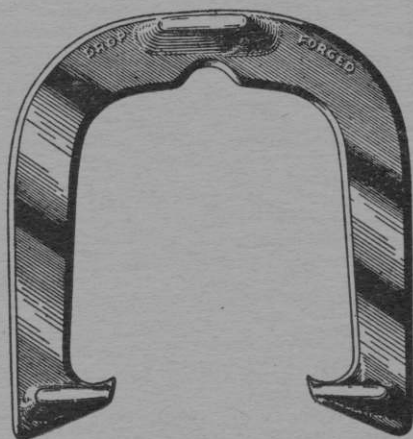


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EDITORIAL

Now that the horseshoe playing season has practically come to an end for most of us, I can look back on the Summer's activities and honestly state that I think there were more tournaments played throughout the country than any other time in the last ten years. This is especially true for the eastern part of the country. More publicity has been given horseshoes by newspapers, radio and television than ever before. This is what we need. These are the factors that made all well known sports so popular. If the proper contacts can be made throughout our playing seasons, there is no doubt that horseshoes can be made as popular a game with the public as any other. This is the time to get started on such a program. Write to your newspapers now. If you have any good ideas for the game, send them in to me for publication in this magazine and let the other guy know what you are thinking about. And don't forget the teen agers. We need new blood and there are millions of kids who can supply it.

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

Developing New Pitchers

It has been my observation during the past years that I have been playing horseshoes that we tend to do too little to encourage young people to take up the game of horseshoes. Developing the game is a long time project and if we are going to let it die down because of a lack of new players then we are doing the game a real injustice.

If you are really interested in the developing of horseshoes, take some of your time to encourage local schools, playgrounds, or civic groups to help you sponsor tournaments for young players. It takes a lot of hard work to promote and carry out such a tournament, but only by such action can we stimulate and develop new pitchers.

Another group that is often neglected are the B and C pitchers who really are the backbone of the national association. Holding tournaments for these groups will encourage the average players to join the National Association.

Naturally all such tournaments should be sanctioned by the National Association to get these pitchers interested in national play and national membership.

Let's all remember that horseshoe pitching interest will not grow of its own accord. If you take an attitude of "let John do it," then the interest in your area will suffer and decline.

LOUIS DEAN, President

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Gray Cops Southern California Championship Title

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

If there are any more So. Calif. horseshoe pitching titles lying around this year, Lowell Gray wants to know it. After winning the Open Title at Pomona in July and the So. Calif. Meet, at Long Beach, Labor Day, Gray is looking for new fields to conquer. He may even invade the virgin (?) territories of Azusa, Cucamonga and Anaheim!

Despite the sudden and awesome heavenly fireworks displayed on Sunday afternoon of Sept. 3, the Labor Day tournament was a most successful affair. Only two rounds had been played when the worst thunder storm in So. Calif. history swept suddenly down upon us. The lightning and ear-splitting explosions were terrific. The air was so close and hot that breathing was difficult. Lightning struck all over this section setting numerous fires. A young boy was killed on a playground in Los Angeles. A 75 year old lady was killed by falling masonry, when the Trust Building was hit in Long Beach. Then the rain came in sheets. Everybody broke for cover. Play was halted for almost an hour. The storm passed almost as quickly as it came, leaving the courts slick with mud. And it was the muddiest mud we ever saw. We slipped, sloshed and slogged through it to complete the first 8 rounds of play.

The first day's play saw Lowell Gray, Jay Byrns and Roy Smith chalking up 8 straight wins each. Hansford Jackson upset Louis Dean for his first loss. Homer Moeffeld, a newcomer, came within a hair of nailing Gray. Their game went to 112 shoes. But Gray, an old and wily veteran of many ringer battles, kept a cool head and won the game 50 to 47. The Jackson-Smith match was equally close, with Smith ekeing out a win 50 to 47.

Monday (Labor Day) was a nice day and somewhat cooler. Gray continued to win all his games and the title. His ringer percentage for the 15 game tournament was 73.4. Louis Dean was in second place with 72.6. J. Byrns was third with 63 percent. Gray was high qualifier with 512 points for the 200 pitched shoes. Dean made 509 and Byrns chalked up 505.

During the qualifying trials on Saturday, Fernando Isais soundly trounced Gray two straight games in an exhibition match. A big crowd was present to see the "King of Swing" wrap over 80 per cent of his shoes around the stake. Mr. Beller used his popular scoring-device for the benefit of the audience and Roy Smith did the announcing. The Long Beach Press-Telegram gave the tournament a good build-up and carried a picture of National Champion Isais. A photographer for Life magazine covered the tournament. He patiently waited for a picture of his liking to accompany an article he is preparing entitled "What the Average American Does on Labor Day."

