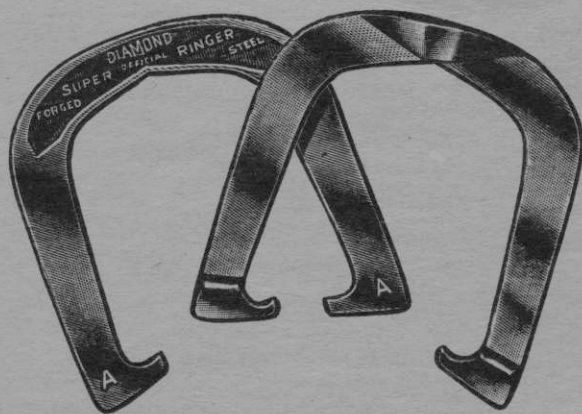


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EDITORIAL

In the December number of The Horseshoe Pitcher, I published the new Constitution of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association passed by the delegates at Murray, Utah, at our last convention and World Tournament. It was done with the request that each and every member of our organization read it and make any comments on it for improvements. Many of you showed enough interest in it and made lots of good suggestions. Now, in this issue, you will find the By-Laws of the N.H.P.A. which are also offered for your comments.

Touching on another subject, will all you folks who send in articles or information on horseshoe doings PLEASE have them in my hands by the first of the month in which you want to have them published! It's quite a job to edit them and have them in the hands of the printer in time to have this magazine in the mail on time. Your co-operation will be appreciated.

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

This August, in the beautiful State of Utah, we shall hold our tournament. More prize money is offered than has ever been offered at any previous tournament; this should be a real incentive to bring many pitchers to the tournament who have never had the opportunity to pitch against top flight competition or enjoy the fellowship that one finds at a meeting of this kind.

This tournament will be successful if we pull together as a team regardless of whether or not we see ye-to-eye on all points. Let's plan now to come to the tournament with an attitude of tolerance and a desire of fair play and understanding, so that we may show everyone who attends the tournament that we are not for the "Bush League Class" and ready for the "big time."

Differences of opinion will arise, but all of us know that there are two sides to every story; and the difficulties can best be ironed out by personal meetings and conferences. I know that I can count on each and every one of you to put your shoulder to the wheel and push the tournament and our association up into the proper place, so that our organization will be admired and respected by all members, spectators, and friends.

LOUIS M. DEAN
President.

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ROY'S RAMBLINGS

By Roy W. Smith, Author of "Science At The Stake" and Secy.-Treas. Southern Calif. H. P. A.

My request for a photograph of President Truman, posed with his pitching shoes, was immediately answered by Pop Woodfield. He sent me a fine picture of the Chief Executive, Admiral Nimitz, and Jimmy Risk, on the President's court, at the White House. I had a couple of reprints made at \$1.50 each, and sent Pop an extra one for his courtesy and cooperation. He also sent me a fine drawing of his peg-holder and

complete court lay-out. This drawing was done on linen, by Tommy Brownell. In addition to being one of the nation's finest ringer pitching artists, Tommy is also an excellent draftsman. His work is about the neatest I have ever seen. Pop, you deserve a world of credit for drawing up such a fine set of plans of a court lay-out. It is complete, in every detail. All previous sketches have been rather confusing and incomplete. N.H.P.A. should, by all means, include Pop's drawing in a promotional folder. Good courts and equipment are the first requisites in learning to play correctly.

Lloyd L. O'Ree, of Skaneateles, N. Y., also sent me a fine photo. As most of you know, Lloyd is a fine artist. He does the art work for the Easy Washing Machine Corp. He has offered to do all the necessary art work that may be needed for my proposed new book. And he said it would be done gratis too! Thanks a million, Lloyd, don't be surprised if I take you up on that splendid offer. I know of no one that I would rather have do the work, than you. Recently, I sent a copy of my instruction booklet to Mr. Howard, Dept. of Intramurals, Division of Athletics, at Syracuse University. I recommended both Lloyd and Tommy, as horseshoe pitching instructors, at that institution of higher learning.

Mr. and Mrs. George Elder, of Casa Grande, Arizona, also sent me a nice letter and a snapshot of George "doing his stuff with the fillie's footwear." Such a fine spirit of cooperation, on the part of all these folks, is extremely gratifying. It shows that they are eager to help promote the game in every way they can.

In the April issue of this magazine, I read where that old ringer flingin' warhorse, Alvin Gandy, has gone and done it. Yes, he took a plunge into the pool of matrimony, and signed his liberty away for life! Well, congratulations Alvin! Betty (that's my big, old wife), and I, wish you and your bride many, many years of wedded bliss. Here is some advice from an old married man: when you come home from work, and find that your supper isn't ready, just stomp around, and raise Cain. And, if it is ready, be stubborn, and refuse to eat it. In about a week, you will be so darned hungry that your wife will have you eating out of her hand. So, you might as well let her be the boss right from the start. I married a school-teacher, and for over a year, when I wanted to leave the room, I had to hold up two fingers. Now, I have to hold up both hands, and let her search me, before she will let me enter the room! No matter how you try, Alvin, you just can't win!

