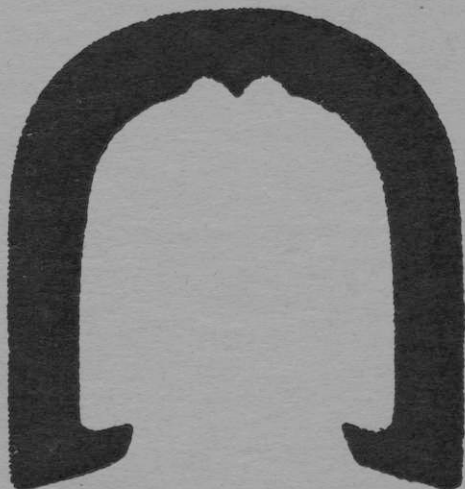


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EDITORIAL

Mark Twain said "Everyone talks about the weather, but none ever do anything about it." That remark applies exactly to the N.H.P.A. Everyone complains about the things the National DOES NOT DO for its own good and that of the game as a whole, but nobody does anything about it. And who are these specific nobodies? The majority of our officers, of course! Next month will finish the third hectic year of this little magazine and in between each Convention I get a load of letters asking why the N.H.P.A. does not do this, that and the other thing to further the public's enthusiasm for horseshoes and, particularly complaints because so little is done in the line of publicity through the N.H.P.A. I think I have the answer which I am sure will make me step on the corns of some of my friends.

Since 1946, I have attended each Convention and nothing that could be called a constructive publicity policy has ever been outlined. It seems that nobody has gumption enough to find out how much money there is in the Publicity Fund and then propose sound ideas for its use. There is a fund for this purpose! How is it used or rather WHY isn't it used? Why not send daily reports of our championship games to all the news services who would be glad to get them? And when there are big crowds watching the games, as they do at all world championship meets, made up of people from all over the country, why not spend \$100 or \$125 and pay a man like Roy Smith to broadcast the games? That would be the best kind of publicity. Roy did a wonderful job at the 1949 tournament. He knows the game and most of the players from A to Z, and has the talent for getting things over to the audience. As I stated in the Sept., 1949 issue of this magazine, "If I owned a radio station, I'd sure give Roy a job"! Many are hoping he will go and handle the mike.

Talk about missing the boat! Due solely to our pinch penny publicity, we have never gotten anywhere with the newspapers or the public and it is high time we saw the error of our ways. I believe this year will be the highwater mark in horseshoes and if something is not done during this Convention there is no doubt in my mind that organized horseshoes will sink into oblivion. Of all the thousands of horseshoe players in the country you can count on the fingers of one hand the men who have done anything for the game and ALWAYS AT THEIR OWN EXPENSE. How long can the N.H.P.A. expect this to go on? When those individuals get tired and disgusted of running into a stone wall they will quit. Hiring a good tournament announcer to do a job that needs to be done to benefit the game is not charity in any sense of the word. It is only good common sense business practice!

And the little publicity that we do get comes principally from the pages of The Horseshoe Pitcher when these men take the trouble to write articles on horseshoes. Yeah, the N.H.P.A. gives me a one page ad every month (at cut rates) but most of the pages are given up to real publicity, FREE.

When we hold our election this year for new officers I'd advise you to pick candidates who are not only "fine fellows" but see too it that they are men who will get out and DO SOMETHING. It's later than you think! If we don't *do* it this year we'll *die* this year. Rome went all the way to the top and then hit the skids because it neglected its NATIONAL welfare.

Editor.

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

Everything possible has been done by our National Officers and the people at Murray and Salt Lake County to make this the biggest and best tournament ever and now it is up to you to plan to be there and help put it over. With four tournaments to be held we feel that all of the pitcher's will have a reason to be in attendance and take part in our annual meeting and tournament.

May I just remind you of a few things that you can do to add to the success of this year's tournament?

1. Have an appropriate playing costume. A shirt with your name and home town on it and appropriate trousers. Let's dress up our players so that we can be proud of their appearance.

2. If you have problems or criticisms about the way the tournament or the national association is operated bring them to the convention on the last day of the tournament. Useless discussion and heated argument in front of strangers and guests is harmful to our association and its activities. Convention is the place to settle these problems.

