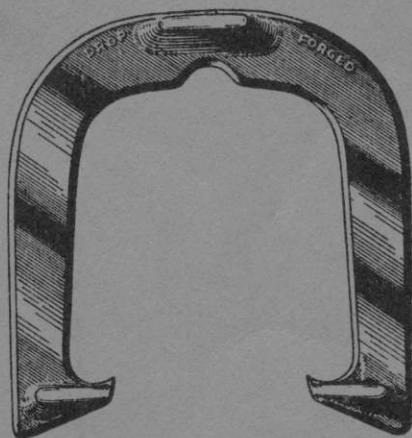


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## EDITORIAL

In our "Presidents Message" of last months' issue of THE HORSESHOE PITCHER he stated that "it was decided by the delegates to raise the combined dues to \$2.00 which would include a subscription to the official horseshoe magazine of the association." Since that decision was made, my printer gave me an estimate on the price for printing this magazine in quantity and I find it will be impossible for me to carry on under that set up. I have informed our President of this situation and have asked him to take this matter up with the idea of being able to continue publication without a financial loss to me. Since that time, I have again heard from the president and we have decided not to include the subscription with the dues. This means that the dues will be \$1 per year for the National and \$1.50 to all subscribers of THE HORSESHOE PITCHER.

Editor.

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

It is the intention of the officers of the National Association to publish as soon as possible, the revised constitution. From time to time during the next year parts of the new constitution will be published in the official magazine.

One controversial subject at the National Convention was the apportionment of delegates to each state. Some delegates felt that delegates should be apportioned strictly according to membership. Other delegates, however, felt that the apportionment should be graduated and after considerable discussion, it was decided that each state association with ten members should be entitled to one delegate; for 25 members, two delegates; for 50 members, three delegates; for 250 members, four delegates; for 500 members, five delegates; for 1,000 or more members, 6 delegates.

If delegates to the National Convention had been allowed solely on a membership basis, two or three states would have controlled the affairs at the National Convention and such a procedure seemed undemocratic to the majority of delegates present.

An interesting change in the official rules was the acceptance of the 14 inch stake, which should improve ringer percentages in the years to come. It is the writers' opinion that improved percentages will tend to increase the spectators' interest, and that is one of the great needs in the game today.

Another important change that should aid in the operation of the National Tournament was to have the new officers take office the day following the completion of the National Tournament. In the past, it has caused considerable confusion and stress where inexperienced people were handed National Tournament operation immediately upon taking office. The old officers are in a position to know what problems will occur and cope with them in a far more efficient manner than inexperienced, new officers.

Louis M. Dean.

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## "DOC" CHESS

Wherever there are organized groups of Horseshoe pitchers, the name of "Doc" Chess is a by-word. For more years than I can remember he kept up a continuous never ending stream of propoganda for COUNT-ALL, flowing all over the United States.

His was the spirit of a crusader and he sincerely believed his pet idea would bring up this grand old game to national prominence and unlimited funds.

He was outspoken in his backing of the point shoe, and that the less skillful pitcher in a match should receive credit for all he made. That the cancellation system of scoring in use for so many years prevented untold numbers from becoming members of The National Horseshoe Pitchers Association. That its worst feature was the erasure of the points and ringers made by the lower percentage pitcher when competing with an opponent in the higher brackets.

Summed up in few words if Horseshoe Pitching was to become a major sport CANCELLATIONS must be abandoned and only one system used, "COUNT-ALL."

The Cancellation system was too well intrenched for it to make descisive gains but it did fill an important place in the building up of the game.

With a limited number of shoes pitched it was a perfect set-up for pitchers who only occasionally could make points and still less often ringers and all games regardless of the skill of the contestants were finished at near about the same time.

For that class of players it is in use in many sections and will aid materially in schooling beginners to advance to higher brackets.

Personally Doc was a most lovable person. He bubbled over with that hospitality that is so much a part of those who love the game. I was a guest in his home in August of 1946 and reading his propaganda for so many years expected to find him a dominating fiery sort of a man. Instead he was a soft spoken smiling mannered gentleman. The moment you entered his home it was yours, its comforts its entertainment was centered around you. His wife and daughter were one with him in making my visit one I shall never forget.

He passed away after a long illness in July, 1949. I did not learn of it until late in August. A distinct loss to his family and friends and to the many thousands who now are and will become members of N.H.P.A. and a very personal one to the writer.

One idea he championed in his late years was the use of the combined State and National membership card. The most important aid to a strong National Association that has come up in many years.

I am sure that all who love the game of horseshoe pitching will join me in extending sincere sympathy to his family.

