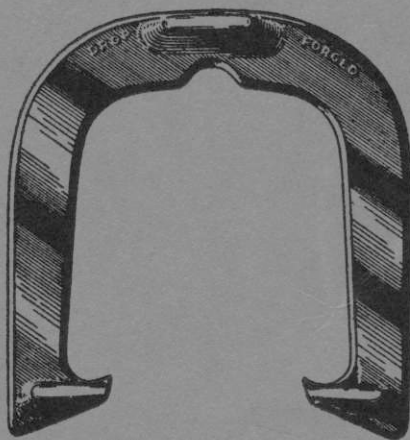


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EDITORIAL

For many reasons, only a very small percentage of you horseshoe fans will be able to attend the World's Championship games at Murray, Utah, this month. Am glad that I am able to be one of the lucky ones who will be there. Two years ago, in 1947, I was also fortunate to attend. Have had the privilege to attend many tournaments, local, State and World's tournaments but I have yet to see a lay-out so perfect as the courts in Murray, Utah. It is well worth anyone's time and money to see them. The lighting system is absolutely perfect. For the benefit of those unable to attend, the September issue of THE HORSESHOE PITCHER will contain all the high lights of the games, including individual scores, percentages and all other details. Many of you subscribers to this magazine will have finished your first year with this issue so do not fail to use the enclosed renewal blank you will find enclosed herewith. There will be no back numbers available. If my correspondents fail to hear from me as promptly as usual is because I will be in Utah, but I expect to be home again about the 25th of August. I'll be seeing you!

Editor.

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TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE N.H.P.A.

By Byron Jaskulek, 1st Vice President

It is really too bad that the following report of the President of the N.H.P.A. for 1949 did not reach me in time to publish it in the July number of this magazine. Like all information that has come to me throughout the past year, it has come to me NOT through our President, but from different friends in the organization. This is a sample of the reasons why Mr. Harris and the other officers have never gotten together on any ideas for the good and welfare of the National. Not once in the past year has he taken the trouble to ask any of the officers on the Executive Board for their opinion on anything which he had in mind for the good of the game or the National except to ask for our vote on whether or not to give back the Buckeye H. P. A. their charter. On the other hand, he did appoint an Advisory Board to whom he tried to give voting power to which he was foolish enough to believe would or could supersede the powers given to the Executive Board whose powers were given to them in the Constitution and By-Laws of the N.H.P.A. And who were the men appointed to his so-called Advisory Board? His own henchmen—those whom he was sure would vote his way. The Board consisted of fifteen men, eight of whom he could twist

around his finger. He uses the words "selfish interests" very frequently. Those words cover a lot of latitude. Why not be specific? As far as the meeting at Indianapolis was concerned, counting his own men, there would have been at least ten men present; surely a large enough meeting.

About paying dues cards in advance. He says the other officers screamed the loudest against it. He's right; but he did not hear the louder screams from the membership at large that Mr. Clear and myself heard. His ears probably were only tuned into Ohio and Indiana but ours were on nation wide hook up! In the July number of this magazine, Mr. Clear said that some of Mr. Harris' statements were lies. They probably were because he has lied twice more in his report. He says that Mr. Clear FORGED his signature to the Buckeye charter and that I wanted my magazine to be designated as the official organ of the N.H.P.A. I said I would not want it to be so designated if it meant controlling my editorial policy. And my policy has never changed even if Mr. Harris says so. His idea of the National publishing their own paper is O.K. by me. The time, effort and expense I have put into it absolutely DOES NOT PAY.

And General Motors! Some one who got in touch with them said he was told that they knew nothing about it. And about those checks that Mr. Clear sent Mr. Harris to sign. Article III, Section 6 of our constitution says "Any bill of account or expense against the association amounting to over twenty dollars shall be submitted to the Executive Council and paid when approved by four out of the five other officers.

Personally, I am in agreement with most of Mr. Harris' sixteen points especially point No. 14. I'll be in Murray when this issue comes off the press, but I have made arrangements to have copies air mailed to me so they will get there during the convention where all can read this and form their own conclusions.

President's Report — Year 1949

Horseshoe pitchers of the nation, I feel that it is just as necessary for the President to report to you in regard to the workings of this organization as for the other officials to do so.

I was happy to serve as President of the N.H.P.A. and hoped very much to be able to move the organization forward with harmony and cooperation and, with the aid of the Executive Council, get the N.H.P.A. out of its doldrums and shallow thinking—and relieve it of the selfish interest that is revolving around just a few scattered men over the country who are exclaiming in words and very little action what our Association needs.

