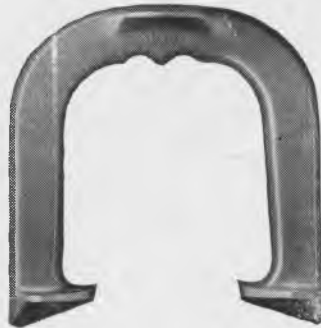


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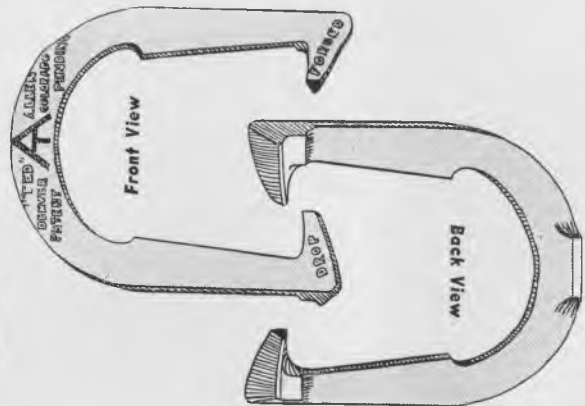
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As the snows come, covering the horseshoe courts to which we cling each fall, reluctant to put away the shoes or return to indoor courts, we find long evenings in which to review the summer's activity.

**1940 Good Year** Truly 1940 was a good horseshoe year throughout the country. A national tournament was held in Des Moines, new officers were named and the National Association is undergoing a number of changes—all for the good, we sincerely hope.

And speaking of indoor courts, it is surprising to us that all clubs don't provide indoor courts. They aren't so expensive to equip. Correct lighting is one of the principal problems. Better get the town electrician interested in the game. He may be the answer to cheaper installation of lights. But at any rate, why

## Indoor Courts

not call the gang together and see what can be done about it this winter. And if you do open indoor courts be sure to send the *Horseshoe World* a little story about their opening. It encourages others.

And, returning to our review of 1940, may we point out that the arousing of the interest of the pitchers by the *Horseshoe World* in what was going on in the National Association may be the means of making it an A-1 association and in making the *Horseshoe World* the paying proposition its publisher has always hoped it would be. It has been remarkable the number of letters we have received, urging us to continue our efforts to get the National Association to open classes for lower bracket pitchers. Fortunately, the new Secretary has taken note of the needs of the Association. He has sent us an encouraging and enlightening letter. It is printed in this issue. Be sure to read it. We ask that you join with us in offering constructive suggestions to our National Association officers and that you join with us in supporting their program as long as it appears to be a forward-looking one, as is suggested by Mr. Tompkin, the new Secretary.

The National Association is an old and honored institution. It deserves the support of all of us who have labored to make it great, especially those of us who were in the ranks at its inception and the immediate years following. To us it is something that we will fight to keep in the right path.

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This issue of the *Horseshoe World* comes just before the Christmas shopping rush . . . we don't want to suggest what you do but if your subscription is about out why don't you mention it in a sly way when your wife is around . . . maybe she will send us a dollar for your renewal . . . that's the way we get some of our favorite magazines . . . it solves the "what to give problem" . . . but we must quit this free advertising, especially since it's on the front page . . . we commend the suggestion of Harry Woodfield to get horseshoe pitching established in the army camps . . . this message to those drafted is in this issue . . . and don't miss reading the article by Secretary Tompkin . . . he outlines his ideas for the first time . . . see how they meet yours . . . if you like them tell him . . . if you don't tell him . . . too many times we fail to express our opinions . . . only by such co-operation can officials serve their members in the best manner . . . and don't forget to send in news of your winter activities, names of new officers, etc.

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## NEW SECRETARY OUTLINES ASSOCIATION'S HOPES

The Horseshoe World is pleased to report that the new Secretary of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association has given this publication assurances that he is vitally interested in making the Association of benefit to all classes of pitchers.

J. Robert Tompkin, who lives at 711 Burnett avenue, Ames, Iowa, is new Secretary of the National Association. Iowa has produced some of the world's best horseshoe champions. This state can now boast of having both the President of the National Association, and the Secretary, LeRoy Page, of Des Moines, who was re-elected at the convention in Des Moines last summer, and he has added to his aid another resident of the Tall Corn State, in person of Mr. Tompkin.

In a message to this magazine Mr. Tompkin has given us some of his ideas. His letter, reprinted in its entirety, will speak for itself. Here it is:

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Mr. R. B. Howard,  
Publisher, The Horseshoe World,  
45 West Second Street,  
London, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Howard:

Mr. Page has just turned over to me some correspondence which he received from you. These letters, together with certain excerpts from the September Horseshoe World, lead me to believe that a terrible misunderstanding exists. I am anxious to preserve harmony within the Association, and when misunderstandings occur, that harmony is endangered. For this reason I am writing you this letter. I should like to have you print this in the Horseshoe World, if you see fit, to acquaint you and the readers with the actual facts of the Convention, and the future policy of the officers.

Several statements in the article written by Mr. Rose convince me that he has gained a wrong impression of the set-up. In the first place, all officers of the National Association are members of that Association. In a letter to me Rose said that the President was not a member. I can personally vouch for Page's membership. Another statement was made to the effect that the new constitution had only a few minor changes from the old one. I wrote the new document and completely deleted entire sections which had hitherto been obsolete. When we have a few more new ones printed I shall send you a copy that you may judge for your-

self. Another part of Lee's article was devoted to a new magazine proposed, and to be edited, by the new secretary. Mr. Howard, I wish to answer this in full.