Pop Woodfield, Ralph and Marie Kampschroeder, Goff Berger, and Mr. Beller, have all been doing some fine work on scoring gadgets, for spectator-interest. These will be displayed at the big show, in August, at Murray. Perhaps another idea or two will be developed before then. Out of all these ideas, a simple and clever device, to make the tournaments more entertaining for the spectators, will result, I am sure. A public scoring system MUST be developed—and soon—to place our sport on a par with all the other major sports. The audiences are increasing, at the major tournaments, each year. They are fully as enthusiastic as those who gather in stadiums to watch football games and prizefights. They are demanding to be kept posted on the scores, on ALL the courts. That demand cannot be ignored any longer.

I agree with Alvin Dahlene 100%, about letting the crowd cheer and razz, at a tournament. However, they should not be allowed to carry it too far. It will do a lot to keep down tension among the

players. And it will banish the "graveyard atmosphere" that has prevailed, at far too many tournaments. I have suggested to Mr. Berger that they have a "Suggestion Box for Spectators" at the coming meet. Let them submit their ideas, as to what they think can be done, to make the show a more entertaining one. This will not only make them feel that they have a part in the meet, but it will result in N.H.P.A. receiving some valuable promotional ideas. Also, I suggested having the Salt Lake City Municipal Band play, at least an evening or two, before the rounds start, there in the park, at the north end of the courts. There is nothing like good, snappy music to attract a crowd. And music is relaxing too. A few cute drum majorettes, strutting about, would add some much needed glamor to things. There are SO many things that could be done to break the monotony! Why should we stay in the same old groove, year after year?

Why, farm experts even claim that cows give more milk, when music is played in dairy barns! There is no "pull" needed by the milker anymore. All he has to do is sit on his stool, grab a faucet in each hand, and the cows jump up and down, in time with the music!. If music can be used to produce more milk, it can be used to produce a more entertaining horseshoe tournament. Now think this over, before you send the boys, in the white uniforms, to put me in a straight-jacket. It is not as crazy as it sounds. Other sport shows stage a variety of entertainment. What would a football game be like, without a public scoreboard, band music, and the cheering section? The bleachers would be pretty darned empty—bleaching in the sun!

Here in Southern Calif., five new playing courts are being installed in Santa Monica. Bellflower is also getting about a dozen, I understand. Glendale got some new ones a few months ago. More tangible proof that the grand old sport is growing! President Dean, Al Newell of Pomona, and myself, have been discussing plans to form several league-teams soon. The scoring method will be optional. We may use both methods, now and then. It's up to the boys. We have a number of well-lighted courts, to provide good practice in pitching under lights. We hope to hold our annual Southern Calif. Championship Tournament, in the near future.

In the N.H.P.A. advertisement that I have submitted in this month's issue, you readers will notice that I have stressed playing the game in the family, and in the schools. Our youngsters of today will be our champions and leaders of tomorrow. Encouraging them to participate in a clean, healthy sport, and promoting more play-ground facilities for them, is the duty of every last one of us! If there was ever a time when strong minds and healthy bodies are needed in America, that time is now! Tomorrow's government is wholly dependent upon that which prevails in our family life, and institutions of learning today!

The building boom is at its peak here. Many thousands of new homes are under construction. As it looks now, I will be unable to take the time off to attend the tournament this year. I have to "make hay while the sun shines." However, I will do everything I can to help advertise the greatest tournament in history. I think that the first prize for the ladies should be upped to \$75.00, or \$100. Otherwise, I think Secretary Clear's Suggested Prize List is fine.

I hope that a few minor points in the By-Laws will be improved. For example, I do not think that the stamp fund should be increased without consulting the shoe firms. And I still think that the magazine

should be included with the yearly dues, even if the dues must be raised to \$3.00. The magazine will help to "sell" the N.H.P.A., and vice-versa. Many pitchers have written to me, and agreed with this. *The subscription would not be compulsory.* I simply do not believe in forcing either the magazine, or a certain scoring method, on any player against his will. Let the choice remain OPTIONAL, at all times. Whatever changes the Committee deems necessary, I will abide by the rulings of the assembled delegates, whether I agree with all points or not. If I do not agree, I will first find out why the changes were made, and then state why I fail to agree. That is a fair-minded attitude, I think.

Andy Moehn had a fine article in the April issue, relative to coordinating the various State Constitutions with that of N.H.P.A. And I would like to see the organization placed on a sound, business-like basis, with a full report on the financial and membership status, published at least one a year! Many members, everywhere, are wondering about the hush-hush attitude of the organization, that has prevailed for so long. We don't join a lodge without gaining some advance knowledge of the aims and workings of the organization. Many potential members feel the same way about N.H.P.A. It's logical isn't it?