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## CALIFORNIA

By Harvey W. Clear

On September 17th and 18th Guy Zimmerman retained his title of California State Champion by defeating the World's Champion, Fernando Isais in the tournament held at the Fair in San Jose. Guy was trailing by nine points, then began pouring them on and with eleven straight doubles over took Fernando to win with a score of 50—47. They had four dead thirty-six times!

	Pts.	R.	D.R.	S.P.	%
Zimmerman	50	116	50	136	86.7
Isais	47	115	49	136	84.6

### Complete Scores of 12 man round robin:

	W.	L.	R.	D.R.	S.P.	%
1. Zimmerman .....	11	0	616	266	710	86.7
2. Isais .....	10	1	583	230	738	78.9
3. Gray .....	9	2	587	214	798	73.5
4. Titcomb .....	6	5	536	189	740	72.4
5. Dean .....	6	5	497	174	718	69.2
6. Fourcade .....	6	5	427	128	694	61.5
7. Harper .....	5	6	468	146	738	63.4
8. Mori .....	5	6	491	154	778	63.1
9. Packham .....	4	7	453	137	776	58.3
10. Marceovich .....	3	8	438	128	720	60.8
11. Blexrude .....	1	10	388	105	684	57.0
12. Lyon .....	0	11	313	74	618	50.6
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## CONNECTICUT

By Michael Vecchitto

Here are the results of the match between Framingham, Mass., and Manchester, Conn., played at the Manchester courts. Framington won the first game on their courts, 25—11, Manchester took the second game, 27—9. Both teams were below par on ringer percentage.

### MANCHESTER, CONN.

	Won	Lost	%
Jim Bessey, Jr.....	3	1	57.5
G. Giorgetti .....	4	1	54.3
John Bessey, Sr. ....	4	1	50.7
John Dudek .....	2	2	47.7
D. Harrison .....	4	2	46.9
D. Smith .....	1	0	44.5
A. Turbie .....	5	1	44.0
C. Kaselauskus .....	2	0	42.3
M. Vecchitto .....	1	0	39.5
D. Dunleavy .....	1	1	33.6
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	27	9	47.7

### FRAMINGTON, MASS.

	Won	Lost	%
Comeau .....	6	0	58.8
Halappa .....	2	4	46.0
Ayooob .....	1	5	34.5
Tilton .....	0	6	35.8
Robbins .....	0	6	35.8
Arre .....	0	6	26.8
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	9	27	40.6

The results between the Indian Orchard, Mass., and the Manchester, Conn., horseshoe teams. The games were played at Pope Park, Hartford, Conn.

### MANCHESTER, CONN.

	Won	Lost	%
Jim Bessey .....	5	1	68.6
A. Turbie .....	5	1	52.4
G. Giorgetti .....	4	2	60.8
D. Harrison .....	3	3	46.6
John Bessey .....	2	4	50.9
C. Kaselauskus .....	2	4	40.6
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	21	15	53.1

## INDIAN ORCHARD, MASS.

	Won	Lost	%
Herfurth .....	6	0	60.7
Phaneuf .....	3	3	54.7
Brinkman .....	2	4	52.3
Forstrom .....	2	4	48.0
Laurio .....	2	4	45.5
Allyn .....	0	4	40.2
Fairbanks .....	0	2	25.6
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	15	21	50.1

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## CANADA

By Harold Blackman

The Dominion Horseshoe Championships played on August 31 at the Canadian National Exhibition was decided by playing a six man round robin. This contest was won by Dean McLaughlin of Oshawa. He won all five games with an average of 75.6%. This performance was certainly a great feat and Mac has not lost a game in competition this year. Walter Woodward lost only one game in this contest and finished in second place with a ringer percentage of 69.2. He is the proud winner of the McLellan trophy, donated by Mr. Tom McLellan, first vice president of the Dominion H.P.A. Stan Fritz finished third with 60.8%. In the same kind of contest for Group 2, Jack Stubbs of Hamilton came out on top by winning all five games with 65.8%. Harold Blackman of Toronto was the runner up with a loss of one game and an average of 56.9%. Fred Harburn followed in third place with 47.5%.

This tournament is the first championship tournament held in Canada since the war at the Canadian National Exhibition. To the hard working executives, much of the credit and success of this event belongs. Mr. Jack Wichett, the tournament manager, handled everything in a splendid manner and with the assistance of the executives the events were run off very efficiently. Mr. McLellan not only donated a beautiful trophy but also his time and experience. He is one of the best men in Canada for furthering the game here.

We are almost certain, that under the guidance of Mr. George N. Duthie the Canadian National Exhibition will sponsor the best tournament yet. We are looking forward to this next year. We expect to invite several teams over from the States and put on a tournament that will be well worth while.

