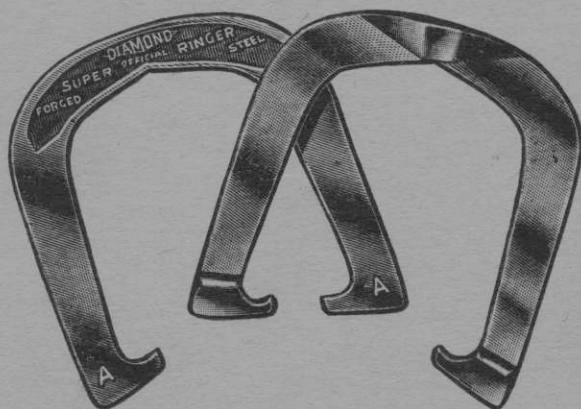


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EDITORIAL

After returning from the World's championship games at Murray, Utah, I had so much work pile up on me that I forgot to mention the fact that beginning with last month's issue of The Horseshoe Pitcher it was entering on its fourth year of publication. The magazine did not tend to boost my financial status very much but the real benefit I derived from it was mostly the opportunity it gave me to keep in touch with the fine folks all over the U. S. and Canada who are interested in the game of horseshoes. As a class, they are TOPS!

Now that the playing season is about over it will be quite a trick to keep the subscribers interested in the magazine over the winter months as there will be very few tournaments to report. But this is a good time to dope out different ideas for future improvements for publicity and the game itself. So, get busy and send in any ideas you may have.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all my subscribers, advertisers and those who have written articles for the magazine for if these folks did not cooperate as they have, there would be no such thing as The Horseshoe Pitcher.

Expect to leave for Florida on the 28th of this month for about six weeks. During this time, one of my good sons will take care of my mail so keep it coming. Between him and Norman Compton there will be no interruption of the magazine. Again, thanks.

Sorry, but due to so many tournaments being sent in for this issue we had to cut out a lot of the copy.

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

May I take this opportunity to express my appreciation to everyone who attended the National Tournament at Murray, and who helped to make it a success. The new scoring devices, the excellent condition of the courts, and the fine attitude of everyone present, contributed to the success of the tournament.

We now have several months to reminisce over the activities of 1951; however, it behooves all of us to be working toward a bigger and better year in 1952. May I make a few suggestions for all of you who are interested in seeing our game grow. One, plan to have tournaments next year that will include all classes of players. Two, make every effort to publicize our game so that horseshoe pitching may take its rightful place among the sports. Three, strengthen your state and local organizations and encourage membership to join local, state, and national organizations. We need more National membership, for every organization is judged by total membership. Four, encourage youngsters to begin pitching. Great strides were taken in that direction this year in many areas.

You can count on your National Secretary, the other officers of the organization, and I, to do everything possible during the next year to promote the game and help stimulate interest.

LOUIS DEAN

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ROY'S RAMBLINGS

(Quitting The Road To Nowhere)

By Roy W. Smith, Author of "Science At The Stake"

A great many letters have come to me decrying the fact that the newspapers were practically devoid of publicity concerning the 1951 National Tournament. Also, because little or nothing was done at the Convention and various other things. Because many had urged me to attend and do the announcing again, I offered to take two weeks off from my job and put up one week's salary against an equal sum, put up by the N.H.P.A., and go do my best on the mike. It was impossible for me to go and do the job gratis. Given two weeks notice, I felt that I could give the N.H.P.A. its money's worth. (1) I had planned to take along a portable typewriter and get out daily reports of the tournament. Two, big daily papers here—both members of AP News Service—had promised me to carry the reports. (2) It would have enabled me to gather much fresh material for the future promotional writing I could have done. The N.H.P.A. would have got its investment all back with interest in the months to come, I am sure. (3) Announcing the tournament would have meant that I would have no chance to qualify and play. There is a lot of work involved in putting a tournament over to the public in a professional manner.

