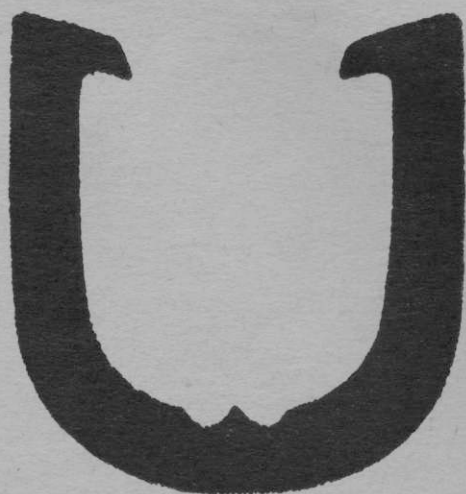


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## EDITORIAL

Through the kindness of Harvey W. Clear, the Secretary-Treasurer of the N.H.P.A. each subscriber will find enclosed with this issue, a free copy of the N.H.P.A. "Official Horseshoe Pitching Schedules." Now that the horseshoe pitching season has rolled around again, Harvey feels that this little booklet will be welcomed by all players. He also would like all Secretaries to send him a list of the names and addresses of all the officers of State organizations. Now, here is something else—many of the fellows think that every article appearing in this magazine are my opinions. Absolutely not. The only ideas I favor are those articles written under my name. THE HORSESHOE PITCHER was originally conceived with the idea of giving the players an outlet for expressing their ideas and that is the way it is going to continue. So, PLEASE do not write me letters telling me what to print and what not to print. If you don't like what the other fellow has to say, just pick up your pen or grab your typewriter and let him have it! Don't you think this is a good editorial policy?

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I have been receiving numerous requests for information regarding the World's Tournament for 1949. A great many conferences have been held with many prospective sponsors, and some of the results have been very encouraging.

Salt Lake City and Indianapolis are both very enthusiastic, and we have bids from both of them. Although we have not definitely decided which of these to accept (pending the possibility of a higher bid), those of you who are wanting to plan vacations should plan on August 1-15.

I have been receiving a lot of mail from you boys all over the country which has been much appreciated, and in due time I hope to answer these letters. I have been working night and day trying to plan the greatest tournament in our history. The results are most encouraging, and I hope to give you some really definite information in the next issue.

I promised at the Milwaukee Tournament that we would have something definite on the Ohio decision for the March issue. The decision reached by the majority of the Executive Council and the Advisory Committee is that the Ohio Horseshoe Pitchers' Association should retain the charter granted to them by the N.H.P.A. The complete data was sent to each member of the above committees for thorough study, and it was only after much deliberation and correspondence that the majority vote was reached. We regret being forced to make a decision, but under the circumstances we had to keep our promise as, obviously, something had to be done before the next tournament.

Arlo E. Harris, Pres.

## CALIFORNIA

By Harvey W. Clear

Dear Jake:

Your December article on Ted Allen, in which Ted challenged Fernando Isais to a series of match games some time this coming Summer for a side bet of one thousand (\$1,000) dollars has borne fruit.

Fernando called me up on the 'phone the other day accepting the challenge and he asked me to make arrangements with Ted. Have written to Ted asking for instructions as to when and where he wants this match to come off. Fernando says he is ready for him so it looks as if we may be treated to some fine horseshoe pitching in the near future.

Under the sponsorship of the Acme Brewing Company of San Francisco, Guy Zimmerman will do his trick pitching act at the San Francisco Sports Show from April 22 through to May 1. I am to manage the horseshoe exhibition at the show.

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After reading the article in the February issue of THE HORSESHOE PITCHER written by Mr. Sebek, I feel it my duty as the Secretary-Treasurer of this organization, that when you get information regarding the operating of this organization, that this be given by someone with authority.

I have received letters of protest on this article, one in particular from Mr. Paul D. Meacham, of Chicago, in which he returned the 1949 membership card which I issued, saying that according to this letter of Mr. Sebek's, he is not eligible to hold a card in this organization. I returned his card to him and advised him that he is a member, in good standing in the N.H.P.A.

