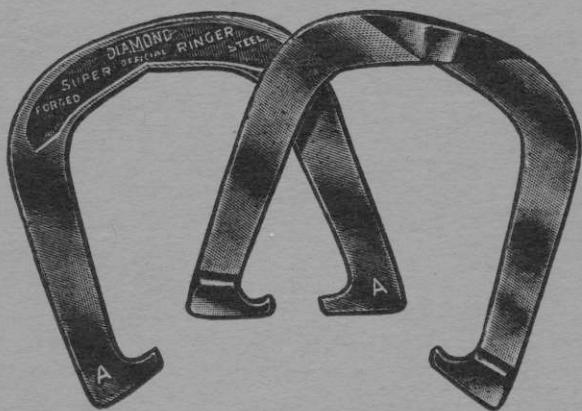


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EDITORIAL

This month's magazine will not be in the mails until the world's tournament and the Convention of the N.H.P.A. is over. However, I hope that everything necessary for the good of the game and the N.H.P.A. will have been thoroughly gone over so that our next horseshoe year will be bigger and better than ever. While the twelve man committee on the constitution and by-laws did a tremendous job, the past year has uncovered a host of omissions and errors. This was mostly due to the lack of time at the disposal of those who compiled it. The ground work was laid and all that is necessary to make it perfect will be the corrections that are to be made.

I expect to leave New York on July 30th for Murray and if some of your articles do not appear in this issue it will be because of my absence. For the same reason this may be a very thin edition but I will make up for it next month when I will carry the full report of the convention and the results of the games. If your subscription has expired, use the enclosed renewal blank at once. This will insure your getting the September number which will give you all the dope from Murray, Utah.

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CALIFORNIA

A TEEN-AGE PROGRAM IS OUR MAIN RESPONSIBILITY!

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

Many of you readers are the parents of teen-agers. You may be an aunt or an uncle. Or you may be a grandparent. Whichever you may be, you are vitally interested in the problems of boys and girls just growing out of adolescence. If you are not interested, you should be! Teen-age immorality is on the increase. Not because our young people of today are any worse than they were a half century ago. But there are more of them today, with more temptations to lead them astray. Most of these temptations are placed in the paths of the teen-agers by adults! **95% OF ALL TEEN-AGE DELINQUENCY IS THE RESULT OF ADULT DELINQUENCY!**

The facts—ugly as they are—speak for themselves. Magazine stands are loaded with all sorts of lewd literature and sexy pictures. The movies contribute their full share too. About half of the radio

programs are devoted to blood curdling stories of crime and murder. The horrible shrieks of agony that fill the air under the guise of "entertainment" make Dante's Inferno seem tame in comparison. About the only place that we do not see whiskey and tobacco advertisements anymore is in the Holy Bible. Gambling has become a nation wide, multi-billion dollar racket. And the greatest menace of all—a menace far greater than any that exists beyond our national borders—is DOPE! Marijuana is peddled on the campuses of our schools and colleges, in dance halls and bistros. The latest figures released by the U. S. Bureau of Narcotics (for 1949) show an alarming increase of total drug violations.

If there was ever a time when we needed a strong, healthy American youth, that time is now. *We cannot build a strong nation on a diet of sex, whiskey, cigarettes and dope.* As Eleanor Roosevelt recently pointed out, "no nation can endure whose youth is sick." Our way of life is founded on freedom dreams, not the dreams of the doped. The young hoodlums that make up the "rat packs" roaming the streets of our large cities have been fed the wrong moral and physical diet. In our frantic scramble for the almighty dollar, during the so-called post-war(?) period, we have, in far too many instances, lost sight of our greatest national asset. Our American youth. *Herein lies the source of our national security!* From the ranks of our young people of today will come our leaders of tomorrow.

A policy of "too little and too late" is more reprehensible on the home front than on the battle front in a foreign land. Because the battle front is several thousands of miles away, with many difficulties involved, failures are to be expected. But there is absolutely no excuse for us to fail in providing the proper recreational facilities in our communities and summer resorts here at home. A well-planned program is necessary to stamp out teen-age delinquency. This is, first of all, the responsibility of parents. But it is not theirs entirely. It is also a community responsibility. The job of shaping young morals is a constant, year-round job. To do that job well, it must be understood that all young people have certain real, definite needs.

