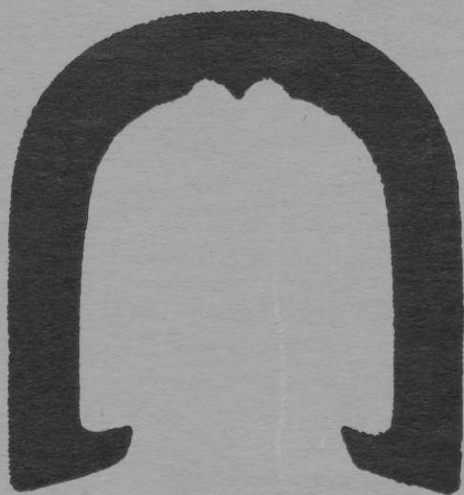


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## EDITORIAL

I have devoted several pages in this issue of THE HORSESHOE PITCHER for the purpose of bringing to the attention of all members of the NHPA the new Constitution and By-Laws passed by the delegates in convention at Murray, Utah, last August. It is done with the hope that every individual member will read it and offer his or her comments on it with the idea of improving it if possible. We must not lose sight of the fact that every member of the committee devoted lots of time and effort in getting this document together and for that reason we should all join in thanking them for the good job they turned out. Next month I will head a column "CONSTITUTION COMMENTS." This will enable every interested member to express their opinion as to what should and should not be in it. This should be confined to constructive criticism only. Now that the year 1949 is on its way out, let us all pull together in the coming year to make horseshoes and the National Association bigger and better than it ever was. To all the officers and individual friends in the NHPA I extend my wishes to them for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Editor.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (N.H.P.A.)

### PROMOTING THE GAME

Hundreds of thousands of persons play horseshoes in the United States. Yet, how many of these have ever heard of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association of America, of rules, of regulations, or of standard equipment? Seems to me that each and everyone of us has a big promotional job ahead, if we wish to see the game grow.

Statistical reports show that the game is played in nearly every city and village in the United States, and in several other countries. Yet, many of these people are using obsolete equipment, some marked official which is as obsolete as a Model "T" Ford; still, we stand idly by, watching or doing little or nothing about these problems.

It is time that each and everyone of you appoint yourself as a committee of one, to do everything within your power to up-grade this great American game. What can you as individuals do?

(1) See that games and matches are publicized in local newspapers and publications.

(2) Encourage people to build standard courts and use approved equipment.

(3) Encourage youngsters to start playing. Many times, I see older pitchers discouraging boys who want to learn because they are not members of the club, or cannot pitch as effectively as the oldsters.

(4) Stimulate interest in pitching for the women.

(5) Develop a well-rounded program of tournaments and team matches for your area which will encourage all types of players. After all, the backbone of our organization is the average and mediocre pitcher.

(6) Talk up, at every opportunity, the development of the game, rather than taking part in the discussion or arguments which are detrimental or tear down the work already accomplished in the past.

Let's all be ambassadors and promoters in our own sphere of influence. Do you realize what a powerful team we already have in this horseshoe organization, if we will all pull in the same direction, rather than allowing our local interests to color our over-all thinking?

With all of us working to develop the game here, Leland Mortenson, of Des Moines, Iowa, has kindly volunteered to head a committee to promote the development of this game in Germany. I know that Leland will do a good job, and that all of us wish him success in his promotional activities in Germany.

Louis M. Dean.

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## ARIZONA

By Pat DeLeary

(Editor's Note): This being the first news we ever received from Arizona, I would like to see them get off to a good start. Pat DeLeary is the peppy little wife of Stan DeLeary who needs no introduction. She was an entrant in the Ladies Tournament at Milwaukee last year and also at Murray, Utah. In this last event she came in third. In the tournament she has listed below, she does not mention the date of the contest but her letter was dated Nov. 22.

