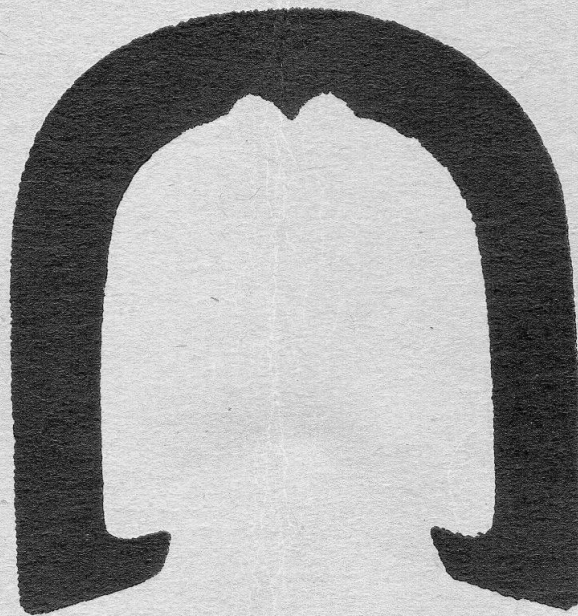


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EDITORIAL

Like a drowning man, I have been struggling since September, 1948, to keep my head above water, trying to publish this magazine every month. No magazine can depend on the subscribers to make it a financial success, nevertheless it was due mainly to my subscribers who kept this magazine going out on time each month. They bore the brunt of the load even if I did get a few ads to help along. After one complete year my financial gain amounted to \$71.68. Do you know of anyone who would take a full time job on his hands for a whole year and be satisfied with such a small salary? Of course you don't. Do you think it fair for me to continue publishing under these circumstances?

If the National Association and the horseshoe manufacturers would do their share to help support this, the only magazine of its kind, one that really has the horseshoe game at heart, an editorial of this kind would be unnecessary. Up to now they have not done so, so there remains but two alternatives; either the National and the manufacturers help with their support or the subscription price, beginning January first will have to be raised to \$2.00 per year.

I'll put my cards right on the table. Each magazine costs me 10 cents per copy for the printing, binding and the cost of the paper and cover (and if my good friend Norman Compton didn't do the type setting and make-up for nothing, it would be much more). The postage is 1½ cents and envelopes and other expenses cost another cent. Count this all up and will find that the cost to me is just \$1.50 per year. The few ads I received allowed me the above mentioned profit (?). How can I continue under these conditions? It's impossible! What's the answer?

Editor.

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

If we are to grow, we must make every effort to enforce and define the National Rules for all types of tournament play. One rule that needs clarification has to do with playing in sanctioned tournaments. Many players are not cognizant of the fact that they jeopardize their chances to play in tournaments sanctioned by the National Association by playing in tournaments where any one participant is not a member of the National Association.

The National Association has very definite rules that players may be barred for participating in tournaments where players who do not hold National membership play. Such a policy may seem detrimental to some, but if we are to grow in membership, we should all make every effort to see that tournaments in our areas are played under National Association rules and that all participants have a national card. Players winning tournaments of this type will be recognized by the National Association.

Nearly all our sports today are highly organized and require that players follow definite rules. Let's each and every one of us do everything within our power to encourage promoters of all tournaments of any type to require all participants to hold the necessary credentials before participating. Let's present a united front!

LOUIS M. DEAN
President.

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FROM THE NATIONAL SECRETARY

Harvey W. Clear

I have had so many inquiries regarding things done at our convention this year that I will try and answer some of them through the "HORSESHOE PITCHER".

There were a number of things that were put through by our former President, Mr. Harris, in our new Constitution, some of which will be impossible to carry out, so it has been decided to have the new Constitution and By-Laws written up in mimeograph and mail a number of copies to each club to be taken up at their meetings, and for each club to instruct their delegates who will come to the next convention meeting, what changes, and alterations they think should be made.

It was decided at the meeting to make THE HORSESHOE PITCHER magazine the official magazine of the N.H.P.A. and it was thought possible to add the cost of the magazine with the dues, thereby making it compulsory for each member to be a subscriber. I will say that this idea has also been dropped, for the time being, with the hopes that a better solution might be worked out at the next convention. I want to add that everyone wishing this valuable magazine, to subscribe direct to Byron Jaskulek, 5 Terrace View Ave., New York 63, N. Y. Just send him, \$1.50 for a full years subscription.