New officers have been elected at The Union Pacific Horseshoe Club, here in Long Beach, Calif. Mr. E. O. Beller is the president. He is an ideal man for that office too. Seven fine courts are now in first class condition. In addition to inventing one of the cleverest spectator scoring devices, I have ever seen, he has, also, devised a clever gadget for pulling up stakes, when they need to be reset. I believe he could even pull teeth with his "stump puller," as we call it. Jim Barnett is the new vice-president, and Earl Morris is the secretary-treasurer. The Club has around 90 members, and is one of the most popular, and best organized, in So. Calif. If any of you guys and gals happen to visit this section, don't fail to visit this Club. I have seen over 200 players and spectators there, on several Saturday afternoons. We pitch there on Sunday afternoons too. Visitors are *always* welcome.

Come on, all you "mare mocassin mammas," get busy, and write to Mrs. Marie Kampschroeder, of 656 West 23rd, Lawrence, Kansas. Let's have some more glamor, and feminine interest, in the sport. With a lot of pretty girls on the courts, the hubbies and boy friends are sure to be there too. "Nineteen and fifty is sure to be a nifty" with a \$5,000 tournament on the agenda, at Murray, Utah, August 7th to 12th.

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CANADA

By H. E. BLACKMAN

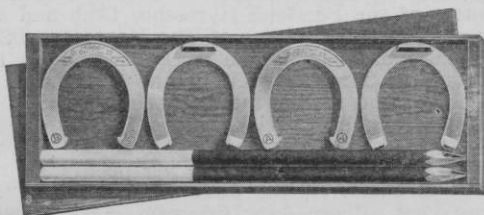
The annual meeting of the Dominion Horseshoe Pitchers Assn. was held on Saturday, March 25th at the Broadview Y.M.C.A. and the following were elected to office: J. Wickett, president; C. Ginn, vice president; A. Bailey, second vice president; and H. E. Blackman, secretary-treas.

We have rounded up an enthusiastic committee with good representatives from out of town and are getting our coming tournaments arranged. The Canadian National Exhibition has awarded us three hundred dollars for a tournament and when we decide a date, we will let you know. Hope some of the boys from Up State New York will be able to attend. Four or five of us expect to go to Murray, Utah, this year, so we'll be seeing you!

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By Michael Vecchitto

The Conn. Horseshoe Pitchers Association held a meeting recently and officers were elected, they are as follows: President, Frank Wagner of New Canaan; Vice-President, Donald Harrison of South Windsor; and Secretary-Treasurer, Michael Vecchitto of Middletown.

Seven teams are entered in the state league and it was voted to hold more tournaments in an attempt to stimulate interest in the state.

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MARYLAND AND D. C. NEWS

By "Pop" Woodfield

Mrs. Marion E. Adams, 28 Hanover Street, Portland, Maine, is Secretary-Treasurer of the Portland Horseshoe Club and author of that catchy little poem in the March issue of The Horseshoe Pitcher. On top of that she is a mathematician, Grade A. In calculating the difference, by chance of making a ringer by either the 30 or 40 foot pitch. In using the inversely as the square method, she will miss it by no more than the thickness of a gnat's heel. How do I know? Astronomers use the same system to measure the gravity pull of the planets.

Mrs. Adams grants permission to use her poem as a means to land some copy I have in mind, on the desk of the Sports Editor of The Saturday Evening Post. (Teen-Ager Program). My chances of success thereby (using logical reasoning) is increased One hundred per cent.

In a nice letter, she challenges me to a duel, to end Christmas. If I win, I get a Christmas present (what if I lose?) I haven't got a chance. If I could count those that are a result of considerable correspondence to beginners and others, I might come close..

I accept Mrs. Adams, and if you win I will send you my recipe for Spaghetti Sauce. The Contest? Who will send Jake the most subscriptions to The Horseshoe Pitcher? All horseshoe pitchers "Down Maine" here's good advice. Right now put two bucks in a small envelope. On it put Mrs. Marion E. Adams. Have it handy when you ring her door bell. It will save you much embarrassment (just five of 100 definitions to perplex; to confuse; to disconcert; to abash and to entangle). It's worth two bucks to avoid just one of these hexes but to be marked with all five would be a catastrophe.

Horseshoe pitchers in Maryland, Washington, D. C., and nearby Virginia., it's up to you to make my embarrassment on Christmas, easy to bear. I have no hopes of winning this contest. I would like to be at least just a few subscriptions behind. Put \$2.00 in an envelope, mail it to me at 4002 Oliver Street, Hyattsville, Md. and you will get your first copy of The Horseshoe Pitcher within the week.

The growth of The National Horseshoe Pitchers Association of America in membership, in the news from its various State Associations; reports of results of the world and other tournaments; its promotional ideas and details of improvement in equipment depends "Inversely as the square of the circulation of The Horseshoe Pitcher, Jake's fine publication, increases. Other states than those mentioned in this contest, send \$2.00 to Byron Jaskulek, Editor, for 12 monthly issues of The Horseshoe Pitcher.

IDEAS, CONSTRUCTIVE AND CONTROVERSAL

Willard Nellis, late of upper New York State, and now a resident of Washington, D. C., is a red hot idea man. A few numbers back, his

idea of selling moving picture and television rights to exhibitions of horseshoe pitching, was aired in *The Horseshoe Pitcher*. A more recent one of his, to enclose a combined membership card in cartons containing one pair of pitching shoes. One dollar for the card to be added to the price of the shoes.