I have found in the one year that I have been your President that the word "Progress" means nothing to the members of the Executive Council and that building a sound financial organization is far from their thinking! Promotional ideas introduced by your President have been completely ignored by the members of the Executive Council—Mr. Wertz, Mr. Clear, and Mr. Jaskulek. Why? I presume because of selfish interest. These men—along with many others—are forgetting the men who are really building the game.

Gentlemen, it is the men who pay \$1.00 for a combined dues card, belonging to the organization, who never plan to attend a national tournament, who possibly don't pitch well enough to get into a state tourney, that enjoy pitching in an industrial city park or Church league. I am sure most of these would not venture 3,000 miles to a N.H.P.A. world tourney where their chances of getting in would be slim indeed. This being the case, what else do we have to offer them—as members of our association?

Yes, gentlemen, that's where you begin to build. Factories, playgrounds, Church leagues, juvenile programs—where you have the greatest participation is the foundation for a great institution. You don't build around 24 to 36 top-ranking shoe tossers whose only interest is a sponsored N.H.P.A. tourney.

Gentlemen, I have argued and fought for a revised constitution and even offered to pay the expenses of a Constitutional Committee to Indiana for this purpose in order that we might have something to present to the Convention floor. What happened? You know as well as I. The men who are holding back the progress of the N.H.P.A. said it was unconstitutional, that the idea was crazy, that we were wasting time, that some couldn't come to Indiana, and—well, you know as well as I the outcome! Why? Because of selfish interests! They knew we intended to put teeth in the law, and they just didn't want that.

I asked for a dues card system similar to that used in bowling, providing for dues to be paid in advance. This would make a sound financial basis for both state and national, but I ask you, "Who screamed the loudest?" Your 1st Vice President, Byron Jaskulek, your Secretary-Treasurer, Harvey Clear, and "Pop" Woodfield. Gentlemen, the idea of sending out dues cards that get lost and are never accounted for must stop!

Mr. Clear complained in letters to me about the stamp tax, about the dues cards being lost, about charters, and what have you. Yet, everything that was proposed was thrown overboard. Take the Buckeye situation. Mr. Clear got himself into that through poor management

under Mr. Woodfield's administration. We here in Indiana and Ohio were ironing out the difficulty without too much trouble. However, Mr. Clear became angry with Mr. Sebek and, through selfish interests, made a serious mistake by issuing a charter to the Buckeye group with my signature forged on it. He did this over the heads of the Committee and a majority of the Executive Council. I have conclusive evidence of this which I will present to you at the Convention.

Gentlemen, the house of the N.H.P.A. needs a complete remodeling job!

Mr. Byron Jaskulek informed me that he wanted his paper to be designated as the "official organ of the N.H.P.A.". This I could not do in all fairness to "Pop" Woodfield or any other person who can and will publish a magazine for our pitchers throughout the United States. From a lot of the printed matter published by Mr. Jaskulek and from information many people have sent him which he refused to publish, as he says "because of his editorial policy" (which he has changed three times), I wonder if any paper should be the "official organ"! My idea concerning this is that we publish our own paper, include it in our dues system, and start hearing from all N.H.P.A. pitchers—not just a chosen few, but anyone who carries a dues card.

I only wish I had the time to write you all a personal letter stating more of the truths about our Association. Gentlemen, when we asked General Motors to give us \$10,000 for a world's tournament, they wanted a financial statement about our Association. They wanted some assurance as to the number of members in our Association—how many would take an active part. In fact they were not sold on the workings of our organization. I ask you in all honesty and fairness to yourselves, aren't some of these questions pretty rough? Could you give Milwaukee as an example after we all know what happened there? I wonder what you would do if you were trying to get a \$10,000 tourney!

Gentlemen, I advocate the following:

1. Revised constitution.
2. Prompt payment of dues.
3. 5c stamp tax to be on every pair of shoes.
4. There should be a Secretary.
5. There should be a Treasurer.
6. The Secretary should reside close to the President in order that correspondence could be handled accurately and promptly with all states.
7. Combined dues card.
8. Point system or cancellation optional.
9. International Association development.