The credit for a most successful tournament goes to Mr. Beller, President of the Union Pacific Horseshoe Club; Peter Cartwright, who ably assisted in keeping the statistics and Mr. Guy Moore who did an excellent job of handling the big score board. Guy taught us all a trick with chalk and a blackboard that we didn't know. He wet the chalk before marking the games won and lost. The letters appeared faint at first, but after drying for a few minutes, they could be easily read a block away. Keep this in mind all you board keepers.

The results of the tournament are as follows:

	W.	L.	%		W.	L.	%
1 Lowell Gray	15	0	73.4	9 N. Smith	6	9	54.0
2 Louis Dean	13	2	72.6	10 H. Moeffeld	6	9	54.0
3 J. Byrns	13	2	68.3	11 E. Beller	6	9	51.0
4 H. Jackson	11	4	59.2	12 Roy Hearn	5	10	55.4
5 M. Young	10	5	61.9	13 R. Argabright	4	11	54.1
6 J. Frizzell	9	6	59.4	14 Don Mahood	2	13	50.0
7 J. Huffman	9	6	58.9	15 W. Hagy	2	13	40.5
8 Roy Smith	9	6	56.0	16 J. McNamara	0	15	23.4

Northern California Championship Tournament

Mosswood Park, Oakland, Sept. 2-3, 1950

	W.	L.	%		W.	L.	%
1 Zimmerman	15	0	80.0	9 Franklin	5	10	57.6
2 Titcomb	12	3	70.0	10 Almeda	5	10	47.5
3 Mori	11	4	66.6	11 Ollason	5	10	44.0
4 Marcevich	11	4	62.1	12 Hoxmeier	4	11	52.0
5 Blexrude	11	4	60.6	13 Lyon	4	11	51.5
6 Braun	11	4	59.2	14 Hill	4	11	47.1
7 Callas	10	5	59.3	15 Waite	3	12	46.0
8 Pipe	7	8	55.0	16 Bradt	2	13	47.8

H. W. Clear, Director, Santa Cruz.

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California State Championship Tournament

SANTA CLARA COUNTY FAIR, SAN JOSE, CALIF.

September 16-17

Zimmerman won again, didn't lose a game. Dean was second, lost to Zimmerman; Isais came in third, lost to Zimmerman and Dean. Here's their percertnages, etc.

	W.	L.	%		W.	L.	%
1 Zimmerman	11	0	84.2	7 Titcomb	5	6	72.4
2 Dean	10	1	73.9	8 Marcevich	5	6	61.7
3 Isais	9	2	79.8	9 Blexrude	3	8	57.7
4 Gray	6	5	71.3	10 Hoxmeier	3	8	55.4
5 Mori	6	5	70.2	11 Callas	2	9	56.1
6 Wayman	6	5	67.2	12 Lyon	0	11	46.6

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Ties were broken according to the ringer percentages of the contestants. Substantial cash prizes were awarded by The Southern Calif. Horseshoe Pitchers Association. The tournament was played under the sanction and rules of The National Association.

NOTICE TO MY BOOK CUSTOMERS

During the next month or six weeks, I will not have much time to devote to horseshoes. It has fallen to my lot to revise and rewrite the by-laws of my Local Union (A.F.L. Painters and Decorators). Also, I have been chosen as a delegate to The Calif. State Labor Convention, at Santa Barbara, starting October 9th. I will be there a week and will, no doubt, have a lot of work to do when I return.

The week previous to this, my family and I and Mr. Beller will spend a week in Oregon. He will continue on to Portland while we visit my folks in Medford. So, if those who order books, do not receive them promptly, I beg them to please be patient until I return from my wanderings.

Now, I must cease pecking on this typewriter. My friend Wingy Mannone, the famous New Orleans jazz trumpeter is giving out on the radio. Believe it or not, I used to blow a hot Dixieland trumpet myself (before I got married). So in the parlance of the "hep-cats," when I hear a "cat" blowing it out, I just "flip my lid" while he "sends me." So long "gates" this is all for a few weeks now.

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CANADA

By H. E. BLACKMAN

I would like to express my sincere thanks to all in Murray, Utah, for the wonderful vacation I enjoyed at the Worlds Championship Tournament. Mr. and Mrs. Arch Stokes made my stay in Salt Lake City just like a "home away from home." It is my hope that a number of Canadians will come out to Murray next year. To all the horseshoe pitchers at the tournament—it was swell meeting the finest in the country. I arrived home in time for the tournament of the Canadian National Exhibition. An invitation to two of our friends from Buffalo, gave our tournament a touch of International color. Al Absolum and Merle Gardner, visited the C. N. E. and an exhibition game was played. It is hoped that in the future the Dominion Association will be able to make plans to extend an invitation to include representatives from all the near centers such as Detroit, Buffalo, Rochester and as many others as possible. At the C. N. E. we had a 12 man round robin with the following results:

	Pts.	%		Pts.	%
1 McLaughlin	1371	79.6	7 Branton	1099	57.0
2 Woodward	1284	70.6	8 Edwards	1093	56.0
3 Fritz	1252	67.1	9 Stubbs	1044	55.7
4 Ladouceur	1200	65.8	10 Philips	1034	51.3
5 Gunn	1185	62.8	11 Parfitt	1032	50.0
6 Black	1185	62.0	12 Ginn	1026	49.9

These were all 50 shoe games.