This past winter, Mr. and Mrs. Nellis made the trip to Morgantown, W. Va., to visit Mr. and Mrs. Arner Lindquist—two of the staunchest supporters of N.H.P.A. and the game. Their reception was a sample of what's to be expected by those who attend the tournament at Murray, Utah, August 7th to 12th.

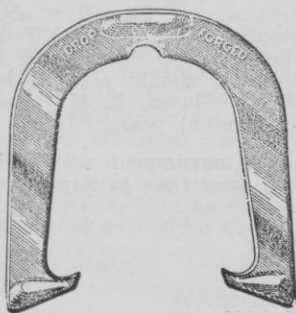
Everett Clift and Dale Carson both go all the way in pitching and promotion in the Maryland State Assn. Carson drives over from Baltimore most every week end. He and Clift missed a pitching session on the fine 8 court set-up in Magruder Park, Hyattsville, this winter, only, when it rained or snowed. A Washington Post newspaper reporter got wind of it and gave 'em a nice write up.

A GOOD SHOW MUST HAVE CAPABLE EM CEES

The World tournament at Murray, Aug. 7 to 12th, is rated as one of the top sports shows in the U. S. and N.H.P.A. is fortunate in having among its members two top ranking announcers, Leland S. Mortenson, 863 W. 41st Street, Des Moines, Iowa, and Roy W. Smith (National Chairman of Publicity) 1442 E. 153rd Street, Compton, Calif. Both should share the important job of announcing at the tournament.

As a means of something tangible to work from, why not a published report on the number of members and the finances of N.H.P.A. for 1949? I am quite sure that so many who never can attend a convention would appreciate it. Besides, it would be an incentive to many of us to increase it in 1950.

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MAINE

By Marion E. Adams

Following are the officers elected at the annual meeting of the Portland Horseshoe Club, Portland Maine, April 7, 1950.

Thomas E. Barker, president; Ercell E. Emery, vice-president; Marion E. Adams, secretary-treasurer; Colby G. Berry, Manager-Coach; John Fitzpatrick, Colby Berry, Frank Hart, Irving Sawyer, Stuart Collins, Executive Committee.

We have found a way to create more interest in attendance at our meetings by showing movies. A good one is being shown at our current meeting entitled, "Time for Living." It was obtained without expense to the club through the Portland Chamber of Commerce.

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MISSOURI

By John Elkins

Just a few words in regards to Mr. Mortenson's article in the February issue of this magazine. He says they had a ground rule at Des Moines several years ago at the Midwest tournament that required each contestant to have his name and Post Office address on his shirt. I think this would be a fine thing for our National Meets. Make it a permanent rule. It costs very little and it gives the spectators an idea of who is playing who. Would also like to see Mr. Moehn's idea of paying three dollars per year for a combination card tried out. Two dollars for the National and one dollar for the State associations looks good to me.

Another thing, how about a horseshoe pitchers Hall of Fame. Baseball has its Babe Ruth, Ty Cobb, Tris Speaker and many other famous men as does football, track, tennis, golf, etc. How about our own Fred Jackson, C. C. Davis, Nunamaker, Risk, Duryee, Ted Allen, Isais, Jones, Zimmerman and many others. I also believe, our leaders, some perhaps, who are not active pitchers, should also be honored. There is John Gordon, Mr. Tanner, C. H. Claves, L. Mortenson and many others too numerous to mention, of recent years.

A 1950 Missouri Open Championship tournament will be held at Southwest Missouri Fair at Neosho, Mo., some time in September. Full details later.

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OHIO

By A. B. McCoy

The Buckeye State Horseshoe Pitchers Association (of Ohio), Board of Control, met in regular session, Sunday April 2 at Columbus, Ohio, and during their deliberations, I, as secretary, was instructed to write you, as Editor of The Horseshoe Pitcher, and request that you refuse to print any further articles in The Horseshoe Pitcher that contains arguments between officers or committeemen of the National Association.

It is too bad that men of the caliber we have for officers and committeemen, should allow their personal feelings to over-ride their

good judgment to the extent of causing confusion among the members of our Association by such articles as they have been writing in The Horseshoe Pitcher. The place for such talk is in our Convention, surely not for public consumption. Please let us have no more of it.

The Ohio Buckeye State Championship Tournament will be held in conjunction with the Ohio State Fair this year, August 26-27-28. A contract has been signed with the Fair Board for the Championship Tournament, and as Columbus is centrally located, we expect to have the largest membership Ohio has ever had this year. We further expect to make the Ohio State Fair our annual place for all future State Championship Tournaments.

The boys here in Ohio are way ahead of last year in taking out their membership cards, and the old Horseshoe Bug is very strong. We are looking for the best year ever, and we sincerely hope the same situation exists throughout the United States.

Best wishes for The Horseshoe Pitcher and for you too, Jake.

