131	75	21	44.6	0	10
Totals	.....	6352	4727	2962	765	46.6	65	65

M. Dillon withdrew at end of the sixth game.

R. Haley withdrew at the end of the third game.

All games played by these players were forfeited to their opponents.

## HOLD BANQUET

Willis Avenue Horseshoe Club, 145 Willis Ave. Springfield, Ohio, held its Third Annual Banquet October 10, 1932 at Chaney Farm, at which forty-one were present, including several out-of-town guests.

A chicken dinner was served, after which a smoker followed and a program presented by the President Mr. L. D. Johnston, which included the presentation of a County Championship Certificate to Mr. Lester Allen by Mr. D. B. Rutan, then Mr. Allen presented the Secretary Mr. Harlan Hurley with a very nice Pen and Pencil Set from the Club for his services.

At this time the Secretary presented each member with his season record and read a report of the Club as follows:

Willis Avenue				
SP	PTS	R	DR	R%
49472	32522	14782	2617	.298

Opponents				
SP	PTS	R	DR	R%
49472	28849	13872	2232	.280

First team, Willis Ave. Specials, played 17 games, won 16, Lost 1.

Second Team, Bennet Rangers, played 16 games. Won 6, lost 8, tied

Third team, Willis Ave. Americans,

played 11 games. Won 3, lost 7, Total of 44 games played. Won 25, lost 16, tied 3.

### Record of All Members

Pitches	Points	Ringers	DR
74694	55267	24680	5079
Games	Won	Lost	R%
2053	1151	902	.330

The President then introduced guests of the evening which included Mr. Elmore Grube, First Vice President of Clark County Horseshoe Pitchers Association, Mr. Harry Ellsworth, Second Vice President and American League Secretary of the Association and Mr. D. B. Rutan, President of the Association and one of our club members, who gave a very fine talk.

The club was honored with the presence of three guests from Dayton, Ohio, Mr. F. W. Timm, Mr. J. E. Johnston and Dr. Allan Pottle all from the Edgemont Club. Dr. Pottle gave a very interesting and enjoyable talk which the members will long remember him by. Then Rev. H. M. Carpenter, pastor of New Mooresfield Methodist church and a member of Villa Horseshoe Club one of the Association Member Clubs gave a very fine talk of benefit and interest to all.

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 \* PRO AND CON OF \*  
 \* "PRO" AND AMATEUR \*  
 \* HORSESHOES \*  
 \* By Charles S. Gerrish, \*  
 \* N. E. Champ \*

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 On the same date, Sept. 2, that my friend, S. A. Davidson of Brockton, Mass., wrote a letter shown on page 8 of September "Horseshoe World," he did also the honor of writing a letter to me. He compliments me too much and over-rates me in the letter to the "Horseshoe World," when he says I am a "real Pro." Horseshoe is simply my sport or game "hobby." It is not my livelihood, though it would be a pleasant occupation if one could earn a living at it. I admit I'd like it.

Horseshoes has done happily in avoiding the amateur and professional question, and the troubles of drawing definite lines to separate. An accurate distinction seemingly is extremely difficult. There is little actual difference in receiving a watch or other merchandise worth \$20, and in the winner's accepting \$20 cash which will have to be used to buy merchandise before he gets any good from it.

A "professional" it seems to me is or should be one whose time is occupied quite altogether in any given game. An amateur national tennis or golf champion seems as professional a player in skill, etc., as either "professionnal" champion of these games. Each probably devotes full time to his sport.

Amateur athletics has always been embarrassed over continual questions and violations. Unending disagreements arise. Amateur bars are let down on a sterling runner like Nurmi causing disaster to him and a bad blot on international Olympics. Countless wrangles accompanied Tilden's amateur tennis.

Let the horseshoe sport avoid the subject, not bothering its head about amateurism and professionalism, letting amateur athletic sponsors keep their distracting worries among themselves. Won't horseshoes keep happier if we keep hands off the question of amateur status? Why muddle in the matter of amateur and professional? What does it matter. Isn't the American Assn. ("amateur") horseshoe champ the same who has won many money prizes also? What of it? Just keep on after ringers.