I want it specifically understood that anyone wishing membership in this organization I will send you a membership card, providing that there is not a State Association, affiliated with the National, in your state. If we have an affiliation in your state then I will send your one dollar to the State Secretary and ask that he send you your card. I hope this is final.

Referring to the paragraph in his letter regarding only 900 horseshoe stamps being sold last year. I received some criticism from some of the horseshoe Mgrs. at the time this appeared, and I explained to them as to how I thought this error was made. I did not intend saying more about this but as Mr. Sebek has made such an issue of it I will do the best that I can to explain how this might have come about.

These stamps are put up in books of 100 each, usually when I refer to them I do so in the term of books. At that time if I did speak of the

stamps in one of my letters to Mr. Harris (as it appeared in his article) I must have spoke of books, rather than just stamps, at any rate it would not have been right as instead of 900 stamps it was possibly 90 books, or 9,000 stamps. It must have been just a matter of a zero or two and we just struck a happy medium somewhere.

On behalf of the Horseshoe Mfgs. I want to say that I believe that they are cooperating, although some have not bought many stamps, it is just possible that they have not sold as many shoes as some of the others. For the benefit of all concerned I will say that last year I sold the Horseshoe Mfgs. a total of 109 books, or 10,900 stamps.

In my letter to the members of the Association in the Dec. issue of THE HORSESHOE PITCHER I spoke of how the members could obtain the combine cards which we now have. Mr. Sebek of Ohio took exception to this and asked that I retract this in the next issue. Mr. Arlo Harris our President told me that his opinion was without comment.

Mr. Sebek has written an article in the February issue of THE HORSESHOE PITCHER in which he has caused me to get so many letters of comment that I feel that it is my duty to put you all straight on the combine card.

First let me say that Mr. Sebek is not an officer of the N.H.P.A. and has absolutely no authority to give orders for this association. I have heard that Mr. Harris our President had appointed him in charge of publicity.

Mr. Sebek was instrumental in having the combine card adopted at the convention last year at Milwaukee, I did not realize at the time why he was so intent on having this adopted, but have realized since.

The Buckeye Horseshoe Pitchers Association of Ohio were the pioneer State association and something more than a year ago there was so much discord in the association that part of them pulled out and organized what is now The Ohio Association. Immediately they started and asked that they be given a Charter, I proposed this to the board of directors, not knowing of the feud that was on there, thinking that we would have two charters there in Ohio, the same as we have here in California. We have two Charters that do not conflict in the least. The Charter was given them and immediately they demanded that we revoke the Buckeye Association Charter.

I want to say now that since revoking that Charter I have ran across evidence which had I known at the time, I would never have consented to this revocation of the Buckeye Charter.

According to the sense of the combine card as Mr. Sebek proposed, is that anyone living within a State that has a National affiliation, must buy their card from the Secretary of that State association. The Buckeye

Association has a fine lot of good sportsmen, and many top pitchers. What Mr. Sebek is so afraid of is that I, or someone else will sell a membership to these fellows. The Ohio association will not sell them membership and will not let them participate in any of the State, County or local tournaments. It makes me wonder, what kind of a free country we are living in.

In closing I want to say that the Buckeye Association have my sympathy and I want them to know that this is the reason they are not able to obtain membership in the N.H.P.A.

Yours for some legislation to rebuild our constitution so that we may all be on an equal.

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### A LETTER FROM GUY ZIMMERMAN

Dear Editor:

I, being a subscriber to your magazine THE HORSESHOE PITCHER ever since it has been published, have enjoyed reading every word of it until the last issue, reading to the top of page 14 (Quote) "Ted Allen had paved the way for such players as Jimmy Risk, Casey Jones and myself, for appearances at Sports Shows." I cannot talk for the other players involved but can for myself and would like to see the following in print in the earliest possible issue.

In regard to an article published in THE HORSESHOE PITCHER January Issue, "Outline of the Horseshoe Pitching Life of Ted Allen."

