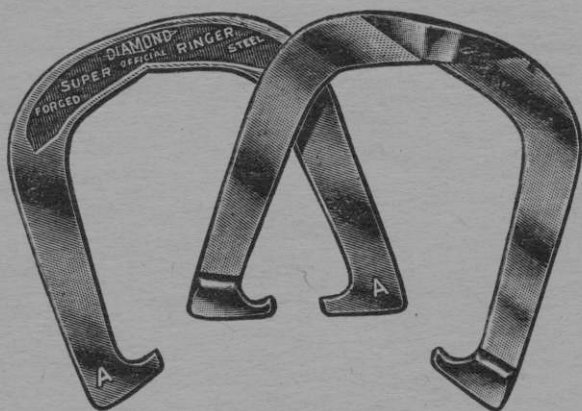


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EDITORIAL

Have attended every world's championship since 1946. Each year there appeared a glaring injustice to dozens of prospective pitchers who in some instances travelled thousands of miles to try to qualify as an entrant, only to fall short of a few points that caused their traveling and expense to be for naught. This gave rise to much bitterness. Now, thanks to your officers, and particularly to our First Vice President, Arch Stokes, this situation will not occur this year. There will be a "B" tournament. Due to this fact, I am sure we can look forward to many more entries than we ever had before. And there will also be a teen age tournament and Ladies tournament.

The dates for the tournament have also been changed so as to enable a man to use only two weeks instead of the three weeks it usually took to cover the one week of play. An expression of thanks is due to our officers and the good folks of Murray who have made these plans for our enjoyment. And there will be eighteen scoring devices, made by Mr. E. O. Beller which were purchased by the same good folks of Murray who are furnishing the prize money of \$5,000.00. All this should tend to really place horseshoes on the map of Sports.

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

It is now possible for you to begin to make plans to attend the national tournament. The date has been tentatively set from August 8 to 14. Beginning the tournament in the middle of the week will give the eastern pitchers an opportunity to travel and play in the tournament without taking more than two weeks of their vacation time. And in addition, a day of rest during the tournament will be provided as we will not play Sunday, August 12.

Tentative plans include a more varied program for this year. We would like to have a tournament for teenagers, women, class B and class A groups, so that there will be a greater opportunity for participation. It seems a shame that many good players have travelled thousands of miles to come to the tournament and failed to qualify and have been eliminated from play because we have no B tournament. A teenage tournament is a necessity if we are going to encourage more young people to enter the game. There is a great need to encourage youth if we wish to continue to increase our activities in the game in the years to come.

Naturally I am looking forward to seeing all of you at Murray for our biggest and best horseshoe tournament.

LOUIS DEAN

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HORSESHOES, A HEALTHY HOBBY, HELPS A HEAP

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

Amos R. Wells said, "Recreation is re-creation, or a re-fashioning of the soul in the image of God wherein it was created."

Real recreation, such as horseshoe pitching, is just that. All through the war every effort was made to fill the leisure time of soldiers and sailors with recreation rather than dissipation, the kind of recreation that made leisure time an asset rather than a liability. Since the war with the great impetus it gave the movement, recreation work in churches, in community centers, in schools, and in almost every kind of social work, has been put on the same constructive basis, and it is being looked upon not merely as a side issue or as "entertainment," but rather is respected as one of the most vital forces for a re-fashioning of souls in the image of God wherein they were created.

In his last article, submitted to this publication, before his death, Pop Woodfield stated, "Sports will play an important part in helping to combat Communistic propaganda and influence." Sports not only will but ARE doing that very thing. Here is an example, right here in Southern California to prove the exact truth of Pop's statement:

For over a year our labor unions have been fighting Communism here on the West Coast. The Reds had succeeded in worming their way into our organizations until they exercised virtually complete control of some locals. In fact they destroyed the Carpenters Local No. 644 which held its meetings in the same hall that we used. We were constantly bombarded with Communistic propaganda, especially during our strike here last spring, when the Reds posed as being such sincere sympathizers with us. After the settlement of our strike, we decided that the Stalinist stooges had to go. I am happy to say my painter's Local Union was one of the first to take the lead in this. We quietly began to collect evidence and obtained a list of all major Communist organizations and individuals throughout the state. Some of the big names and plots we have uncovered would cause some people to get ulcers! Many of them masquerade under an alias and are hard to identify. We knew that our telephones at the Local were tapped. We know how they operate and the methods they use to infiltrate an organization.