When the Convention assembled, President Rose read to the delegates present, your letter of August 12, in which you stated, "I hope it will be possible for us to continue the magazine, although I am very doubtful if we will do this after the end of this year." You asked Page to read this to the Convention. At the conclusion of this letter we attempted to pass legislation providing for annual dues sufficiently high to enable the Association to give a year's subscription of the Horseshoe World to every member. This motion was voted down by the delegates. When it became obvious that further efforts by the Association to increase circulation of your publication would be futile, we began seeking an alternative. I suggested that we publish our own magazine and offered my services toward putting it out. The Convention approved this plan. This action was taken because we felt we needed an organ of communication and distribution of horseshoe news. If the Horseshoe World should cease to exist, we wanted to be ready with a substitute. Mr. Rose has a letter from me in which I told him "Our plans for the proposed new publication are quite immature as yet, pending communication with R. B. Howard." I can show you a duplicate of that letter.

I sincerely hope that the above facts will convince you that we are not trying to run competition to the Horseshoe World, nor are we attempting to "freeze" you out. The statement made by Mr. Rose that I would edit the paper myself, is utterly ridiculous inasmuch as I hold a position under the Federal Bureau of Agricultural Economics. Holding that position and the National Secretaryship at the same time would make it absolutely impossible for me to find time to edit a magazine. In fact the reason I accepted the secretaryship is because I love horseshoe and felt that I could help strengthen the Association, certainly not for any visions of financial gain. The salary is small compared to the work involved, and the membership is too limited to guarantee a full payment of the salary.

Since my election to the office of secretary, I have formulated a general outline of what I consider im-

portant moves. There has for a long time been a fairly widespread feeling of discontent among those players who are not qualified to compete with 75 and 80 per cent pitchers. These players feel that the National Association has nothing to offer them. They are partially right, but only partially. A true lover of the game will support it for the satisfaction he derives from seeing it take its place among the leading sports of the world.

There are 2,000,000 horseshoe pitchers in America, and 1700 of them are interested enough to pay 25c a year. Certainly the dues are not exorbitant. What, then, is the reason for such a horrible lack of support?

I am gratified to see the interest shown by so many enthusiasts who have written me with ideas and suggestions. After all, I was elected by a majority of representatives. Therefore I feel that my duty is to work for the interests of the majority of the players. When that majority proves that it is a majority, I shall strive to fulfill their wishes. The best method to accomplish this is to write me and acquaint me with their wishes; to attend the National Convention in full strength; and to make an effort to effect legislation satisfactory to the majority of delegates. The charge that the Convention is railroaded is false. The constitution definitely states that the body of delegates assembled in Convention is the supreme authority of the National Association.

I made a statement above, that a certain group of lower percentage pitchers were partially right in their contention that the National Association has nothing to offer them. There are two sides to this. Let us examine both of them.

In the first place a 50 per cent pitcher seems to feel that because he does not throw 80 per cent, he has no place in tournament play. We must remember that any world champion, at one time in his life, shot definitely under 50 per cent.

It is generally conceded that practice, competition, and experience are three great factors in improving a player's game. With an association of a million, or even a half a million members, we could stage state and even county tournaments which would be available to everyone. These could be closed tournaments

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so that outside "big name" pitchers could not compete.

There are not enough 75 per cent pitchers in the United States, that a county tournament could be monopolized by them. These local meets would provide the competition and experience necessary for more rapid improvements.

Another factor to consider is the spectators' interest in the game. From experience and observation, I have found that an audience is interested in high percentage games. However can we not assume that human nature is such that a normal person wants a thrillingly close game, and feels that there is more likelihood of this in a game between two top ranking players because they will shoot about the same percentage.

The Allen-Zimmerman National tournament game ending in a 50-48 score was as exciting a game as I've ever seen. The spectators enjoyed it immensely. But I believe that two players, evenly matched, who shoot 40 per cent can also stage an exciting game when pitted against each other. Therefore I propose to attempt three classes of horseshoe tournament competition.

Those pitchers qualifying over 70 per cent compete in Class A; those qualifying between 50 and 70 per cent will be Class B, and those who pitch less than 50 per cent will comprise Class C. This would give a Class A National Champion, a Class B National Champion, and a Class C National Champion. This would correspond to boxing for example. A lightweight champion is the best in his class, although we know he cannot beat the heavyweight title holder. The middleweight champion is king in his class. He can beat the lightweight but must in turn lose to the heavyweight ruler. Yet the lightweight or the middleweight may be as good a champion in his class as the heavyweight is in his. Such would be the status of horseshoe, if the horseshoe pitchers in America will back me in trying to put it across.

The backing I need is letters containing ideas, suggestions, approval or disapproval to help me shape the best possible plan. The next step is to gain enough members so that we can make possible this plan. If every member now in the organization would add three more we could do it. If we could get 8,000 members from the two million players, I could guarantee a national tournament with fine prizes in all three classes. Believe me, it can be done, too.

I come from the town of Dysart, Iowa, which has a population of less than a thousand. We had 18 mem-

bers of the association, and four of them never pitched a shoe. They wanted to further the game because they liked to watch. We had no 70 per cent pitchers, either, but we had fun and that's what we all can have if we "get in gear."

Mr. Chess, of the Ohio Association, writes that there are 2,000 active players in that state alone; Mr. Banta, of Indiana, writes in the same vein. I've had letters from several associations stating the same thing. All the players want an association which includes all the players.

I wish the pitchers would please write me and tell me what they want; whether they like this idea; how to improve it; and what action they want me to take. I, in turn, promise that when the membership goes past 8,000 the three class system will immediately be perfected and put into play, providing a majority want it. Whether we have it this next summer or not depends entirely upon the response from the horseshoe pitchers of America.

I've dealt with this problem at length because I'm positive it will work. I've omitted a lot of details because I want to see if the general idea will meet with approval. I have a plan worked out that will definitely prevent a player from one class dropping down to try and win the class below. By my plan he would lose in the long run far more than he would gain.

By the 15th of November we intend to have completed a small 5x8 inch booklet containing the newest rules, constitution, and by-laws of horseshoe; tournament highlights and several articles of interest to horseshoe followers. Any points of interest which we can use in the booklet will be greatly appreciated. These booklets are to be sent to every member of the National Association free of charge.