L. to R.—H. Blackman, S. Fritz, W. Woodward, P. Ginn, J. Parfitt.

COLORADO

By E. Tiilikainen

Here are the results of our Colorado State Horseshoe Tournament held over the Labor Day week-end. We had a 12 man round robin for class "A" and had only four men in the class "B" category. The class "A" meet ended in a tie as Dick Allen beat E. Tiilikainen in the ninth round of play by a score of 50 to 46, 82 shoes pitched when Allen having 68% to Tilly's 66%. After both pitchers had won their 10th and 11th rounds they had a play-off on the tie for first place. Tilly came out on top by 50 to 44. Dick Allen had the highest qualifying score of 266 points out of 100 shoes pitched and the highest tournament game of 84.0 percent.

In the election of state officers, Wm. Casey was re-elected as president, Dave Fuller as vice president and Eino Tiilikainen was retained as Secretary-Treasurer.

CLASS "A"

	W.	L.	%		W.	L.	%
1 Tiilikainen	11	1	69.6	7 Palese	4	7	52.3
2 D. Allen	10	2	66.2	8 Denning	4	7	51.5
3 Russell	8	3	63.7	9 Bowman	4	7	50.1
4 L'Abbe	7	4	64.8	10 Fuller	4	7	44.9
5 Demarest	6	5	59.4	11 Shoemaker	2	9	50.6
6 Brod	5	6	48.2	12 Schilb	2	9	46.0

CLASS "B"

1st Warren Allen, 2—1; 2nd Wade Dilley, 2—1; 3rd Reuben Stroh, 2—1; 4th Everett McCarthy, 0—3.

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CONNECTICUT

By Frank Wagner

The Conn. Championship tournament this year had only 22 entries. A postponement of one week was necessary on account of that stuff called rain, which may have been the reason for the small entry. The tournament was held at Beardsley Park in Bridgeport, Conn. on Sunday August 27th.

The state title was undefended this year due to Jem Bessey last years champion, joining the navy. Thus the title was open to all comers who had their eyes on it.

By winning all his games Dwight Smith of Southington, Conn. took the championship as a first time winner. He had the high ringer percentage for the tournament (57.8%) and his high single game was 75%. This years championship trophy was donated by Bob's Sport Store of Stamford. G. Giorgetti with only two losses took second place. His only other loss besides the one to Smith was to J. Dudek of Hartford, whose favorite pastime is to make it tough for the top contenders. Giorgetti had the top single game of the day which was 79.2%.

Play-off for third place trophy was between John Bessey and J. Dudek. John Bessey was the winner after pitching a 57.4% game.

Class B Champion is J. Bloomquist of Old Greenwich, whose only loss was to Don Harrison of Hartford, last years Class B Champion. John Belive of Cos Cob pitched his way to second place the hard way. A four way tie made a round-robin necessary to determine the winner. The round-robin resulted in a tie between John Belive and C. Kasel of Hartford. Another game was pitched and Belive emerged the victor for second place.

CONNECTICUT STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Class "A"

	W.	L.	%		W.	L.	%
1 Smith	11	0	57.8	7 MacKeil	6	5	45.5
2 Giorgetti	9	2	57.0	8 Kamszik, J.	4	7	46.5
3 Bessey	8	3	53.1	9 Bartram	4	7	39.8
4 Dudek	8	3	52.8	10 Reed	3	8	41.3
5 Kamszik	6	5	49.8	11 Bike	2	9	40.5
6 Capro	6	5	47.8	12 Schustek	1	10	34.8

Class "B"

	W.	L.	%		W.	L.	%
1 Blomquist	8	1	41.8	6 Smith	5	4	34.2
2 Belive	6	3	38.2	7 Wagner	2	7	33.2
3 Kasel	6	3	38.4	8 Kenderski	2	7	32.4
4 Barrows	6	3	44.0	9 Falk	2	7	32.9
5 Harrison	6	3	35.1	10 Demarest	1	8	24.1