### CLASS "A"

|                |   |   |      |
|----------------|---|---|------|
| DeLeary .....  | 5 | 0 | 77.8 |
| Elders .....   | 4 | 1 | 49.9 |
| Darrough ..... | 2 | 3 | 39.4 |
| Carson .....   | 2 | 3 | 38.9 |
| Martin .....   | 1 | 4 | 32.5 |
| Phillips ..... | 1 | 4 | 29.9 |

### CLASS "B"

|                 |   |   |      |
|-----------------|---|---|------|
| Cook .....      | 4 | 1 | 30.0 |
| Milbocker ..... | 3 | 2 | 29.0 |
| Atterbury ..... | 2 | 3 | 16.0 |
| Busch .....     | 2 | 3 | 10.0 |
| Pederson .....  | 1 | 4 | 18.0 |
| Vaughn .....    | 1 | 4 | 12.0 |

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## CALIFORNIA

As the year is drawing to a close, I want to thank each and every one that has helped in making this the best year in the history of the horseshoe game. The fine cooperation that you have all given has really been wonderful. Let us all get behind the N.H.P.A. and make the coming year, 1950, even better. Thank you, one and all. I wish you all a happy and prosperous New Year. Yours for a bigger and better National Horseshoe Pitchers Association. Your National Secretary.

Harvey W. Clear.

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## KEEPING THE RECORD STRAIGHT

By Roy W. Smith, Author of "Science at the Stake" and Secy.-Treas. of So. Calif. H. P. A.

After reading and rereading all the articles in the November issue of THE HORSESHOE PITCHER, I wish to comment on several of them. First, I want to compliment "Pop" Woodfield on his splendid article dealing with the promotion of good playing courts, patterned after those in Murray, Utah. He deserves a lot of credit for his promotional work with the Teen-Ager groups and the accompanying photographs are excellent highlights for his fine article. For your information, "Pop," I wrote up the full page ad, mentioning the Teen-Ager program, which Jake carried free in his September and October issues. The N.H.P.A. should back the Teen-Age program in every way possible.

Jake's editorial describing the pitiful lack of support for the magazine, speaks for itself. I think Jake laid his cards face up on the table and called a spade a spade, \$71.68 realized for over one year's work in getting the magazine out. Considering that the wages for the most common labor runs \$50 or more per week, isn't \$71.68 rather a small remuneration for an editor to receive for a whole year's work? I only wish that I could find some way to emphasize this printed question with the sarcasm that I can use in speaking verbally. Perhaps it's better that I cannot or the printing press that the boys use would melt.

Now for President Dean's message about the importance of making sure that all tournament officials and players live up to the N.H.P.A. rules of play. I have always been 100% in favor of this, both as to playing rules and those governing the playing equipment as well. One rule is no good without the other and if we break one, we break them all.

I want to devote most of my comment to Secretary Clear's message. In his closing paragraph he stated that he was at a loss as to just what to do about having the 1949 tournament results printed and that the cost of this would amount to about \$150.00. Since he invited comment on this subject, here is my suggestion:

These tournament results are nice things to have but all the boys that I have talked to here agree with me that a magazine is far more

vital to promote the game than these results ever can be. The magazine prints the results anyway so why waste the \$150.00 to duplicate what the magazine does? Why not use this to support the magazine by paying for a one year's full page ad for the National Association? I can think of nothing more logical and I believe that 95% of the players the country over will feel the same way. I have seen a lot of the tournament result folders thrown around and wasted at different clubs. Yet, some of these clubs, with large memberships, have ONE, SINGLE SOLITARY COPY OF THE MAGAZINE LYING AROUND FOR ALL THE MEMBERS TO READ! Why shouldn't the Association help to support the magazine that represents it? The Stamp Fund has been earmarked for advertising so why not use it for just that? Most of Jake's subscribers are not Association members and it is decidedly poor promotion to try and induce them to join N.H.P.A. by leaving it up to them to bear the brunt of supporting a magazine that represents an organization to which they do not yet belong.

It has always been a mystery to me (and probably always will be) why the Association has failed to support a magazine to represent it. We sit back and cry for the shoe firms to do more. We expect a lot of free publicity from newspapers and other magazines. Now that our organization is on a paying basis, why not provide some of our own advertising? Don't forget that "God helps those who help themselves."

Since two statements made by Secretary Clear are incorrect, I cannot let them go unchallenged. In the second paragraph of his article he wrote: "There are a number of things that were put through by our former President, Mr. Harris, in our Constitution, some of which will be impossible to carry out" . . .