I must mention here that I have no authority to change the present method of scoring. The matter was voted upon at the last convention, and the delegates decided to retain the present system. Whether I would want to change it or not makes no difference, inasmuch as I have no power to go over the delegates in convention assembled.

I should like to send out a personal plea to the officers of all the state associations to write to me as soon as possible, giving me their views on how we can benefit their State Associations, and the national organization as well; also their views on the questions I have raised here, and any other ideas or suggestions which might aid in the advancement of the sport. With your per-

mission, Mr. Howard I should like to send these ideas I receive to you that you may keep the horseshoe followers informed of the general trend of thought, of ideas, and arguments pro and con on various questions. I believe that closer association between the members, and a thorough knowledge of what is going on will be a material aid in the advancement of the organization.

I have several other ideas which are not fully enough developed yet for publication, but when they are you may rest assured that I shall acquaint you with them so that all players may consider them.

I have informed President Page of my plans and he has given me his hearty indorsement. I might say here that he is spending a great deal of time, without pay, toward the publication of our forthcoming booklet. I'd like to lead a rousing cheer for LeRoy.

Another cheer better go to Harry Woodfield, of Washington, D. C. Harry was appointed publicity chairman at the convention. The ensuing two months have proven the wisdom of the choice. He has written me two long letters outlining a publicity program which includes a central information bureau, a progress exhibit showing the advancement of horseshoe, and a nation-wide publicity drive to acquaint sportsminded people with the fact that we have a topnotch sport in horseshoe. Woodfield is another man who is devoting hours and hours of his time for no remuneration except sheer love of the game. With a hundred men like him the Association would number 100,000 in two or three years.

Trusting that I may have the pleasure of hearing from you in the future, and with kindest regards, I am

Yours very truly,  
J. ROBERT TOMPKIN,  
National Secretary

A man was charged with shooting a number of pigeons, the property of a farmer. Counsel for the defense tried to frighten the farmer.

"Now," he remarked, "are you prepared to swear that this man shot your pigeons?"

"I didn't say he shot 'em," was the reply. "I said I suspected him of doing it."

"Ah! Now we're coming to it. What made you suspect this man?"

"Well, first, I caught him on my land with a gun. Secondly, I heard a gun go off and saw some pigeons fall. Thirdly, I found four of my pigeons in his pocket, and I don't think the birds flew there and committed suicide."

## New York In Action

### LONG ISLAND RESULTS

The standing of the clubs for the 1940 match-game season of the Long Island Association is as follows: (Figures indicate matches won and lost, games won and lost, and total percentage, A and B. Standings are final. The C schedule has one week more to play).

Class A				
Elmhurst	.....7	1	118	57 55.6
St. Albans	.....6	2	99	76 50.4
DeKalb	.....5	3	122	78 51.5
College Point	.....2	6	56	119 45.8
W. Hempstead	0	8	30	95 42.1

Class B				
Sunnyside	.....8	0	131	54 42.9
DeKalb	.....5	3	116	79 40.4
Sunset	.....3	5	69	106 35.0
St. Albans	.....2	6	72	123 32.7
College Point	.....2	6	67	93 32.7

Class C				
Sunnyside	.....10			1
DeKalb	.....10			2
St. Albans	.....5			3
Baisley	.....3			5
College Point	.....3			6
Sunset	.....3			7
Classon	.....3			7

### 1940 Individual Standing

The individual player standing for the Long Island Association's match-game season follows. Figures indicate games won and lost, and total ringer percentage.

Class A				
V. Fileccia, DeKalb	.....34	0		72.1
M. Belsky, Elmhurst	.....24	5		62.3
H. Christy, Elmhurst	.....23	8		60.0
P. Beaton, Elmhurst	.....26	8		59.1
R. Allen, St. Albans	.....24	11		56.1
J. Ruggles, College Pt.	21	11		55.9
A. Wracks, DeKalb	.....30	5		55.4
J. Benish, St. Albans	.....28	7		55.2
P. Beausoleil, Elmhurst	15	10		53.7
E. Henriches, College Pt	19	16		52.3
H. Smith, Elmhurst	.....8	6		51.1
M. Poppy, St. Albans	.....20	15		50.6
R. Ziegler, St. Albans	.....16	19		50.2
T. Conroy, Elmhurst	.....17	7		50.1
F. Reul, College Pt.	.....9	23		49.0
M. Rebish, Elmhurst	.....5	8		47.8
V. Kastel, DeKalb	.....21	16		47.3
J. Vassallo, DeKalb	.....15	18		46.5
G. Schavel, DeKalb	.....11	13		45.4
P. McGill, W. Hempstead	8	16		45.4
E. Skellington, W. Hemp.	6	14		44.0
W. Rhodes, W. Hemp.	9	16		43.8
F. Patrick, W. Hemp.	4	21		43.7
R. Heibell, DeKalb	.....3	14		43.0
F. Allen, St. Albans	.....10	17		42.6
M. Flynn, W. Hemp.	2	13		40.6
C. Quisenberry, Col. Pt.	2	24		40.3
F. Hessler, DeKalb	.....2	3		34.3

Class B				
L. Jonassen, Sunset	.....19	6		49.4
A. Courtock, Sunnyside	.....29	4		47.9