(Editor's comment) If any officer or member of the NHPA acts in such a manner detrimental to the best interests of the game or the association, why not let the membership at large know about it? If matters of this kind were left until convention time, there would be very few present who would know what it was all about. And think of all the time that would be wasted!

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UTAH

By G. A. Berger

It will soon be time for us all to meet again at another big show on the courts of the Murray Horseshoe Club in Murray, Utah. We invite you all to come here to attend the National Tournament to be held from August 7th to the 12th. We hope to meet a lot of old friends and meet lots of new ones, too. So, make your plans NOW!

If you have any ideas, changes or suggestions that will help to build a bigger and better N.H.P.A. why not send me a copy of them to P. O. Box 113. We can work them over at our next convention. Let's stop all this griping and work together. Let us bear in mind that a program was set up at the last convention, and though it may not be perfect, I think a very good job was done by the people who were on the committee who worked very hard and long to compile it. Instead of tearing it down, help us make it work. If you are not satisfied with your officers, do something about it at the convention.

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WASHINGTON STATE

By John I. Monasmith

The horseshoe pitching season has started here in the Yakima Valley and we have had a nice turn out for the past three weeks. Was glad to hear Ted Mack's Amateur Hour on the radio recently when he mentioned horseshoes. I hope all the locals were tuned in. He was saluting Yakima, and in the course of his remarks he said that "you could do everything in Yakima, from pitching horseshoes to mountain climbing." (I saw and heard him that night on my television set, too (Jake), it sure sounded good to a lover of our favorite game. I don't know where he got the write-up but I think it was excellent.

Sure hope some of our Northwest pitchers can attend the Nationals at Murray this year. We are going to get off to a flying start this season. We open up with Washington vs. Oregon at Tacoma, Wash., May 6 and 7. These two states are quite evenly matched and this early in the season, anything can happen. Cletus Chapelle and Will Bently arranged for the play-off.

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WEST VIRGINIA

By MRS. ARNER LINDQUIST

I was glad to read that article in the March issue of The Horseshoe Pitcher by Mrs. Marion E. Adams of Maine, a lady horseshoe pitcher. She suggested the forty foot distance for the ladies. In my opinion, that is quite a distance for even the men to reach any great proficiency in ringer percentages, and since we are the "weaker sex," to reach a happy medium for all ladies, strong or weak, I think we had better stick to the thirty foot distance.

My husband has taught a lot of men and women in his day and he says he thinks it is pitiful to see some women trying to pitch forty feet. I don't imagine the men will mind us women pitching with them for fun the thirty foot distance and they the forty foot distance; but when it comes to a tournament, I think the ladies should compete with one another at thirty feet.

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JAKE'S JOTTINGS

Norman Smith, of Culver City and Nick Port of Santa Monica, Cal., informs me that the Recreation Dept. of the latter city is installing five new modern horseshoe courts in Lincoln Park at Wilshire Boulevard and Lincoln Boulevard.

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Frank M. Casner, of Bloomington, Ind., suggests that a Champ who uses the point system and a Champ who uses the Cancellation System meet each other in a series of games, half to be played under each system. If this results in a tie, the flip of a coin to decide which system should be used in the final game.

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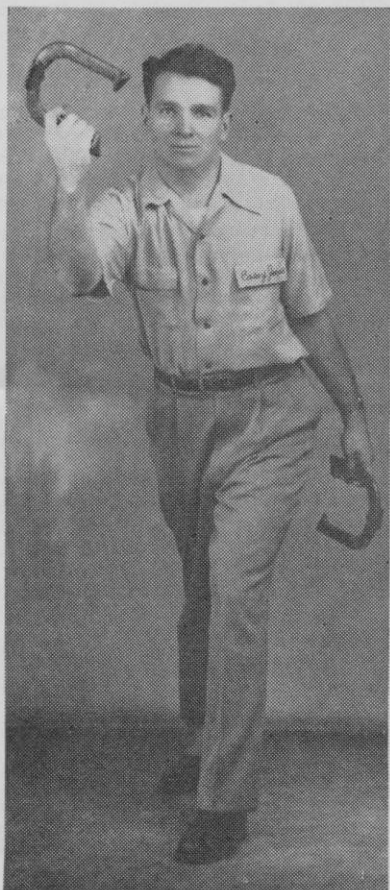
Dr. F. H. Clark, of Jamestown, N. Y., thinks it would be nice to have short stories from some of the old timers or others telling of past horseshoe battles, unusual games, beginners luck, pitching under unusual conditions and recollections of "barnyard golf" etc. Doc also says the bitter controversy about the By-Laws and the methods of scoring would seem to be decided for all time in favor of Roy W. Smith's article on the subject in a recent edition of this magazine.

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The Dance of the Empire State Branch of the N.H.P.A. which was to be held on May 19th has been postponed until Friday, July 28th. It was thought by the committee that the later date would give them more time to complete their arrangements. The proceeds of this affair will be used to promote the New York State Championship Horseshoe Tournament to be held in New York on Sept. 3, 4, and 5 in Central Park.