Young people need homes which provide love. They need a sense of belonging. They need guidance and protection. Before sending their youngsters to a summer camp, wise parents will first visit or otherwise investigate the resort to ascertain if it is run properly. They will look over the facilities it provides for social activities as well as sports. Experienced teachers and chaperones should be employed regularly. They will see to it that the availability of beer and whiskey is kept under strict control. Make sure that the camp is run by good decent citizens. Make certain that the emphasis of the place is centered around group activities such as barn dances, "weenie" roasts and clean sports.

No less important is the need to get your local community groups interested in the teen-age program. Discuss it at meetings of your parent-teacher association, your church group, lodge, veterans organization and your horseshoe club. Your chamber of commerce, police league, and your local medical association can bring pressure to bear where it will do the most good. Whenever such action is needed, these groups should demand that vacation camps be run decently. They should start an all-out drive for more playgrounds and recreational facilities. These playgrounds should have police protection. Drunks, gamblers, perverts and other undesirables should be forced from the area.

If your town or city does not have youth centers, swimming pools, tennis courts, softball diamonds, horseshoe courts and other outlets for teen-age energy and emotion, it is failing as a place to live. Youth centers, well equipped and staffed with able supervisors, do not cost one tenth of one per cent as much as the large police forces and crime laboratories that are necessary to fight the crime that exists where such recreational centers are lacking! What better investment is there than American youth? The money, time, and affection you and your community spend on them will pay rich dividends in decency and happiness. The peace of mind that comes from knowing where your little Johnny and Mary are and that they are enjoying good, clean, healthy recreation is such that it cannot be measured by the dollars and cents required to build more and better recreational centers. As Horace Heidt so aptly puts it on his famous radio talent program, "It's better to build bodies than to mend men." How true!

Sometime ago, before the death of Father Flannigan, one of the greatest friends a boy ever had, I placed several of my books in Boys Town. I am very proud of my Honorary Membership Card in that splendid institution.

Recently, I have noticed a decided increase in the number of book orders from the boys in our armed services. With the threatening clouds of World War III hovering on the horizon, N.H.P.A. should be preparing a promotional program for the armed forces here and abroad. Indeed, I cannot understand why this has been neglected as it has for the past several years. And why have the Boy Scouts of America been neglected?

It is the responsibility of all sports organizations to indorse or sponsor a youth program. For a long time now, Pop Woodfield and I have tried, without results, to induce N.H.P.A. to do this. Isn't it about time that some of our leaders, who profess to do so much for the game, begin to realize what real down-to-earth promotion is? If and when they do, they won't have so much time to bicker over rules and policies. A national tournament, once a year, isn't the Alpha and Omega of a season's activities! Promotion is a year-around job.

The next time you hear some old mossback wail that "our young people are going to the dogs" ask him this sixty-four dollar question: If this is true, why is it that when our national security is at stake, we lose no time in calling on our young people to save our hides?" Why are we faced with one terrible global conflict after another? *These are the result of adult—not teen-age—delinquency!* A strong and healthy youth is our greatest national asset. N.H.P.A.! SPONSOR A TEEN-AGE PROGRAM AT THE 1950 CONVENTION!

LOWELL GRAY WINS SO. CALIF. OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Despite the bandages on his back from a recent operation, Lowell Gray, a former Calif. State Champion of several years ago, had his high, slow, $1\frac{1}{4}$ turn working perfectly at Pomona, Sunday, July 23. He rung up a percentage of 75.1 to nose out Louis Dean for the title which has been held by Fernando Isais the past two years. Fernando did not defend his title this year. The results of the tournament are as follows:

1	Lowell Gray	9	0
2	Louis Dean	8	1
3	J. Byrns	6	3
4	C. Nottingham	6	3
5	Roy Smith	5	4
6	Roy Hearn	3	6
7	J. Frizzell	3	6
8	Hansford Jackson	4	5
9	L. Gear	1	8
10	C. Beach	Forfeit	

Trophies and a medal were awarded the three highest players. The So. Calif. Championship Meet will be held at the Union Pacific Courts in Long Beach, over the Labor Day week-end. 16 men will compete. Entry fee will be \$2.00. Cash prizes will be awarded to the winners. Prizes will, perhaps be awarded the lower bracket players. Qualifying will begin on Saturday and last until Sunday noon. 8 rounds will then be played off Sunday afternoon, with the final 7 rounds run off on Monday (Labor Day).