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F. Reul, College Point	.....21	8		47.4
R. Harmon, Sunset	.....26	9		45.2
W. Campbell, Sunnyside	.....26	8		44.7
G. Schavel, DeKalb	.....20	10		43.3
J. Vassallo, DeKalb	.....23	11		43.0
C. Summers, DeKalb	.....12	6		42.6
P. Kestel, DeKalb	.....16	13		41.2
F. Labue, DeKalb	.....19	19		41.1
J. Salvesen, Sunset	.....3	2		41.9
J. Heim, DeKalb	.....10	15		39.6
J. Curry, Sunnyside	.....10	7		38.6
B. Resch, Sunnyside	.....6	6		38.5
T. Tunney, Sunnyside	.....13	15		38.5
W. Heath, Sunnyside	.....6	7		38.0
F. Gustavson, St. Alban	22	10		37.4
E. Schnerr, DeKalb	.....10	1		36.6
T. Gramstad, Sunset	.....5	13		36.2
M. Osterer, Sunset	.....8	7		34.8
B. Allen, St. Albans	.....2	9		33.7
H. Horn, College Point	.....12	8		32.2
C. Shepherd, Jr. St. Alb.	6	12		32.2
E. Summers, DeKalb	.....5	6		31.1
W. Hitlin, St. Albans	.....6	15		30.4
R. VanNostrand, St. Alb	10	18		30.0
R. Clinton, College Point	10	17		29.7
C. Shea, St. Albans	.....2	6		29.9
C. Shepherd, Sr., St. A.	5	6		29.6
A. Dickens, College Point	6	9		28.4
H. Thompson, Sunset	.....2	28		27.3
F. Egger, St. Albans	.....2	6		25.4

### WEST HEMPSTEAD OPENER

Anyone who missed the West Hempstead opening will have to take our word that it was a bang-up party.

Judging by the traffic congestion in and around Hempstead and the capacity crowd on the new courts, there weren't many who did miss it—unless the local horseshoe population has increased considerably since the last count.

Charlie Summers won the Open Class C tournament, 8, 1, 40.6. Tom Goedeck was second, 7, 2, 42.6. Dan DeSalvo was third; Jim Wynne, fourth, and Ernie Schnerr, fifth. O'Keefe, Bauch, Schultz, Muller and Jurkowich finished in that order. Thirty-five entries qualified.

### PEG SPARKS

The town of Hempstead has constructed 20 regulation horseshoe courts at the Brierly Field playground area. The Gloversville-St. Albans match has been called off Ed Shanahan, 70 Washington St., Gloversville, would like to book another Long Island club for that date.

John Roll will be unable to defend his Department of Sanitation title in this year's Municipal Employees' tournament. Bill Rhodes is trying to organize a Nassau League for next season.

The Bell Telephone Co. has installed horseshoe courts on the grounds of its West street laboratories. The Exposition Park Club in Los Angeles has two five-man teams of 80 percenters.

Keeping pace with the times, the St. Albans Club is in the process of reorganization. Pending the election of permanent officers, a "provisional government," headed by Lou Lenhardt (with Bill Hatlin, vice president; Fred Egger, secretary, and Chick Hine, treasurer), has taken over.

Bruno Hamann is up and about again after 10 weeks in the hospital. Bruno says the Grim Reader nearly doubled-out on him. Local teams wishing to book winter matches for the White Plains indoor courts should contact Hamann at once.

Sunnyside has won the Class C team trophy for 1940. Dan DeSalvo has gone to camp with his National Guard regiment. Wedger Meagher begins a series of articles on the horseshoe clubs of New York this week.

George Mundy's Elmhurst keglers had their first workout last night, minus Helmstadter and Dougherty. Charlie's southpaw flipper hasn't yet recovered from his accident of last June, while Danny broke his right soup-bone only last week. It's either a co-incidence or a habit that both boys injured themselves by falling off a scaffold.

Bill Hamann, of White Plains, N. Y., former state champion, has been on active duty in the U. S. Navy for the past few months, having enlisted during the early part of the summer. Billy, why don't you send an item to the Horseshoe World informing us all about horseshoe pitching in connection with your activities in the Navy?

### LONG ISLAND TITLE

Vito Fileccia regained his Long Island crown at Hempstead Lake State Park last Sunday when he downed Jimmy Ruggles, the defending titleholder, in the playoff game. Vito held the title in 1937 and 1938.

Ruggles defeated Fileccia in the third round of play and was set to repeat his 1939 win—until he encountered Ruth Allen. The Hempstead girl upset young Jim, just as she did last year, and made the playoff necessary.

Martin Poppy beat Ruth in the final round to take third place. Charles Hanna, Ernie Skellington, Earle Henrichs and Pete Beaton were other contestants.

Mike Belsky annexed the consolation trophy in easy fashion—which is no consolation at all to Pinto Mike. This is the second time he has failed to qualify for the finals in this tourney.

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Mr. R. B. Howard, The Horseshoe  
World.

Gentlemen:

A reply to a letter written by Mr. D. O. Chess, Secretary of the Buckeye State Horseshoe Pitchers Association, dedicated to the honorable and serious sportsminder gentlemen who organized and incorporated the National Pitchers Association of America; also about the publication of the "Horseshoe World." Mr. Chess writes about the results of the last four years, as compiled by the National Secretary, Mr. Lee Rose, which article can be found on page 7 of the July, 1940, issue of the Horseshoe World.

I must admit that it seems quite possible of seeing both the National and State Associations being disbanded if nothing is to be done to encourage the support of ALL players.

Mr. Chess writes about a fund for the 1941 National Tournament, said fund to be raised by assessing each local member one dollar. On this presumption, what players would take out a membership? First, only those pitchers who could afford to make the trip to the National Tournament; second, those who considered they had a chance to win or place in the tournament.

In the years 1938 and 1939, I personally have seen that New York has had a State Tournament. This year there was no State Tournament. At the State Convention held in White Plains in September, 1939, Rochester asked that they be allowed to hold the tournament in 1940, which request was granted. Unfortunately they were not able to get a sponsor for the event and so the State Tournament was not held.

The State Secretary was not informed of their difficulties until the latter part of August, 1940, and since he was ill at the time and also time was very short, there was nothing he could possibly do to promote the tournament in another city. If, on the other hand, the State Association was self-supporting the State Tourney could have been held in Rochester as scheduled, as there would have been enough money to carry on.