We will try another system for the collection of our dues which I think will meet with the approval of the clubs. Some measures have to be taken in order to have the cooperation of all the clubs in sending in the dues. I will send out small receipt books to the State secretaries; they will issue a receipt to each member when he pays his dues. There will be a stub attached in which the secretary may keep his records. These receipts will have printed on them: good for 30 days. The secretary will send me the 50 cents of each member and I will send the number of cards which he pays for, and he will issue the cards to the member, in return for the receipt. Any of the clubs not wishing to collect their dues in this manner may send me whatever amount of money they wish, and I will send the number of cards for the amount sent in, at 50 cents.

We are very close to the end of 1949 and I want to urge all of the State secretaries to send me their final list of membership, together with the dues, and the unused cards. This is important! Do this right away as I will soon be making up the clubs share of the horseshoe stamp fund, and I will want the number of members in each club.

I am at a loss as to just what to do about having the 1949 results of the tournament at Murray, printed. I have been told by many that they did not appreciate these, warranting the expense of the printing. I have sent the summary of the tournament to THE HORSESHOE PITCHER which appeared in the September issue. I have mimeographed a more complete account which I would be happy to mail to anyone that would like it. I would like to have some more comment on this and if it looks favorable then we may have them printed after all. It will cost about \$150.00 to have them printed.

I will appreciate it very much if all of the State Associations will send me the names and addresses of their 1950 officers, just as soon as they are available.

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APPRECIATION

(A Thanksgiving Day Message To All Horseshoe Pitching Fans)

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

(According to the dictionary, the word appreciate is defined as meaning "to value; to be conscious of the significance, desirability, or worth of; to estimate justly." In other words, give the other fellow credit for what he does or tries to do.)

Since nearly everything that is done for N.H.P.A. is done on a voluntary or contributory basis, we, the members of this organization, should oftentimes be a little more liberal with our praise for what others do in helping to make our sport a better one. Yet, a lot of us are as tight as a gnat's mouth stretched over a doorknob when it comes to handing out a few words of appreciation. We have come to just take too many things for granted which in many cases has meant a loss of members who would have been valuable to our organization. A lot of fellows don't expect a great amount of gushing and cooing flattery for their efforts, but a few sincere words of appreciation pleases them and spurs them on to greater efforts.

For example, many of us appreciate having a magazine to represent our game. All other major sports have them and their fans support them. In less than ten years, we have let two horseshoe publications die. First "The Horseshoe World" then "The Horseshoe News" which gasped out its last line several months ago. Now, "The Horseshoe Pitcher," the best publication we have ever had, faces the same fate unless it receives more support from the members of the shoe pitching fraternity. This magazine is published on a voluntary basis by two swell guys who do all this work because of their love for our sport. Yes, I mean Jake and Norman Compton. They deserve a lot of credit for their efforts and it should be supported by enough subscribers and advertisers to allow its publishers to realize a few dollars profit for their work.

Without a publication to promote the game, how are we to know what the other fellows are doing or what their ideas are? Man didn't begin to progress until he was able to convey his ideas through the medium of speech and to scrawl hieroglyphics on the walls of his cave for his fellows to read. Without a magazine, it's back to The Dark Ages for our sport! Yet, when it was suggested that the magazine be included as a bonus with the N.H.P.A. yearly dues, a few short sighted individuals set up a howl that "they were be'ng forced to take the magazine! With two or more members in one family belonging to the organization, it would be a gross extravagance to have so many copies laying around, etc." Wouldn't this be better than no copy at all? Just what is the difference in paying one's dues separately and for the magazine separately or paying the same amount for both all at once?

If "The Horseshoe Pitcher" is forced to quit, who else is going to be so naive as to try to start another with the graveyard dotted with dead publications whose tombstones are all labeled with the same inscription, "Died Because Too Few Cared To See Me Live." Better think it over fellow members of N.H.P.A. Let's show more appreciation for our magazine before we are forced to appreciate its loss.

A few individuals—a very few—don't appreciate our new constitution and by-laws. Everything is all wrong because they weren't on the committee to help write these laws. Sure the documents aren't perfect, but they are great improvements over the old ones. I wonder if they think that the committee members enjoyed sitting at a table for three days and nights trying to formulate more fair and democratic laws for the game when all the others were out on the courts practicing and enjoying themselves? And when these laws were passed by the delegates in convention, these individuals sat there and never voiced a word of protest. Why not? That was the place to do it instead of griping and trying to create disunity weeks after the convention. Evidently these individuals don't believe in majority rule. They should discard their small town thinking and appreciate the fact that we live in a country where majority rule is tolerated. After just experiencing the most stormy year in horseshoe history, marked by petty bickering, let's try a little unity and appreciation for a change.