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CANADA

BY HAROLD E. BLACKMAN

Oshawa's Dean McLaughlin, Canadian horseshoe pitching champion, who had not been defeated since 1940, lost his Ontario championship to Walter Woodworth at the East York Horseshoe Club, at Dieppe Park, on Saturday, July 22nd. Woodworth, from Dixie, had a ringer percentage of 77.5 for his final game with Dean McLaughlin by the score of 50—41; Norm Black, of East York, finished third. Here are the finals.

	Won	Lost	%
1 Walt Woodward	5	0	70.0
2 Dean McLaughlin	4	1	73.5
3 Norm Black	2	3	56.0
4 Phil Gunn	2	3	60.2
5 Graham Mawson	1	4	51.2
6 Joe Parfitt	0	5	58.6

There were nineteen entries and all had to qualify by pitching 150 shoes.

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MAINE

BY COLBY G. BERRY

Cumberland County Horseshoe Pitching Championship Tournament

Played at the Wilkinson Community Park, So. Portland, Maine.

July 16, 1950

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Class A had eight entries, Class B had ten entries, Class C had twelve entries. And the Ladies had five.

Joe Davis of Westbrook, Me. won the county championship. He was tied for first place with Samuel Davis of Portland, Me., each having won 6 and lost 1. They agreed to play best two out of three games, and Joe Davis won the first two. The scores of these two games are below:

	P.	R.	D.R.	S.P.	%
Joe Davis	50	38	12	56	67.9
Sam Davis	25	35	9	56	53.6
Joe Davis	50	27	11	38	71.1
Sam Davis	14	15	2	38	39.4

Joe Davis averaged 60.2 for his nine games with a single game average of 71.1. Sam Davis' nine game average was 49.5 with a single game high of 63.2.

Thomas Barker of Portland was third and Roy Crabtree of Westbrook Me., fourth.

In the Ladies' division, Mrs. Helen Nelson, of Cumberland Center, Me., won the championship; Mrs. Marion Adams of Portland, was second and Mrs. James Fitzgerald of South Portland was third.

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POP-OFFS

By "Pop" Woodfield

I have joined that vast army of N.H.P.A. who cannot attend the World Tournaments, while they are staged 2,250 miles away. So Jake, you and The Horseshoe Pitcher have a most important job, to let us stay at home guys know what happened there.

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A published report from the Secretary and Treasurer. Number of N.H.P.A. members in 1949. Endorsement in the convention of a popular nation-wide promotion program. Adoption of separate court scoring devices. Publication of up to date playing rules in circular form by N.H.P.A. including a drawing of an approved court with list of materials. Furnish this court plan to pitching shoe manufacturers to be printed in their folders.

A nice trip there and home again Jake to you and the Missus. Twenty three years ago I had the thrill that was yours recently. A new Grandpaw. I know exactly what a grand and glorious feeling you had. Now multiply that by one hundred and you can get what happened to me four years ago when I became a Great-Grandpaw. There is a third due soon. Suppose your second in the lower bracket arrived at the same time as my third in the upper bracket. Could be. If and when she or he or they arrive I may be inspired to compete with Jakespeare.

AN EASTERN NATIONAL TOURNAMENT

If the states along the Atlantic Coast and several inland, would cooperate, a bang-up tournament second only to the World's Championship could be staged annually in a different state each year. One result would be to help materially to develop new blood, especially among the younger pitchers. Here are some states that may give the idea some consideration: New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Maine, New

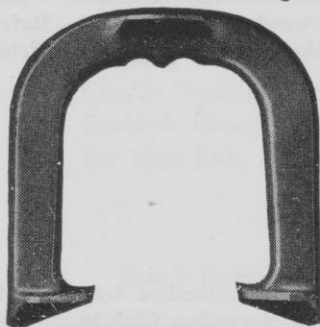
Hampshire, Vermont, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee, Ohio and Kentucky. Of course other states not mentioned would be welcome. THINK IT OVER AND IF YOU COME TO WASHINGTON FOR THE METROPOLITAN OPEN PLAN TO ARRIVE IN THE AFTERNOON OF SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, TO ATTEND A SHORT PRELIMINARY MEETING. Committee, Everett Clift, 4300 40th Place, Brentwood, Md., Phone Warfield 3371; Willard Nellis, 1008 Mass. Ave., Washington, D. C.; Pop Woodfield, 4002 Oliver St., Hyattsville, Md., Phone Warfield 4035.