At the last convention, we had the same trouble as the National has been having, that is, the members that were present were, for the most part, players instead of one delegate for each 20 or 100 members. At this

convention Mr. Ed McGuire asked that we have a tournament for Class B and Class C players, his reason being that the State Organization is doing nothing for average players, and a tournament of this kind would stimulate interest among the poorer players and thereby get more memberships in the State Organization. It was finally agreed that a Class B tournament be held with this proviso: The first prize money in "B" Class could not be any greater than the last prize in "A" Class, that is, \$2.00. Certainly this first prize money in "B" Class is not much incentive for the players. The Class C tournament was ruled out entirely.

In order that the State Organization function properly, we must do something for the average players, so that they can be shown what the State and National does for them. But all this was ruined when our National Secretary issues three separate charters in New York State. The New York State Horseshoe Pitchers Association has dues of 50 cents per member, of which 15 cents goes to the National, 15 cents to the State, and the balance of 20 cents to the County. New York City and Long Island Associations, which also have charters, have turned around and made the membership fee only 25 cents. The result is that players at 50 cents per membership are hard to get since they can join the National elsewhere for 25c per membership.

In my opinion each club should charge \$2.00 for a membership of which \$1.00 goes to the State, who, in turn, pay over to the National 35 cents, keep 15 cents for State Organization use and set aside the remaining 50 cents for State Tourney Fund of three classes, A, B and C. The 15 cents retained by the state should be used for minor expenses and the annual salary of the Secretary of \$25. As New York State now stands (1939) it has 164 members at 10 cents a piece, or \$16.40, from which the Secretary is to get his salary of \$25.00 and also pay for miscellaneous expenses. In 1938 and 1939, all monies taken in from memberships was used for sundry expenses and the Secretary received no salary during the two years.

I also think that any club with 20 or more members should be entitled to a delegate and alternate to the convention, with expenses paid by the local club. The quicker we realize this, the better State Organization we will have. Also each state should elect one delegate and an alternate to the National Convention with expenses paid, and not until this is done will we have a real National or State Organization.

I believe that New York could be the biggest horseshoe state in the country as it has some very fine men who are devoting their time and energies to promote the game. At this time we should thank, and not criticize the following men for the good they have done for the game of horseshoes, because the man who doesn't do anything cannot be criticized:

Mr. Pop Schaval, of Brooklyn; Mr. Zeigler and Mr. O'Gara, of Manhattan and Bronx; Mr. Egger, Mr. Lenhardt, Mr. Sheppard and Mr. Van Vostrand of Long Island; Mr. Niven and Mr. Farrell, of Rochester; Mr. Gamble, of Staten Island; Dr. Turned and Mr. LaRose, of Syracuse; Mr. Absolom, of Buffalo; Mr. Ed McGuire of Buffalo, and The Agricultural Farm Bureau of New York.

Very truly yours,

BRUNO C. HAMANN,  
State Secretary, 106 Westchester  
Ave., White Plains, N. Y.



Morton, Ill., Nov. 8, 1940

The Horseshoe World, London, O.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing one dollar to renew my subscription to the Horseshoe World. The last issue I received was the September issue; please send me the October issue, as I am keeping the World for reference.

I have been reading with interest the comments and differences of opinion that have come up in our organization. I think the big trouble is that some of those fellows take the game too seriously. It will never have the customer appeal that baseball or football has, so it would be better if they would take the game as it should be taken—as a clean, healthful sport with a great deal of enjoyment to the player, be he a dub or an expert. A little more bickering as we have had and we are liable to spoil what progress we have made.

I have a court in my yard which is a meeting place for the neighbors and some of the better pitchers drive 40 to 50 miles on Sunday afternoons for a get-together. We have built up friendships that I value highly. We have lots of games with the percentages in the high 70's and 80's. I truthfully believe that our boys could hold their own with any community in the country.

We have a tourney at Rock Island every year, and I have never heard a complaint. They have the prizes distributed so that the lower classes win about the same as the A class. I am enclosing a newspaper clipping on the tourney.

Yours sincerely,

CHESTER HEFNER.

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 \* DRAFTEES, PLEASE NOTE \*  
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Harry Woodfield, handling a publicity campaign for the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association, has a splendid idea. He asks us to request that every horseshoe pitcher drafted into service in the 1940-41 call, mail him a card with his name and the location of the camp. If possible, he asks, give the name of the man in charge of sports and recreation at the camp. "The idea is to get horseshoe pitching into every camp. I will contact the Army Headquarters here to let them know our association is at their service."

So, draftees, write Harry Woodfield, 743 19th St., N.E., Washington, D. C.

**HIGHBRIDGE LEAGUE CHAMPS**

On Sunday afternoon, September 8, 1940, in a scheduled game of the Knickerbocker Horseshoe League of New York City, the pitchers of the Highbridge club met and defeated at the Highbridge courts, a good Crotona team by the score of 21 games to 11. The Crotona team being unusually weak this year because of lack of practice, due to the fact that their courts have been temporarily torn up. The summary:

Group One			
	W	L	Pct.
Crotona			
Toonan	1	3	.333
Copea	2	2	.421
Thomas	0	4	.313
Walker	0	4	.237
Highbridge			
	W	L	Pct.
J. Zichella	4	0	.635
F. Leonard	4	0	.487
M. Quinn	2	2	.379
T. Gulan	3	1	.278
Group Two			
	W	L	Pct.
Crotona			
Doague	3	1	.421
Foley	2	2	.358
Leary	0	4	.281
Harrar	3	1	.413
Highbridge			
	W	L	Pct.
M. Duffy	3	1	.406
M. Ford	2	2	.295
P. Leonard	1	3	.378
W. White	2	2	.351