10. Further development of National League.
11. Auditing of books by C. P. A. twice yearly.
12. Bonded Treasurer.
13. Recognize all N.H.P.A. members according to any record such as bowling in leagues or any tournament.
14. Let the N.H.P.A. publish their own paper, and send it to every member; add subscription price to our dues system.
15. Recognition for states that have largest membership gain each year.
16. Let each state delegate bring to convention scrapbooks, pictures, newsreels, or any new ideas that can be appropriately displayed to show the other states promotional ideas. This should be worked on a competitive basis with a gold medal for the winning state.

Mr. Clear mailed me several blank checks and asked me to sign them. He did not tell me for what they were to be used. I ask you—is this the way business should be done? I have asked Mr. Clear for a financial report and for the addresses of all State Secretaries. Did he give me that information? No! Why—I don't know! That is why we need to separate the offices of Secretary and Treasurer. Also Mr. Clear sent the Buckeye a charter with my name signed to it. Why—I don't know! I am not questioning anyone's honesty, but it is just as easy to do things right and fair as it is to get everything jumbled up!

Gentlemen, without vision we die! I only hope what I have said here has added or will add to the progress which our Association sorely needs and can get with men of vision and executive ability to head it.

Yours very truly,

ARLO E. HARRIS,
President, N.H.P.A.

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CALIFORNIA

By Louis Dean, 3rd V. Pres., N.H.P.A.

UNITED FRONT

From my twenty odd years of pitching horseshoes and observations at the national tournaments and conventions that I have attended may I suggest what I feel might improve the game and our public relations.

1. Let's rewrite our constitution at Salt Lake this year keeping in mind how changes will effect player and spectator interest and eliminate local and personal interests.

2. Let's settle once and for all the cancellation versus point system of play and hereafter play all state and national tournaments by the method decided upon by the majority.

3. Let's set-up a fool proof system of stamping horseshoes and even increase the cost of the stamps to raise funds to conduct our national affair. After all the cost of the stamp is passed on to the pitchers and the manufacturers stand to gain from progress in the game. Look at bowling for an example of what can be done by the manufacturers of a product.

4. Let's change our constitution to permit more than one association to be given a charter by the national in any one state, provided the group wanting a charter is large enough. After all the more associations in the state the more fellows actively working for the good of the game, however, no state champion should be recognized by the national association unless all of the associations in that state get together to sponsor the tournament to decide on the state champion.

5. Let's go to Salt Lake with an open mind and settle these problems in convention then get on the band wagon and present a united front to the people of Murray, Utah and give them the finest National Tournament that has ever been held. We need to develop a better public relations program and eliminate local and national bickering if the game is to grow.

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Horseshoe Pitchers Open New Courts

Air will be full of horseshoes at Compton Community Center Saturday, July 30, when the new courts open with a ten-man round robin among the horseshoe pitchers. A program of stunts will also mark the opening, with any one admitted free.

Roy W. Smith, 1442 E. 153rd St., secretary of Southern California Horseshoe Pitchers Assn., and author of the book on the sport, "Science at the Stake," and Forrest Briggs of the Center will be in charge of events.

The local tournament is sponsored partly as a tune-up for boys aspiring to the national championship tourney which will be held August 14-20 in Salt Lake City. Louis Dean, Southern California's horseshoe champion has been invited, as have been experts from clubs in Los Angeles, Monrovia, Long Beach and Huntington Park.

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CANADA

McLAUGHLIN KEEPS HORSESHOE CROWN

Pitching ringers at the rate of 73.8 out of each 100 shoes, Dean McLaughlin of Oshawa retained his Ontario championship horseshoe pitching crown, when he beat out Fred Harburn of Dublin, present Dominion champion, in a torrid session, 50—36, at Dieppe Park on Saturday.

For some time, the two were evenly matched, but when Harburn missed at one end, McLaughlin kept right on going, to win the series with a run of 10 consecutive victories.

A newcomer to tournament play, Walt Woodward of Dixie, pulled a surprise when he too nosed out Harburn, 50—48, to take second place.

Pat Ginn of Toronto was fourth, followed by Fred Corbin of Hamilton, and Harold Towner, Toronto.

In the "B" class competition, another Oshawan, and running mate of McLaughlin, Glen Branton, won out by one point over Jack Cook of Toronto, followed by Harry Scudds, Toronto; George Edwards of Galt, and Walter Grove, Markham.

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Dominion Horseshoe Pitching Championship

The "A" Class Horseshoe Pitching Championship will be held at the Canadian National Exhibition, August 29-30-31.

Open to any horseshoe pitcher in Canada who can pitch 50% ringers or better.