We should appreciate the fact that we have good officers at the helm of N.H.P.A. and I am sure that they will, in turn, appreciate the support and cooperation of all the members. I think that all of them are progressive minded and will work for a bigger and more unified organization. If some show that they aren't progressive in their thinking or that they want to ignore the will of the majority and run things just to suit themselves, they should be removed at the next election and more able officers put in their place. The game can't stand still and we don't want to see it go back. The road ahead points to the most successful year in N.H.P.A. history. This is the road to take and all signposts should be observed along the way. The old saying is "that a rolling stone gathers no moss." Well, what progressive minded person wants to be a "mossback" anyway?

Let's appreciate the little guy—the 30% pitcher, or the fellow who likes to keep score—the groundkeepers and all the others who are either directly or indirectly connected with the game. Some of them do a lot behind the scenes. All are needed and the more the merrier. For example, I have two friends here in So. Calif. that do more than their share for the game. Mr. Peter Cartwright, of Long Beach, who did such a fine job as Recording Secretary at the 1949 Convention. After returning home, he spent four days in typing up the new constitution and by-laws. It's time he received a few words of praise for all this work. He and Mr. Beller, who was one of the score keepers there, worked hard all one day to provide the name cards for the players to enable the audience to distinguish who was playing who. I know the spectators appreciated this for I heard many say so.

Upon his return here, Mr. Beller spent a great deal of his time and money in devising a clever scoring apparatus which shows the names of the players, keeps a running score of the game and shows when each four-dead occurs. A lot of favorable comment was heard about this device at our Calif. Open Tournament, held in conjunction with the Los Angeles County Fair in Pomona last month. It's men like these working hard and quietly behind the scenes, who don't receive or expect medals, that do more than their share in promoting the game.

A scoring device similar to this must be worked out for the spectators at the national meets and the sooner it is done, we can expect them to appreciate our game more. So far, almost everything has been done for the players. Now, some things have to be done for the audience if we expect them to attend the tournaments. A few individuals have remarked that "a horseshoe tournament isn't a show." If not, just what is it? The fact that they haven't been made more entertaining for the spectators in the past is the reason why there haven't been more crowds at the tournaments. Who would like to go to a movie and watch the same monotonous reel run over and over or go to a ball game, knowing nothing about it, sit on hard bleacher seats without being kept posted on the scores? I'll argue this question of tournament showmanship with anybody, anywhere and at any time. If we expect the audiences to appreciate our sport more, we must, in turn, show some appreciation to them. A national tournament, held once a year will not increase the membership to any great degree. To be sure, it is the climax of the seasonal activities that many look forward to, but the down-to-earth promotion is a daily job which must be carried on all over the country. Let's appreciate the work of others a little more in this respect.

Because the game is clean and recreates, it belongs to the higher life and is good in the sight of God. The health angle is greatly appreciated by many fans. The scientific playing equipment supplied by the manufacturers and the stamp fund should be appreciated more. Many call this fund a "tax" but this isn't true in any sense of the word. The N.H.P.A. hasn't the power to tax anybody for anything. This is a CONTRIBUTORY fund which the firms voluntarily provide for the betterment of the sport. Let's appreciate all such contributions a little bit more.

Yes, there are many things and many swell people who deserve more appreciation in our game. More of this and less kicking about a lot of petty things will produce a spirit of harmony which will enable the sport to step out and go places. The chronic kickers should quit horseshoes and take up football. That sport always needs good kickers.

While we can't all entertain the same ideas about things, we can certainly improve ourselves and our game by expressing our appreciation for the other fellow and his efforts. Don't be too quick to discount and discard his ideas. He may have something good that will benefit us all if he is given an opportunity to demonstrate it.

To get appreciation, we must give some in return when it is justly due. Let's keep this in mind when we sit down to that sumptuous dinner on Thanksgiving Day, the observance of which is based on—yes, you guessed it—APPRECIATION.

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CANADA

On Thanksgiving Day, October 10, 1949, a very beautiful autumn day. The Bobcaygeon Horseshoe Club held a tournament. The club having sixty some members were fortunate in having the following visitors from other clubs as follows: Mr. Dean MacLaughlan of Oshawa Club, who is the present Dominion Champion as well as the Ontario Champion; Mr. Walter Woodward, who was runner up in the Championship play comes from Dixie, Ontario; Mr. Harold Blackman the secretary of the Dominion Horseshoe Association and Mr. P. Ginn from Toronto, also Russell Kelly from Toronto; Mr. G. Edwards of Galt, Ontario; Mr. Henry Carty of Lindsay and Mr. Roy Jones of Fenelon Falls.