I was on that Constitutional Committee along with nine others besides Mr. Harris and I want it understood clearly right now that Mr. Harris DID NOT put through anything that the rest of the group as a whole didn't want included. There were some things that certain individuals opposed but majority rule was observed in passing these laws. SO FAR, MAJORITY RULE HAS NOT BEEN OBSERVED IN CARRYING THESE LAWS OUT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WILL OF THE COMMITTEE AND DELEGATES. For one thing, John Gordon and myself did not approve of the new method of collecting dues with the receipt books. The system is too complicated and entails too much bother but we bowed to majority rule.

Instead of saying "that there are a number of things put over" why not be specific and state what they are? I am glad that these new laws are to be printed in this magazine for all to read and discuss. This is the best way to settle any controversy. Why all this uproar about the new laws anyway? Ted Allen, Fernando Isais and many others I can mention stated to different members of the committee that they thought these new laws were great improvements over the old ones. I know that they aren't equal to the Ten Commandments and that they can stand improving. I also know that the majority of the committee

members were from So. Calif. and that we tried our best to be fair to all because of this. I also know that all the members worked like dogs for three days and nights to formulate these new laws and that these members were not dopes enough to let anyone put anything over on them. They resent all such implications.

Some of Mr. Harris' ideas were good and we all gave them fair consideration and used them when they were acceptable to the majority. President Dean suggested that the yearly dues be raised to \$2.00 and to include the magazine as a bonus. These laws DO NOT state and were not intended to mean that it was compulsory to subscribe to the magazine. That is the height of distortion. The yearly dues were to be \$2.00 whether the member wanted the magazine or not. If he or she did not want the paper, all they had to do was say so.

Now, I would like to know when a meeting of the delegates or officers has been held since the Convention at Murray. To my knowledge, this has not occurred. Who then, is taking the authority upon themselves to drop this and that from the new laws without the consent of the majority of delegates in convention? Who is trying to play Napoleon and refuse to abide by majority rule? I said on the Convention floor at Murray that I had no use for dictatorship in any form or from any source. That statement still stands. Many of the members here are full of resentment at these apparent highhanded methods. They are asking—and logically enough—"if the new laws are being scrapped right and left, why should we bother to abide with those governing tournament sanctions, etc.?"

Another thing, Jake told me over and over there at Murray that he could not put the magazine out for \$1.00. I tried several times to get a committee to meet with him and work something out but to no avail. I know enough about printing to know that if Jake could be assured of 2,500 or 3,000 subscriptions, he might be able to print the paper for \$1.00. With the exception of the additional paper, ink and staples, it costs as much to print 5 copies as it does 5,000. The biggest cost is setting the type. He said over and over that he wasn't interested in making a big profit and that he didn't want to bleed the Association. He cannot be expected to publish the magazine at a loss. I believe that Jake is sincere because his word has always been as good as gold with me.

This article is not intended to stir up strife in the Association but it is intended to set the readers right on some of the things that happened in the committee which worked so hard to rewrite the new laws. I hope that the members of that committee will write in their views to this magazine. If I have made any incorrect statements herein, they can correct me on them. Constructive criticism is fine if it is based on facts but many of us resent distortion and misrepresentation. Let's keep the record straight. If this isn't done, I have a couple of sizzling questions to ask that will prove to be bombshells. I know what went on there at the Convention for I was there.



I am not a National officer and have no desire to be but, if I ever do decide to run for an office, it will be with the idea that I am to serve the organization rather than for it to serve me. As members of N.H.P.A. we have a right to know how the organization is being run and how the funds are being used. There is no sense in trying to create a silly quarrel over the constitution at this time. The time and place to settle this is at the next convention. The chief need right now is proper and intelligent promotion of which this magazine is the spearhead to set the stage for the coming national tournament. There is a lot to look forward to for 1950 and silly bickering over petty and unimportant things should have no place in the program. I still maintain that a little more appreciation for the efforts of others—not depreciation—will do more than anything else to help accomplish a lot of worthwhile things during the coming year.

In closing, I want to take this opportunity to wish all horseshoe fans everywhere a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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## MAINE

By Chas. S. Gerrish

### DOING AWAY WITH THE 200 SHOE PRE-PITCH

Any number of times expression has been evoked against the 200-shoe qualification method—by words, writings and in print. A cure ought to be sought for the faults of this plan by trying out other ways to find a better means of elimination to get the best possible set of Finalist players. In this theme we propose to suggest a likely method to do without the 200 shoe pitchoff.