Your Secretary, Harold Blackman, wishes to thank all who have written in with advice and will be pleased to hear from any who are seeking information on how to organize a club. My address is 87 Gough Ave., Toronto.

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## IOWA

By Leland S. Mortenson

Harold Shaw, of What Cheer, Iowa, a veteran of World War II, successfully defended his Iowa Championship in the 1949 tournament held at Cedar Falls, Iowa on September 4th and 5th.

The tournament was sanctioned by the N.H.P.A. and was under supervision of the Hawkeye State H. P. A. The Iowa H. P. A. also co-operated to make the tournament a success.

Shaw defeated Dale Dixon, ex-Iowa Champion in the final match of the tournament 50—31. Previous to this match, Shaw was beaten by Marion Lange of Bondurant and Dixon was handed a defeat by Joe Hill of Radcliff.

During the tournament, Dixon put on a trick and fancy pitching exhibition for the benefit of the spectators.

The Hawkeye Assn. held a short convention meeting on Sept. 4th and at this meeting the members received a report regarding the events which took place at the recent Murray, Utah National Convention of the N.H.P.A.

Special thanks are due Bill Combs, Roger Prior and Don Rogers of Cedar Falls for promoting the tournament. Mr. Prior is a representative of the Kiwanis Club which sponsored the tournament.

In this twenty man round robin the top six men finished as follows:

Harold Shaw, 18—1; Dale Dixon, 17—2; Don Rogers, 15—4; Bert Rogers, 13—6; Marion Lange, 14—5; and Joe Hill, 12—7.

At this particular time Norman Compton, Jake's right hand man, wishes to extend congratulations for himself and the Prospect Park Horseshoe Club of Brooklyn, N. Y., to ex-Sergeant Shaw, who spent many enjoyable hours at our courts during the war.

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## KANSAS

By Alvine Dahlene

Keen eyed, steady nerved Roland Kraft, ace of the Lawrence Club again won the State Horseshoe Pitching title. The one armed hurler, always a dangerous competitor came through in a play-off series with M. Tamboer of Wichita to win his third successive Kansas Championship. In the regular 15 game round robin schedule Kraft dropped a game to Anderson of Lawrence 50 to 47 while Tamboer bowed to Kraft 50—38. In the play-off series, Kraft won the first game 50 to 43. Tamboer



annexed the second game 50 to 41. In the rubber game, Kraft and Tamboer engaged in a terrific duel for the last twenty shoes the score at that time being 4 to 4. Here the mighty little man hit his stride to win 50 to 18. He made 69 ringers out of 88 shoes for a neat 79.0% to claim the title.

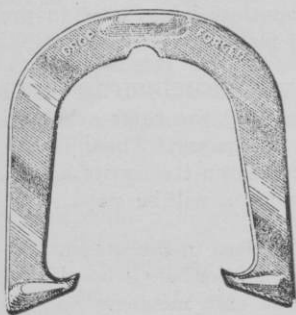
Thirty-nine men entered the meet with sixteen getting in the finals. Tamboer was high qualifier in the 100 shoe pitch with 251 followed by 236 by Dahlene and Gandy had 235. Cash prizes to the amount of \$300. were awarded the contestants. Kraft received \$75.00 and a beautiful trophy which was presented by Senator Arthur Capper of Kansas.

New officers of the Kansas Assn. are A. Harding of Wichita, President R. Kraft, Lecompton, Vice President and C. G. Collett, Topeka, Secretary-Treasurer.

In the City Meet, Alvin Dahlene, veteran ace of the Lawrence Club, won the 1949 City Championship. Eight men in class A, six of them being finalists in this year's State tournament, fought it out. Top three men were Dahlene, Kraft and Kampschroeder. In class B the 330 pound Frank Speecher grabbed off first honors with Hegeman and Goff following in that order. Dahlene was presented with a trophy for the championship by the club.

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## MARYLAND NEWS

By "Pop" Woodfield

According to reports from Murray of the 1949 tournament held there in August. Fernando Isais (who won the title for the third successive year) just missed matching Guy Zimmerman's perfect game at Milwaukee last year of 44 ringers in 44 shoes. Fernando hooked 41 in 42 shoes.

However another member of N.H.P.A. pitched 100 per cent in another and most important phase of horseshoe pitching over a period of 12 months. I refer to Byron (Jake) Jaskulek, ably assisted by Norman Compton, 12 monthly issues of Jake's "THE HORSESHOE PITCHER" were published and distributed in the year between Milwaukee and Murray.

If you who have received this fine magazine each month do not consider this an exceptional feat you should attempt to publish a horseshoe pitching paper under the same conditions that Jake has been operating.