The results of the singles play were as follows:

Dean MacLaughlin, winner, received a nice trophy donated by Mr. Roy Hicks of the Rockland House, Bobcaygeon, and \$6 cash; Len Nichols, Bobcaygeon, second prize, \$5; W. Woodward, Dixie, third prize, \$4; R. Jones, Fenelon Falls, fourth prize, \$3 — Consolation singles, H. Blackman, Toronto, \$2; Gardie Nichols, Bobcaygeon, \$1.

Doubles play as follows: Len and Ernie Nichols, first, \$30; D. MacLaughlin and H. Blackman, second, \$20; W. Woodward and P. Ginn, third, \$15; Bud Nichols and J. Lancaster, fourth, \$10; Irvie Nichols and Fred Nichols, fifth, \$5 — Doubles consolation, H. Carty and Alvine MacCallum, \$4; R. Jones and Geo. Scott, \$3; Dawson Kimble and Darwin Kimble, \$2.

Total prize money was \$110.

Canadian Horseshoe Champion Shows Form

The champion horseshoe pitcher of Canada displayed his wares at the International Plowing Match recently, when a demonstration of the popular sport was held on the courts near the Headquarters area.

He was Dean McLoughlin, 28 year old Oshawa youth, who at the C. N. E. this year, captured the crown he now wears. It was his second national title.

McLaughlin and a finalist in the C. N. E. tournament, Walter Woodward, Dixie, opposed two members of the Toronto Riverdale club, Pat Ginn and Harold Blackman, in an exhibition match.

They were in excellent form too, hooking many a ringer.

The Oshawa performer started to toss shoes when he was 12. A next-door neighbor had a court and he got his introduction to the game that way. He won his first Dominion title in 1939. The next year he went on a goodwill tour of the United States.

Horseshoe pitching, always a popular line of sports endeavor, is in McLoughlin's opinion, growing more popular. "Many clubs are springing up," he said "and in Oshawa we have a 10-team league."

Competitions at the C. N. E. and demonstrations such as he and others put on at the Plowing Match were helping to make the sport still more popular.

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"SCIENCE AT THE STAKE"

This 66 page book is a complete analysis of the Scientific art of tossing ringers. Contains 1001 hints from the champions on how to improve your game. Well illustrated. No horseshoe pitching fan can afford to be without this book. Send only 50c in coin or (3-cent) stamps. No checks or C.O.D. orders please.

ROY W. SMITH
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Compton 3, California

CONN. STATE HORSESHOE LEAGUE—1949

By M. Vecchitto

The Manchester Horseshoe Club won the Conn. State Championship by winning in both rounds in league competition for 1949. Only three teams took part this year, while last year there were five entries. Manchester were last year's winner also. On August 7th (second round) the Bridgeport team had to forfeit their match (36 games) to Manchester.

The following is the final standing in both the 1st and 2nd rounds. Games being forfeited by teams are included in the won and lost column.

	Won	Lost	Ringers	D. Ringers	R. %
Manchester	121	23	2981	781	52.4
Stamford	55	89	2839	571	40.0
Bridgeport	40	104	2027	328	35.6

Season Records

High ringer percentage in game—Jim Bessey, Manchester, 77.3%.

Most ringers in game (Team)—Manchester 1038.

Most double ringers in game (Team)—Manchester 266.

High ringer percentage in game (Team)—Manchester 54.4%.

James Bessey, Jr., of the Manchester Club and newly crowned state horseshoe champion, led all others in league games with a high ringer average of 65.5%. James Bessey had only one loss to his record, that being by Frank Wagner, ace of the Stamford Horseshoe Club.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

By Bill Nellis

I would like to recommend a few improvements in the game of horseshoes that may be of interest to other members of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association. If you will be so kind I would like to use the Association's official organ as a means of getting my ideas over to the other members.

In my opinion the game should be followed the same way as a professional pocket billiard game. Bookings are made in each town by an agent, appointed by the N.H.P.A. Movies taken by a photographer are then sold to local moving picture houses. Television is introduced. Television people may be looking for something like this. With the small amount of space used by the courts it would be ideal for television purposes. Contact or hire four outstanding players to travel around a mapped area which would be agreed upon in advance by the N.H.P.A. Players are paid by the N.H.P.A. Contact clubs indoors and out to which this circuit would follow. If an agent travels ahead of the circuit he can make more contacts for more exhibitions—probably in towns not on circuit map. Of course, we want to have the newsreel and television cameras take as many of these exhibitions as possible. Arrangements to be made by the agent in advance of the exhibitions.