I was placed on the Executive Board of my union and sent to the California State Labor Convention, held at Santa Barbara, last October, to help legislate laws to combat the subversives. This Convention of all the A. F. of L. trade unions is the largest in the nation. Many nationally known figures were there, including Maurice Tobin, Secretary of Labor, Jimmy Roosevelt, who was running for Governor on the Democratic ticket, and Congresswoman Helen Gahagan Douglas, along with many others. The total number of delegates attending was over 2,500.

I am sorry to say that many of the delegates seemed to think that the Convention was just a big cocktail party. But most of us steered clear of the wine, women and song part of it and accomplished

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some good work. My two colleagues and I worked almost day and night for the week we were there. On the second day of the Convention, they held a big barbecue for all the delegates out at Stowe's Ranch, some five or six miles from the city. Horseshoe pitching was listed on the entertainment program and I issued a challenge to anyone at the Convention for a match. You should have seen the courts they had prepared for us. Ford axles, two feet high, with four inch cog-wheels on top of them! And the stakes were fifty feet apart! Nevertheless, I measured off two lines, forty feet apart and did quite well by tossing eight consecutive ringers in a little exhibition, during which I struck matches and did a few other stunts. Well, some of the big officials were amazed. I was dressed in white with the NHPA emblem prominently displayed on the back of my warmup jacket. They thought I was the world's champion, and when I told them that I was just an ordinary tosser, and about some of the pitching exploits of Fernando, "Zim", Casey, and Ted Allen, they were more interested than ever.

Thus, my horseshoe pitching got me an "in" with some of the big union officials and I got to attend several very important hotel room caucus meetings that I would have missed otherwise. And many of the things that I learned at those meetings have since proven to be of great value. Knowing that I had compiled a sports book on horseshoes, my fellow union officials insisted that I revise and re-write the By-Laws of our Local. It was one whale of a job because we had to be careful not to have the laws conflict in any way with our General Constitution. And it was here that I got my best licks in against the yellow bellied Reds. By making it mandatory for all of our officers and delegates, to all central labor bodies and conventions, to sign non-Communist party affidavits, before they could be seated, we exposed and drove out one of the biggest Red stooges in the United States. In fact, we now have them pretty well tamed down but are remaining alert in case they try to take over again.

And try again they will! Make no mistake about that. They intend to dominate the world, if at all possible, and no trick is too low for them to employ. We have been threatened in various ways with "accidents" like being run down with a car, or worse. I have attended some meetings with a bodyguard of two and three ex-prizefighters lurking nearby. It seems that the "brass knuckle" language is about all the "pinko's" can understand. We refuse to be intimidated and will continue to do all we can to prevent "Tanya and her husband, Sonavitch" from moving in on us. According to the latest F. B. I. figures, there are a little over 54,000 Communists in the U. S. This does not include their dupes and fellow-travelers. Thank God, the American people are waking up to the peril that threatens our free way of life!

I wish that every horseshoe pitcher who reads this magazine would petition his or her Congressmen to enact legislation to OUTLAW THE COMMUNIST PARTY HERE IN OUR UNITED STATES! To be a Communist, one must swear allegiance to Soviet Russia and Stalin, therefore he is a traitor to this country and should be prosecuted as such under our Sedition Laws! Why should we continue to split hairs about? Why send our young boys to fight Communism abroad and

continue to coddle it here at home? As far as I am concerned, World War III has already started. We may be subjected to an attack at any

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time. IT IS OPERATION SURVIVAL! We MUST win or America will become one great concentration camp with the machine guns working day and night!