To vote THE HORSESHOE PITCHER the official organ of N.H.P.A. is a well deserved honor but to combine its subscription with N.H.P.A. membership cards is a mistake. Remember that only a few of his subscribers had a voice in that vote. If in this combination of \$2.00 One dollar is allotted for Jake's magazine the margin of profit for him above actual costs of publication is too small to permit of expansion not to mention any return for the countless hours used in preparation of copy for the press, addressing and mailing.

Forcing members to subscribe to THE HORSESHOE PITCHER will prevent an increase in membership and by the same token reduce the number of those now subscribing to his paper. There is no question that his circulation will gradually increase on its merits alone but until he can attract enough advertising expansion will be slow.

Even if N.H.P.A. should assume his loss in the present subscription price the fact would still remain that subscribers who do not care to join N.H.P.A. would be forced to do so and, members and prospective members of N.H.P.A. would be forced to subscribe. By all means let Jake have entire control of his publication and let it remain the official organ of N.H.P.A.

N.H.P.A. cannot grow without THE HORSESHOE PITCHER.

Here in Hyattsville and Washington, D. C., we are planning to comb the state of Virginia and Maryland with a view to increasing membership in the present Maryland State Assn. and getting an Assn. in Virginia.

The first event looking to this end was the first Annual Open Tournament limited to the State of Va. and Md. and Washington, D. C. It was held on the Commerce Courts in Washington and was completed in one day. 39 entered in the morning qualification round. Eight from 3 cars driving from Cumberland, Md., 150 miles; 2 from Baltimore; 5 from Richmond, Va., 100 miles, and the remainder from nearby Md., Va. and Washington, D. C.

As there are only 12 modern courts in the Commerce set-up, 24 entered the finals in three classes. Trophies for winners and runners-up were provided for each class. In class A, Boo Henson of Arlington, Va. and Dale Carson of Baltimore, tied for first place with 6 won and 1 lost. In Class B, Murray Beardsley, Laurel, Md., won first losing only one game and that to Fred Hamilton of Cumberland. Hamilton, Woody Wilson of D. C. and Chas. Lynch of Fairfax, Va., tied for 2nd with 5 wins 2 losses. In the pitch-off Hamilton beat Lynch and had a big lead on Wilson when a cloud burst stopped further play. It was mutually agreed that Hamilton was entitled to second spot.

In class C, there was a three-way tie for first between Durham of Baltimore, Twitchell of Washington and Proudfoot of Cumberland. There wasn't time to complete a pitch off before the rain and the three decided to toss coins. Durham placed first and Twitchell second. Because Proudfoot did not have a chance for a pitch off, the tournament committee decided to present him with a trophy also.

The pitch-off between Carson and Henson was postponed to Sun. October 2—best 4 in 7 games.

We gained 24 new N.H.P.A. members through our first attempt of a one day tournament. The Cumberland boys were outspoken in their enjoyment of meeting other horseshoe pitchers in friendly competition a few said it was a new experience to them and letters that have been coming in from them state they will go after the game on broader lines in their city.

They will make a larger entry next year and also in a Maryland State event Richmond, Va., that have a small number of real enthusiasts intend to play home and home games with Cumberland which would mean about a 250 mile trip. Of course Washington, nearby Va. and Md. also will visit Cumberland in N.H.P.A. events. Next year West Va. will be invited and possibly a section of Penna. The idea is to bring out many pitchers in the middle brackets who can well advance by advice in proper turns in the event that they do not use them, and too, we may discover some unknown experts.

This can be the start of an Eastern National with the flock of top pitchers from the New York and New Jersey areas. And there is Delaware to investigate and North and South Carolina. Tennessee is ripe

for invasion. So Jake if you have any names and addresses in the States mentioned or any other in the South send them to me and they will get letters printed on the press of the departed Horseshoe News. That goes for you Harvey and all of the new officers. Just one name in each may hit the jackpot. If you have a copy of the Saturday Evening Post of September 10 turn to page 150. Several million subscribers will be introduced to Ted Allen. Notice the pitching shoes pictured. It is, I believe, the first time that a pitching shoe is shown as is in an ad. Results of the first AAU. Prince Georges County Mens, Boys and Girls tournaments will follow and a Prince George Co., League.

## MINNESOTA

By Dr. C. W. Vandas

Rain on Sunday, September 4th postponed the play of the first day of the Gopher State Horseshoe Tournament at St. Paul making it necessary to play all games on Labor Day, Sept. 5th. The day was very appropriately named.