A fund should be set aside to start this deal moving which would, of course, pay for the players. Horseshoes could be a sideline event to be shown at baseball, basketball, fairs, etc. This sounds like it may cost a lot of money, but once it is started and we have contacts through movies, television, etc., we will have the funds to carry on. For an experiment, I contacted motion pictures here in Washington to make a movie of an exhibition for a forty-five minute show. The cost was \$500. If this movie taken of this exhibition was shown in local movies the money expended would be recovered. In my opinion, television people are looking for something like horseshoes which would not be a big expense to them and would more than help defray the expenses of these players. The agent would have a big part in helping to put this over. I think that "Pop" Woodfield, one of the greats of the game, would be an ideal man as agent.

All this would have to be introduced to the officers of the N.H.P.A. In my opinion \$700 would start things going, if approved. We all know that a lot of money that is paid in as dues is put aside for the World's Championship. In raising the dues to \$2.00 this would compensate the Association for the additional money necessary to carry out this experiment.

There is an old story attached to newspaper work. If they can't get news, they go out and make it. That is what we have to do with the game of horseshoes. If I had enough money I would finance this program myself. If I could sell the movies from these exhibitions alone, I would live comfortably for the rest of my life. To me it is like when the people first landed at Plymouth Rock. As the old story goes in horseshoes—how do you hold the shoe? How do you make it turn, etc. Few people have watched the real science of the game. I have played

eighteen years and tried to find out, and to think out, different ways to promote this game. And I believe that this is the only way it can be done. It has been sold in such parts of the country as California, Ohio, Indiana, Florida, and a few other states. We have to carry it into those parts of the country on a large scale to introduce it to the people.

Carl Steinfeld of Rochester, N. Y., advertised portable horseshoe courts that fold up like a fan which can be stored in the rear of a car, which I think indoor pitchers would be interested in.

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MASSACHUSETTS

15-YEAR-OLD WORCESTER BOY SAYS "RINGERS ARE A CINCH"

In Worcester, there's a 15-year-old lad who can pitch horseshoes so well that getting ringers is the rule rather than the exception.

He's Edward A. Domey, of 547 Cambridge Street, and the skill with which he can throw horseshoes qualifies him as one of the best pitchers in this area.

For instance, in an exhibition match held this Spring in Worcester, Domey made 22 consecutive ringers with an ease that amazed onlookers. His practice record for 1949 shows that for 50 shoes pitched he got 42 ringers, and for 100 shoes pitched he got 73 ringers.

For the past two years he has tied for first place in the Worcester County Horseshoe Pitching Championship, and in the Worcester City Horseshoe League he set a record this year by getting 21 ringers out of 30 throws—two separate times—to set a record for the league.

How does he do it? Ed smiles and says that it's a combination of practice, more practice—and luck.

This youth who pays his horseshoe pitching traveling expenses out of the money he makes on his Sunday Telegram newspaper route, threw his first horseshoe when he was nine years old. He was so small he had to walk halfway down the court to throw the horseshoe the rest of the distance. He kept on throwing them and now practices an hour a day.

He first entered into competitive play when he unexpectedly defeated his two older brothers one afternoon—a considerable feat since both brothers are expert horseshoe pitchers.

As Ed practices he sometimes tries trick horseshoe pitching such as throwing blindfolded or by pitching over a wooden barrier that hides the stake from his view. When he pitches this way he averages about 50 per cent ringers.

Most of his pitching and practicing is done in the backyard of his home. He has built three regulation horseshoe pitching courts and has equipped them with lights for night games.

Ed would like to make horseshoe pitching a career and plans to enter the World's Championship tournament when he feels that he is ready. He knows that horseshoe pitching looks easier than it is, and says that the best way to find out how much fun and pleasure can be gotten out of this ancient sport is to grab a horseshoe yourself and see how many ringers you can get.

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NEW HAMPSHIRE

By Chas. S. Gerrish

The Greater Portsmouth annual tournament was held in mid October and veteran Charles Gerrish pitched his way through to another triumph by winning all six games. Howard White, who won this title last year, was not present as he is doing a second hitch in the U. S. Navy.

Gerrish won the New Hampshire State meet last year. The year before last, White won the State and Gerrish won the City Tourney. The 1949 City Championship was held at "Pop" Rex Ryan's clay courts where a full score sheet record of all games were kept.

The most double ringers for one game were ten, by Jim Guyett; Gerrish was next with nine. The highest total doubles for the six games were 44 by champion Gerrish. Tobey made the most ringers for the day, with 173 for the day out of 386 shoes, as he played the longest games. Gerrish totaled 158 ringers out of 280 shoes pitched, over 100 fewer shoes pitched than were thrown by Tobey. The highest game was pitched by Gerrish with 66 per cent.