3. Come prepared to enjoy the good pitching and fellowship that I am sure will prevail. I am looking forward to seeing all of you at Murray.

LOUIS DEAN

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ARKANSAS

By J. E. BACON

I have written you before that I am 65 years old, have been out of business circulation for nine years because of a damaged heart, and I learned by experimenting five or six years ago that I could pitch horseshoes in moderation (with my doctor's approval). Since then I have tried to stimulate interest in the game and have had the support of Wm. (Bill) K. Amo, Little Rock Parks and Recreation Director, with the result that we have courts in Fair Park, Boyle Park, and in downtown MacArthur Park, the birthplace of General Douglas MacArthur, all in Little Rock. There is also a first-class court at the Fire Station at 12th and Commerce, on the west boundary of MacArthur Park.

But the sad truth here in Little Rock is that a man has to work his head off to stimulate the slightest interest in the game. I was born and raised in Illinois, but have been here in Little Rock, the first time from 1921 to 1927 and the second time from 1941 until now and expect to remain here, where we own our home. Amo puts on a tournament once a year and at my suggestion he will put on another one in October—the first was in April—and we have an awful time scaring up say 14 or 16 players to put in on and then about 10 or 12 of the contestants forget all about it until the next tournament. The only reason I can give, and this may be incorrect, is the sultry climate here. I can't explain the apathy in any other way. I have two good courts in our back yard and once in a while can scare up four pitchers to pitch—it is shady, have nice benches, take out ice water in a thermos jug, but most of the time have to be content with just one other player coming along.

It just looks to me like 99% of the population in the United States look down on horseshoe pitching, even though the President has a court on the White House lawn, and it strikes me that unless a millionaire or two decides to put this game on the map it is doomed to stay a very mediocre game, so far as publicity is concerned. No one has to tell me that it is a fine sport from every standpoint, especially health and good fellowship and economy, but the hard problem seems to be able to sell it to the fellow who, up to now, has shown no interest. I have played some golf in days gone by, and while I like horseshoe pitching better and am not ashamed that I pitch, I somehow get the feeling that some of my acquaintances think I'm degrading myself by pitching horseshoes.

There would be no point in saying this as destructive criticism but from a constructive standpoint I'd like to see some moneyed men at the top to research this subject to ascertain just why it is that so many people look down on this sport and then put up whatever money it takes to change that attitude.

Two or three years ago I wrote J. G. Taylor Spink, Editor of the baseball magazine, *The Sporting News*, requesting that he give horseshoe pitching a little publicity and he wrote me back a nice letter and sent me a copy of a letter to "Pop" Woodfield subscribing to his paper, but Mr. Spink in his letter to me said, "Bacon, I'm sorry I can't publish anything in my magazine about horseshoe pitching." Two years ago, at my request (maybe others requested it too) *Newsweek* covered the national tournament, and I requested it again last year, but they did not comply, and I see in your magazine that *Life Magazine* took pictures last year that were never published. Just why is all of this?

I wish to say that I enjoy your magazine, especially the articles by Roy Smith, and I hope nothing ever arises that will cause his interest in the game to diminish. I am not a member of the N.H.P.A. for the reasons given in the beginning of this letter, but your Association needs men of his vision and enthusiasm, and of course financial encouragement, because, after all, not one of us is so Christ-like that we are willing to work just for glory.

CALIFORNIA

By ELMER O. BELLER

I have a few suggestions I would like to present to the horseshoe members. They may have little value, but here they are.

I am in agreement with Mr. Chapelle of Oregon that more information regarding the N.H.P.A. should be printed in our official magazine, "The Horseshoe Pitcher." I think all members should know our financial status.

Naturally, an organization of this kind, must collect and disperse a certain amount of monies. There would be many diversified ideas about how this money could be best spent.

If we have no knowledge of what we have we cannot logically plan a way to best spend it to promote the welfare of the organization. Few of us are financial wizards, but nevertheless some of the most simple come up with ideas that will make the most wise stop and consider.

Very true we cannot do everything that each and everyone might suggest. That is what our officers are for; to consider these many ideas, then make their own conclusions, which may in part be governed by others opinions.