Ron Cherrier of Hopkins pitched an all time high 71.3% for all games to win the State Championship with 15 victories and no losses. Second place went to Nels Peterson of Rochester with a 13 and 2 record and 72.0% ringers. Third place was won by Ken Tuenge of Minneapolis pitching 67.4% on a playoff with King Hauge of St. Paul, who pitched 65.1%, as both finished with 11 won and 4 lost. The playoff game went to Tuenge 50 to 23 on 48 ringers to 40 in 66 shoes. Dr. C. W. Vandas also of St. Paul took the 5th place medal with a 10 and 5 record while pitching 65.0% ringers. Last years state champion, George Suess of Mankato although pitching at a 61.3% clip could do no better than win 7 and lose 8.

In Class "B", G. Ganz of Backus also had a clean slate of 15 straight victories while pitching 56.3%. A. Paglarini of Hibbing won 14 and lost 1 and pitched 56.2%. Third place went to Ned Degidio of South St. Paul, owner of a 12 and 3 record on 49.0%. Ken Huber and H. E. Gage, both of St. Paul played off for 4th place. Both had 11 and 4 records. Huber won the playoff by a score of 50 to 47. Huber's tournament average was 48.2%, while Gage's average was 49.6%.

The best game of the day was between Cherrier and Tuenge. The game went 108 shoes before Sherrier won 50 to 41 throwing 83 ringers and 29 doubles to Tuenge's 79 ringers and 26 doubles. A total of 15 four dead was recorded.

The tournament this year gave the state its best pitching and the largest number of entrants. What records were not broken were in danger of being broken. Following is a list of the records that were broken:

Highest tournament average—N. Peterson, 72.0%.

Highest game percentage—N. Peterson, 80.6%.

Most ringers game—Cherrier & Tuenge, 162.

Most ringers game (individual)—Cherrier, 83 (108 Shoe Game)

Most doubles game—Cherrier, 29.

Most four dead game—Cherrier & Tuenge, 15.

Most consecutive doubles—N. Peterson, 11.

Following the tournament the annual meeting was held. All business was taken care of and the officers were elected for 1950. Nels Peterson of Rochester succeeds Ned Degideo as President and yours truly follows Ben Trolen as Vice President.

The present officers will do all we possibly can to make next year even more successful than this past year. That is a task hard to do as a wonderful job was done in 1949.

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## MISSOURI

John Elkins of Stella, Mo., won four out of five games in a match at the Southwest Missouri Fair at Neosho, Mo., on September 24th for the 1949 Missouri Championship. Erwin walked away with all but the fourth game and lost that game by only four points. In the third game, Elkins came through with a 80.9% game. For the five games, Elkins had an average of 65.4% and Edwin finished with 61.7%.

This match was held on the last day of the Fair and spectator interest ran pretty; at least 1,000 people were on hand to witness the contest. Elkins received fifty dollars in cash and a certificate of Championship from the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association.

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## NEW JERSEY

Doug Fogal, N.J.S.H.P.A. Secretary, putting aside his pencil, percentage charts and pitching schedules came out of virtual retirement to cop the Jersey State Championship, September 18, at Branch Brook Park, Newark. Fogal, mainly active the past two seasons directing tournaments, swept through his 8 games undefeated. Artie Scolari, former champion in 1942 edged Bill Kolb, state titleholder in 1941, for second. Both men won 6 of 8 games but Scolari's 64.1% topped Kolb's even 60.0%. Kolb defeated Scolari in their tussel 54-25. Fogal won from Kolb 50-36 and from Scolari 54-39. Fogal ran up the longest string of clean innings—19; scored the most consecutive ringers—13; threw the most ringers—304; and pitched the most shoes—530. Waltz and McCrink, together with Scolari and Kolb, had the longest games—86 innings. Puglise defeated Courtock in the shortest game—36 innings. Scolari had high game of 76.1%.

Doc Berman streamrollered his way to the Class B title over a very tough field winning all 6 games. His 62.8 average tied the previous Jersey Class B record set by Joe Puglise before the war. Famous in Jersey up to this tourney for his moving pictures of the Rosselet Memorials and other shots of pitchers in action, "MD" Berman shot a high game of 77.1%. Art Nugent, Jr., with a 6-1 record took second with 50.7% and Paul Hanas averaged an even 50.0% for third.

John Kempe, with 27.0% won a three way play-off for the Class C title, defeating Bert Martell (29.5%) who took second and Cliff Axworthy (39.9%) third. Al Ward won Class D with 24.6% over Bob Smith and Ray Ward.

The winners in each class received trophies—2nd, 3rd and 4th in each class were awarded medals and all other entrants received silver horseshoe lapel pins.