The new champion says he wants to offer his title open to challenge at any time. He believes individual matches could be arranged for anyone who wants to try to take the title away from him in this way. He announced this open title offer at the City Meet as an idea to add zest to the game from the spectators standpoint as well as that of the players. Here are the results of the games:

Standing on following page

	Won	Lost
Gerrish	6	0
Cook	4	2
Tobey	4	2
Guyett	3	3
Hanson	2	4
Williams	1	5
Geraci	1	5
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MARYLAND

By "Pop" Woodfield

FIRST ANNUAL PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY BOYS TOURNAMENT

The first annual Senior and Junior Boys tournament (under the nation-wide "Teen-Age Program") was held on the Magruder Park courts in Hyattsville, September 10.

Considering that The Maryland Division of N.H.P.A. received their charter April, 1949, and the 8 new courts set up in Hyattsville's only Recreation Center were complete in May, the small number of boys pitching in the finals are a definite step towards County-wide participation in 1950.

Murray and Magruder

The writer has always claimed that horseshoe pitching grows in popularity where best courts are built. There is definite proof of this in Murray, Utah, just south of Salt Lake City, where in 1947, eighteen of the most perfect horseshoe courts ever constructed are located in one of America's most beautiful, natural scenic spots.

There in 1947 for the first time in 12 years a world's championship tournament was pitched under a perfect lighting system. Most of the new world records of that year were made during the night sessions. Again the 1949 World Tournament was staged there and now it is reported that Murray wants the 1950 event and will set up a purse of \$5,000. Murray, Utah, has become the World's center of this grand old game.

It is natural and fitting that this should be. When a horseshoe pitcher for the first time takes his first swing to toss a shoe at the opposite peg, there is a grand and glorious feeling within, that here is

the most perfect equipment possible and in addition the air that you breathe is exhilarating and on top of that the hospitality of the Utah folks makes the trip there one never to be forgotten.

Murray and Salt Lake City consider horseshoe pitching a major sport. They not only build courts befitting a World's Championship, but for some time the Utah Light and Power Co. of Salt Lake City, furnished free plans and specifications of the Murray Courts to those requesting them. The 1947 Tournament Committee, headed by Arch Stokes, induced Marvin Boyer, commercial photographer, to take 13 different views of those courts. Some of them are breath taking especially negative No. 3273B. Boyer's address is 1710 Herbert Avenue, Salt Lake City 5, Utah. Every one interested in the sport should have at least one. Write to him. He may be able to furnish copies even now. Request prices and the number of different views he can furnish.

What has been the effect of those courts on other pitching centers? I can answer that for this section of Maryland. Photos of the Murray courts were shown to Hyattsville City officials when the Maryland State Horseshoe Pitchers Assn. suggested new courts be built in Magruder Park. Eight have been constructed with entire surface between finished in asphalt equipped with flood lights. All out of town pitchers who have used them state they are the best they have ever seen.

The Magruder courts boosted the game here, as never before and as a result the first open tournament in this section was held Sunday, September 18. The Commerce Courts in Washington, D. C., were used because they have 12 courts.

The first AAU tournament was also held there. The writer has shown the Murray photos wherever possible on bulletin boards, at tournaments here and in other cities. Several have been mailed to other sections and some to magazines and newspapers.

All who have seen them are visibly impressed with their perfection. In my opinion the Murray Courts have done more to bring horseshoe pitching up to a par with other major sports than any other incident in N.H.P.A. history.

A Suggestion to the New Administration—Have a cut made to take up the full width of the new stationery. Reproduced at the top of the letter heads and a smaller one on the envelopes, with Murray Courts in black type underneath. Be sure the mountains show in the background. Put the N.H.P.A. official O.K. on those courts.

If the New Rules of Play Are to be Published—Why not have a drawing of an approved court with list of materials. All organized groups in or out of N.H.P.A. should have a photo of the Murray courts to show their Recreation Associations when suggesting that new courts be built.

There is no better way to prove your faith in the game than to insist that the best courts only be built. It would be a good idea that THE HORSESHOE PITCHER publish the changes in the playing rules so that new courts can conform. That is, only those rules that have been amended, or that have been added. The 14 inch peg is one, this alone will be quite a job to change where pegs are securely anchored.

The Prince Georges County plan of full cooperation of organized groups behind Teen-Agers to furnish expert instruction and supervision and to keep back of them all the way in local, county and state events and eventually some may find their way in the annual world championships.

This plan was offered in the form of a resolution to be presented in the 1949 convention at Murray with a request that they indorse it. I personally appreciate that the Teen-Ager idea is mentioned in the full page ad in the last two issues of THE HORSESHOE PITCHER. (This ad was donated by your editor.)