Players whose records are not established with the Secretary of the Dominion Horseshoe Association, may be required to pitch qualifying shoes on an outdoor court.

For the benefit of the spectators and the game itself, players are requested to dress uniformly. Suggested dress can be grey flannels and either T shirt or sweater.

The tournament will operate on Mon., Tue., and Wed., August 29, 30, and 31, from 7:00 p.m. until approximately 11:00 p.m. each evening.

During the first two nights, games of fifty shoes, total points to count will be played. The twelve players with the highest score will then play a round robin, cancellation method, in the finals on the third night.

Entry Fee for the tournament will be \$2.00, which will entitle contestants to admission to the Canadian National Exhibition during the tournament.

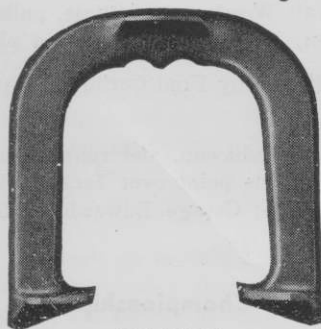
A total of \$300.00 in prizes will be awarded to the final twelve participants on the following basis: 1—\$60; 2—\$45; 3—\$35; 4—\$30; 5—\$25; 6—\$20; 7—\$19; 8—\$17; 9—\$15; 10—\$13; 11—\$11; 12—\$10.

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES: Midnight, August 9, 1949.

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ILLINOIS

ILLINOIS STATE TOURNAMENT

The annual Illinois State Horseshoe Tournament will be held, as in the past years, as one of the many features of the Illinois State Fair, on August 17th and 18th at Springfield.

The tournament will take place at the new courts near the Conservation Building. The preliminaries will open at 8:00 o'clock Wednesday morning, August 17, closing at 12 o'clock noon. Contestants will be allowed to pitch two 100 shoes scores to qualify, the best 100 shoe score to count for finals. The semi-finals will start at 1:00 o'clock sharp. The 23 highest qualifiers together with the defending champion will be placed in 3 groups of 8 players each. Each of these groups will play a round robin match of 7 games. The four top men in each of these 3 groups will meet in an 11 game round robin, on Thursday, August 18, for the championship.

The highest ringer percentage in all games of tournament will decide ties, except for championship, this must be pitched off.

The tournament will be for individuals, and will be open to any person residing in the State of Illinois.

Immediately following the championship round, a beautiful trophy will be awarded to the new champion.

The tournament will be held under the rules set forth by the National Horseshoe Pitchers' Association and the winner will be recognized by the State Association as the State Champion.

Following the final game on Wednesday the convention will convene for the dispatch of business and election of officers.

For any additional information contact A. E. Swinehamer, Secretary and Treasurer, 437 North Avenue, Aurora, Illinois.

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In case that you do not have a State association, just send \$1.00 to the National secretary and a card will be mailed to you.

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MARYLAND NEWS

By "Pop" Woodfield

The Boys and Girls tournament will be staged Aug. 1 to 6. Qualification and the finals on Aug. 7. Due to our close attention to boys we have a dozen changed from the $\frac{3}{4}$ to $1\frac{1}{4}$ turn. One boy who used to average about 10 per cent has gone as high as 42% and all the others show great promise. This is just one unit of 24.

Prince Georges County Championship—All must have Combined card, Aug. 18 to 21. First Annual Maryland State, Sept. 3 and 4. First annual metropolitan AAU, about middle of Sept. in Washington, also in Washington Metropolitan Open. For pitchers in Northern Va., D.C. and nearby Maryland. Next year an Open tournament to all sections.

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JOHN FULTON DEFEATS DALE CARSON

On July 10, John Fulton, Pennsylvania Farmer Champ, defeated Dale Carson, Maryland State Champion in a 5 out of 9 game match.

		Pts.	R.	D.R.	S.P.	R%	4 Dead
(1)	Fulton	36	31	8	60	51.6	3
	Carson	50	36	11	60	60.0	
(2)	Fulton	50	58	21	80	72.5	9
	Carson	35	53	17	80	66.3	
(3)	Fulton	50	73	29	96	76.0	15
	Carson	42	71	26	96	72.4	
(4)	Fulton	50	46	16	64	71.8	7
	Carson	25	38	12	64	59.4	
(5)	Fulton	50	64	27	80	80.0	11
	Carson	36	59	22	80	73.7	
(6)	Fulton	50	73	31	86	84.8	16
	Carson	21	64	22	86	74.4	

The third game was a very close match 96 shoes pitched before Fulton won 50—42. Fulton had 73 ringers with 76%. Carson 71 ringers for 72.4%. There were four on 15 times.