CONNECTICUT OPEN TOURNAMENT

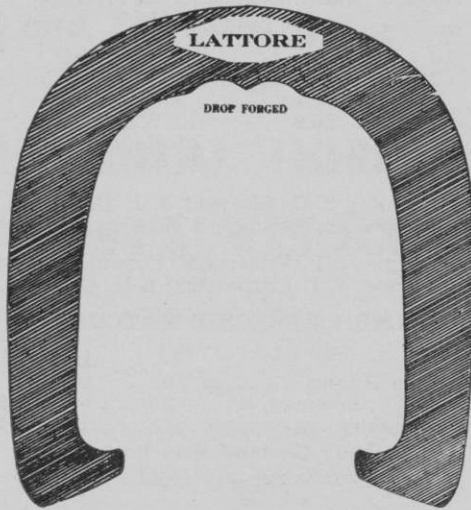
The Connecticut State Association held their first Open Tournament on September 10 in Beardsley Park at Bridgeport. There were five States represented, with Rhode Island taking two top honors. All five states had entries in Class A, with Roy Pearson of Rhode Island winning first place.

The Bridgeport courts haven't seen the brand of horseshoe pitching that was shown at the open tournament for a long time. Double ringers were rampart in Class A especially. Roy Pearson lost only one game and that was to V. Feleccia of New York. Second place ended up in a three way tie. Due to the late hour the three men decided that ringer percentage would decide the winners of 2nd and third places. It was not an easy task as Zichella and Feleccia had almost the same percentage. After considerable figuring Zichella was declared the second place winner with an average of 65.77; Feleccia's was 65.74. Besides winning 3rd place honors Feleccia had the high single game of the tournament, an 80.8% game. He also had the most double ringers. In the game with Georgetti of Connecticut, he put on six double ringers in a row and then had another string of seven doubles. Georgetti's six in a row couldn't win against this stiff competition.

D. Smith, Connecticut State Champ, got the only honors for Connecticut in winning Class B. He had no losses. J. Stella of New York pitched to second place by losing one game to D. Smith. Both men pitched five doubles in a row in at least one game. After a close play-off game for 3rd place, C. Secord of New York defeated B. Mullady for 3rd place honors.

Rhode Island's other winner was Ray Pearson who won all his games in Class C. T. Kirk of New York was second, losing 2 games. One to Pearson and the other to R. Ravencraft of New Jersey. M. Falk of Connecticut was third with three losses.

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STATE HORSESHOE PITCHING TOURNAMENT

Auburn, Maine, September 26-27, 1950

	W.	L.	%		W.	L.	%
1 Gerrish	10	1	58.2	7 Browning	5	6	44.5
2 Clark	9	2	57.6	8 Smith	4	7	43.0
3 Goodier	8	3	57.1	9 Golightly	3	8	50.1
4 Davis	8	3	56.9	10 Wood	3	8	40.0
5 Tobey	7	4	51.4	11 Boudreault	2	9	48.1
6 Scribner	6	5	48.8	12 Noyes	2	9	42.2

Class B—1 V. White; 2 C. Sleeper; 3 J. Bonnevie; 4 H. Spiller; 5 H. Berry; 6 W. Neis; 7 A. Whitney; 8 H. Mayo.

Class C—1 H. Gagne; 2 P. Viles; 3 F. Conant; 4 Miss M. Bowman; 5 M. Pratt; 6 L. Lacrosse; 7 J. Fitzpatrick; 8 H. Chick.

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Mrs. Marion Adams	0	2	8.0
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Last year the A.A.U. Senior Singles and Doubles Championships were revived again after a lapse of a few years, in Baltimore, Maryland. We had 8 enter the singles and four teams enter the doubles, with representatives from St. Louis; Ananadale, Virginia; Hagerstown, Md.; Westminster, Md.; and Baltimore, Md. Mr. Dale Carson, 21st Ward Democratic Club of Baltimore won the Single Title by winning 7 straight games with a ringer percentage of 72.8%. The doubles title was won by the team of Rembold & Stem, representing the Forest and Stream Club of Westminster, Md. Everyone had a good time, no admission was charged; the newspapers gave us splendid publicity, especially the Balti-

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more Sun papers, and the contestants who won not only received the National A.A.U. medals, but also 6 special trophies.

This year we will again conduct the National Championships in Baltimore at a Public Park—Carroll Park. The Bureau of Recreation and Parks will build 4 new courts for this Championship and the date is September 16-17, 1950. I hope you will make every effort to send at least one man to this championship.

Did you know that this sport of Horseshoe Pitching, although listed among the modern sports, originated years before the Christian era and has been played by the soldiers of practically every nation for thousands of years? I'll try to give you a brief history of our sport—When Rome and Greece were world powers, the soldiers found exercise and sport in throwing the discus. The camp followers could not indulge in such contests because they lacked both the money to buy a discus or the means to manufacture one. But when horseshoes were invented to protect the hoofs of the animals traveling over mountains or through rock-strewn passes, the camp followers picked up the discarded shoes, and fashioned them into discus form. At first they merely tossed the closed horseshoes through the air, a la discus style, aiming only for distance. But soon they tired of this because tossing the light imitation of a heavy discus was not highly entertaining. Seeking for some game where throwing this object could be made truly competitive they settled upon the quoit pitching game as we know it today—pitching at a stake, the nearest discus to score a point.