Here in Hyattsville we feel we have accomplished the first stage of the plan mainly because of the fine cooperation of the Executive Board of the Prince Georges County Boys Clubs and the personal efforts of its secretary, Mr. Smith H. Perdum and through space allotted in each month's issue of the club's official publication "The PBCBC Booster." To those who desire more information, address "Pop" Woodfield, 4002 Oliver St., Hayattsville, Md.

"POP" AND HIS BOYS



Front Row, l. to r.: Freddy Hill, Billy Cannon, Johnny Middleton—Back Row, l. to r.: Gene Bourne, "Pop" Woodfield, Whally Stumps, and Kenneth Baldwin.

PETITE PITCHER POSES



Barbara Cannon, Girl Champion, shows the proper grip for the 1¼ turn.

MARYLAND-WASHINGTON, D. C. OPEN

Sunday, Sept. 18, 1949—Commerce Courts, Washington, D. C.

CLASS "A"

	Won	Lost	R.%
Dale Carson, Baltimore, Md.....	6	1	72.8
Boo Henson, Arlington, Va.....	6	1	60.4
Russell Grubs, Hyattsville	5	2	52.5
Bartel Davis, D. C.	5	2	45.8
Willard Nellis, D. C.....	2	5	52.7
Everett Clift, Brentwood, Md.	2	5	38.3
Glen Hall, Garrett Park, Md.	2	5	43.9
Cecil Stone, Richmond, Va.	0	7	40.8

CLASS "B"

	Won	Lost	R.%
Murray Beardsley, Laurel, Md.	6	1	52.9
Fred Hamilton, Cumberland, Md.	5	2	50.0
Woody Wilson, D. C.	5	2	46.9
Chas. Lynch, Fairfax, Va.	5	2	43.2
F. B. Duncan, Richmond, Va.	4	3	45.2
M. Stepienski, D. C.	2	5	40.0
Chas. Clift, Brentwood, Md.	1	6	36.8
Robert Comphers, Garrett Park, Md.....	0	7	30.0

CLASS "C"

	Won	Lost	R.%
E. Durham, Baltimore	5	2	47.1
Jas. Twitchell, D. C.	5	2	45.6
D. Proudfoot, Cumberland, Md.	5	2	45.8
Chas. Jones, Richmond, Va.	4	3	42.0
V. Wharton, Cumberland, Md.	3	4	36.7
W. H. McCormick, D. C.	3	4	37.1
H. S. Sowers, Richmond, Va.	3	4	37.0
Ray Wharton, Cumberland, Md.	0	7	20.7

Above, results of First Annual Open Tournament, sponsored by Maryland and Washington, D. C. Divisions of N.H.P.A. Its main purpose to build up N.H.P.A. in States not affiliated with the National Body and bring the entire eastern section of the U. S. into closer cooperation. Tennessee, West Virginia and North Carolina will be added in 1950 and possibly Delaware.

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WASHINGTON STATE

By Mell Zuber

1949 Washington State Horseshoe Tournament

Held at Wright Park in Tacoma, Washington, Sept. 3, 4, and 5, 1949

Following are the results:

	Won	Lost	R.%
John Monasmith	13	2	65.0
Gene Patrick	12	3	60.5
Ed Fishel	11	4	67.0
Lester Hoyt	11	4	57.8
Dan Graham	10	5	58.0
Henry Knaupt	10	5	59.1
Alvin Hagen	10	5	59.3
Louie Dahl	8	7	58.0
Vic Bertoldi	6	9	56.0
Leo Rollick	5	10	53.6
Kelly Laraway	5	10	56.2
Harold Bomstad	4	11	55.1
George Gates	3	12	51.8
Ralph Warthen	3	12	50.8
Frank Novak	2	13	49.4
Clarence Miller	0	15	39.7

Jake, I went over to Yakima, Wash. to conduct their twenty-man round robin Northwest Tournament, Sept. 30th to Oct. 2nd, and it turned out swell. John Monasmith, who won the State tournament, also won in Yakima, winning 19 games and losing none, with a ringer percentage of 67.1. Cletus Chapelle of Portland, Oregon, was second with 16 and 3 and 67.2 per cent.

I would like to mention that Monasmith, of Yakima, Wash., has been pitching horseshoes only two years. I am going to try to get him to go to Murray next year.

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WEST VIRGINIA

By Arner Lindquist

LOCAL INDOOR COURT ATTRACTS HORSESHOEMEN—Inside horseshoe courts, for both night and day pitching, erected in the rear of Frankenberg's Sporting Goods Store on Railroad Street, has been attracting some of the top pitchers from Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

Among those who regularly exhibit there is Arner Lindquist of Morgantown. At present he is the West Virginia horseshoe champion. In 1946 he ranked sixth in the World Tourney. This year, he came in 12th highest qualifier in the United States. Lindquist, in 1942-43, was the A.A.U. singles champ. Along with Charles Goslin, also of Morgantown, Lindquist held the A.A.U. doubles supremacy in 1940-43-45.