In the fifth game Fulton was hot, 45 ringers, 20 of them doubles in the first 50 shoes.

Fulton did his best in the 6th and final game with 43 ringers in the first 50 shoes and 73 ringers in 86 shoes for 84.8 per cent, 16 four dead, six in a row and 24 straight ringers.

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MINNESOTA

By Ken Huber

With one-third of the season left, it is interesting to note the standings of the leaders in the five divisions and wonder where they will be in the next five weeks.

In the major league Rothschilds are out in front at the present; Superior Packing and the Miller Supply teams are hot after the leaders though. Can Rothschilds hold up. Watch the Miller Coaches.

In the City League the Silver Stripe looks like a cinch. Can they hold up in the stretch? Possibly.

In the Commercial League it is a knock-down and drag out affair. Boggotty Motors Sales, Dey Bros. and Damian's are all tough. Bogotty is my choice for first with Damian's second.

In the Merchants League it is Ish's Place for first. Watch Hill's Super Market. They will be in second place at the end of the season.

In the Industrial League we have three hot teams. Decorative Floor, Chris Lauer's and Anderson's Bar. Decorative is my choice for first and for second place it is a toss-up.

I do not know how many of you knew Frank Bendesh (he played in the League in 1937, 1938, 1939 and 1940) the oldtimers will. Frank is still working for Uncle Sam. Frank wants to say hello to his friends. We hope that in a few years he will be stationed in St. Paul so that he can again belong to the largest Horseshoe Association in America.

Match games can be played in advance, if you wish, especially with vacations coming along. Some teams have already played games in advance.

Sherm Sadowsky shot 147 ringers in one night with a high ringer game of 38. So the following week he made 40 in one game.

MAJOR

Team	Won	Lost
M. L. Rothschild Co.....	97	63
Superior Packing	90	70
Miller Supply Co.	84	76
Universal Sign Co.	74	86
Millers Coaches	74	86
Niesen's Bar	61	99

CITY

Silver Stripe	91	53
University Ave. Lumber	66	46
Schwankl Drugs	70	74
Midway Coal & Oil Co.....	59	69
Arneson—Grant Fuel Co.	57	71
Zandell Drugs	41	71

COMMERCIAL

Bogotty Motor Sales	97	47
Dey Bros. Greenhouse	95	49
Damian's Tavern	88	72
Hedman's Dept. Store	70	90
Herges Bucet	65	79
Ricomo Recreation	60	84
Nickle Joint	59	85
Ed's Service Station	58	86

MERCHANTS

Ish's Place	111	33
Boldt's Paints	89	55
Hill's Super Market	78	66
Rapinwax	69	59
Friendly Inn	37	91
Pete's Bar	16	96

INDUSTRIAL

Decorative Floor Service	98	46
Chris Lauer's Buffet	80	64
Anderson's Bar	71	57
Dutch Maid Cleaners	68	76
St. Agnes Men's Club	61	67
Freddie King's	38	106

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NEW JERSEY

BRADY SWEEPS NEW JERSEY OPEN

New York newcomer to championship contention, Pat Brady, defeated Vito Fileccia 55—29 in the final round of the New Jersey State Open Sunday July 24 at Branch Brook Park, Newark to win his first leg on the beautiful Giuliano trophy. Defending titleholder, Fileccia, first man to put his name on the prized award was high for the meet with a 69.3 ringer percentage and had won 8 straight until he met Brady. He also qualified high with 257 points and 80 out of 100 ringers, and had high single game of 84.2% and 5 others over 70. Terry Earley, New York, won his 6 games with a 65.6 average for 3rd and Bill Kolb, Newark, won 4th place medal with 51.8%.

Jack Waltz, Newark, defeated Frank Takash, Belleville, 2 straight in a playoff for the B Class cup with 51.7%. Takash posted 44.3% for second and Sol Berman, Elizabeth, had an even 50.0 for 3rd.

John Landers, Jr., West Orange, bested 15 entrants for the Class C trophy, pitching 50.8% without a defeat. Hal Potts, Newark was 2nd and Rudy Ontko, also of Newark was 3rd.