It was no easy matter for these people, minus tools, to bend horseshoes into a circle. The task meant hard work and expenditure of muscular energy. Very soon they ceased to fashion the quoits and merely tossed the shoes as they found them.

That was the beginning of horseshoe pitching which in modern times has come into popularity with tremendous strides, while quoit pitching as far as the U.S.A. is concerned is almost a lost art.

The pitching of quoits and horseshoes, started by the nondescripts and derelicts who trailed the ancient armies, found great favor amongst the soldiers and quickly became a sport among Grecian and Roman royalty, nobility and aristocracy. The crowned heads of Europe played one or both games all through the centuries. England, through the 17th, 18th, and into the 19th century could boast of having the greatest quoit and horseshoe pitchers.

The game was played under haphazard rules until 1869, when the English drew up the first set of rules, the same regulations applying to both forms of pitching. Later, these were subjected to many changes and in the end, quoits and horseshoes were separated and a different set of rules were drafted for each.

Just when quoits and horseshoe pitching became sports in the U.S.A. is not established. But horseshoe pitching was extremely popular among soldiers of both armies during the Revolutionary war.

The first actual horseshoe pitching club in this country was formed in Long Beach, California in 1900, which was a popular tourist colony in those days. It was called the Tourist Club. Horseshoe pitchers from all parts of the U.S.A. and Canada enrolled. Soon other California cities formed clubs and this was followed by the creation of similar organizations throughout the country.

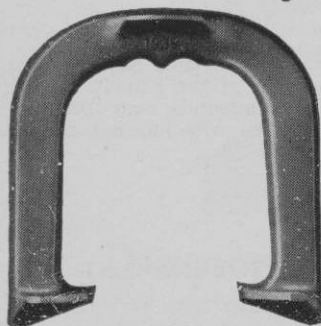
In 1909, the little town of Bronson, Kansas, announced the first International Horseshoe Pitching Contest, declaring "THIS TOURNAMENT IS OPEN TO THE WORLD". Frank Jackson, an Iowa farmer, destined to become a horseshoe pitching immortal, was winner.

This tournament led to others elsewhere and the outcome was the creation in 1915 of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association of America, which until 1929, was in complete control of the sport and put on tournaments in the South in the winter and usually in the middle-west during the summer. The N.H.P.A. is professional.

In 1929, the American Horseshoe Pitchers Association was formed with headquarters in Chicago. It enlisted the aid of newspapers throughout the U.S.A. to arrange a real United States Amateur Tournament. The newspapers conducted horseshoe pitching contests in their own territory in 1930. (Note: The Sunpapers sponsored this in Maryland and I held a championship in the 23 counties and the City of Baltimore, bringing the winners to Baltimore for the State Championships. Prizes were a set of Official size Gold, Silver and Bronze Horseshoes in a leather carrying case to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners). Then the depression came along and all promotion by newspapers had to stop. If this had not happened amateur horseshoe pitching would have grown by leaps and bounds in our country. IT'S OUR JOB TO TRY TO MAKE THE INTEREST IN THIS SPORT GROW AND GROW AND GROW.

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MARYLAND

By C. W. Ashley

Winning 7 straight games, scoring 358 points, tossing 205 ringers and 68 double ringers with a ringer percentage of 71.8, Dale Carson, representing the Twenty-first Ward Democratic Club of Baltimore, retained his National A.A.U. singles title at Carroll Park yesterday. In one game Carson threw 25 ringers out of 28 shoes for a percentage of 89.3 per cent which is a record for the A.A.U.

Charles O. Jones, of Richmond, Virginia, had the second highest ringer percentage for one game when he scored 38 single and 14 double ringers for a percentage of 79.2.

Walter R. Wilson, Metropolitan Club of Washington, D. C., won the silver A.A.U. medal for second place and Willard A. Nellis of the same club took the third place prize.

Albert A. Whelple, national president of the Amateur Athletic Union presented the Governor's Trophy to Dale Carson. "Pop" Woodfield of Hyattsville received the Elmer Thater Trophy for being the oldest pitcher to enter this championship and he still competes at 73 years of age.

The youngest contestant, Kenneth Nickoles of West A.A., received the George Miller Trophy. Dr. Hugh Stephenson, Jr., of the Ozark Association, Columbia, Missouri, received the "Doc." Ashley trophy for coming from the most distant point to pitch.

In addition to the first-place prize, Dale Carson also was presented a trophy by Charles Buckley for tossing the greatest ringer percentage in the singles tournament.