Frank Murphy, present Greene County champ, who ranked second in the State this year, has been giving Lindquist a lot of competition recently. Murphy is from Point Marion. Murphy lost out in the Fayette County Tournament when he was defeated by John Clingan, who can also be seen giving exhibitions at Frankenberg's. Clingan, incidentally, tied with Murphy in the State Tourney this year. He came in second in the State three times, and twice in third.

Mrs. Anna Lindquist, who now holds the National Women's horseshoe championship, also puts on exhibitions. She held the championship in 1948.

Other top pitchers who are frequently seen at the local indoor courts are James and Allen Clingan. Both held the Allegheny championship twice. It's interesting to note that Allen beat out brother John for the Allegheny championship several years ago.

Frank Murphy, manager of the club, announces that persons interested in joining are requested to contact him.

In the near future Murphy expects to obtain a pool table, ping-pong table and other indoor recreation facilities.

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JAKE'S JOTTINGS

Mr. R. E. Gieringer of The Giant Grip Mfg. Co. of Oshkosh, Wis., has informed me that the plant resumed operations under a change in management, after a six months shutdown. The Giant Grip name, I am sure you will all recall in the horseshoe pitching field. They commenced business in 1863 producing primarily, horseshoes and calks. After the machine age caused the beasts of burden to become unpopular, the company stemmed out into the horseshoe pitching field. They produce three lines of pitching shoes at present, namely the "Champion" which is the tournament model, the "Official" and the "Juvenile". Mr. Gieringer informs me that they are using the association stamp and will definitely cooperate with the association on all matters. He also says they look forward to continuous friendly relations between the Giant Grip and the Association and wants to congratulate THE HORSESHOE PITCHER for the fine job we are doing for the sport of horseshoe pitching.

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On Sunday, Nov. 6th, the Hilltop and Sunnyside teams of the Metropolitan H.P.A. of New York, finally played off their deciding game for the New York Championship. Hilltop came across, like the Champions they have been for the past four years by winning with a score of 18 to 14. The star of the contest turned up in Walter Bagley, who won all of his four games for Hilltop.

GROUP "A"

Sunnyside			Hilltop		
	Won	Lost		Won	Lost
Filiccia	3	1	Early	3	1
Benish	2	2	Brady	3	1
Kolb	1	3	Zichella	3	1
Stines	0	4	Secord	1	3

GROUP "B"

	Won	Lost		Won	Lost
Frisco	3	1	Bagley	4	0
Compton	3	1	Whitcomb	2	2
Poppe	1	3	Farmer	2	2
Courtock	1	3	Brumek-Millicam	0	4

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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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Harold Blackman of Toronto, says that if horseshoe players in the States want to spend a lively vacation to get in touch with the President of the Bobcageon Horseshoe Club, Mr. F. Cullon. He says he will see to it that you catch your full share of fish.

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Beginning next month I will publish the new By-Laws and Constitution as it was passed by the delegates at Murray, Utah. Look it over and let the world know what you think of it. Lots of good things in it, but there is plenty of room for improvements.

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Now that the playing season is about over, the next few months can be given over to gripes, beefs, complaints, new ideas or what have you regarding horseshoes. Let 'em come.

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Every horseshoe player and his brother wants to know why our game does not grow in popularity with the spectators. I think I know the main answer. Who wants to sit in a grand stand watching ANY SPORT and having to sit on their hands? When our debutante pitchers get over being so tempermental and let it be known that the spectators can cheer, boo and holler at a tournament, that is the time you are going to have real crowds of spectators. Can you imagine how many people would attend football games, Baseball, Hockey or any other sports if they had to sit on their hands and keep their mouths shut?.

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If every subscriber to this magazine went out and got just one new subscriber, can you imagine what this would do to my subscription list? Try it, will you?

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Way back, in July 1940, Lee Jacobs, who was the secretary-treasurer of the N.H.P.A., wrote the following in the old "Horseshoe World":

"The National Secretary has, from time to time, received requests from various State officers and others for a list of States who belong to the National Association, and also for the addresses of officers of same. I have compiled a list of those States to whom Charters have been sent for the current season, and have included the name of the officer who does the corresponding for that State. I have also compiled a list of States who have had members since inception of the new membership plan in 1935, and believe it may prove interesting to those statistically inclined." Then follows the list. It was a good idea then and I believe it is just as good now. What?