There are so many faults with the 200 shoe method and so many complaints against it that other methods ought to be tried out until something better is found. In some way we ought to get the best players in the Finals. Many players who are good in game competition are not good in solo pitching, and don't like it. It must be remembered by all that a game or sport is for the game itself to be played—not for lone pitching or scorekeeping convenience. Logically, with the 200-shoe qualification method a player might practice to become efficient alone only, so to thus get into tournament Finals. A game means playing an opponent. Players evidently should not go across the United States, pay a \$5 fee, throw 200 solo shoes, and be disqualified, without a single game. If he is not good enough for the Finals group, a pitcher should be eliminated in some sort of game competition. After paying a fee a player is entitled to the chance of competing against at least some of the "big shots," in tourney play. Probably there would be many more entries if all entries had such chances. A way ought to be devised so the low players have the possibility of a game with the champion, and we hope the scheme offered here is one way to do it.

In the following a plan is offered as a hopeful one to do away with preliminary 200 (or more or less) shoes pitched, with its unfairnesses.



All qualify by games, instead of by the solo pitch-off. We believe that 20 Finalists or less, are better than over 20. Thirty and plus have proved too many. There isn't excuse for so many, if we use games for eliminations instead of solo scores. A 3-day Tourney has much in its favor in the way of economy.

### 3-DAY TOURNEY PLAN

#### 200 Entrants to be Reduced to 20 Finalists.

1. "Seed" or rate all players, top to bottom by a judging committee.  
2. Have plenty of courts for these preliminary games, even 100 if need be, anywhere on good flat courses. While the upper 100 is delayed, the lower 100 play two or more games against each other until half of them have lost two games each. Two losses eliminate a player from the tournament, while any who win two are set to go into the next round of play.

3. These two-game winners now join the upper 100 group, some 150 seeded players. No. 1 (champion) plays No. 76, No. 2 plays No. 77, etc., first game. No. 1 then plays No. 150 (Comm. to judge No. 150), No. 2 plays No. 149, etc., second game. Two losses eliminate a player in this round (excepting the champ.) Two wins allow a man to go on into the next round. About four or five games have been played at this stage by survivors of the lower starting group.

4. Judges now re-seed the 75 (more or less) left, 1 to 75 etc. Put No. 1 (champ) now against No. 75, No. 2 against No. 74, etc., one loss to eliminate to 38 players, more or less, after some five games have generally been done by those starters. The Champion and the Top Nine players to date are now in the Finals.

5. Re-seed, and put No. 11 against No. 38 (more or less) and eliminate the same way by this 6th game to some 15 players in this 11 to 38 group.

6. Eliminate same way by 7th game to some 8 players, who are put with the Top Ten group for a round robin finals of two days.

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## The New York Mirror—Department of Parks Horseshoe Pitching Tournament—1949

The first postwar Horseshoe Pitching Tournament conducted by the New York City Department of Parks on a city-wide basis, was concluded on November 5th at Heckscher Playground in Central Park. 1,636 men and boys participated in the tournament. The New York Mirror sponsored the competition, donating all the prizes as well as 100 sets of official horseshoes.

The Park Department has 400 horseshoe pitching courts located throughout the city. These courts were completely reconditioned this spring and were in fine shape for the tournament. Although the New York State Horseshoe Pitching Championships have been held at New York City park facilities for a number of years, this was the first time

a tournament of this size was open to the general public. Over 5,000 spectators attended the matches.

Play was conducted in two divisions—Junior, for boys 15, 16, and 17 years of age, and Seniors, 18 years or over. District eliminations were held at 25 locations, with four juniors and four seniors from each district qualifying for the borough eliminations. The four high scorers in each division of the borough finals were eligible for the city-wide championships. Official Horseshoe Pitching rules governed the tournament.

Medals were awarded all district champions and runners-up. Borough champions and runners-up received key chains with horseshoe medals attached. Players finishing first, second, third, and fourth in the City-wide Championships were presented with Benrus watches.