TABLE A—RESULTS OF PRELIMINARIES

PLACE	NAME	ADDRESS	COUNTY	W.	L.	PTS.	R.	DR.	SP.	OP.	PCT
1	Murray Beardsley	Trumansburg	Tomkins	12	3	359	211	54	464	229	.455
2	Harol Seaman	Hyder Park	Dutchess	12	3	341	210	49	412	184	.509
3	Foster Bult	East Palmyra	Wayne	10	5	324	171	29	422	236	.405
4	Albert Bernard	Barker	Niagara	10	5	319	171	32	480	285	.324
5	Chester Judd	Oneida	Madison	10	5	412	170	36	492	288	.345
6	Wilton Loun	Jamestown	Chautauqua	10	5	304	169	31	456	267	.371
7	F. H. Van Alstyne	Depauville	Jefferson	9	6	297	141	22	458	308	.308
8	John Kauzlerich	Rome	Oenida	8	7	316	187	39	486	273	.385
9	Verland Helms	East Randolph	Cattaraugus	7	8	278	129	21	468	300	.275
10	J. Lashwi	Elmira Heights	Chemung	6	9	302	151	24	480	300	.315
11	Ray Ingraham	Norwich	Chenango	6	9	296	177	33	478	291	.370
12	Albert Lewis	Skaneateles	Onondaga	5	10	290	160	23	494	332	.324
13	Earl Philput	Canton	St. Lawrence	5	10	244	149	23	442	326	.337
14	Victor Colegrove	Livonia	Livingston	4	11	246	132	22	438	321	.301
15	Randall Kelder	Kingston	Ulster	4	11	229	136	24	450	344	.302
16	Robert Thompson	Corfu	Genessee	2	13	184	109	8	446	357	.249
Totals				120	120	4641	2573	470	7366	4641	.349
Preliminary Totals, State Fair, 1931				120	120	4680	2587	464	7279	4680	.355
Preliminary Totals, State Fair, 1930				120	120	4730	2359	361	7526	4730	.312
Preliminary Totals, State Fair, 1929				120	120	4638	2246	362	7232	4638	.311
Preliminary Totals, State Fair 1928				120	120	4687	2298	343	7552	4687	.304
Preliminary Totals, State Fair, 1927				120	120	4714	2033	257	7764	4714	.287
Preliminary Totals, State Fair, 1926				120	120	4695	1703	185	8192	4695	.208

KEY—W. Games won; L. Games Lost; PTS. Points made; R. Ringers; DR. Double ringers; S. P. Number of shoes pitched; OP. Points made by opponents; PCT. Percentage of ringers made to shoes pitched.

TABLE B—RESULTS OF FINALS

PRIZE	NAME	W.	L.	PTS.	R.	DR.	SP.	OP.	PCT.
\$50	Harold Seaman	5	0	250	165	46	304	137	.543
\$40	Wilton Loun	4	1	229	130	23	310	178	.419
\$30	Murray Beardsley	3	2	210	140	28	312	174	.449
\$20	Foster Bult	2	3	205	119	20	314	194	.379
\$10	Chester Judd	1	4	164	100	22	292	235	.342
\$5	Albert Bernard	0	5	110	92	13	284	250	.324
Totals		15	15	1168	746	152	1816	1168	.411
Filas Totals, 1931		15	15	1298	865	185	1960	1298	.446
Finals Totals, 1930		15	15	1301	730	128	2048	1301	.356
Finals Totals, 1929		15	15	1290	808	155	1944	1290	.416
Finals Totals, 1928		15	15	1320	730	110	2024	1320	.361
Finals Totals, 1927		15	15	588	293	41	960	588	.328
Finals Totals, 1926		15	15	1222	469	46	2076	1222	.226

The seventh prize of five dollars was awarded to F. H. Van Alstyne, Depauville, Jefferson County as he stood in that place in the preliminaries.

In 1924 and 1925 State Fair Tournaments the result was decided on only one round robin with no finals.

GRAND TOTALS

	W.	L.	PTS.	R.	DR.	SP.	OP.	PCT.
State Fair Tournament, 1932	135	135	5809	3319	622	9182	5809	.361
State Fair Tournament, 1931	135	135	5978	3452	649	9239	5978	.374
State Fair Tournament, 1930	135	135	6031	3089	489	9574	6031	.323
State Fair Tournament, 1929	135	135	5928	3054	517	9176	5928	.333
State Fair Tournament, 1928	135	135	6007	3028	453	9576	6007	.316
State Fair Tournament, 1927	135	135	5302	2326	298	8724	5302	.267
State Fair Tournament, 1926	135	135	5917	2172	233	10268	5917	.212
State Fair Tournament, 1925	190	190	6210	2028	178	11302	6210	.179
State Fair Tournament, 1924	99	99	3328	552	23	7096	3328	.077

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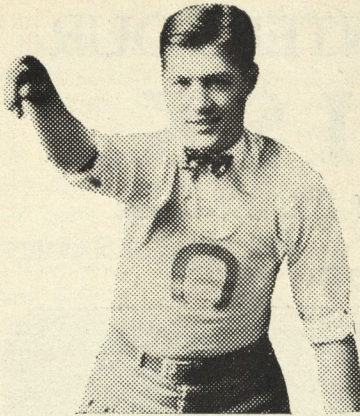
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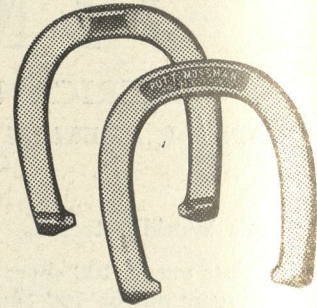


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