The complete results follow:

### CLASS "A"

1. Douglas Fogal, Ramsey .....	8	0	57.4
2. Art Scolari, Paterson .....	6	2	64.1
3. Bill Kolb, Newark .....	6	2	60.0
4. Lee Davis, Ridgfield .....	5	3	53.8
5. Jack Waltz, Newark .....	4	4	52.9
6. Bernie Mullady, Nutley .....	3	5	48.2
7. Paul Puglise, Clifton .....	2	6	45.4
8. Andy Courtock, Passaic .....	1	7	47.9
9. Joe McCrink, W. Orange .....	1	7	44.1

### CLASS "B"

1. Sol Berman, Elizabeth .....	6	0	62.8
2. Art Nugent, Jr., Newark.....	5	1	50.7
3. Paul Hanas, Midland Park .....	3	3	50.0
4. Frank Takash, Belleville .....	3	3	45.8
5. Larry McKevitt, Passaic .....	3	3	41.5
6. John Landers, Jr., W. Orange .....	1	5	46.1
7. Barney Knapp, Midland Park .....	0	6	35.7

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### NEW YORK

On September 7, 1949, the New York State Horseshoe Pitching Tournament, which was sponsored by the American Agriculturist, was won by George (Frenchy) LaRose of Syracuse, N. Y. When the sixteen man round robin was completed LaRose and Tony Sauro, also of Syracuse, were tied for first place with fourteen games one and one lost. LaRose won the play off 50 to 41. Third, fourth and fifth places were garnered by Leon Shanahan, Roy Moore and Donald Vincent. Prizes were \$50.00, \$25.00, \$15.00 and \$10.00.

Dr. Harry Turner and Lloyd O'Ree were the officials in charge of the contest.

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Under the supervision of Mr. A. J. Henrich, the Mineola Fair held their yearly Horseshoe Tournament consisting of a ten man round robin. Patrick Brady, the young man who finished thirteenth at Murray, Utah, came out on top by winning all of his games. The runnerup was Ruth Hoelzle, the New York State Women's Champion. (She pitches at forty feet.) The top three finishers were Brady, won 9 lost 0 with 69.8%; Ruth Hoelzle, won 8 lost 1 with 64.0%; Vito Fileccia, won 6 lost 3 with 69.9%. Ruth Hoelzle had the highest percentage for a single game, a mere 80.4%. Any of you ladies like to compete with her in a contest at forty feet?

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The Long Island State Park Commission held an eight man round robin affair at Hempstead Lake State Park on September 18. It was a beautiful day but a very high wind was blowing all day which tended to cut down the percentages considerably. Joe Frisco came out on top with seven wins, Ruth Hoelzle was second with six wins and one loss and Martin Poppe was third with four wins and three losses. Ruth had the highest average, 54.0%. They all received very fine trophies, donated by the park commission. The recreation director, Mr. Walter Stewart supervised the tournament.

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## OHIO

By A. B. McCoy

The Buckeye State Horseshoe Pitchers Association held its State Championship tournament at Cedar Point, Sandusky, Ohio, Saturday, Sunday and Monday, September 3, 4 and 5th, 1949.

All players who took part in the State tournament, voted unanimously that the 1949 tournament was the best ever held in Ohio. Beautiful courts, fine management, score keepers, a P. A. System, second to none, that kept the fans posted on what was going on on the courts, as well as the players themselves, fine Hotel rooms for the players and their family's and friends, a fine cafeteria, really swell food. One of the best bathing beaches less than 200 feet from the courts, and the boys took advantage of it.

Grover Hawley, champion of Ohio from 1941 to 1945, inclusive, came out of retirement and won the title back again this year. Hawley was a little shaky at times, but he had what makes champions in the pinches, and altho defeated by our 1948 champion, Ralph Lackey, in his game with Lackey, that was the only game in which he was defeated. Lackey, last years champion, lost two games, and took second place and the \$50.00 that went with same. W. O. Maxwell and Paul Focht tied for third.

Hawley received \$100.00, a fine trophy, and a certificate of Championship of the Buckeye State Horseshoe Pitchers Association. Third place won \$50.00. Fourth place \$40.00, every player in the finals received cash prizes.

Jimmy Hook, Junior Champion of Ohio, played in the second group, he won 12 and lost 3 tying for fourth place. Jimmy announced after the tournament, that we would give up the Junior Championship, and from now on he would be trying for the Class A Championship, that he would pitch the legal distance of 40 feet.