The Senior Division championship was won by Joseph Zichella of the Bronx, with Louis Stines, Queens; Pat Brady, Manhattan; and Al Lusenti, Bronx, finishing behind him in that order. Thomas Glynn of Manhattan was the Junior champion, Alvin Winter, Bronx, the runner-up, and Vincent Brady, Manhattan, and Edward Matuszowski, Queens, placing third and fourth.

The tournament was most successful and resulted in a revival of interest in the sport on the part of competitors and spectators alike.

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## PENNSYLVANIA

By John Fulton

Here are the results of the games that the Virginia Champion, Raymond Frye, and myself have played. On September 30, at Winchester, Va. In a best two out of three match, pitched on loose ground with which Mr. Frye is more familiar, he won with scores of 50—21 and 50—24 with ringer percentages of 82.8 and 73.9. On Saturday night, Aug. 1, at Gettysburg, Pa. in clay courts in which I am accustomed too, I won with scores of 50—43, 50—48 and 50—29 with percentages of 67.4, 75.0 and 75.6. Next day, on Sunday morning we went to Dallaston when I again won with scores of 50—24 and 50—34 with percentages of 73.7 and 75.6. In the afternoon we played at Hunterstown, Pa., where I was again successful in winning. These game scores were 50—19 and 50—34. Percentages were 77.9 and 73.0. In the course of the Summer I wound up by having won 69 games, lost 10, pitched 4,562 shoes, made 3,178 ringers for a total percentage of 69.9.

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## RHODE ISLAND

By Albert S. Hudson

Alfred L. Hurst was elected president of Rhode Island Horseshoe Pitchers Association at the organization's first annual banquet on Saturday night at Palm's Cafe in Arctic.

Leo Lecroix was elected first vice president; Charlie Smith, second

vice president; Al Bourgeois, secretary and Peter Heroux, treasurer.

Movies of the State Championships of 1946 at the West Warwick athletic field were shown.

Rathskeller gained league championship this season. Club Frontenac finished second, Club Mongenais, third and South Providence fourth.

President Hurst is the father of Ken Hurst, former Rhode Island and New England champion.

President Alfred L. Hurst would like to have a junior championship held in Rhode Island during his tenure in office.

He also favors the building of platforms in front of the men's boxes in order that women may compete. Getting the women interested in horseshoe pitching in this state would find Rhode Island represented in the New England tourney and possibly in the nationals.

The new president is also interested in competing in Classes A, B, C, and D in the future, instead of just in Class A. This would divide the trophies between a larger group instead of to the same ones all the time.

West Warwick's Leo Lacroix is the new vice president of the organization. He has come a long way in the horseshoe pitching fields this past year. Al Hudson of Harris, State Champion in 1925, enjoyed a banner year and he will be tough to beat when 1950 rolls around.

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### JAKE'S JOTTINGS

This was taken from the New York Daily News:

Key West Naval Base, Fla., Nov. 29.—President Truman started his vacation today tossing horseshoes on the beach and winning by throwing ringers. He also got a swim in the "invigorating cool" Atlantic waters.

Soon after breakfast the President headed for the beach. He stopped on the way to leave his wrist watch at the ship service store repair shop. He told the Navy man on duty that the watch "just stopped ticking." Capt. C. C. Adell, commandant of the base, gave Truman his watch to use.

Proceeding to the beach, Truman quickly accepted a challenge to a horseshoe pitching match. He teamed with Adm. Robert L. Dennison, naval aid, against Presidential Assistant John R. Steelman and Counsel Clark Clifford. Truman and Dennison won, 21—9.

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This is a bit previous, but there may be a bid of \$15,000.00 for the 1951 World's Tournament!

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Mr. Ambrose R. Smith is the Sports Editor of West Warwick, R. I. local newspaper. He says that if all National Tournament results were given to the International News Service, all papers would print the daily results of our National Championship games and this would create more interest in horseshoes.

Ken Huber, the live wire general secretary of the St. Paul Municipal H. P. A. has just sent me their annual report for 1949. It consists of eleven mimeographed pages measuring 8½ by 11 inches, bound in a nice looking cover. In it he has listed the seasons records of 160 players who took part in their league games. They have 32 teams, all sponsored by different business men. It's a swell pattern for every state in the Union to go by. He ends up this colossal recording with "we had 32 teams which was 6 above our previous year. We had 160 players which was 26 over our best year. We played 7,264 games during our regular season. The players averaged 46 1/5 games per man."