I admit that Ted Allen was a Great World's Champion, but there were other great champions before his time such as C. C. Davis, Frank Jackson and Putt Mossman, the latter doing more in the earlier stages of the game, and also even to this date. As I have been putting on Exhibition Horseshoe shows and games from the latter Reign of Mossman to the present time and have inquiries as to the whereabouts of Mossman, at the present time, he was the pitcher that really put Horseshoes before the public, in first class.

I played Exhibitions in nearly every State in the U. S. before I ever heard of Ted Allen. I have been playing horseshoes since 1920 and have been putting on exhibitions in horseshoe pitching at Fairs, Expositions, Theatres, Clubs, Field Days, Carnivals, etc. since 1930, furthermore, I have never played a Sports Show for the Sponsor. I have had letters from the United Sports Show for the past ten years, but have not as yet accepted their terms. I have only played one such show and that was last year (1948), but I had a sponsor that payed for their floor space and had nothing to do with the Sports Show program. I also have the same sponsor this season and will play the San Francisco Sports, Boat and Travel Show held at the Civic Auditorium in San Francisco, Calif., starting April 22 and ending May 1.

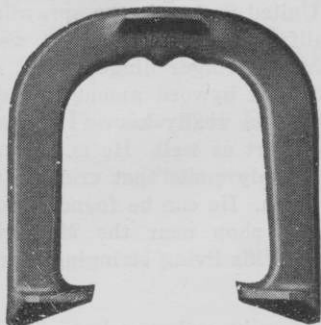
I want to see that part of the above article corrected as far as I am concerned and I feel that credit should be given where due.

I don't know where the information came from but I do know that if it had been by Ted Allen, he would have had a more interesting letter than this. I am for the Horseshoe game and will do all I can to promote the game, in fact I have been elected First Vice-President of the Northern California Horseshoe Pitchers Association for 1949.

I made a living out of the skill I had with horseshoes for eight years, only through my own efforts as a showman.

I like to read articles on the game but when it states that it has made other players contracts that is too much for me. All the contracts that I have ever had if I could not produce the required advertising, pictures, etc. I would never hear from them again for another date, therefore regardless what others have done it has no bearing on another party. I have yet to receive my first letter from any place to appear on a show as other players have appeared. I have put on shows at places

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long before Allen showed there. If a Committee on a program don't want that kind of entertainment the first one to show there wouldn't have showed there in the first place. I have new contacts each year but that doesn't mean that someone else has been there before.

I will be looking for the correction in your next issue and hoping that other articles include the welfare of the certain party only.

I had an interview with an agent of the General Motors Corp. They publish a magazine called Friends that is distributed to their Chevrolet Dealers all over the U. S. This article will cover my life history as a Horseshoe player. This originated from the perfect game I played at Milwaukee. It will appear in the May Issue.

Hoping this letter finds you well and that the magazine is coming along fine. Best regards to the Mrs.

Sincerely,

Guy Zimmerman.

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## HORSESHOE'S "KING OF SWING"

By Roy W. Smith, Author of "Science At The Stake"

Out here on the West Coast of these United States, in the sprawling and overcrowded city of Los Angeles, Calif., lives a brown, lithe, well-built young man who is the World's Champion ringer flinger. Yes, all horseshoe pitchers know his name for it is a byword among players everywhere. His name is Fernando Isais and he really knows his way around on a horseshoe court and a tennis court as well. He is a handsome, quiet, well mannered fellow with a ready smile that crinkles up his face and displays a set of white, even teeth. He can be found almost every day in his small sports and tennis shop near the Memorial Coliseum in Exposition Park, where he makes his living stringing tennis rackets and selling athletic equipment.

Fernando comes from a fairly large family and was born in the fishing village of La Paz., in Baja California, Mexico. He is of Spanish Basque descent and his last name is pronounced "ee-sah-ees" with the accent on the middle syllable. He has always gone in for sports and clean living. He is about 5 feet 11 inches tall and weighs about 165-170 pounds. There is not an ounce of surplus fat on him; his carriage is graceful; he is broad shouldered and slender hipped. His shock of black hair is becoming tinged with grey at the temples but this is due to the strong California sun rather than to his age. He is only 34 years old and goes bare headed most of the time. His only other hirsute adornment is a small mustache.