Cups were awarded for 1st place and medals for 2nd, 3rd and 4th in each class. 26 pitchers battled for Jersey's oldest annual open championship. The complete results follow:

CLASS "A"

Name	Won	Lost	R. %
1 P. Brady, New York City.....	9	0	62.6
2 Fileccia, New York City.....	8	1	69.3
3 T. Earley, Jr., New York City	6	3	65.6
4 Kolb, Newark, N. J.	5	4	51.8
5 Courtock, Passaic, N. J.	5	4	50.0
6 Puglise, Clifton, N. J.....	4	5	52.9
7 L. Davis, Ridgfield, N. J.....	3	6	53.2
8 Mullady, Nutley, N. J.....	3	6	50.2
9 Seacord, Brooklyn, N. Y.....	2	7	48.0
10 A. Nugent, Jr., Newark, N. J.....	0	9	39.4

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DALE CARSON WINS WILDWOOD, N. J. TOURNAMENT

Dale Carson, of Baltimore, Maryland, one of the East's leading horseshoe pitchers captured the Third Annual Horseshoe Pitching Tournament held in Wildwood, N. J. on July 30; when he outlasted a strong field of 32 of the outstanding tossers in the East.

The new champion replaces Raymond Shober, of Vineland who did not defend this year. Outstanding trophies were presented to Carson as well as runners-up in singles and doubles. Players from Washington, Virginia, Maryland, all parts of New Jersey and Philadelphia competed in the tournament which was conducted by the City of Wildwood Recreation Department.

Carson who just recently was runner-up in the John Rosselet Memorial Open Championship at Warinanco Park, Elizabeth, N. J. withstood the pressure from his opponent Woodrow Wilson of Fairfax, Virginia in the final round. The new Wildwood tournament champion outlasted Wilson in two very close games by the scores of 50—47 and 50—32. In the doubles, Wilson and Carson defeated Bill Nellis and Everett Clift, both of Hyattsville Md. in a round robin. The winner finished up with 3 wins and no defeats for a 1,000 per cent average while Nellis and Clift suffered their only loss at the hands of the champions.

In the singles tournament the "double elimination" system was used and produced some outstanding pitching. Carson was the main attraction, when at times he thrilled the large crowd with a string of ringers which at one time tallied 15 straight. Wilson's consistent pitching made plenty of trouble for his opponents and also for the new champion.

All those who participated spoke very highly of the conduct of the tournament and expect to be back for the tourney next year.

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NEW YORK

In an unscheduled open tournament held on the courts of the Hilltop H. C. in Central Park on Sunday afternoon, July 31, our new New York State Champ, Vito Fileccia came out on top. Not so easy though, he had to fight it out with Joe Zichella and Hilltop's left handed boy wonder, Terence Earley who tied Vito with four wins and one loss. Here is how they finished, without the play offs:

GROUP "A"

	Won	Lost	R. %
1 Fileccia	4	1	73.8
2 Earley	4	1	71.9
3 Zichella	4	1	70.6
4 Kolb	2	3	58.0
5 Frisco	1	4	44.2
6 Courtock	0	5	49.9

GROUP "B"

1 Millican	4	1	49.9
2 Seacord	3	2	48.3
3 Bagley	3	2	49.1
4 Brumek	2	3	50.5
5 Armenia	2	3	50.0
6 Hardwick	1	4	46.0

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On Saturday, Sept. 17th, starting at 2 P. M., the ten highest
scorers will pitch a round robin for the silver cup.

For entry blanks phone or write to A. J. Henrich, 9252-217 St.,
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JAKE'S JOTTINGS

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If you answer any of these ads will you please tell them that you saw it in THE HORSESHOE PITCHER?

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Am omitting quite a bit of stuff this issue because if I keep going too long I won't be able to get out to Murray in time. So do not feel slighted if some of your items do not appear in this issue and I will make up for it in the next one.

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OHIO

By John Kovacs

Here are the results of the Ohio Horseshoe Pitching Championship Tournament which was held in Jermain Park, Toledo, Bill Konz, Tournament Director:

The Tournament was divided into two events, The Championship event, and a handicap event. All pitchers with league averages were eligible for the handicap event—100% handicap between the players average and 120. There were 36 entries in the Championship and 30 in the handicap event.

The Toledo Aquarama Festival, which sponsored the event, donated trophies for both champions.

Canton, Ohio was awarded the Tournament for 1950 with Johnny Sebek being appointed Tournament Director.