Albert Rumbold was named winner, and Clarence Stem placed second in the 22nd annual horseshoe tournament of the Forest and Stream Club, held over the week-end at the club's grounds near Detour. The event was in charge of Marshall E. Campbell who has not missed one of the twenty-two tournaments.

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MINNESOTA

GOPHER STATE HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT

By Dr. C. W. Vandas

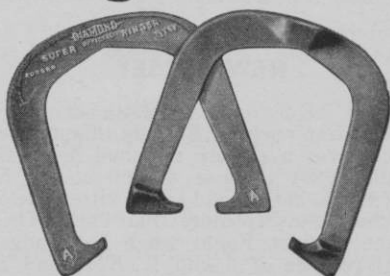
In St. Paul on Sunday and Monday, September 3rd and 4th the clang of horseshoes could be heard from sun up to late in the afternoon as a total of 26 men fought for state honors.

Ron Cherrier of Northfield, in winning his 2nd consecutive Gopher State Horseshoe Titel broke the tournament high percentage of 72.0 held by Nels Peterson of Rochester by hitting at a 73.5% clip. The only other record broken was also by Cherrier. He defeated Louis Larson of Mankato 50 to 24 by throwing 66 ringers out of 80 shoes for a percentage of 82.5 as Larson Tossed on 56 ringers. Cherrier had 28 doubles to Larson's 20.

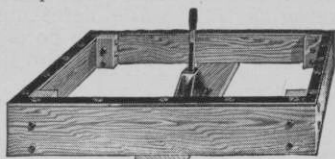
Dr. C. W. Vandas of St. Paul won 2nd place winning 10 games while losing 3 times on an average of 63.4%.



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MISSOURI

John Elkins, of Stella, Mo., was the winner of the Southwest meet held on Labor Day at Carthage, Mo. In an eight man round robin he breezed through by winning all his seven games. Rohmaller and Greenlee followed with second and third places.

At the Open Tournament held at the Neosho Fair on September 22 and 23, John also came out on top in an eight man round robin with seven straight wins and percentage of 67.2. Ralph Mosby was second and Greenlee again came out in third place. This was in Class "A".

In Class "B" Rohmiller led in a six man round robin with 47.1% and Downey, with a higher percentage, 49.3 was second and the runner up was Carver with 41.0.

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NEW JERSEY

Bill Kolb, Newark, N. J., won the 14th annual New Jersey State horseshoe pitching championship, Sunday, September 17, at Branch Brook Park, Newark, over a closely matched field. Slipping only once, against Bernie Mullady, by a close 48—50 count, Kolb pitched solid, steady horseshoes to win his second state title. He is only the second pitcher to win the championship more than once. The high point of the match was his game against Fogal when both boys came to the 8th round with identical records of 6 and 1. Kolb had Fogal on the hook early only to lose him as the defending champ put on a strong spurt to draw ahead 48—42. Kolb, however, pitched brilliant clutch horseshoes to close in and take the game, and title, 50—48. Sol Berman lost only to Kolb and Hanas in placing second and showed his versatility in the last round by averaging 62% while defeating Fogal in the first championship match in Jersey history ever to be played in complete and total darkness. Fogal edged Bernie Mullady for third by .0002%.

The results follow:

Class "A"

	W.	L.	%				
1 Kolb	7	1	57.1	6 Davis	4	4	54.2
2 Berman	6	2	53.6	7 Covert	3	5	40.8
3 Fogal	5	3	56.7	8 Puglise	2	6	44.0
4 Mullady	5	3	56.6	9 McCrink	0	8	38.7
5 Hanas	4	4	55.5	10 Courtcock			Withdraw

Class "B"

	W.	L.	%			
1 F. McCrink	7	0		5 Darling	3	4
2 Mattola	5	2		6 Axworthy	3	4
3 Nugent, Jr.	5	2		7 Schmidt	1	6
4 Kempe	4	3		8 Coulter	0	7

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TEXAS

By B. E. Sipple

Once more Texas is on the upgrade. Here are the results of our First Annual State Tournament, held in Houston under the auspices of the Association of Horseshoe Pitchers of Texas (affiliated with N.H.P.A.)

	W.	L.	%		W.	L.	%
1 McFarland	5	0	58.9	4 Herren	2	3	37.8
2 Zuchowski	4	1	49.2	5 Snyder	1	4	36.2
3 Mettlach	3	2	47.6	6 Anderson	0	5	17.3

Director of Tournament: B. E. Sipple.

Committee in charge: Frank Mettlach and Henry Finch.

Cash Prizes of \$125.00 divided among the above 6 winners with \$35.00 going to 1st place and \$10 to winner of the qualifying round (won by McFarland).

We secured 9 new members today, making a total of 19 for this year. I promise you more than 50 next year.

We held our annual meeting in connection with this tournament and here are the officers for next year: Frank Zuchowski, president; Louis Mettlach, vice president; B. E. Sipple, secretary-treasurer.