Fernando became interested in horseshoes when he was a kid in his early teens. He started with a low one and one-quarter turn. John Gordon said he took one look at Fernando's long back-swing and "rubber" shoulder and immediately recognized him as a potential world's champion. So John persuaded the young Mexamerican to change to the one and three-quarter turn. Not long after this, Fernando won the Calif. State championship in 1931 when he was about 17 years old. He defended or won this title eight or more times and has been interstate champion of Arizon, Utah, Oregon, Indiana and Iowa. In 1934 and 1935 he toured the country with Ted Allen who reigned as the national champion from 1933 to 1941. Allen, whom I rate as the greatest all around tournament pitcher of all time, wrote me in one of his letters several years ago, and frankly admitted that Fernando was the only pitcher that he (Ted) feared might wrest the championship from him. However, I don't think that either Ted or Feranndo has ever feared any other pitcher living. But they both admit that they learned a lot from each other and each has a high regard for the others ringer tossing ability.

Sure enough in 1941, at Des Moines, Iowa, Fernando snatched Ted's crown off his head by averaging 82.9% for the entire tournament. Then World War II exploded in our faces with Hitler and Togo bent on trying to cancel out all liberty for the world. Allen went into the armed forces and Fernando into war work. He held his national title from 1941 to

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1946 and did not defend it in 1946. Allen promptly grabbed the crown and reset it at a jaunty angle on his own head once more. Then, at the National Meet at Murray, Utah, in 1947, Fernando snatched Ted bald-headed again. But Ted was covered with painful blisters from poison ivy or the story might have been different. It almost was anyway with a dark horse in the form of husky Wayne Nelson from Indiana bursting upon the scene. But this story is about Fernando Isais, the champ and I am digressing.

In an issue of Collier's magazine, dated August 21 of last year, Bill Fay called Fernando "Horseshoe's Big Pitch." I prefer to call him "The Big Swing" for it's his unbelievably high back-swing that distinguishes him from all other players more than anything else. His swing lacks only a few degrees of completing a perfect circle. Many other good players have high back-swings too, but there are none exactly like Fernando's. His shoulder action is amazing and he seems to be either double jointed or his arm is set in rubber. Others, who have tried to imitate his swing have almost thrown their spines out of joint and suffered with stiff necks for days. Fernando's stance is quite ordinary, so are his other fundamentals, but there is only one big swing like that in all the world and I doubt if it can ever be imitated successfully. In fact, other pitchers are foolish to even attempt it. I have watched him closely many times and it seems that almost all the little effort he uses in delivering goes into that back-swing. Then he just straightens up out of his slight crouch with a hunch and the shoe is on its way. While it just seems to float when watched from the sidelines, I have been down at the stake and watched it come toward me. Despite the floating appearance, it comes into the stake with a considerable amount of velocity. And there is something deadly final about the way those ringers come from high out of the air and splat into the clay around the stake. He loses a few ringers like everyone else, but that high hooking shoe seldom bounces or rebounds.

Fernando looks rather bored most of the time when he is pitching but when the chips are down, his face wears a slight fighting scowl and his lips are drawn firmly over his teeth. Aside from this he is stoical and his emotions do not show on his deadpan face. As I stated in a former article, he knows how to stay relaxed under pressure. Nothing seems to bother him and his movements are slow and unhurried. He acts like he just doesn't care where his shoes go but most of them wrap their arms around that stake like two lovers in Griffith Park. People who don't know Fernando very well might think that he is conceited but there isn't an ounce of conceit or egotism in his makeup. He is just naturally quiet, poised and full of self-confidence. I have visited him at his tennis shop and on the pitching courts. He is friendly, courteous and frank in answering questions. He never brags but I've heard him

engage in friendly razzing with his tennis buddies when he or they lose a match to another. There is an atmosphere of good sportsmanship in his little store.