**Williamsbridge vs. Highbridge**

In a regular scheduled game of the Knickerbocker Horseshoe Pitchers League of New York City, on Sept. 20, 1940, Highbridge defeated Williamsbridge of the Bronx by a score of 22 games to 10. Williamsbridge, although outclassed in Group One, outclassed us in Group Two by nine games to seven. The summary:

Group One			
	W	L	Pct.
Williamsbridge			
Mitchell	0	4	.352
Drummond	1	3	.364
Ferra	0	4	.316
Fertucci	0	4	.234
Highbridge			
	W	L	Pct.
J. Zichello	4	0	.515
F. Leonard	4	0	.548
M. Quinn	4	0	.424
M. Duffy	3	1	.369

Group Two			
	W	L	Pct.
Williamsbridge			
W. Sheehan	2	2	.242
L. Ackerson	4	0	.428
G. Logan	1	3	.160
L. Eisenberg	2	2	.195
Highbridge			
	W	L	Pct.
M. Ford	2	2	.288
P. Leonard	2	2	.369
P. Glackin	0	2	.082
E. Byrnes	0	2	.213
F. Hudson	3	1	.217

**Highbridge vs. Woodlawn**

Sunday, Sept. 29, 1940, the Highbridge team traveled to Woodlawn in the Bronx to meet Lou Zeigler's boys of the Woodlawn Horseshoe Club, and engaged them in a scheduled game of the Knickerbocker League. Highbridge, in good form on this day, defeated a strong Woodlawn team to the tune of 21 games to 11. The summary:

Group One			
	W	L	Pct.
Highbridge			
J. Zichello	4	0	.639
F. Leonard	2	2	.479
J. Sarullo	4	0	.509
J. Curtin	1	3	.345
Woodlawn			
	W	L	Pct.
Brems	2	2	.449
Tressler	0	4	.357
Scudalari	2	2	.481
Linn	1	3	.309
Group Two			
	W	L	Pct.
Highbridge			
J. O'Donnell	2	2	.356
W. White	1	3	.367
P. Leonard	3	1	.381
M. Duffy	4	0	.482
Woodlawn			
	W	L	Pct.
Clark	2	2	.392
Bennett, C.	0	4	.279
Bennett, J.	3	1	.356
Farley	0	2	.129
Shade	1	1	.128

**Morningside vs. Highbridge**

On Sunday afternoon, October 13, 1940, Morningside and Highbridge engaged in the final and deciding games of their schedules at the Highbridge Park courts. Both teams being undefeated in league competition, fielded their strongest teams. At the end of the second round in both groups the score sheets coming in showed Highbridge out in front by a few games. The Highbridge team

realizing this match meant the championship turned on the steam and the final results showed them to be out in front, 19 games to 13. The summary:

Group One			
	W	L	Pct.
Morningside			
Cartright	3	1	.567
Gormeley	0	4	.313
Stella	3	1	.512
Heath	0	4	.402
Highbridge			
	W	L	Pct.
J. Zichello	2	2	.445
F. Leonard	3	1	.514
J. Sanillo	3	1	.499
J. Curtin	2	2	.459
Group Two			
	W	L	Pct.
Morningside			
Ross	2	2	.372
Clifford	1	3	.395
Campbell	4	0	.454
McGowan	0	2	.317
Barry	0	2	.324
Highbridge			
	W	L	Pct.
J. O'Donnell	3	1	.428
T. Geelan	2	2	.261
M. Duffy	2	2	.418
P. Leonard	2	2	.360

**NASSAU BOOM**

The new West Hempstead courts are proving to be just what the doctor ordered for the Nassau ringer game. Local shufans, who were beginning to weary of the familiar round of courts and faces have found a needed tonic in the perfection of the new Locust street premises. The West Hempstead ringer average and membership roster continue to boom despite the departure of summer.

This new enthusiasm was reflected in the record turn-out for the annual members tournament held recently. Competition in the final round was closely contested in all classes.

Young Billy Rhodes made a clean sweep of the Class A finals, winning eight games without a loss to hang up a new club record of 56 per cent. Pete McGill lost one game to finish second with a tidy 53.9 average. Frank Patrick was third, Tom Goedeck fourth, and Martin Flynn fifth.

Greg Kunkel took Class B honors from Don Bauch by a margin of one game. Henry Larkin was third, with Pat O'Connor, Bill McCoy and Bill Oldham finishing in that order.

Mrs. Tom Goedeck and Al Reids were tied for first place in Class C with seven wins and one loss each. (Results of the play-off in the next issue). Pat Neary, and Jim Woods, Andy Woods, Angus Hamilton, Jack Gaskin and Ed Markert also played. Bill Rhodes, Sr., balanced young Bill's undefeated performance by failing to win a single game all day and wound up very positively in last place.



## BUILDING NEW SHELF FOR HIS NEW TROPHY

By John J. Enright

Mike Belsky, the Maharajah of Maspeth, is building an addition to his trophy self to make room for the Queens All-Sports award which he won at Baisley Park a week ago Sunday. To be sure, he won't get the trophy until the night of the annual Pomonok dinner, but Mike confesses it will take him some time to build the new shelf.

Judging by his performance at Baisley, it's easy to believe that Belsky is handier with a horseshoe than a hammer. From the first shoe pitched to the last, Mike was out to justify himself as the recipient of this year's trophy, as well as to vindicate his poor tournament showing all season. Beginning with a pair of 80 percenters, he tapered off into the 70's and finished up the day with a foursome in the high 60's, for a total average of 67.8 per cent. The outcome was never in doubt at any time during the long afternoon's play.

Player	Town	W	L	Pct.
M. Belsky,	Maspeth	8	0	67.8
P. Beaton,	Elmhurst	6	2	54.4
J. Ruggles,	Flushing	5	3	53.4
M. Poppy,	Ozone Park	5	3	52.0
H. Christy,	Corona	3	5	51.5
F. Reul,	Colleg Point	3	5	51.1
E. Henrichs,	College Point	3	0	46.4
V. Kestel,	Ridgewood	2	0	46.4
T. Conroy,	Laurel Hill	1	7	43.5

Thanks to John Menso, the courts were manicured to perfection. Dick Cline directed the proceedings smoothly and with eloquence, though his dulcet tones shattered the Jamaica quietude on more than one occasion. Officially, the season is now closed.