We are really going out strong for horseshoes next year and don't be surprised if we make a strong bid for the National Tournament within the next two years. I had a little bad luck on the way back home from Murray last month. Had a bad automobile wreck out in New Mexico and tore my new Packard into a thousand pieces. By some sort of a miracle McFarland and myself didn't get a scratch, so we are all O.K. and we will see you in Murray again next year.

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WASHINGTON STATE

By A. Liedes

Results of the Washington State Horseshoe Championship Tournament held over the Labor Day week-end, at Seattle, Washington.

John Monasmith, Yakima, defending champion tied with Lewis Getchell, Tacoma with 13 wins and 2 losses in round robin play. Getchell won over Monasmith to take the Class A title in the playoff.

John Juracich, Tacoma, won the Class B title with W. A. Bentley runner-up.

Bill McNeley, Aberdeen was elected president of the Washington Horseshoe Pitchers Association, Guy Bonwell, Seattle, vice president and Art Liedes, secretary-treasurer.

The results follow:

Class "A"

	W.	L.	%		W.	L.	%
1 Getchell	13	2	66.2	9 Smith	8	7	51.7
2 Monasmith	13	2	70.1	10 Hagen	7	8	55.3
3 Knauft	11	4	61.3	11 Dahl	6	9	56.2
4 Graham	10	5	57.9	12 Rankka	6	9	55.5
5 Kaufman	10	5	56.7	13 Bomstad	5	10	52.0
6 Warthen	9	6	58.7	14 Cook	5	10	47.2
7 Price	8	7	57.2	15 Broad	1	14	41.4
8 Patrick	8	7	54.8	16 Novak	0	15	42.7

Class "B"

	W.	L.	%		W.	L.	%
1 Juracich	7	2	46.5	6 Ansel	4	5	42.9
2 Bentley	7	2	49.4	7 Higgenbotham	4	5	35.7
3 Allones	7	2	46.2	8 Fishel	3	6	40.3
4 Nebenfuhr	6	3	45.3	9 Robertson	2	7	33.3
5 Erstgaard	5	4	45.1	10 Latshaw	0	9	24.3

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OVER THE COFFEE CUP

By Leland S. Mortenson

Without doubt, Illinois has taken the lead as the most active horse-shoe pitching state in the middle west. Several tournaments have been held there this year which were open to the world. The prizes have been small but there have been large entry fields, and the competitors seem to enjoy themselves immensely.

On July 23, I saw one of their open tournaments at Moline. There were 61 entries, each man tossed 100 shoes in the qualifications. From this, four classes of eight players emerged. In the finals, each class played a round robin.

The Class "A" round robin resulted in Truman Standard, of Canton, Illinois, being knotted up in a tie with Harold Shaw, of What Cheer, Iowa. Each won six and lost one. In the play off, Standard beat Shaw 50 to 49 and 50 to 35. In the first game, Standard pitched 106 shoes, 77 of them circling the peg. In the second game, Standard tossed 60 ringers out of 76 shoes. The other contestants in Class "A" finished as follows: Dale Dixon, Des Moines, Earl Bombke, Illinois, Howard Collier, Milton Tate, Norman Dixon and Leslie Long, all from Illinois. Ellis Cobb, of Aurora, Illinois, won the Class "B" tournament John Lindemeier, Illinois, won the Class "C" and Joe Bennett, Illinois, won the "D" class.

Apparently, several Illinois men are responsible for the recent successful promotional ventures in that state. Among these are Andy Peterson of Moline, who directed the tournament, Aden Swinehamer of Aurora and Ralph Dykes of Chicago.

You fellows in the middle west whose primary interest is the fun of tournament competition, should write to these men early in 1951 and ask for a copy of their program for next year.

The Iowa Championship tournament was held Sept. 2-3 at Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Dale Dixon regained the title from Harold Shaw.

Would have liked to see that Louis-Charles championship fight, but I'd much rather see Fernando Isais battling it out with Ted Allen in a four out of seven championship game match. Can't somebody interest some promoter in putting that one on? It would be a classic. How about contacting the Gillette Razor Blade Co., Mr. and Mrs. Officers?

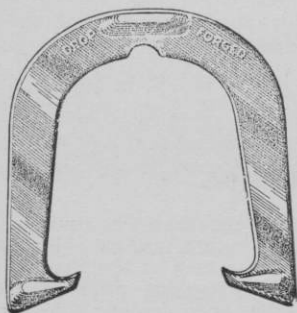
Frank Stinson of Minneapolis had a 9 won and 4 lost record good for 3rd place on a 59.5% average.

In class B, Jerry Joswick of St. Paul was the winner with a 10 and 1 record while pitching 51.8% ringers. Second place went to Ned Degideo of South St. Paul with a 9 and 2 record on 51.3%. Ed Ernster of St. Paul won 3rd place with an 8—3 record pitching 50.9% ringers.