The first time I saw him, he was playing tennis on the Exposition Park courts. His movements reminded me of those of a cat and he can really smack that ball around. He has teamed with the champion Pancho Gonzales and trounced him soundly in the Olympic club tournament last year. And you have to know your way around on a tennis court to whip Gonzales! Fernando's attractive wife, Hope, can swing a mean tennis racket herself and keeps his horseshoe and tennis trophies polished and immaculate. If he continues to win many more of these, he will have to either find a larger house or move into the Coliseum to make room for them.

Fernando was able to hang onto his world's title last year at Milwaukee but says it was the toughest tournament he has been in yet. He admits that he had some lucky breaks and won a game or two by the slender margin of one point. When one is the champ, there are many others out to dethrone him if they can. Allen, Zimmerman, Jones, Nelson, Brownell and others are after his scalp and he may lose it this year. But he isn't worrying about it. About 6 weeks before a national meet he begins to train in a serious manner. The rest of the time, he is quite busy with his business and tennis. If Fernando Isais would take the horseshoe pitching sport as seriously as most of the others, I don't believe there is a man in the world who could defeat him more than just an occasional game now and then. Guy Zimmerman has beaten him twice for the Calif. State Championship but Fernando got some revenge when he trounced Zim at the Calif. Open last October. Yes, Fernando Isais is a real champ and a fine example of manhood for all young pitchers to emulate. This is Fernando "the Champ" as I see him.

In a later issue of THE HORSESHOE PITCHER I hope to present an article about Guy Zimmerman, "the old master" who is our Calif. State Champion. Also another article of my remembrances of Ted Allen whom I haven't seen since 1932 which is the year I started pursuing the elusive ringer.

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## **COLORADO**

By Ted Allen

Our National Secretary, Harvey Clear's appeal to buy only shoes with stamps on each pair, should be supported to the full by every one, if we want this to be a success, and it can be done with very little effort on everybodys part. I wish from the bottom of my heart that every one would boycott any shoe company who sells shoes without stamps.

Quite often it is the case where a pitcher can see that his favorite make of shoe has no 5-cent stamp on the pair, but rather than give up pitching that shoe he would rather say nothing about it. Gentlemen, I am sure that you would not have to give up pitching the shoe if you follow my suggestions, that certain shoe companies would see the light better if you do your part. Why tolerate this condition of some of the shoe companies stamping only part or none of the shoes? It isn't necessary. If we have the full support of every one and the clubs, this condition will clear up in a year or two. You will then be pitching your favorite shoe, anyway, without any doubt about it being a legal shoe. When you tolerate this you only help to retard the growth of the financial backing of this game. Your support of this stamp fund will contribute greatly to the future self support of the game. Yes, it as simple as that. Because the money from this fund is used to support and promote the game all over the U. S., part of it going to each state organization. It all ties in together for the National and States groups. The same goes with the combined National and State membership cards.

If this thing gets big enough then the funds from stamps will be a big factor in supporting the necessary expenses of promoting within each State. That is the idea of this fund. Although when the late Mr. Harry M. Duncan, in his absence at the prewar World's tournament, instructed me to put the motion before the convention for passing on, the original intent, and used for a few years, was to use the fund for World's tournaments, because the tournament at that time was having trouble getting money for sufficient prizes. But since then the rule has been improved upon to where only a small part is put up for the tournament. The rest is divided up to be used for various promotional angles, part of the fund going back to each State association for their promotion. Detailed information on it has been given at the National conventions and can be gotten on request or at irregular announcements.

I wonder whether some of you realize the great possibilities of the full support of this plan. Only by a count can we determine how many pitchers there are in our organizations, but there are thousands. Besides thousands more of amateurs and beginners, prospective members, who play in only recreation camps, Y.M.C.A., schools, the army, etc.