I think a full financial statement should be published in The Horseshoe Pitcher at least once a year. Better yet, the first and middle of the year.

Then too I think we should make it known what our membership is in the National from year to year. I have heard some say our membership is so low, that to make it known would be a detriment to the organization. I do not think that is the case. By that same token some might reason that membership is even lower than it really is. Then I argue that if it is really so low that we are ashamed of it, for that reason it must be at a level that it would be easy to make an increase as we start to grow. If we could make a showing of 10% or 25% next year or the following year it would be an incentive to greater growth.

My idea would be to have the National membership number placed right on the outside cover of The Horseshoe Pitcher, with the sentence under it "Watch This Number Grow."

Then have the secretary of each state that has a charter send in to the publisher the number of new members he procures each month. These would be added together and the total added to the number on front of the cover of the magazine each month. It would also be of interest to know which state has the largest membership. Perhaps we could have a little friendly rivalry to see who could have the best percentage in growth.

If we are standing still, let's do something about it. If we are growing, let's all be proud of it together.

On another subject, I think when a member sends in an article for the magazine, the article should not only have the name and State at the head of the article but also his or her mailing address. Many times something is contained in the article that someone wishes to write to the party about. This would enable one to do so.

I was in Salt Lake a few weeks ago. The weather was bad, but they are starting to work in earnest there. They are a live bunch of horseshoe enthusiasts. There are many that are working hard to produce a good tournament. I want especially to call your attention to Mr. Stokes and Mr. Pete Harmon. The horseshoe organization owes a great deal to these two live wires.

Mr. Stokes is pushing a program that calls for not only six more pitching courts, but also new rest rooms and showers for both ladies and men. He is doing much work for a "B" class tournament and is also trying to promote a teen-age tournament.

Mr. Harmon, I understand, is personally contributing a womans trophy. He is also engaged in an extensive program of advertising, by distribution of placards for business places to put on display, not only in Murray and Salt Lake City but the surrounding communities as well.

This will take care of the need for advertising that Dr. Sol Berman complained about in the Feb. issue.

Mr. Harmon certainly deserves much credit for his efforts in promoting horseshoes.

Incidentally, Mr. Harmon has completely rebuilt his cafe at 39th and State Street. It is really modern and will accommodate many more than last year. Let's show our appreciation by patronizing him well in August.

I think it would be wonderful if Doc. Berman of Elizabeth, N. J. could have his motion pictures at Murray. Also Mr. and Mrs. Kampschroeder of Kansas or anyone else for that matter. Arrangements could be made to show them on Sunday or at the banquet or some other meeting.

We held three very successful tournaments here in the So. Calif. Association this season. We have five more scheduled for the summer.

**Results of "B" Class Open Tournament of So. Calif. Horseshoe Pitchers
Association (Affiliated with N.H.P.A.)
Held at SANTA MONICA, June 9-10, 1951**

	W.	L.	Percent
1 F. Burkhart, Los Angeles.....	8	1	53.6
2 H. Wendt, El Monte.....	7	2	57.8
3 T. Nichols, Bell.....	7	2	52.6
4 E. Green, So. Gate.....	6	3	56.0
5 N. Smith, Culver City.....	4	5	44.8
6 O. Anglin, Los Angeles.....	4	5	41.6
7 N. Port, Santa Monica.....	4	5	41.4
8 D. Howarth, Englewood.....	3	6	40.3
9 J. Stull, Pomona.....	2	7	40.0

Mr. Wendt and Mr. Nichols had a play off game to decide 2nd place. Mr. Wendt won out in this game.

Mr. Burkhart pitched the longest string of doubles, Eight.

Mr. Green pitched the largest percentage game, 78.1.

Mr. Louis Dean and Mr. Archie Gregson, President and Secretary respectively of the N.H.P.A. were present and helped in conducting the tournament.

Trophies were awarded the first three places; medals for next three places.