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If you know anyone who would like a sample copy of this magazine, just send me his name and address.

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COMING EVENTS

May 14—New York, N. Y.—Metropolitan H. P. A. season opener.

May 30—New York, N. Y.—Empire State (N.H.P.A.) Open Tournament in Central Park.

June 25—Hartford, Conn.—Invitation Tournament at Pope Park.

July 29—Wildwood, N. J.—Invitation Tournament.

July 30—Hartford, Conn.—Northern Conn. Tournament.

Aug. 6—Bridgeport, Conn.—Fairfield County Tournament at Beardsley Park.

Aug. 7-12—Murray, Utah—World's Championships.

Aug. 20—Bridgeport, Conn.—Conn. State Tournament.

Sept. 2-4—New York, N. Y.—New York State Championships.

Sept. 10—Bridgeport, Conn.—Conn. Open Tournament.

Sept.—Berlin, Conn.—Open Tournament at State Fair

Sept.—Neosho, Mo.—Open Tournament—Southwest Missouri Fair.

EDITOR'S NOTE: What have you got scheduled for this season?

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BY-LAWS

of the

NATIONAL HORSESHOE PITCHERS ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I

SECTION 1. The Executive Council shall be the judicial body, and shall define and interpret the Constitution and By-Laws. Technical points shall be submitted to it, for decision, and ruling declared official, unless delegates in Convention assembled, rule other wise, by a two-thirds vote.

ARTICLE II

SECTION 1. A member may be suspended for: 1, Non-payment of dues or fees; 2, Wilfully violating the Constitution, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations; 3, By participating in a tournament under an assumed name, or being found guilty of fraud, fixing games, or other conduct unbecoming a member; 4, for directly or indirectly betting on a contestant, or self, when an entry in the competition; 5, For participating in a tournament not sanctioned by the National Association or one of its state subdivisions, or by using unsanctioned shoes in a tournament.

For all but the first of the above violations, a member may be suspended for a period of one year, and the Secretary of the National Association shall notify all State Associations and state representatives, of said suspension.

SECTION 2. Members suspended for non-payment of dues or fees, shall be reinstated upon payment of back dues or fees. Those members of the other violations listed in Article II, Section 1, shall be suspended for one year, and may be reinstated any time after that, on the discretion of the Executive Council, the majority vote of which, is required.

SECTION 3. No member shall be suspended until given fair trial before the Executive Council.

SECTION 4. A secretarial representative of a state organization that has a charter—with the secretarial representative authorized by his organization, to accept memberships to the National Association—is to take the \$2.00 fee from any applicant for membership, and is to give him a temporary receipt—which receipts will be provided the local secretarial representative, by the National Association in receipt-book form. The local secretarial representative is to send the money to the State Secretary. The State Secretary is to send the money to the National Secretary. The latter will send card to the State Secretary. The State Secretary is to fill out and sign, then send the card to the local secretarial representative who first took the money. That latter representative is to give the card to the applicant for membership. The applicant is to receive his card within 30 days after he applies for membership.

ARTICLE III

SECTION 1. The Points System is to be *optional* in any and all pitching activities, except in World Championships. In World Championships, the *Cancellation System* must be used.

SECTION 2. In any tournament involving a Sectional, National, or World title, the tournament committee shall estimate to the best of its ability, the number of players who will participate in the tournament, and confer with the National President upon the method of conducting the tournament. In no case may the tournament rules be contrary to any of the Provisions of the National Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules. Likewise, in no case shall a tournament committee retain any method of procedure that is objectionable to the President of the National Horseshoe Pitchers' Association of America. No World Tournament shall be held, in which less than thirty-two pitchers take part.

SECTION 3. In any intra-state tournament, the tournament committee shall confer with the President of the State Association, and

follow his suggestions in regard to tournament procedure. In the event of no existing state association, the tournament committee shall outline its own plan of tournament procedure, to the National Secretary, at the time of application for sanction. Under these circumstances, the National Secretary may act according to his own discretion, in-so-far as suggestions and awarding of sanctions, are concerned.

SECTION 4. The title of Champion Horseshoe Pitcher of the World, can be contended for, only in World Tournaments that are authorized by the National Association of America, or in a series of games (not less than 6 wins in a scheduled 11-game match), the same to be authorized by a majority vote of the Executive Council, it being understood that the Executive Council will give preference to those finishing among the first six in the last tournament. The Council, however, may at its discretion, select some other opponent for the *champion*. Not more than three such contests may be held annually. A representative selected by the Council, shall be in attendance to conduct the match. No bid under \$300, for sponsorship of the match, will be accepted, and twenty-five (25) per cent of whatever amount is given, shall go to the National Association.

SECTION 5. In a National Tournament, games won and lost, shall determine the order in which the winners are listed, as winning.

SECTION 6. In any tournament, ties between two contestants for a single rank, shall be settled by playoff. Of the two tied contestants, the pitcher who shall first win two standard 50-point games against the other, shall be considered the winner of the rank immediately above the pitcher whom he has beaten in the special playoff.