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Pop Woodfield says he has drawn up sketches of approved courts to be published in the Sports Book of Fun, one for a book being published by Walter Williams and one for the World Encyclopedia.

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Don't forget to send in your comments on the new Constitution and By-Laws. Something good may come from that.

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Brother Swinehamer sent me a compilation of all the Illinois big games they have played this season. I note that three players in National Tournaments gave very good accounts of themselves. They are John Lindmeier of Maywood, Ellis Griggs of Plainville and Earl Bomke of New Berlin, Ill.

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Get one of your horseshoe playing friends to subscribe to this magazine. He, as well as I, will thank you.

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If you know of anyone who would like a sample copy of this magazine, send me his name and address and I will be glad to oblige.

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If you have changed your address let me know what it is because the Post Office Department does not forward this class of mail.

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## **CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS**

**of the**

### **National Horseshoe Pitchers' Association of America, Incorporated**

Inasmuch as the art of horseshoe pitching affords a healthy, scientific, pleasant and competitive sport suitable to all persons, at a cost comparable to that of other sports, and with a desire to unify its adherents, standardize its rules, authorize and conduct tournaments of sectional and National scope, promote the establishment of leagues and Associations throughout the nation, and encourage the advancement of the game in foreign countries, we, the horseshoe pitchers of America,

in Convention assembled, do hereby establish the Constitution and By-Laws for the Association which shall henceforth be called the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association of America, Inc.

## PREAMBLE

### Article I (Name)

Section I. The name of this Association shall be the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association of America, Inc.

### Article II (Administration)

Section I. All legislative power herein granted shall be vested in an assembly of delegates chosen by the various organizations and/or Associations officially affiliated, and in good standing with the National Association.

Section 2. Any state may acquire a charter from the National Association by obtaining ten (10) members in the National Association. If a state acquires ten (10) members, it shall be entitled to one delegate in the National Convention. If a state acquires twenty-five (25) members, it shall be entitled to two (2) delegates. If a state acquires fifty (50) members, it shall be entitled to three (3) delegates. 250 allowed (4) delegates. If a state acquires five hundred members (500), it shall be entitled to five (5) delegates. If a state has one thousand members, it shall be entitled to six (6) delegates. No state shall have more than six (6) delegates, if it has only one organization. This matter is further clarified in Article V.

Any state without a charter, may, if it has even one (1) member of the National Association, have that member present at a National Convention, with the proviso that that delegate shall not have a vote, but shall be, in every other way a representative of his state.

Should the aforementioned methods fail to produce a state's quota of delegates, the deficiency may be made up by individual members in good standing, chosen in such manner as the state members elect. In case of failure of a state to agree upon, or produce its allotted delegation, the Executive Committee of the Association shall select from the state's members present, those delegates necessary to fill the office in dispute.

Voting shall be by ballot, rising vote, or ayes and nays, resting on the discretion of the Chairman. Voting by proxy shall not be allowed, nor shall substitution be made for any delegate representing a State as an Individual. State Associations may substitute a member in good standing if a vacancy in the delegation arises. A Delegate must be in person to have voting power.

Section 3. Delegates of National Conventions, representing State Associations must present certificates of election or appointment signed by the President of the Affiliated and Chartered State Association he or she is designated to represent.

Section 4. Twenty Delegates shall constitute a quorum and have authority to transact the business of the National Association when seated in Convention.

Section 5. Members of the executive committee shall have no voting power at Conventions unless as a delegate.

Section 6. The officers of this Association shall consist of a President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Third Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. These officers shall constitute The National Executive Council, and shall have voting power as National officials. In a National Convention session, the president shall have the power to appoint an administrative assistant and a sergeant at arms.

Section 7. The officials, consisting of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, shall be the Executive Council of the organization, and shall be in charge of its affairs. They shall be empowered to transact such business in the interest of the game and the Association, as they deem advisable, providing such action shall not be contrary to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Association.