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The National Horseshoe Pitchers Association of America

BULLETIN

The following is the prize list for the National Tournament at Murray, Utah, August 8-14 inclusive:

MEN'S TOURNAMENT

1. \$550.00	10. \$160.00	19. \$85.00	28. \$55.00
2. 425.00	11. 150.00	20. 80.00	29. 50.00
3. 350.00	12. 140.00	21. 80.00	30. 50.00
4. 300.00	13. 130.00	22. 75.00	31. 50.00
5. 250.00	14. 120.00	23. 75.00	32. 50.00
6. 200.00	15. 110.00	24. 70.00	33. 50.00
7. 190.00	16. 100.00	25. 65.00	34. 50.00
8. 180.00	17. 90.00	26. 60.00	35. 50.00
9. 170.00	18. 85.00	27. 55.00	36. 50.00

WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT

1. \$50.00	6. \$15.00
2. 40.00	7. 10.00
3. 30.00	8. 8.00
4. 25.00	9. 7.00
5. 20.00	10. 5.00

MEN'S "B" CLASS TOURNAMENT

1. \$50.00	9. \$11.50	17. \$7.00
2. 35.00	10. 10.50	18. 6.50
3. 30.00	11. 10.00	19. 6.00
4. 20.00	12. 9.50	20. 6.00
5. 15.00	13. 9.00	21. 5.50
6. 14.00	14. 8.50	22. 5.50
7. 13.00	15. 8.00	23. 5.00
8. 12.00	16. 7.50	24. 5.00

There will also be a teen age tournament at this same time, but there will be no cash prizes so as not to hurt their amateur standing.

All entrants must have their 1951 National dues paid.

Entrants will be charged the usual \$5.00 entrance fee.

Qualifying will take place on August 8th, with each entrant pitching 200 shoes, taking total points. Persons with the 35 highest qualifying scores will enter a 36-man round robin tournament with the defending champion, Fernando Isais, beginning on August 9th.

The next 24 highest entrants will play a round robin for the "B" division.

The ladies championship will be played at a time suitable to them.

LOUIS DEAN, *President*

CANADA

By **DEAN McLAUGHLIN**

Being a Canadian, I am not a member of the N.H.P.A. but I understand that this magazine is world wide and anyone wishing to voice their opinions are at liberty to do so. Our organization, the Dominion of Canada H. P. A., is probably as old as the N.H.P.A. and we have always strived to put the game over to the public. Without public interest no sport can survive.

The Dominion championships have always been played indoors and an ideal way it is too. Bleachers surround the courts and are comfortable for the spectators while watching the games. Years ago, we could not understand why the public would come in for a few minutes and then file out. I realize we do not have the calibre of pitching you have in the States, but I believe that two boys averaging 70% or more create a good game to watch.

We had a large score board to let the public know who won and lost but that was not enough to hold the public interest. Last year the association rented a P. A. system and we really found the answer to our problem. We had a man on the "mike" who knew the game from A to Z and had a great deal of experience addressing the public.

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Having subscribed to The Horseshoe Pitcher for the past two years there seems to be one man at least, who does a lot of writing and knows how to put into words the fundamentals of our fine old game. He must devote most of his time to put the game over to the public.

I do not need go any further when I say the N.H.P.A. should be grateful to have such a worker as Roy W. Smith of California in their organization. With his experience and knowledge of the game, I cannot see why he was not approached to do the announcing at Murray this year. I understand the National have a fund for publicity purposes set up. Then I do not think the N.H.P.A. could use it for a better purpose.

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A CHALLENGE

By HAROLD BLACKMAN

We have organized a Senior League here in Toronto with seven four man teams playing each week. A Major League, singles, fifty point cancellation, has also been started. If you could arrange to bring a team to Buffalo some week end, I would get a four or five man team from Detroit, Rochester, Buffalo and Toronto. Talking about an Eastern Championship Tournament; Buffalo has twelve courts exactly the same as those at Murray and this would be a perfect set up. It is in a good location and we could have quite a gathering. In fact, if there was a little money available I think it would attract a great number. I would like to see these cities I mentioned play without money prizes for the first year, to get it going, and possibly it would develop into something big. They have T.V. in Buffalo and someone could promote this into a big annual event. They have the best courts, lights and accommodations in the district and this would be a swell way for many to meet who cannot go to Murray. It is only four hundred miles from New York. So, if you boys give me the green light on this idea, let me know and I'll get things started. Address me at 87 Gough Avenue, Toronto, Canada.