Just stop and think. If only those, who are now members of any horseshoe organization affiliated with the National or State associations, used only stamped shoes the fund would be many times larger than it is at present. But if all shoes were stamped that go to all horseshoe pitchers in the nation, whether it be those who haven't heard of our organization except to buy the official shoes or it be members, the fund would amount to thousands of dollars. Now can you see why each individual would benefit from this plan? The State Association could be receiving enough of the fund to have a part in either their tourna-

ment prizes or however they see fit to promote. In some way it is going to benefit you, it is no wild guess. Wouldn't it be swell if we could support more meetings, tournaments with more prizes, more tournaments, etc.? The stamp fund will eventually play a big part in it.

Now we have the possibility that one or more horseshoe companies could, in the past, put on stamps on only those shoes going to well known organized clubs who insist the stamps be on, but in another part or section selling without the stamps because, knowing very well that there is carelessness in reporting it. Either the guilty shoe companies did not stop to think or did not care that much for the game, particularly. Common sense tells us that the company would be better off in the long run by stamping all shoes, because the stronger this game becomes the more shoes they would sell and the advertisement be greater in organized clubs. In some of those places such as department stores or beginner's camps, they might come into the organization later on if they only knew the game was that well organized to be self supporting. Some of them might get hold of an unstamped pair of shoes only to find that they had not been official. Without a stamp these shoes would tell the beginner there was no such thing as worthwhile tournaments to pitch in. But a stamp would be a good advertisement for him to be a member. Otherwise he may always stay in the barnyard or back yard. That isn't doing anything towards building up this game worthwhile to induce the young fellows to take it up. But it is the duty and benefit of every horseshoe company to put a stamp on every pair going out of his office, even to the point of selling shoes into the army.

I heard from several sources in the past years that a certain shoe company put shoes in a sports store without stamps. Two years later I investigated, to find not the one I expected to find without stamps but to find it to be the only company out of four to have the stamps on them. I have heard other reports from various territories of the U. S. where a shoe company would stamp shoes going to well known pitchers but not to those going to hardware or sports stores. Or in some part of the country the shoes were stamped while in another section that same shoe was not stamped. This isn't right. I think all companies will come around if the players insist on shoes with stamps. Tell the sports or department store about it, later they will also support the stamped shoes more fully. Why not write two letters when you find a pair without stamps. One to the National Association and the other to the offending company themselves, informing them of that fact.

As for myself, I intend to put a stamp on every pair regardless as to the volume, a dozen or thousands. The more sales to swell the stamp fund the happier I would be. It would be no harder to pay for a larger volume. I would be proud if I could be the top contributor to the fund.

The Ted Allen Horseshoe Co. is probably the smallest company in the business in relation to volume, as yet, except for specific locations. But I hope some day to be putting thousands into the fund.

Mr. Clear's statement that some of the companies did not buy stamps in 1948 is true as far as this company is concerned. I don't know about the other companies but I do know that our company did not buy any stamps in 1948, yet every pair that went out had a stamp on them, because, we put in an order for shoes to be made in 1945, but the order was not delivered until early 1947. As we had quite a few stamps left over from pre-war, we ordered only enough in 1947 to cover the rest of the shoes for that year, with about 75 to spare. Most of these I will use in replacing the stamps that become dampened and lost during my travels, because my trailer leaks during rainy spells, as stamps have been lost like that before and have always been replaced. I have never known any to be lost in the mail and it is not likely that they do.

Since we haven't received any new shoes from the forge since early 1947, we saw no need of buying more stamps than we could use, therefore the reason for not purchasing any in 1948.

It is impossible for the officers of the National Association to keep a check on all the shoes going out, the responsibility rests upon two different factions; the pitching shoe companies and you fellows, all of you. It will not take much effort on your part, just keep the right people informed to buy shoes with stamps on all the shoes, not those shoes with only part of them stamped.

Anyone coming through Colorado, I would like them to stop and see me and the shop.