Section 8. The officials shall be elected at the first Convention after the first day of January of the current year, and shall hold office until the next general Convention, to be held after the current year. The new officers shall take office immediately when elected. The officers may call a meeting in convention at any time they deem advisable.

Section 9. Any properly affiliated member of the association shall be eligible to hold office.

Section 10. Roberts Rules of Order revised, and reading as follows shall govern the order of conduction of meetings:

1. Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting.
2. Approval, additions, or corrections of minutes.
3. Reports of officers, boards, and standing committees.
4. Reports of special committees.
5. Memorandum of President.
6. Unfinished business.
7. New business.
8. Adjournment.

Section 11. In the event of the death, resignation or removal of an officer or committeeman between conventions, the president is empowered to make appointments to fill the unexpired term, said appointment to be approved by a unanimous vote of the Executive Council within thirty (30) days. Should the presidency become vacant due to death, resignation or removal, the first vice president shall become president, the second vice president and third vice president shall become first and second vice presidents respectively, and a third vice president shall be appointed by the new president to serve the balance of the term.

Section 12. Any officers of the Executive Council may be removed from his position upon failure to perform the duties of his office, or for reason of any action by him which would tend to discredit or reduce the efficiency of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association of America. Said removal shall be effected only by a two-thirds majority or delegates assembled in convention. Should it be desired to remove any officer, convention can be called only on unanimous vote of the other five members of the Executive Council. Any committeeman may be removed from office by the president at his discretion.

Section 13. Any committeeman appointed by the president shall serve during the president's tenure of office unless removed by the president before the term normally expires.

Section 14. The Constitution, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations may be amended or repealed at any convention of delegates by a two-thirds vote of those present.

Section 15. The following committees shall be appointed by the president from the members of the association: Constitution and By-Laws, Membership, Auditing and Finance, Grievance, Credentials, Publicity, Resolutions, or any committee he deems advisable for the good of the association. These committees shall be under the direction of the president and their duties shall be defined by him. It is necessary that a majority of members of special committees be actually in convention only if a problem or problems arise which necessitate action from that particular committee. No committee may decide an issue without at least a majority of the committeemen present. Should an occasion arise in which immediate action by a committee is necessary the president of the association shall have the power to dissolve the existing committee and appoint a new committee. It shall be the duty of all committees to serve willingly in the best interest of the Association.

### Article III.

Section 1. The National Convention shall be held the morning of the last day of the tournament. The newly elected officers shall take office at the completion of the tournament.

Section 2. The president shall be the chief executive of this association, elected for a term of two years, and is to preside at all meetings when able. He shall sign warrants for payments of all accounts and sign all state and/or club charters as prepared and signed by the secretary.

Section 3. The first vice president shall perform the duties of the president in the event of absence or disability of the latter.

Section 4. The second and third vice presidents shall at all times perform whatever duties their offices imply, and shall be ready and willing to cooperate with the other members of the executive council on any matter which may arise. They shall continuously strive to encourage, promote, and advance the game of horseshoes, the National Association, and the harmony of the members.

Section 5. The secretary shall be elected for a term of only one year, at the convention election that is held August 14, 1949, then, after that date, is to be elected for a term of two years. This staggering of the beginning of service dates of the president and secretary, is for the purpose of each of such outgoing officers, to have a year's help by the officers remaining in office.

The secretary shall be the custodian of the records, property, correspondence books, accounts, printing materials and other documents belonging to this association and shall turn over, on demand, to the executive council, or authorized representative of the bonding company holding bond on such secretary, any of the books of the association or any data or records in his possession. He shall prepare and transmit the president's warrants for payment to the treasurer. He shall turn over to the treasurer of the association any association funds which may come into his possession. He shall at all times endeavor to promote harmony and good will within the association.

Section 6. The treasurer shall be the custodian of the funds of the association and shall disperse the same on signed warrants prepared by the secretary and signed by the president. He shall furnish a complete statement of moneys received and paid out, at each convention, or at any time on demand of the executive council.

Section 7. Any bill of account or expense against this association amounting to over twenty dollars shall be submitted to the executive council and paid when approved by four of the five officers. If not ap-



proved in this manner, amounts contested shall be brought before the delegates in convention assembled and shall be approved by a majority vote of those present.