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Jermain Park Courts, Toledo, Ohio

(Total Points—Ten 50-Shoe Games)

1	John Sebek, Canton.....	1080
2	Bob Cash, Cleveland	1073

3	Howard Schultz, Cleveland	1060
4	Elmer Stuckey, Canton	1055
5	Ellis Hanna, Canton	1044
6	Hubert Burt, Canton	1036
7	Wilbur Snowden, Akron	993
8	Herb Rhodes, Canton	993
9	Emerson Cromley, Barberton	985
10	Russell Yaus, Canton.....	979
11	W. O. Maxwell, Hicksville	978
12	Hank Jarus, Cleveland	975
13	Lou Anthony, Akron	971
14	Jim Barnes, Akron	952
15	Nial Beck, Toledo	912
16	Wilbur Crabbs, Toledo	889
17	Hiram Hunt, Canton	871
18	Kenny Allison, Fostoria	859
19	George Mitchell, Cleveland	834
20	Floyd Plumb, Toledo	832
21	Leo Cassler, Canton	822
22	Les Miller, Canton	819
23	George Stifel, Toledo	790
24	John Kovacs, Canton	782
25	Bill Uberroth, Toledo	773
26	Andy Hughes, Toledo	760
27	Eugene Church, Toledo	746
28	Cecil Hartzell, Canton	743
29	Edwin Otte, Toledo	742
30	Ahmed Tahir, Barberton	740
31	Bob Lowe, Canton	729
32	Harvey Deckard, Canton	717
33	Harley Rizor, Toledo	703
34	Dr. N. L. Fitzgerald, Paulding	688
35	Matt. Bowers, Toledo	686
36	Bob Cramer, Canton	582

Handicap Results—120 Scratch—100% Handicap

	Ave.		Handicap (10 Games)	Score (10 Games)	Total Score
1	53	F. Sturiale	670	696	1366
2	50	Maurice L. Hagemaster ...	700	637	1337
3	64	R. Guest	560	774	1334
4	65	Cecil Hartzell	550	743	1293
5	32	J. Heiberling	880	375	1255
6	69	Ahmed Tahir	510	740	1250
7	95	Emerson Cromley	250	985	1235
8	82	Floyd Plumb	380	832	1212
9	78	George Stifel	420	790	1210
10	97	Hank Jarus	230	975	1205
11	82	Les Cassler	380	822	1202
12	75	Eugene Church	450	746	1196
13	71	Harley Rizor	490	703	1193
14	100	Herb Rhoades	200	993	1193
15	51	Dick Wise	690	491	1181
16	75	Bob Lowe	450	729	1179
17	72	Don Ball	480	696	1176
18	50	Sam May	700	474	1174
19	94	Nial Beck	260	912	1172
20	69	Clarence Callahan	510	660	1170
21	92	Wilbur Crabbs	280	889	1169
22	53	Bob LaMunyon	670	499	1169
23	80	Bill Knepper	400	767	1167
24	76	Harvey Deckard	440	717	1157
25	88	George Mitchell	320	834	1154
26	87	Les Miller	330	819	1149
27	115	John Sebek	50	1080	1130
28	115	Ellis Hanna	50	1044	1094
29	111	Russ Yaus	90	979	1069
30	97	John Kovacs	230	782	1012

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THE NATIONAL LEAGUE

By John Kovacs

This year's National League is a success, even though there are only four teams represented. They are the Indianapolis Ice Cream Co., the Pat's Lounge Team of Chicago, the Shady Shore Lake team of Covington, and the Selway Carpet Cleaner team of Canton.

The highest ringer percentage of any team for a match was 71% by Indianapolis, but the general average of the four teams is 65%. Actually, all four teams are equally matched, as several of the matches were decided by only eight to twenty points for the 1250 shoe matches which are pitched.

In following the plan to extend the National League into divisions from different sections of the country, clubs, associations, and teams should begin now to secure sponsors and organize their teams for 1950. It takes a lot of ground-work to organize these teams into a unit which will cooperate and groups that are interested should begin immediately to plan for next year.

Any group interested in entering a team in 1950 may secure full set of proposed rules from Johnny Kovacs, League Secretary, write to 2020 9th St. S. W., Canton, Ohio.

Could we get three or four teams from the West Coast to start a division there? Could we get three or four teams from the East Coast to start a division there? Can we hear from Moline, Ft. Wayne, Muncie, St. Louis, and other mid-western teams who are interested?

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