### CLASS "A"

	W.	L.	%
1. Grover Hawley .....	14	1	70.2
2. Ralph Lackey .....	13	2	69.7
3. Paul Focht .....	11	4	69.4
4. W. O. Maxwell .....	11	4	69.2
5. Harold Thompson .....	10	5	68.8
6. Leslie Alban .....	10	5	68.0
7. Andy Stolarik .....	8	7	67.7
8. Harry Sibert .....	7	8	66.5
9. Walter Allison .....	7	8	66.2
10. Wm. Glass .....	6	9	63.9



11. Chas. Meloy .....	5	10	63.1
12. Leroy Hill .....	5	10	62.8
13. Herman Oney .....	5	10	61.5
14. Ray Miller .....	3	12	60.4
15. George Bowman .....	3	12	58.7
16. Leonard Glass .....	2	13	58.5

#### CLASS "B"

	W.	L.	%
1. L. D. Crooks .....	14	1	62.2
2. Harld Frye .....	14	1	61.8
3. A. B. McCoy .....	13	2	60.7
4. Jimmy Hook .....	12	3	60.5
5. Fred Raisbeck .....	12	3	60.2
6. Chas. Kayle .....	11	4	58.0
7. Clyde Fulton .....	9	6	57.4
8. Dr. Fitzgerald .....	9	6	54.8
9. Wm. Meloy .....	6	9	53.1
10. Lester Rose .....	5	10	45.8
11. Harry Denlinger .....	5	10	43.4
12. Ray Davis .....	5	10	43.1
13. Harry Fulton .....	3	12	42.7
14. Harold Garrett .....	3	12	41.9
15. G. L. Geiger .....	1	14	39.4
16. C. A. Benedict .....	0	15	39.5

No ties were played off, except Crooks and Frye for 1st place in the "B" group. Crooks won 2 out of 3 games, taking the championship of Class "B".

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**CANTON**—Canton, Ohio's Selway Carpet Cleaners are co-holders of the worlds team horseshoe pitching championship.

The Carpet Cleaners edged Indianapolis City Ice Cream Co. 2902—2895 here Sunday afternoon to finish the National League season in a tie with the Hoosiers.

Both power-packed teams concluded the campaign with identical records of five victories and one defeat. Other teams in the league are Covington, Ky., and Chicago.

Indianapolis, which turned back Canton for the title in 1948, defeated the Selways 2810—2802 in Canton last June. Sunday's defeat marked the first time Indianapolis has been turned back on its home courts in several years.

Ohio's champion pitcher, fireman John Sebeck, and Ellis Hanna and Hubert Burt set the spark for the Cantonians.

Sebek enjoyed his hottest series of the season, collecting 640 points on 200 ringers. His ringer average was a blistering 80. Hanna chipped in with 605, while Burt netted 592. Herb Rhoads and Russ Yaus pumped 538 and 527, respectively, to round out the Canton scoring.

Indianapolis actually lost the match in the third round when it was outscored 589-538. In that round, Burt finished with 12 straight doubles to defeat Arlo Harris 135-105. Sebek peppered Lowell Edmundson 134-112 in the third session.

Selways won the first round 575-569 and lost the second 602-569. After the deciding third round, Selways came back to win the fourth 588-585 before losing the fifth 601-581.

Burt, the last man on the firing line, clinched the match in the final round by doubling out his last two times.

Sebek and Graydon McFatbridge, the Indiana state titlist, met in the fifth round and the Cantonian soundly thrashed him 137-123. The 137 was high game of the match.

Sebek posted game scores of 113, 124, 134, 132 and 137. He poured on 44 ringers in the finale.

Edmundson topped the Indiana efforts with a 611, while McFatridge contributed a 603.

#### SELWAYS

	Pts.	Ring.	Pct.
John Sebek .....	640	200	80.0
Ellis Hanna .....	605	182	72.8
Hubert Burt .....	592	176	70.4
Russell Yaus .....	527	152	60.8
Herb Rhoads .....	538	150	60.0
Totals .....	2902	860	68.8

#### INDIANAPOLIS

	Pts.	Ring.	Pct.
George Johnson, Sr. ....	324*	96	64.0
Peyton Printz .....	573	169	67.0
Lowell Edmundson .....	611	190	76.0
Arlo Harris .....	564	170	68.0
G. McFatridge .....	603	185	74.0
H. McFatridge .....	220**	66	66.0
Totals .....	2895	876	70.1

\* Pitched 3 games.

\*\* Pitched 2 games.

Canton .....	575	569	589	588	581-2902
Indianapolis ..	569	602	538	585	601-2895

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## PENNSYLVANIA

By E. C. Dickey

Richard Dickson of Butler, Pa., a seventeen year old high school lad, although out scored in total points 142 to 133 and in ringers 74 to 67, came through in the pinches to edge out his more experienced rival, Wm. J. Graham, also of Butler in the best two out of three game championship match of the Butler County Farmers Horseshoe Pitching Contest held at the County Fair.