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NEW YORK STATE

Over the Labor Day week end, September 2nd, 3rd and 4th, the boys of New York State will meet again for the third year in succession, to find out, the hard way, who will be the New York State Champion Horseshoe Pitcher of 1950. As usual, the contest will be held in Central Park, on Circle Lawn, West 106th Street and Central Park West. These are the home courts of the Hilltop Horseshoe Club the champions of the Metropolitan Horseshoe Pitchers Association.

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If two men tie for first place, there will be a play off consisting of the winning of two games out of three. All other ties will be based on total percentage. Rules of the National Horseshoe Pitching Association will prevail. If you intend to enter this tournament, please advise me as soon as possible. If you have not gotten your National card yet, send me a dollar NOW and I will forward it to you at once.

Lots of you boys have chance books to sell to cover the expense of this tournament. Try and send me the money for those books you sold by the end of August, please. This promises to be the best State tournament we ever held, so make your plans to attend.

At the conclusion of this tournament, there will be a regular meeting of the Empire State Branch of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association in the club rooms of the Inwood Horseshoe Club. Refreshments will be served and if you bring along your wives or lady friends, we may do a bit of dancing!

NEW YORK CITY—The boys on the horseshoe teams in New York City got tired of having the Hilltop Horseshoe Club beat them in every club match for the past three years, so they got an "ALL STAR" team together and challenged them to an eight man team match. They played on the courts of the Hilltop Horseshoe Club in Central Park on Sunday afternoon, July 23rd. So wha' hopen? As usual, Hilltop won, 34 to 30. Fileccia had a game of 80% and 81%, Stines had one of 81% and Zichella had one of 83%.

P.S. I believe the Sunnyside Horseshoe Club beat the Hilltop Horseshoe Club at Sunnyside last year in a Metropolitan League game—
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Stines	7	1	66.8
Filiccia	6	2	71.9
Poppe	5	3	56.2
Stella	4	4	52.0
Kolb	4	4	48.6
Lucente	2	5	50.2
Di Stefano	2	6	49.3
O'Connell	0	3	51.4
Murray	0	3	44.7
Forestall	0	2	27.5
Saladak	0	1	25.0

HILLTOP

	W.	L.	%
Zichella	7	1	71.1
Brady	7	1	68.3
Seacord	5	3	50.3
Bagley	4	4	57.0
Hardwick	4	4	53.6
Farmer	3	5	51.4
McManus	2	3	53.0
Millican	1	2	49.6
Earley	1	3	45.7
Brumek	0	3	46.7
Brennan	0	1	43.6

All Stars Won 30

Hilltop won 34

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PENNSYLVANIA

By MRS. ARNER LINDQUIST

Raymond Frye, Virginia champion, has been touring Pennsylvania, demonstrating his skill in horseshoe pitching. There was a very fine exhibition given in Pt. Marion, Pa., on Frank Murphy's courts, on Friday, July 7th. Besides showing his trick shots, Frye challenged Frank Murphy, the runner up for the Pennsylvania championship, Arner Lindquist, the West Virginia champion and John Clingan.

Frye beat Murphy 50 to 48. Lindquist won over Frye by the score of 50 to 46. In this game, the winner had 82.2% against 66.6% for Frye. In his game against Frye, Clingan scored 24 points.

The next evening, July 8th, Frye performed his tricks on Joe Metts' courts in Revere, Pa., and also took on the following challengers: Remington, Murphy, Clingan and Lindquist. Lindquist won his game. A total of 114 shoes were pitched with the score being 50 to 46 and ringer percentages of 79.9 to 75.4. In that game there were "four dead" twenty-two times.