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CONNECTICUT

By MIKE VECCHITTO

Joseph Zichella of New York, won the Hartford Open Horseshoe Tournament held at Pope Park, Hartford, on Sunday, June 10th. Zichella went through the entire tournament without a defeat winning all 11 games with a 71.8% ringer average. Vito Fileccia, also of New York, took 2nd place because of his higher ringer percentage, he was tied with Joseph

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Comeau, of Mass. Incidentally, Joe Comeau, won the world's candlepins championship title.

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FINAL STANDING

	W.	L.	%
1. J. Zichella, New York.....	11	0	71.8
2. V. Fileccia, New York.....	9	2	67.3
3. J. Comeau, Mass.....	9	2	64.1
4. W. Kolb, New Jersey.....	7	4	57.4
5. D. Smith, Conn.....	7	4	56.0
6. J. Dudek, Conn.....	5	6	50.9
7. J. Blomquist, Conn.....	5	6	49.0
8. F. Kirk, New York.....	4	7	50.4
9. A. Secord, New York.....	4	7	49.0
10. F. Hallissey, Mass.	3	8	43.0
11. F. Wagner, Conn.	2	9	43.6
12. T. Hart, New York.....	0	11	35.0

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ILLINOIS

By O. C. BROWN

In regard to the many inquiries in The Horseshoe Pitcher as to what is the matter with the Membership in the State and National Horseshoe Pitching Association, I would like to give my opinion.

The point that I want to put across is, in almost every issue of The Horseshoe Pitcher someone has a writeup about the Two or Three Million horseshoe pitchers who are not members of the N.H.P.A. That money would come in very handy no doubt, but just what do we get out of it? Just a little pamphlet telling us where and when a World Tournament is to be held.

These tournaments are open, and a person has to be a Class A pitcher to qualify high enough to get in.

Most States are the same as Illinois in regard to State Tournaments. There are twelve courts at our State Fair Grounds for the State Tournament, all courts and bleacher seats are covered with a large Tent so the Games go on rain or shine.

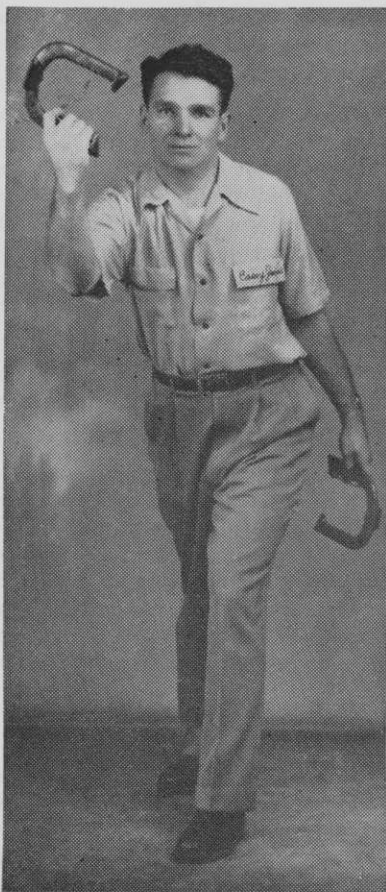
As I understand it, the Tent is up for the ten days of the Fair with the Horseshoe Pitching Tournament only going on for two days, what about the other eight days?

If those courts could be filled each day with 24 different players that would be 192 more members in the Association not counting any that failed to qualify.

Amateurs get a big kick out of pitching in Tournaments also, if they are in a class of equal ability.

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LET'S GIVE THE GIRLS A BREAK!

By BELMONT W. ADAMS

It is indeed a very important question, whether official recognition should not be given to women pitching 40 feet. All the women here seem to prefer 40 feet; in fact, not one in this city seems to be at all interested in the 30 foot distance which is mentioned in the official rules.