The annual business meeting was held after the tournament. Ben Trolsen was elected to President following Nels Peterson. For Vice President, Frank Stinson succeeds Dr. C. W. Vandas. Frank Drassal was re-elected to his duties as Executive Secretary.

Here are the standings in Classes "A" and "B".

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CLASS "A"

	W.	L.	%		W.	L.	%
1 Cherrier	13	0	73.5	8 Lyden	5	8	52.4
2 Dr. Vandas	10	3	63.4	9 Lundberg	5	8	51.6
3 Stinson	9	4	59.5	10 Maki	5	8	49.8
4 Szalay	8	5	57.8	11 Paglarini	4	9	52.2
5 Trollen	8	5	55.8	12 Madigan	4	9	52.2
6 Larson	7	6	57.8	13 Schlundt	4	9	46.4
7 West	7	6	51.9	14 Crawford	2	11	50.0

CLASS "B"

	W.	L.	%		W.	L.	%
1 Joswick	10	1	51.8	7 Reinhardt	6	5	41.3
2 Degideo	9	2	51.3	8 Gage	5	6	39.2
3 Ernster	8	3	50.9	9 Woods	4	7	41.3
4 Ryan	7	4	37.8	10 Krull	3	8	42.4
5 Huber	6	5	49.6	11 Lewandowski	1	10	21.7
6 St. Jean	6	5	43.7	12 Monge	1	10	34.1

The tournament was again played in St. Paul over Labor Day weekend. Saturday, September 2, was devoted to qualifying for Twin City men and Sunday morning for out-of-state men. High qualifier was Frank Stinson of Minneapolis with 77 ringers and 250 points in 100 shoes.

Seven games were played Sunday afternoon in each class and the remainder on Monday.

Two records were broken and one tied. They are as follows:

1. Record tied—Number of four dead in game 15—By Cherrier and Louis Larson.
2. Broken—High tournament average—Cherrier 73.5%.

High game—Cherrier 82.5% (66 R. in 80 S.P.)

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JAKE'S JOTTINGS

Roy Gravink, of Clymer, N. Y., tells me that Chautauqua County horseshoe tournament was held at the eighth annual picnic of the Clymer Conservation Club's grounds. Twelve men of the County entered and it finished in a three way tie. After a fifty shoe pitch off the 3 top men were Wally Lindstrom, Chas. Orhn and Casimir Zawicki. The Jamestown "Sun" presented the winner with a nice cup. Prizes were also awarded to the second and third man.

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Raymond Frye, Virginia Champ and John Fulton, Penna. Champ were at it again. On July 31, at Gettysburg, Frye won three out of five from Fulton. On August 3, they tangled in a four game contest in which Fulton came out on top by winning three games.

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The Indianapolis "Times" sponsored the Indiana State Tournament on Sept. 8 and 9. By winning all fifteen games, Graydon McFatrige of Arlington, retained his title as Indiana State Champion. Using the cancellation system, he averaged 76.0%. The "Times" awarded him a trophy as State Champion. Floyd Fowler, a farmer from Greencastle, was awarded the Sportsmen's Trophy.

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A six and one half pound horseshoe player was presented to Harold Blackman, of Canada, by his wife on September 18th.

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The Southern California Amateur tourney was won by Henry Wendt at Ontario, California, September 10th.

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No dates have been set for the Murray tourney next year as yet. August 6-14 is being considered.

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John Lindmeier won the Illinois championship with 78.9% ringers. Ellis Griggs won the Rock Island tournament.

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Paul Tobey, Kitterey Point, Maine, won the New Hampshire meet on August 6th.

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Eldor Rolmaller, Carthage, Mo., won the Jasper County, Missouri tournament held August 30 at Carthage, Missouri.

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James Johnson of Covington, Ky., won the Northern Kentucky Open Tournament at Covington, Ky., August 22 and 23.

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Merle Palmer, Cheyenne, Wyo., won the Wyoming Championship held August 26 and 27 at Cheyenne. Ray L. Sherrard of LaGrange, Wyoming won the B class on the same dates. Jerry Hodgman, Cheyenne, Wyoming, won the Junior Championship at Cheyenne on August 26, 27.

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Clifford Dungan, Casper, Wyoming won the Natrona County, Wyoming Championship, August 13th at Casper.

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John Elkins of Stella, Mo., won the southwest Missouri Championship, September 3 and 4 at Carthage, Mo.

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Lowell Gray, San Gabriel, Calif., won the Southern California championship at Long Beach, September 3 and 4.

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Roy Pearson, West Kingston, Rhode Island, won the R. I. Championship August 20, at Kingston.

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John Clingan of Hopwood, Pa., won the Pennsylvania championship held August 26 at Uniontown, Pa.

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