SECTION 7. In three-cornered ties, or more, the contestants shall decide the tie by means decided upon by the tournament committee. In no case, however, shall a winner be decided by lot, or by less than a two-out-of-three-games series, or by a pitchoff of less than 100 shoes.

SECTION 8. No player may indulge in actions, words, or phrases, disturbing to his opponent, nor will profane or abusive language by any member of the Association, be permitted upon the tournament grounds. Violators of these rules shall be subject to suspension from the Association, for one year.

ARTICLE IV

SECTION 1. Any horseshoe manufacturer who desires to introduce a new horseshoe, or make a change in any horseshoe he is manufacturing, must first submit blueprints indicating the change, to the National Association's Secretary, to see if official approval can be obtained. The acceptance may be obtained only by a unanimous vote of the Executive Council. If sanction for the new shoes, or change in an old one, is granted, the manufacturer then must submit a sample pair of the new shoes, to the Secretary and Executive, for the *final* verdict, before he may affix the official ten-cent manufacturer's tax stamps to each pair of shoes that are sold by the manufacturer, and/or by his agent or agents.

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At the end of each year, all endorsement stamps that have not been used by a manufacturing firm, may be returned to the National Association, and the Association will reimburse the manufacturer with cash, or an equal number of the new year's issue of the stamps, as the manufacturer chooses. Revenue from the National Association's sale of the stamps, shall be used to promote and aid the game of horseshoes, in whatever way the Association believes is best.

In submitting blueprints for a new model of horseshoe, or a change in an old model, to the National Secretary and Executive Council, seven blueprints are to be submitted, so that the National Secretary may submit one of the blueprints to each of the seven members of the Executive Council—which is, in this instance, synonymous with the National By-Laws and Rules Committee—so that much of the seven members can give his or her attention to one of the blueprints.

If a manufacturer, or manufacturing firm, prefers to submit a sample pair of the new horseshoes, or remodeled horseshoes, instead of submitting blueprints, the manufacturer or firm, may.

ARTICLE V

SECTION 1. Beginning with the year 1940, and continuing each year thereafter, the National Association shall conduct a National Team League, under the following rules:

RULE 1. Eligibility: Any member in good standing in the National Association is eligible to compete as a player, or hold position as manager, coach, director, owner, or some such office, in connection with any team in this league.

RULE 2. Source of team: Any source such as a horseshoe club, county, district, or state association, city, town, village, fraternal organization, private or commercial sponsor, or any reliable functionary, may enter a team in this league.

RULE 3. Registration: Each source desiring to enter a team, shall file notice of prospective entry, with the National Secretary before April 1. Each prospective entry shall be sent a team contract, which will be filled in and returned to the National Secretary no later than May 1. This contract will simply affirm the team's willingness to participate in the league play, and accept the schedule and rules as given, and will be signed by no more than ten players and such other officials connected with that team.

RULE 4. General Plan of Schedule: On or before May 15, each team will receive its official schedule of the year. The entries for this league will be divided into divisions, according to geographical location, and each team will play a home and home series of at least two matches with each other team in the division. After division champions have been decided, a plan for playoffs between them, to decide the national championships team, will be drawn up and played.

RULE 5. Method of Deciding Winners: The team matches shall be decided on the basis of seven men on a side. There will be seven

rounds of play, and seven games per round. The team winning 25 games or more, will be the winner of the match. Matches won and lost shall decide the team's standing in the league.

RULE 6. Each team will be allowed to sign ten players. There will be no limitations placed upon their ability, or distance of residence from the home courts, or the team they represent.

RULE 7. Each team will be required to be uniformed, and it is recommended that each player's name be engraved on his uniform.

RULE 8. Method of Conducting Team Match: The home team management shall be responsible for having the courts in perfect shape, and shall also make arrangements for groundkeepers, scorers, ushers, etc. They shall also furnish scoresheets. Just before the match is to begin, each manager shall write out his lineup, numbering his players from one to seven, the number indicating the court on which that player will start. Neither manager shall see the opponent's lineup until both have been turned in to the official referee or announcer. After each round of play, members of the visiting team shall move one court to the right, and the members of the home team shall move one court to the left. Each manager may make substitutions before each of the last six rounds, provided that such substitution does not place a man upon a court where he has already played one game, or bring together two men who have already played each other. If both managers substitute simultaneously, bringing up such a case, the home team must withdraw or change its substitution.

RULE 9. The home team shall send either the scoresheets, or a completed result of each match, to the National Secretary. If a completed result is sent, it should include the players' name, games won and lost, his points and opponent's points, his ringers, double ringers, number of shoes pitched, and ringer percentage. The National Secretary shall have all of the results and standings published in the official magazine of the N.H.P.A.

RULE 10. Financial Arrangements: A team entry fee of \$10 shall accompany each team's entry into the league. Each team shall defray its own expenses for uniforms, traveling, etc. It is to be left up to each team, to obtain its own commercial sponsor for these things. Each team shall be at liberty to charge admission to the general public, for its home games, or take up a collection, or hold raffles or drawings, and the team is not under any obligation to share receipts with the visiting team, unless a special pact between the two, has been previously agreed upon.