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## ILLINOIS

By Lee F. Miller

The Greater Chicago Horseshoe League held their first meeting of 1949 in January and we began to make plans for the coming year. We held our Chicago City Tournament Sunday Oct. 3, 1948, at Welles Park in Chicago; of course it was cold and very windy. J. Lindmeier of Center Club won the "A" class with a ringer percentage of 65.6%, and C. Rosenau of Welles Park the "B" class with a ringer percentage of 42.2%.

### TOP "A" CLASS 1948 IN CHICAGO ILL. LEAGUE PLAY

Player	Club	G.	W.	L.	R%
J. Lindmeier,	Center.....	53	51	2	70.6
E. Babush,	Center.....	59	55	4	68.4
G. Overholser,	Center.....	17	15	2	65.1
H. Mundt,	Welles.....	58	39	19	59.4
J. Scabe,	Westtowns.....	51	35	16	58.4
C. Knize,	Westtowns.....	40	22	18	58.1
W. Danhauer,	Pine.....	53	30	23	56.4
C. Williams,	Pine.....	56	31	25	56.0
P. Bozzelli,	Welles.....	60	36	24	55.1
R. Dykes,	Center.....	12	8	4	54.9
L. Loerzel,	Pine.....	42	20	22	52.9
L. Burkhalter,	Center.....	52	25	27	52.2
O. Basinger,	Center.....	47	20	27	52.2
J. Sueda,	Westtowns.....	44	21	23	52.1
C. Schnieder,	Westtowns.....	48	22	26	51.7
W. RehFeidt,	Welles.....	60	35	25	51.7

### TOP "B" CLASS 1948 IN CHICAGO LEAGUE PLAY

Player	Club	G.	W.	L.	R%
D. Delmagori,	Pine.....	57	50	7	47.8
B. Wallwork,	Westtowns.....	20	15	5	46.7
R. Anderson,	Welles.....	38	33	5	45.5
J. Zalenas,	Pine.....	45	32	18	45.2
L. Burcham,	Westtowns.....	44	29	15	44.8
G. Mikl,	Westtowns.....	48	30	18	43.2
M. Parret,	Welles.....	27	18	9	43.2
J. Persic,	Westtowns.....	7	4	3	43.2
W. Lindmeier,	Center.....	55	37	18	42.9
J. Lieder,	Pine.....	10	6	4	42.8
C. Rosenau,	Welles.....	33	24	9	42.5
G. Thompson,	N. Berwyn.....	39	27	12	42.0
G. Peterson,	Welles.....	49	27	22	41.4
S. Kibbe,	Center.....	20	10	10	41.8
F. Walls,	Pine.....	24	16	8	41.3
G. Badura,	Pine.....	41	21	20	41.2
J. Schriener,	Westtowns.....	15	9	6	41.2
J. Novak,	Westtowns.....	39	20	19	39.4
F. Romadka,	Pine.....	54	34	20	38.8
C. Brenersen,	N. Berwyn.....	50	24	26	38.7
L. Dubsy,	N. Berwyn.....	51	29	22	38.2

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## JAKE'S JOTTINGS

Spring is here. Happy Horseshoeing! From the interest shown in the game throughout the Winter months I am sure that the coming season will be the biggest and best that we have ever seen. In my capacity as Editor of this little magazine I was in a position to have my finger on the pulse of the prospects of a coming successful season. The best assurance I had was from the hundreds of horseshoe players who subscribed to THE HORSESHOE PITCHER during the Winter months when the game is practically at a standstill. If they were so enthusiastic during the cold days I wonder how they will react in the Summer? Send me the name and address of anyone whom you think might be interested in receiving a sample copy of this magazine.

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The Iowa State Fair will hold their Farmers and Amateur Horseshoe Pitching tournament again next August. Three hundred dollars in prizes will be awarded. Persons who have not won premium money totaling more than \$50 in horseshoe pitching tournaments during any calendar year for the last three years will be eligible to compete. No entry fee will be charged. In the Farmers Division the entries are limited to actual farmers, members of their families who reside at home and work on the farm, and men employed on farms on a monthly basis.

There will also be an Open Division for horseshoe pitchers not eligible to enter the Farmers Division. For any boy up to eighteen years of age there will be a Junior Division. More details later.