## McCoy CROWNED AT STATE FAIR MEET

Elmer McCoy, Sr., of Louisville, Kentucky, won the Kentucky State Fair Horseshoe Tournament at Louisville, Kentucky, Saturday, September 14, 1940. To win this he had to defeat one of the best pitchers in the state, Harry Henn, of Cold Spring, who finished second. Henn would have beaten McCoy if he could keep his shoes on the peg.

Player	W	L
E. McCoy, Sr.	7	0
H. Henn	6	1
H. Whitehouse	5	2
E. Bir	4	3
W. Henn	3	4
F. Kramer	2	5
J. Wilberson	1	6
E. McCoy, Jr.	0	7

The eight highest qualifiers.

## MORTON, ILL., MAN TOURNEY WINNER

Chester Hefner, of Morton, Ill., won major honors in the 14th annual Labor Day Horseshoe Tournament, conducted under auspices of the Rock Island Horseshoe Club at Long View Park.

Hefner won seven times in seven games in the Class A round robin elimination, defeating all comers. Championships were decided in four classes.

Bud Boyungs of Sterling, winning six of seven games, took Class B honors, and Bill Jacobson of Coal Valley, the "Baby Doll" of major league baseball fame, won seven out of seven for top position in Class C.

Class D competition finished in a three-way tie between Dick Stohl of Cleveland, Ill., Chester Swanson and James Monroe, with Stohl winning on points. Each won five of seven games.

Class A				
Player	Town	W	L	Pct.
C. Hefner,	Morton, Ill.	7	0	
J. Bennett,	Deer Creek, Ill.	5	2	
E. R. Baker,	Macomb, Ill.	5	2	
Joe Dubie,	Peoria, Ill.	4	3	
D. Swanson,	Moline, Ill.	4	3	
G. Wells,	Rock Island, Ill.	2	5	
J. W. Phelps,	Moline, Ill.	1	6	
L. Ferro,	Canton, Ill.	0	7	

Class B				
Player	Town	W	L	Pct.
B. Boyungs,	Sterling, Ill.	7	0	
I. Olson,	Moline, Ill.	6	1	
C. Jones,	Davenport, Ia.	5	2	
E. Danielson,	Macomb, Ill.	3	4	
N. Vogel,	Green Valley, Ill.	3	4	
F. E. Dodds,	Dubuque, Ia.	2	5	
J. Huddelston,	Rock Island, Ill.	1	6	
W. Pickett,	Davenport, Ia.	1	6	

Class C				
Player	Town	W	L	Pct.
Wm. Jacobson,	Coal Valley, Ill.	7	0	
E. Meiers,	Rock Island, Ill.	4	3	
R. Finley,	Aledo, Ill.	4	3	
W. Widener,	Monmouth, Ill.	4	3	
A. Peterson,	Davenport, Ia.	3	4	
W. Wickstrom,	Moline, Ill.	2	5	
W. Herde,	Peoria, Ill.	2	5	
P. Sproston,	Aledo, Ill.	2	5	

Class D				
Player	Town	W	L	Pct.
R. Stahl,	Cleveland, Ill.	5	2	
J. Monroe,	Rock Island, Ill.	5	2	
G. Hickman,	Monmouth, Ill.	5	2	
C. Swanson,	Moline, Ill.	5	2	
P. Bell,	Rock Island, Ill.	4	3	
M. Seydan,	Oneida, Ill.	3	4	
F. Bahringer,	Rock Island, Ill.	1	6	
H. Little,	Macomb, Ill.	0	7	

All ties are determined by total points.

"Hurrah! Five dollars for my latest story."

"Congratulations, young man. From whom did you get the money?"

"From the express company. They lost it."

## NORTHERN KY. TEAM WINS STATE TOURNEY

Northern Kentucky Horseshoe Club retained the Kentucky State Championship trophy for 1940 by defeating each team that entered the State Tournament conducted by the State Association Sunday, August 18, 1940, at the Riverview Courts, Newport, Kentucky.

In the first match, the Goldberg Tailors of Louisville, defeated the Louisville Varnish Co. 11 games to one, and gave up, not playing the last round.

In the second match, the Northern Kentucky Club defeated Goldberg Tailors 9 games to 7, and in the last match the Northern Kentucky Club defeated Louisville Varnish 10 games to 2, the latter giving up, and the Northern Kentucky Club winning the Kentucky state championship trophy for one more year on a three-year trophy. Results follow:

Goldberg Tailors			
Player	W	L	Pct.
E. McCoy, Sr.	6	1	
W. Bashman	5	2	
R. Cartwright	5	2	
E. McCoy, Jr.	1	6	

Northern Kentucky Club			
Player	W	L	Pct.
H. Henn	5	2	
G. Moore	5	2	
C. Eha	5	2	
E. Hull	4	3	

Louisville Varnish Co.			
Player	W	L	Pct.
W. Nuthall	2	4	
B. Smith	1	5	
F. Stier	0	6	
A. Henry	0	6	

## BOLES CHAMPION

Allen Boles, Batavia, Ohio, won the Greater Cincinnati Horseshoe Tournament at Stanley and Eastern Ave., Cincinnati, Sunday, October 13, conducted by the Greater Cincinnati Horseshoe Club. Boles also won the championship in 1935 and 1937.

Harry Henn, Cold Spring, Kentucky, the Northern Kentucky champion, and the state's best pitcher, finished second. This is Henn's fourth year for second place, and he won the championship in 1935 and 1938. Henn and Bill Stienke were tied, Henn winning the pitch-off.