RULE 11. Any point not covered by the foregoing rules, may be decided upon by the National Secretary, or, if demanded, by the Executive Council.

RULE 12. It is desired by the National Association, that each State Association form within its own state, a league similar to the National League, using the same general rules, and that results of these games be sent, also, to the National Secretary. It is requested, however, that no member of a National League team shall play on a State League team.

It is further desired by the National Association, that each State Association form within its own state, a league similar to the National League, using the same general rules, and that results of these games be sent, also, to the National League team shall play on a State League team.

It is further desired by the National Association, that each district or locality with enough players to form a league, shall form local leagues on the same pattern as the National League, or State League team, be allowed to play in the Local League.

OFFICIAL RULES FOR HORSESHOE PITCHING

RULE 1. Sec. a.—Layout of Court: A court shall consist of two pitchers' boxes—an area of clay, dirt, or sand, in which the shoes land—with a stake in the center of each, and shall cover a level area, over all, of 10 feet in width, and 50 feet in length.

Sec. b.—When a number of courts are constructed, as required, in tournament play, the stakes shall be at least 10 feet—and 12 is better—apart, between courts; and the foul lines at the front of the pitching boxes, shall be in a straight line across the entire lay-out. Construction shall permit north and south pitching.

RULE 2. Pitching Distance: The pitching distance shall be 40 feet, between the bottoms of the stakes, where they emerge from the ground. Women's pitching distance shall be 30 feet.

RULE 3. Indoor Pitching: When indoor courts are constructed, the height of pitching boxes shall not be over 6 inches above floor level. Ceiling height shall be at least 12 feet.

RULE 4. The area of clay, dirt, or sand, in which the shoes land, shall be at least 43 inches long, in the direction the pitcher throws; and shall be at least 31 inches wide. The area may, however, be as much as 60 inches long, and 36 inches wide. The stakes shall be set 3 feet back from the foul line, and in the center of the width of the area in which the shoes land. The foul lines, preferably of wood or concrete, are to be 2 inches wide, and extend up approximately an inch above the level of the pitching platform on which the pitcher stands. The pitching platform, preferable of concrete, shall be at least 2 feet wide, and as long as the area in which the shoes land.

RULE 5. Stakes shall be one inch in diameter—no longer. They may be of cold-rolled steel, mild steel, or soft steel. The top of each stake shall extend 14 inches above the level of the pitchers' platforms on each side of the stake. Stakes shall have a 2 inch lean.

Car axles, or drive shafts, are too hard to use as stakes. They damage the shoes. They cause the shoes to rebound much worse than do iron, or soft steel, stakes. Car axles, or drive shafts must not be used in any tournament.

RULE 6. The area in which the shoes land, shall be filled to a depth of 6 to 10 inches with potter's clay, or a substitute of like nature, and kept in a moist and putty-like condition. (When the pitchers' platforms are hard surfaced, as related in Section C, the opening around the stake shall be filled with clay.)

Sec. a.—When the pitchers' platforms are hard surfaced, the area whose dimensions are given in Rule 4, must be left about the stake, as a clay area.

Sec. b.—Foul lines shall be clearly defined. Rule 7. Official shoes. (Same as before).

PLAYING RULES

Rule 8, Sec. a.—Conduct of Players and Members: No contestant, while opponent is in pitching position, shall make any remark, nor utter any sounds within the hearing of opponent, nor make any movement that does or might interfere with the opponent's playing. Penalty—both shoes of the offender shall be declared foul in the inning about which complaint is made.

Sec. b.—Any member of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association of America, who indulges in heckling or unfair rooting against any opponent in a tournament, whether with malicious intent or otherwise, shall be expelled from the grounds, and from the National Association.

Sec. c.—No contestant shall touch his own or opponent's shoe or shoes, until winner of point or points has been agreed upon by contestants, or decision rendered by the referee. Referee shall declare foul, shoes thrown by a contestant failing to comply with this rule, and award points to the opponent, according to the position of his or her shoes.

Sec. d.—No contestant shall walk to the opposite stake or be informed of the position of shoes prior to the completion of an inning.

Sec. e.—A player, while not pitching, must remain on the opposite side of the stake to the player who *is* pitching, and on the rear end of the pitcher's platform, back from the stake.

Sec. f.—Any player repeatedly violating rules, or guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct, may be barred from further competition in the contest.

Rule 9. Sec. a.—Foul lines: Any shoes pitched while the pitcher's foot extends on, or over, the raised foul line, shall be declared foul, and removed from counting distance.

Sec. b.—In pitching the shoe, the pitcher shall stand on the pitcher's platform, at one side or other of the stake.

Rule 10. In delivering a shoe, the pitcher must remain behind the foul line until the shoe has left his hand.

Rule 11. Choice of Pitch: Choice of first pitch, or follow, shall be determined by the toss of a coin or a flipped-up shoe. In successive games between the same players, the loser shall have choice.

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