We must remain calm and alert while we get ready to meet the challenge of Godless Red Communism and its enormous hordes of fanatical Asiatics. Let's continue to promote and enjoy our sport. Recreation during this time of worry and tension, is as important as proper food, housing and sleep. I thank God for my horseshoe pitching activities which have helped me to relax, now and then, during the past several months. Throwing ringers is the finest morale builder on earth. And, when emergency restrictions of steel cuts down our supply of pitching shoes, we MUST NOT abandon our sports activities. We must promote the game in the armed services at every opportunity. Whenever servicemen stop by your courts—as they often do at our club in Long Beach—invite them to play. Many of the boys will appreciate it because they are lonely and longing for something to do. In this way, we can do our bit toward continuing the excellent work accomplished by Leland S. Mortenson, when he was Director of the E. T. O. Horseshoe Pitching Program in 1945-46. Under his able administration horseshoes were brought up to rank in third place among Army sports. In my estimation, this is the finest achievement accomplished so far in the history of horseshoes. The NHPA should lose no time in finding—if possible—another man of Leland's calibre to set up and carry out a program in our armed forces.

The present conflict between atheistic Communism and the free nations is more than just a "cold war." It is a war to enslave men's minds as well as their bodies. President Truman recently stated, "Freedom and justice are more precious to the American people than peace." With this principle to guide us, along with our great national resources and production "know how," I believe that America will triumph over every combination of phony isms on earth.

Should this article lead some readers to think that I have resorted to cheap "Red baiting" please remember that it is better to do a little baiting now than to become Red bait later on! There are many facts that I cannot divulge. And I am not trying to be melodramatic either! Let's not forget the vital importance of recreation in helping us to live in these troubled times. Let's promote our sport as never before. And above all, let's be thankful that we live in a free America of the iron shoe instead of a slave state behind the Iron Curtain!

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FURTHER WINNERS FOR 1950

John Lindmeier, Broadview, Ill., won Illinois State Championship August 18, at Springfield, Illinois.

Martin Schneider, Springfield, Ohio, won Ohio State Championship, August 28, at Columbus, Ohio.

Chadwick Mays, Canton, Ohio, won Dist. No. 5 Championship of Ohio, August 20 at Canton, Ohio.

Leslie L. Hillard, Delaware, Ohio, won Delaware County Ohio Championship Class A, August 13, at Delaware, Ohio.

E. J. Plymale of Westerville, Ohio, won Class B Delaware County Championship, August 6, at Columbus, Ohio.

Thomas McNally of Columbus, Ohio, won Class B Franklin County Championship, August 6, at Columbus, Ohio.

Norman Dixon, Streator, Ill., won Canton Ledger Works Club Tournament, July 9, at Canton, Ill.

Thurman Standard, Canton, Ill., won Moline Open Tournament, July 23, at Moline, Ill.

Ellis Riggs, Plainville, Ill., won Midwest Tournament, Sept. 14, at Rock Island, Ill.

Eldon Vaughn, Huntsville, Ill., won Boys' Illinois State Championship, August 18, at Springfield, Ill.

Cletis Chappelle, Portland, Oregon, won Oregon State Championship, at Canby, Oregon.

Sarah Byers, won Women's Championship of Oregon, held at Canby, Oregon.

Eno Tiilikainen, Denver, Colorado, won Colorado State Championship, Sept. 4, at Denver Colorado.

Warren Allen, Boulder, Colorado won B Class Championship of Colorado, Sept. 4, at Denver, Colorado.

Stan DeLeary, Phoenix, Arizona, won Arizona State Championship, Dec. 3, at Phoenix, Arizona.

Archie Martin, Phoenix, Arizona, won B Class Championship of Arizona, Dec. 4, at Phoenix, Arizona.

Ray Danner, Phoenix, Arizona, won Phoenix City Championship, Nov. 5 at Phoenix, Arizona.

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Lewis E. Prouty of Brattleboro, Vermont won the Junior Championship of Vermont, Sept. 13, 1950, at Brattleboro, Vermont.

Fred Butler of Bennington, Vermont, won the Southern Vermont Championship August 6, at Bennington, Vermont.