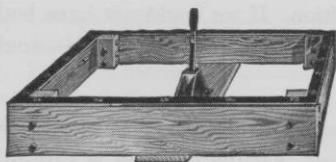
There is much reason to believe that this is a very common situation everywhere. Women players are relatively few, and in most instances they have probably learned to play on home courts and at other places where courts have been laid out for men—at 40 feet. Not for many years, if ever, is there any likelihood of general conditions that would cause women commonly to start at 30 feet. Furthermore; the few women who do play in any locality very often and very naturally do not want to pitch any distance but 40 feet, because much of the time they have nobody to play against except men (husbands, brothers, sons, or friends), and if they don't pitch 40 feet they have no opponents.

These are powerful reasons for organizing 40 foot competition among women, wherever a number of them desire it; and for official rules recognizing women's champions at 40 feet.

This is not intended to favor the elimination of any competition or championships at 30 feet for women; that has been an official distance for a long time, and should be permitted and officially recognized wherever interest justifies it; the point is that there is compelling need to have *both* distances for women under present-day conditions. It is common practice to have A, B, C, and even junior classes for men and boys; it does not seem to much to permit women to compete in two groups—one at 30 feet and one at 40 feet.

No experienced player will question that many women can easily pitch 40 feet. Plenty of women do it as easily as men.

Some may suggest that all that is needed is to alter the rules to permit each woman to chose her own distance, so that one lady may pitch 40 feet while her opponent pitches 30 feet, or vice versa. Realistic thinkers will perhaps not propose this; for second thought shows that it is not fair, and experience proves that players will not accept it in serious competition—although true enough it is sometimes perfect for casual playing. It is out of the question in serious competition, because it appears that for average players the mathematical probability of getting a ringer (given players of equal skill) is nearly twice as favorable at 30 feet as at 40 feet. This is on the principle that the chance of hitting a certain spot varies inversely as the square of the distance—that is, the odds in favor of 30 feet are 16 to 9, or almost 2 to 1. In other words, the same amount of practice should enable anyone to get about twice as many ringers at 30 feet as at



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40 feet (until she reaches the higher percentages, when twice as high a percentage would of course be impossible).

It seems that the only solution for a great many women players—the majority, perhaps—is official provision for 40 foot competition among women, and separately for 30 foot competition. If we could not have both, it might well be that the greater need—the majority preference—would be for 40 feet. But why not both?

Let us earnestly hope that the national officers and leaders in the sport, and the leading lady pitchers, will see that the question is carefully considered and acted upon at Murray this year. This is an important step toward greater recognition and better facilities for playing, and for wider popular interest in our great game.

Remember, that every one who takes the trouble to write to somebody about a thing like this, represents hundreds who feel the same way without writing it down.

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NEW JERSEY

FOURTH ANNUAL JOHN ROSSELET TOURNAMENT

CLASS A

1. *John Fulton, Carlisle, Pa.	8	1
2. Dale Carson, Baltimore	8	1
3. Joseph Zizchella, New York City.....	6	3
4. Bill Kolb, Newark.....	6	3
5. Vito Fileccia	5	4
6. Lee Davis	3	6
7. Donald Smith	3	6
8. Louis Stines	3	6
9. P. T. Hamis	2	7
10. Charles Seacord	1	8

* Won best 2 out of 3 playoff—15-50, 50-49, 50-43. In the playoff Carson had 73.2% ringers and Fulton 67.0%.

CLASS B

1. Frederick Lutter, New Freedom, Pa.....	8	1
2. *Joseph Harwick, New York City.....	7	2
3. Frank Takash, Belleville.....	7	2
4. Frank Wagner, Stamford, Conn.....	6	3
5. Frank Brumer	5	4
6. George Hart	5	4
7. Anthony Brennan	3	6
8. R. J. Schwendel.....	2	7
9. Willard Nellis	0	9
10. E. L. Hughes	0	9

* Won playoff for second place.

CLASS C

1. Earl Faulkner, Morristown	5	0
2. *Paul Puglise, Clifton	3	2
3. George (The Pro) Voorhees, Brooklyn.....	3	2
4. Lawrence Bruno, Metuchen.....	2	3
5. Stephen Kaplin	1	4
6. R. Nielson	1	4

* Won playoff for second.