Player	Town	W	L	Pct.
A. Boles,	Batavia	6	1	
H. Henn,	Cold Spring	6	2	
W. Steinke,	St. Bernard	5	3	
N. Henderson,	Linwood	4	3	
J. Clore,	N. Fairmont	3	4	
L. Hayes,	Norwood	3	4	
W. Molloy,	Madisonville	1	6	
F. Weil,	Westwood	1	6	

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## ELECT OFFICERS

The annual meeting of the New Jersey Horseshoe Pitchers Association was held on Sunday, October 27th, at the Forest Hill Horseshoe Club, Lincoln and Carteret Avenues, Newark, N. J.

After the business session the following officers were elected for the 1941 season:

President, D. E. Brown, 2900 Camden St., Camden, N. J.

First Vice President, Paul Puglise, 88 Lyon St., Paterson, N. J.

Second Vice President, Albert Ford, 820 Parker St., Newark, N. J.

Secretary, John U. Rosselet, 163 Mountain Ave., Summit, N. J.

Treasurer, Claude E. Hart, 17 Van Reypen St., Jersey City, N. J.

## FINE LETTER

We have a fine letter from Frank P. Gamble, 526 Cary Avenue, Staten Island. Mr. Gamble concurs in the Horseshoe World's campaign to "do something" for the lower bracket pitchers. He warns the association officials that there's lots of work to do and that co-operation is essential. We are not printing his letter in view of the fine letter from Mr. Tompkin in this issue. We believe that the thing for all of us to do now is to get behind the officials and see what we can all do together. Mr. Gamble's letter was written, of course, prior to Mr. Tompkin's article and reflects disappointment that the national officers hadn't stated their position. Now they have and we are sure Mr. Gamble will, like ourselves, be glad to read it. At any rate, this man Gamble is vitally interested in the game, and voices sentiment held by many pitchers.

## AT LOWELL, MASS.

Harvey Maille became the singles champion at the Lowell, Mass., tournament which was sponsored by the WPA Recreational Project. He won that title again in 1937. The team of Ernest Mosher and Joseph Nelson took the doubles championship.

The system of play used was the best-two-out-of-three games of 25 innings, and losing meant elimination. At the beginning of play the players names were drawn from a hat and also at the beginning of each successive round.

The final match for the singles title brought together Harvey Maille and Arthur Flourde, the former winning two straight games, 43-34, 44-25, and thus becoming the city singles champion.

The final doubles match brought together the team of Ernest Mosher and Joseph Nelson against Bill Am-law and Archie Lavoie, the former

team winning two straight games, 74-67, 83-43, and by doing so became the city doubles champion for 1940.

On the singles competition, singles champion Harvey Maille had the highest number of ringers for one game, pitching 29 ringers out of 50 shoes. This record was shared by Archie Lavoie, who also had 29 ringers for a singles game. Mr. Maille maintained an average of 50 per cent ringers for the entire tournament. Ringer percentages were the highest since the annual tournament began seven years ago, averaging close to 50 per cent.

The prizes consisted of medals to winners and runners-up in each division and Gordon shoes to the winners in each division.

The tournament was staged on the "Joe's Tire Shop" clay courts.

Edward Devaney.

## ST. ALBANS TOURNAMENT

The annual St. Albans Horseshoe Pitching Tournament for club members was held on Sunday, October 20, at the St. Albans courts.

A large delegation of members appeared at the courts to take part in the 10-man round robin, for the club championship. The members holding Class A cards in the L. I. Association classification, decided to step aside and leave the contest in the hands of the B and C class members.

The contest got underway at 2:00 P. M. as scheduled, and finished with the following results:

Player	W	L
C. Shepherd, Jr. ....	9	0
C. Steproe .....	8	1
F. Egger .....	7	2
G. Kohlhase .....	6	3
W. Hitlin .....	5	4
C. Shepherd, Sr. ....	4	5
G. Hackett .....	3	6
C. Kimbrough .....	2	7
L. Lenhardt .....	1	8
J. Wenk .....	0	9

Refreshments were served following the contest. Prizes for the contest are to be awarded at a later date, preferably at the club's annual dance.

## PLAN TOURNAMENT

Ohio pitchers will be pleased to note that their energetic president, C. A. Benedict, of Johnstown, and D. O. Chess, secretary, Cleveland, have had their heads together recently, determined to hold a 1941 convention and tournament.

## OUR CONGRATULATIONS!

Our congratulations go not only to Mr. Tanner himself but to the horseshoe pitchers of Illinois for their foresight in re-electing L. E. Tanner president of their association.

Mr. Tanner has also served as president of the National Association and is one of the "grand old men" of the game. Pardon us for the word "old," L. E.—we mean in point of service, not age!

## HENN RETAINS TITLE OF NORTHERN KY.

Harry Henn, Cold Spring, Ky., won the Northern Kentucky championship with six city champions competing. Henn lost his only game to George Moore, Dayton champion, and one of the best pitchers in Kentucky.

Player	Results	W	L
H. Henn, Cold Spring.....	8	1	
G. Moore, Dayton .....	7	2	
E. Hull, Dayton .....	7	3	
H. McPhearson, Covington.....	6	4	
W. Henn, Cold Spring.....	5	4	
E. Eha, Rosedale .....	5	4	
O. Goodwin, Covington.....	2	7	
P. Morscher, Silver Grove.....	2	7	
J. Nuhn, Dayton .....	2	7	
F. Daniel, Clifton .....	2	7	

He had been walking with one foot in the gutter and the other on the pavement, and he was not getting on very well. After about half a mile he met a constable.

"You're drunk," said the latter.

"Oh, is that what it is?" he replied. "Thank God! I thought I was lame."

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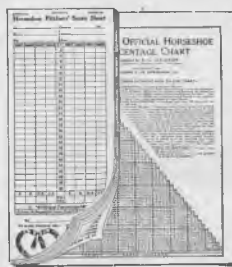
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