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Pop Woodfield expects to have quite a State Association in Maryland this year and before long expects to ask for a Charter for them. Good luck, Pop. He also hopes New York will be one of the bigger membered States this year in the National. Here's hoping! Pop seems to be mad because EVERY horseshoe player is not a subscriber to this magazine. Gee, I don't think I could handle six million subscribers.

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Andy Moehn wants to know why the different clubs throughout the Country don't use the pages of this magazine to publish the names and address of their Club. I think it's a good idea and you can do it for ten dollars a year, once every month. He also thinks the horseshoe manufacturers should give their support by advertising.

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The following newspaper clipping was sent in by George Logan, vacationing in St. Petersburg, Florida.

### LOCAL HORSESHOE CLUB AFFILIATED WITH NATIONAL

Sunshine Pleasure Club horseshoe pitchers now are affiliated with the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association. Ed Savage, Northern Vermont champion and newly elected secretary-treasurer of the local club, announced recently.

The Sunshine Club has a charter as the tournament site for Florida and plans to make a spirited bid for the 1950 National Championships. Savage said his group is trying to interest some large local firm in sponsoring the tourney.

New courts now are under construction at the Club.

Officers elected at the last meeting are President Joe Ruggles, River Head, L. I., N. Y.; Vice President, Arthur Christie, Grand Lake Stream, Me., and Secretary-Treasurer, Savage, Burlington, Vt.

Charter members are Dan Brush, Richmond Hill, L. I., N. Y.; Grant Apley, Memphis, Mich.; Stanley Wissick, Manchester, Vt.; Jimmy Risk, Montpelier, Ind.; R. L. Wetherby, Grand Lakes Stream, Me.; Lew Wilmarth, St. Petersburg; John Currier, Concord, N. H.; Peter Zieman, Iowa; Leo Latore, Ohio, and F. E. Colby, Minnesota.

Members of the Empire State Branch of the N.H.P.A.—Your membership cards for 1949 are now ready. Send in your dues, one buck, and I will be pleased to forward it to you.

Byron Jaskulek, Treasurer.

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## NATIONAL LEAGUE

Chicago will enter a team in the National League and will be lead by John Lindmeier. Mr. Lindmeier made a suggestion that on long travel games, double headers could be scheduled, i.e., one game could be played with a team on Saturday night and another with a different team on Sunday afternoon. Wherever possible, games will be scheduled in this manner.

As of the first of March, there are four definite entries, Chicago, Covington, Ky., Indianapolis and Canton, Ohio. Deadline for entries is May 1.

Games will consist of fifty shoes each, as this will speed the game up and allow more time for traveling.

Johnny Kovacs

I am not a young horseshoe pitcher and have been pitching horse-shoes for thirty years. I personally like to pitch the cancellation system, but, as a method of promoting horseshoe leagues and memberships in the N.H.P.A., I believe the point system will build up the game. As an individual, although I pitched the cancellation method, and having carried National cards since 1939, I have contributed nothing towards the advancement of the game of horseshoes, but since 1948, when I was elected Secretary of the Ohio Division of the N.H.P.A., the point system had in one year increased the State membership from 39 members in 1947 to 169 in 1948. Ohio is aiming at 1,000 members in 1949—these 1,000 members will be proof of the merits of the game under the correct scoring method.

Johnny Kovacs

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## S P R I N G

When in the park  
It's not the lark  
That lets me know it's Spring  
It's shoes of steel  
That loudly peal  
I love to hear them ring.

And what a scene!  
The courts are clean  
With Stakes like soldiers standing  
Each fellow's shoe  
Dolled up like new  
Around the peg are landing.

Each player's not  
So very hot  
For he was hibernating  
The months of cold  
Away have rolled  
The time has passed, of waiting.

It would be great  
If every State  
Had weather we could choose  
There is no doubt  
We'd all go out  
And pick the kind for 'shoes!

But any how  
On this I'll vow  
No matter what the weather  
As sure as Fate  
However late  
It brings us all together.

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