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By **BYRON JASKULEK (Jake)**

The Empire State Branch of the N.H.P.A. will again hold the New York State Championship tournament over the Labor Day week end, Sept. 1-2-3, Saturday, Sunday and Monday. As usual, we will use the twelve fine courts where the Hilltop H. C. sets forth, Central Park West at 106th Street. The games will consist of a 20 man round robin, the winner to be named the New York State Champion. He will receive a trophy and a substantial cash prize. There will be nineteen other cash prizes. This tournament is open only to residents of the State of New York who hold membership cards of the N.H.P.A.

To help finance this affair, the Branch will hold a drawing for a fifty dollar U. S. Savings Bond. We have had printed books containing five tickets at 25 cents per ticket or the five tickets for one dollar. These books can be had from me. The entry fee will be three dollars but to those entrants who sell ten books of tickets will not be required to pay a fee.

The Fort George H. C., to help finance this undertaking, is going to hold a Sociable on Saturday Evening, August 25th in their club rooms where there will be dancing and refreshments. It will cost the men \$1.25 and the ladies 75 cents to join in the festivities. The profits of this affair will be turned over to the Empire State H. P. A. to help put the tournament over. How many other clubs will do the same? Drop me a line.

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JAKE'S JOTTINGS

Terence Earley, a member of the Hilltop H. C., now serving with the First Marines in Korea, was severely wounded on June 8th. He took part in the invasion of Inchon, Wonsan and Hungnam. He was in the bloody retreat from Chongchin Reservoir for sixteen days as well as in minor battles. Here's hoping for a speedy recovery and that we will all see him back in the States again pitching horseshoes.

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The Washington Park H. C. of Milwaukee, Wis., held their annual meeting on June 12th and the following were elected to office: H. DeBaufer, President; F. Bode, Vice President; A. Niemann, Secretary-Treasurer. They have rounded up an enthusiastic committee and are getting their coming tournaments arranged.

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Doc Berman, of New Jersey, writes in to say that the 1968 Women's World Champion horseshoe pitcher, Leslie A. Berman, was born on June 1, 1951.

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The Candlestick Cove H. C. dropped another match, this time with the Oakland Club by a score of 27 to 22. However, their losing streak was finally broken when they tangled with the Vellejo club and came out with a victory of 27 to 21.

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The Southwest Missouri Harvest Fair will sponsor the 1951 Missouri State championship tournament for the second consecutive year at Neosho. The Meet will be held along with the Fair, September 20, 21, 22. Prize money will exceed any past tournament held in Missouri.

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Your Editor, Jake, is leaving for Murray on the second of August so if you have anything to say for the August number you MUST have it in my hands by the FIRST of August.

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Last March, Tommy Brownell bought himself a house just outside of Amsterdam, N. Y. After furnishing it with a wife and two children he finds it necessary to build an extra room. Despite all this work he has found time to get back into the horseshoe game. He has joined the Cranesville Fire Dept. and expects to get the other boys in blue interested in horseshoes. Station WGY of Schenectady, interviewed him over the radio on June 8th and on June 17th he was on a T.V. show called "Round Up in Sports." He explained the fundamentals of horseshoes and demonstrated the different grips. This Fall he will put on an exhibition of horseshoe tricks over the same station and program.

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Members and prospective members of the Empire State Branch of the N.H.P.A. can now get their national dues cards for 1951 by sending me one dollar.

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Make sure you will have your new pair of horseshoes for this season by ordering them NOW from your favorite dealer. Steel is on the restricted list.

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N.H.P.A. Emblems—Time is drawing close to the National tournament. If you want to have one of these emblems by that time send in your order now, \$1 each.