Leon Kerry of Burlington, Vermont, won the Northern Vermont Championship August 13, at Burlington, Vermont.

Maynard P. Brown of Burlington, Vermont won the Vermont State Championship August 23, at Burlington, Vermont.

Charles S. Gerrish of Kittery Point, Maine, won the Maine State Championship, August 27, at Auburn, Maine.

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REAL PUBLICITY

"THIS WEEK" magazine, in their issue of February 25th, will carry an article on horseshoes written by Hank and Vera Bradshaw. This magazine is published in twenty eight Sunday newspapers throughout the country whose circulation is over TEN MILLION. If you are interested here is a list of the newspapers in which the article will appear:

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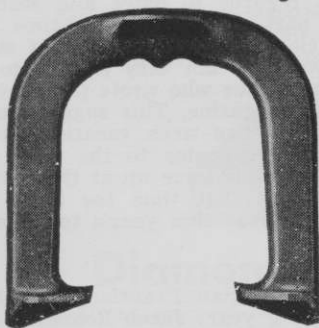
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LOUIS MASON DEAN

This is the first in a series to be known as "KNOW YOUR OFFICERS." I believe that our membership at large will be interested to know the type of officers at the head of their organization.—Editor

Louis Mason Dean, like many of us, is a married man. He and his wife, Mary Louise, have a cute little daughter, four years old, named Deborah. Louis is President of the National H. P. A. Because he devotes his full time to the National, he holds no other office in any local horseshoe club. He is affiliated with the Rotary Club, Masonic Lodge, American Legion (Past Commander), Naval Reserve (Lieut. Commander). He graduated from Murrayville, Illinois High School and has a Masters Degree and Bachelors Degree from the University of Southern California, in Los Angeles. He is Vice Principal of Pomona, Cal. High School

In his twenty two years of horseshoe activity, he has been Southern California Champion, has won many club championships and has several times been runner-up in Southern California, California and Los Angeles County and City tournaments. Besides collecting information on the game of horseshoes, his other hobby is bowling.

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JAKE'S JOTTINGS

Ralph Dykes, President of the Illinois H. P. A. says—Mr. Elmer Beller, of California, has a very interesting item in the December number of The Horseshoe Pitcher, in regards to dates and starting time of the National Tournament. In part, it reads "Some time ago, someone from the East, wrote an article advancing the idea of starting the National Tournament in mid-week." I am very pleased to see this idea brought out again as I was the writer who wrote the previous article. It was in the June issue of this magazine. This suggestion allows a person to make the National on a two week vacation due to having the three week-ends. The Illinois delegates to the 1950 convention at Murray were supposed to bring this issue up at the convention, but due to the hustle and bustle at that time the issue was completely forgotten. I am glad to learn that this year's tournament is going to be held in this manner.

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The Crocker-Amazon Horseshoe Club of San Francisco, Cal. have elected the following officers for the coming year: Jacob Rohner, President; George Cole, Vice President; Curtis Fose, Sec'y.-Treas.; Frank Fischer and Ed. Jensen, delegates to the Northern California Ass'n.

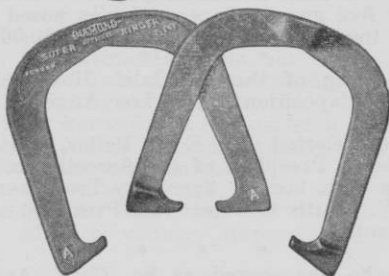
Arch Stokes says—It looks like we will be able to add a few more courts on the east end of our present set-up of eighteen courts. This will help us with our "B" tournament. We may hold the teen age tournament on the courts in Salt Lake City. This would give us more of an opportunity to keep the clay in good shape for the regular tournament.

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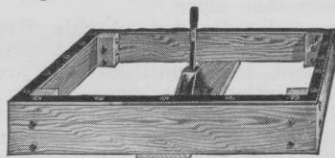
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Jimmy Risk is on his way to Paris for a two month pitching contract over there. Fernando was on the stage of the Mayan Theater the week of January 21 and January 28.