Section 8. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be bonded. A four-fifths majority of other officers of the executive council shall determine the amount of the bond which shall at no time be less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

Section 9. The secretary shall receive a salary of six hundred dollars (\$600) per annum, subject to change by a majority vote of the delegates assembled in convention.

Section 10. The treasurer shall receive a salary of fifty dollars (\$50) per annum, subject to change by a majority vote of the delegates assembled in convention.

Section 11. All officers shall have their books, records, and any other property belonging to the association in convention, or if unable to be present, must forward same to the president by registered mail before the first day of the convention. They shall turn over to successors in office all records and property of the association that may or should be in their possession.

#### Article IV.

Section 1. State Associations shall be organized under the National body and shall be known as the (name of the state) division of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association of America.

Section 2. A state can at the discretion of the Executive Council of the National Association be granted a second charter, if a second organization is formed and shows the Executive Council that it has fifty (50) members of the National Association or has fifty (50) persons interested in joining the National Association. But, if at any time after the second charter is granted, either group holding a charter allows its membership to drop to less than twenty-five (25) members, that membership loss shall constitute grounds for the Executive Council to revoke the charter of either organization.

In no case shall a state be permitted to have more than two (2) charters, nor more than six delegates in a National Convention. Further, where a state has two charters, the number of delegates who are to attend a National Convention, are to be apportioned between the two chartered organizations in proportion to the number of members in each organization. To illustrate, there are, on the date that this constitution and by-laws is revised—August 14, 1949—California has two chartered organizations, the Southern organization with 60 members, and the Northern organization with approximately 150 members—and, in the adoption of this new constitution it is provided that Southern California shall be entitled to two (2) delegates, and Northern California, three (3) delegates, in a National Convention.

Section 3. In a state that holds two charters, and that conducts a state tournament, in which a state champion is to be crowned, that winner will not be recognized by the national association as the states champion, unless the state's two organizations have worked together in conduction of the tournament. Further it must be attested by written communication to the Executive Council by both organizations, that they have worked together in conducting the tournament.

Section 4. State Associations and their affiliated members must comply with this constitution, and its by-laws, its rules, and its regulations.

Section 5. The officials of organizations affiliated with the National body shall be governed in accordance to their state constitution, by-laws, rules and regulations, providing these shall not be contrary to the National Constitution and By-Laws.

## Article V.

Section 1. The winner of an authorized world tournament shall be declared the champion horseshoe pitcher of the world, and shall hold such title until the next authorized tournament unless he is defeated during the interim by an officially recognized challenger in a sanctioned title match with the title at stake. At any authorized tournament the champion shall again contest for the title on the same basis and under the same conditions as the other participants. The champion shall not be required to qualify for the authorized world tournament.

Section 2. A ladies' tournament may be held in connection with the men's tournament and the winner shall be declared the champion lady pitcher of the world and shall hold said title under the same conditions as the champion man pitcher.

Section 3. The assemblage of delegates in convention shall award by a majority vote, the privilege of conduction of a sectional, national or world tournament. In case no bid is received at the convention, the majority of the Executive Council has authority to award. A city or organization desiring to hold a national tournament shall have its bid in the hands of the secretary at the first session of delegates in convention if possible, and no later than ninety days prior to the date of the proposed tournament.

Section 4. No sealed bid will be considered by the assembly of delegates unless the following articles are clearly observed:

1. State facilities available for conducting tournament.
2. State amount of cash prizes.
3. State amount of trophy prizes.
4. State miscellaneous advantage.

Section 5. This association may conduct any sectional, national, or world tournament under its own auspices in strict accord with rules herein stipulated, and at a place agreeable to its members. Such action must be approved by a majority of the delegates in convention assembled.

Section 6. The selected bidder or bidders for a national tournament must place total amount of the prize money on deposit in a national bank at least thirty days prior to the opening date of the tournament, and certify same to the National Secretary, or forward a signed contract covering the above stipulations to the National Secretary.

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The members of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee submit these proposed changes to the convention delegates for their consideration. We have tried to rewrite the constitution so that it would be Democratic, practical and up to date. Let's all forget personal interests when we think of the constitution and consider it in the light of what it will do for the good of the game, player interest, and spectator interest.

Respectfully submitted

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