John Fulton, the Pennsylvania Champ has been playing too. On the evening of July 6th he and Raymond Frye played a best three out of five game match on the courts at Carlisle, Pa., Frye took over Fulton, three to two. Frye's total for the five games was 81.2% with Fulton hitting 78.3%. Frye had a high run of 29 ringers in the third game and in the fourth game, Fulton had a high run of 27 ringers.

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WEST VIRGINIA

BY G. C. HILTON

The Friendly Bar B-Q Horseshoe Club, of East Nitro, West Virginia, will hold the West Virginia State Horseshoe Tournament at the West Virginia State Fair at the 4 H Fair Grounds on September 10th, 1950 at Dunbar, West Virginia. Qualifying will start on September 2. This tournament has always attracted the best horseshoe pitchers in the state. The present champion, Arner Lindquist, will defend his title against such pitchers as former champions Grover Anderson, Ralph Maddox and a host of other good pitchers. Playing conditions have been improved one hundred per cent for the benefit of all players. Prize money will be increased substantially to make it worth while for out of towners to participate.

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JAKE'S JOTTINGS

Ken Huber, of 1241 Osceola, St. Paul, Minn., asks "would you be willing to spend fifteen dollars a year to belong to a private horseshoe league"? Will you write me, giving your personal opinion, either for or against it?

Del Wood, of Gloversville, New York, writes in to say that Leon Shanahan, Ralph Hillburn and himself have started a horseshoe league for the teen-agers in his part of New York State, Fulton County. They are also going to reorganize the Fulton County Horseshoe Club and join the N.H.P.A. Things are looking much better for horseshoes in his part of the State.

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If you know anyone who would like a sample copy of this magazine, just send me their name and address and you will do us both a favor.

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Empire State Members! Have you paid for your National card yet? You will have to have it for the New York State Championship games to be held in Central Park, N. Y. C., September 2-3-4. And how about making returns on those chance books?

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John Fitzpatrick had a remarkable run of ringers at the Cumberland County, Maine, Horseshoe Tournament at Sunset Park, South Portland, pitching seven double ringers in succession. At his average rate of 40 per cent we figure he would have to pitch fourteen shoes 400,000 time to duplicate this run of ringers! We know that sounds kind of large. If you don't believe it, ask Pop. He is a mathematician of no mean ability, and we are sure he will stand behind us—Marion E. Adams.

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Lowell Edmondson, of Danville, Ind. advises us all to keep our eyes on Jim Johnson, of Covington, Ky., this year. He thinks Jim will cause a stir among the "Big Four" before the Worlds Tournament comes to an end.

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Interest in the horseshoe game seems to be increasing again and shows promise of a revival of the State league that proved so popular previous to World War II. The fine interest again shown by the veterans in and around Portland along with their new members, of whom Mr. and Mrs. Belmont Adams have been ardent markers, is one good reason for the new life we can depend on.

My congratulations to your splendid effort, The Horseshoe Pitcher, each edition is looked forward to, and of especial interest, will be your report on the National Tournament.—Ray Adams.

COMING EVENTS

- August 17-18, Springfield, Ill.—Illinois State Tournament.
Aug. 19, Yakima, Wash.—County Championships.
August 20, Bridgeport, Conn.—Conn. State Tournament.
August 26-27, Auburn, Maine—Main State Tournament
August 26-28, Columbus, Ohio—Buckeye State Champ. Tournament.
Sept. 2-4, New York, N. Y.—New York State Championship.
September 2-4, Long Beach, Cal.—California State Open Tournament.
Sept. 4, Rock Island, Ill.—Labor Day Tournament.
Sept. 10, Bridgeport, Conn.—Conn. Open Tournament.
Sept. 10, Berlin, Conn.—Open Tournament at State Fair
Sept. 10, Neosho, Mo.—Open Tournament, Southwest Missouri Fair
September 10, Dunbar, W. Va.—State Championship Tournament.
September 12-16, Mineola, L. I., N. Y.—Open Tournament at Mineola
Fair Grounds.
Sept. 29-Oct. 1, Yakima, Wash.—Northwest Tournament (Oreg., Wash.,
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EDITOR'S NOTE: What have you got scheduled for this season?

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