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Word comes from Green Bay, Wisconsin that Casey Jones is quite a bowler as well as a horseshoe pitcher. He rolled 1084 for an average of 217 for five games there, and was nosed out of first place the last day of the tourney by 7 pins. He got \$150.00 for second place.

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The annual meeting of the So. Calif. Horseshoe Pitchers Association was held at Exposition Park, Los Angeles, Sunday, January 21st.

New officers were elected. Mr. E. O. Beller, President of the Long Beach club, was elected President of the Association. Al Newell, President of the Pomona club, became Secretary-Treasurer of the So. Calif. Association. Roy W. Smith is First Vice-President and Jay Byrns is Second Vice-President.

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Harlan Peet, who has served as So. Calif. Ass'n. President for the past 10 years, requested that a younger man replace him. Roy Smith also asked to be relieved of the Secretary-Treasurer office due to the fact that he holds an office in his labor union and cannot devote enough time to the horseshoe office.

The meeting was well attended. Archie Gregson, the National Secretary, came out of his mountain lair at Crestline, and gave an interesting talk. President Dean outlined the proposed program for the coming season. Association dues were raised from \$1.00 to \$2.50 which includes the NHPA Combined Card. John Gordon was present and looking pretty chipper after his bad auto accident last summer. Fernando Isais, the National champ, is appearing on the stage at a downtown theater for one week. Eddie Packham was placed in charge of Publicity. Eddie has connections with KFI and several TV stations, and will arrange a televised show of horseshoe pitching in the near future.

Many of the clubs are laying in supplies of pitching shoes before emergency restrictions take effect. Several teams will be organized this spring and a number of A, B and Amateur tournaments are on the agenda. From all appearances, there will be a lot of horseshoe pitching activity in So. Calif. this season.

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A PITCHING HOSS SHOES

The good ol'-fashioned games o' sport,
an' games likewise o' skill,
In meetin' tastes o' modern folks
don't seem to fill the bill;
They're usin' golf an' tennis, now,
an' ping-pong an' crokay,

To feed their love o' outdoor sport
 an' pass the time away.
 I ain't familiar wuth a cent
 with these new-fangled games,
 An' have to call ol' Webster
 in to help me spell their names.
 But there ain't none of 'em
 that's soaked with pleasure to the core,
 Like pitchin' hoss shoes out in front
 o' some ol' country store.

It tuk a man with stiddy eye
 an' skill to match the same
 To hol' a record wuth a cuss
 in that artistic game—
 A man o' jedgment like that
 wise ol' Solomon of whom
 We read about that tried to start
 a matrimonial boom.
 A man 'twas accurate o' sight
 an' jedge o' distance, too,
 That knowed jest how to let it go
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 knock another's shoe away.
 An' when some man o' talent
 made a ringer, holy smoke!
 How they would yell an' slap his back
 an' give his ribs a poke!
 'Twas good as any circus show
 fur them ol' Rubes, that's shore,
 To see the star a pitchin' shoes
 outside a country store.

Cain't see jest where the skill comes in
 a-playin' at crokay,
 Or any talent that's required
 in high-toned tennis play,
 An' golf ain't half as gay a game
 as shinny used to be,
 An' ping-pong's jest a baby sport
 as fur as I can see.
 Jest take 'em all an' bile 'em down
 right to their richest juice,
 An all the pleasure they afford 'd
 be a poor excuse
 Longside that high artistic game
 we played in days o' yore,
 A pitchin' hoss shoes at the pegs
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OREGON—Laurelhurst Park, Portland.

PENNSYLVANIA — District Courts, Pittsburgh; Pt. Marion, Frank Murphy's Courts; Joe Mett's Courts, Revere; Oakhurst Courts, Johnstown.

RHODE ISLAND—Athletic Field, West Warwick; Schartner's Courts, Hamilton.

UTAH—County Fair Grounds, Murray.

WASHINGTON—Wright Park, Tacoma.

WEST VIRGINIA—Bar B-Q Courts, East Nitro.

WYOMING—Union Park, Cheyenne.

IF YOU ARE NOT LISTED HERE, GET BUSY!