Dickson took the first game, which was not decided until the final pitch by 50 to 47, with Graham coming back to take the second game by the score of 50 to 33. Dickson then came back with a 50 to 43 win in the final to cop the \$15.00 first prize and a chance to pitch in the State contest at the Pennsylvania Farm Show in January. In the qualifying rounds he threw 24 ringers out of 50 shoes. Graham, the runner up, also received \$15.00. The Simpson brothers, Kenneth and Frank, also from Butler, nailed down the next two places for \$10.00 each with Kenneth taking the third place position. Other winners of \$5.00 each finished in the following order—Leroy Moore, John McCandless, Rev. Goehring, Dale Hartzell with Raymond Bunzo ending one place out of the money. There were 11 contestants.

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### NATIONAL HORSESHOE LEAGUE SEASON RECORDS

#### TEAM SERIES

2902 points, Selways  
888 ringers, Indianapolis

#### INDIVIDUAL SERIES

640 points, John Sebek, Canton  
200 ringers, John Sebek, Canton

#### TEAM SINGLE GAMES

620 points, Indianapolis  
197 ringers, Indianapolis  
60 double ringers, Indianapolis

#### INDIVIDUAL SINGLE GAME

138 points, J. Johnston, Covington  
197 ringers, J. Johnston, Covington  
20 double ringers, J. Johnston, Covington

Johnny Kovacs, Secretary

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## JAKE'S JOTTINGS

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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Here is a clipping from the Cumberland News of September 29—The finals in the horseshoe tournament being conducted by the City Recreation Department will be played this week end, Edmund F. Hoey, city recreation director announced today. The winner of the postponed semi-finals between Arch Street and Old Export, which will be played tomorrow at 5 p.m. on the latter's court, will meet Union Laundry for the championship.

Union Laundry advanced to the finals by defeating Harding Avenue this week 9 to 0. Hoey stated that in the event Old Export defeats Arch Street, the team will play Union Laundry on its courts Saturday at 5 p.m. The second contest will be staged Sunday at 5 p.m. on the Union Laundry courts, and if a third is necessary, the location will be decided later.

In case Arch Street wins tomorrow the schedule will be Union Laundry at Arch Street Saturday and Arch Street at Union Laundry Sunday, with the site of a possible third game to be established.

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John Fulton, Pennsylvania State Champion, defeated Raymond Frye in an exhibition match on the Carlisle Horseshoe courts on August 25. Following an exhibition given by Mr. Frye before a very large crowd, Fulton and Frye tangled in a long match lasting over two hours. Finally Fulton won three out of five games. The last time these two met was at Ridgway where Frye won. They will get together again at Winchester, Va., on September 30 and at Gettysburgh, Pa. on October 1.

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Merle Palmer, of Cheyenne, retained his title of Wyoming State Champ without any serious trouble. His nearest competitor, Lolly Hansen, of Casper ran up a score of 39 points. Hansen was second and Lester Forsythe of Laramie took third place. Palmer had a high game of 78.1% A. L. McNeil, who sent in this information says they were to play a team from Greeley, Colo. on September 25th, which will probably wind up their horseshoe activities until next Spring, probably in May.

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Any of you fellows who did not get your new subscription in on time to get the September number of THE HORSESHOE PITCHER are out of luck for that issue, because I have not got a single copy left. So please do not ask me for one.

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Looks like the teams of Sunnyside and Hilltop, of the Metropolitan Horseshoe Pitchers Association of New York will have to play a single game to decide the winner of the flag as they both finished with the same amount of games won and lost. May the best team win!

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You've heard that old "saw"—its an all wind that does not blow somebody some good. We are very sorry that this months' edition of THE HORSESHOE PITCHER is a bit late, and that being the case we were able to include this late news. On Oct. 1 and 2 the California Open Tournament was held at Pomona, Cal. That guy Isais beat that Guy Zimmerman for first place. The tournament wound up like this.

	W.	L.	%
1. Isais .....	11	0	76.2
2. Zimmerman .....	9	2	80.3
3. Gatewood .....	7	4	71.1
4. Titcomb .....	7	4	70.4
5. Gray .....	6	5	69.9
6. Brown .....	6	5	68.6
7. Hosier .....	6	5	65.5
8. Dean .....	5	6	66.1
9. Dolan .....	3	8	63.1
10. Nottingham .....	3	8	57.1
11. Smith .....	2	9	56.3
12. Harper .....	0	11	46.2

This tournament was under the management of our National Secretary, Harvey W. Clear.

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