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COMING EVENTS

- July 22, New York City—Inwood Open.
July 28, Wildwood, N. J.—Invitation Open.
July 29, Bridgeport, Conn.—Fairfield County, Bearsley Park
July 29, Hartford, Conn.—Northern Conn., Pope Park
August 1-4, Clearfield, Pa.—Eastern National Tournament.
August 8-14, Murray, Utah—World's Championship.
Aug. 12, Bridgeport, Conn.—Conn. State, Bearsley Park
August 15-16, Springfield, Ill.—State Tournament.
August 19, New York City—Fort George Open.
August 24-26, Columbus, Ohio—State Tournament, Fair Grounds
August 25-26, South Gate, Cal.—Amateur Championship
August 25-26, Portland, Me.—State Tournament
September 1-2-3, New York City—New York State Tournament.
September 1-3, Long Beach, Cal.—Western Class A Open.
September 2-3, Wheatland, Wyo.—State Tournament.
September 2-3, Springfield, Mo.—Open Tournament.
September 3, Denver, Colo.—State Tournament.
September 3, Rock Island, Ill.—Midwest Tournament.
September 16, New York City—Woodlawn Open.
September 16, Bridgeport, Conn.—Conn. State Open, Bearsley Park
September 20-21-22, Neosho, Mo.—State Tournament.
October 13-14, Ontario, Cal.—So. Cal Class B Championship.

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- ARIZONA**—Casa Grande Park, Casa Grande; Rendesvous Park, Mesa; Encanto Park, Phoenix.
- ARKANSAS**—Fair Park, Boyle Park, MacArthur Park, Little Rock.
- CALIFORNIA**—Community Center, Compton; Exposition Park, Los Angeles; Union Pacific Courts, Long Beach; Mosswood Park, Oakland; Golden Gate Courts, San Francisco; Candlestick Cove, Lincon Park, Santa Monica; Crocker-Amazon Courts, San Francisco; McNear Park, Petaluma; Ives Memorial Park, Sebastopol.
- CANADA**—Dieppe Park, East York.
- COLORADO**—City Park and Washington Park, Denver.
- CONNECTICUT**—Beardsley Park, Bridgeport; Pope Park, Hartford.
- DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**—Commerce Courts, Washington.
- FLORIDA**—South Waterfront Park, St. Petersburg.
- ILLINOIS**—Welles Park, Chicago; Athletic Park, Canton; Riverside Park, Moline; Mineral Springs Park, Pekin; Reservoir Park, Quincy; Long View Park, Rock Island.
- INDIANA**—Brookside Park, Indianapolis.
- IOWA**—Birdland Park, Des Moines; Riverside Park, Ottumwa; Crapo Park, Burlington; Island Park, Cedar Falls; Ellis Park, Cedar Rapids.
- KANSAS**—Forest Park, Ottawa; Gage Park, Topeka.
- KENTUCKY**—Shady Shores, Covington.
- MAINE**—Auburn, Riverside Courts, Bangor; Bangor Club, Farmington; City Park, Hebron; Community Courts, Portland; Deering Oaks, Rumford; High School, So. Portland; Wilkinson Park.
- MARYLAND**—Carroll Park, Baltimore; Magruder Park, Hyattsville.
- MASSACHUSETTS**—Municipal Playgrounds, Westfield.
- MINNESOTA**—Como & Elfelt, St. Paul; Soldier Memorial Field, Rochester.
- MISSOURI**—Municipal Park, Carthage; Neosho, Fair Grounds, Springfield; Grant Beach Park.
- NEW HAMPSHIRE**—South Playground, Portsmouth; Ryan H. S. Club, Dover Point; Poy Ryans, 14 Central Ave., Portsmouth.
- NEW JERSEY**—Warinanco Park, Elizabeth; Branch Brook Park, Newark; Wildwood, Beach Park.
- NEW YORK**—Central Park, Inwood Hill Park, New York City; St. Mary's Park, Williamsbridge Oval Park, Woodlawn, Van Cortlandt Park, all in the Bronx; Parade Grounds, Fort Greene Park, Brooklyn; Belmont Lake State Park, Babylon, L. I.; Kirk Park, Syracuse.
- OHIO**—Jermain Park, Toledo; Cedar Point, Sandusky; Williams Memorial Pk., Wilmington.
- 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**—Zelasko Park, Aberdeen; City Park, Bremerton; Woodland Park, Seattle; Wright Park, Tacoma; Fair Grounds, Yakima.
- WEST VIRGINIA**—Bar B-Q Courts, East Nitro.
- WISCONSIN**—Washington Park, Milwaukee.
- WYOMING**—Union Park, Cheyenne.

IF YOU ARE NOT LISTED HERE, GET BUSY!