I made this same offer last year, along with offering my new Horseshoe Pitcher's Handbook for publication on a royalty basis. With all the talk of promotion and publicity being tossed around, I wanted to see if the N.H.P.A. would sponsor its own announcer for the first time during the 30 years of its anemic existence. Various excuses were offered. Indirectly of course. "We haven't got the money." "It would establish a precedent." "It's just a poor man's game," etc., etc. It should be obvious to all, who aren't blind as bats, that the logical place to put the sport over to the public is at the national meets. Yet, I have been told, a few persons at the tournament thought that "Roy Smith was wanting a free ride." After 17 years of service for the N.H.P.A., promoting the game in various schools, community centers, neglecting my own game to scurry around and enlist a large number of new members for the organization, year after year, isn't the question of me wanting a "free ride" highly debatable? Since 1946, my yearly N.H.P.A. membership card has cost me an average of \$100 a year. And that doesn't include the hundreds of hours that I spent in 1949-50 in boosting the scoring devices and getting out publicity, when I was Chairman of the Publicity Committee. Also, for years, I have maintained an information service for hundreds of players at my own expense. Now, just who has been enjoying a "free ride"?

Never in the history of horseshoes has so much been done for the sport as the people of Utah are doing. They even bought the scoring devices and thereby saved the N.H.P.A. \$100 on the four it had talked of buying! As an "organization" (?) what has the N.H.P.A. done during these lush years of \$5,000 tournaments, toward a constructive and progressive promotional policy? As a whole, it remains in a state of suspended animation, dominated by the same old, unimaginative, uninspired, selfish tournament clique, year after year. It refuses to lift a finger to help itself but berates the shoe firms for not doing more! A yearly tournament seems to be the sole objective. The desires of the general membership are ignored. Precedence must NEVER be established. Narrow, hidebound tradition must be observed at all costs, even though it means stagnation.

The chief complaint of the Barnes Publishing Co. was that they were unable to secure tangible evidence that the N.H.P.A. was a workable organization. But how could they learn anything about the financial and membership status of the N.H.P.A. when most of its own members are kept in ignorance of these things? Despite the requests of various members, an Iron Curtain remains drawn down over that which all other organizations are obligated to present to their members at least once a year. Various sports magazine editors have stated to me that they could not run articles on horseshoes because the game didn't possess enough *color* and *interest* for their readers. Many are rather sour because the N.H.P.A. makes no effort to pay for an occasional ad in some of the widely circulated sports publications. An ad in either "Look" or "Life" could do wonders toward attracting hundreds of new members. Why confine all advertising to those who are acquainted with the sport? Publicity MUST come first before a promoter can be attracted! Even though it would mean taking \$500 off the total prize list for one season, this amount, devoted to advertising, could bring astonishing results for the future betterment of the sport. Why all the selfishness and total disregard of future planning year after year? What will keep the N.H.P.A. from disintegrating when and if Murray ceases bidding on the tournaments? I have seen many houses built and I have yet to see the roof put on one first so the builders could work in the shade. The house of the N.H.P.A. is no exception. It's well past the time when it should start building on the solid foundation that the people of Utah have laid.

Sometime ago, I had my union attorney go over the N.H.P.A. Constitution and by-laws. He expressed his opinion that the general set-up was entirely foreign to that of other organizations. Why should a dozen or so members take out from 50 to 500 times more than they invest each year, then drop out and hibernate until another "kitty" is built up again? Why shouldn't each player, who qualifies for a tournament under national jurisdiction, where cash prizes are offered, contribute 10 per cent of what he wins as his entry fee? This way, all would be supporting the game in equal proportion to what they get out of it. There IS something to the "equality of sacrifice" theory. Even our income taxes are based on what we earn—the more we make the more we have to pay. The N.H.P.A. collects a 5 cent stamp from the shoe firms on the same basis. All sports have their champions. They do a lot to provide color. But even heavyweight boxing champions have to pay proportionate percentages of their purses to their organizations, promoters, etc., plus huge taxes to Uncle Sam. Ten per cent is fair to all, there is no getting around it. Part of the funds could then be used to help finance the B-class tournament. This class would, in turn, follow the same procedure and help finance the Women's tournament and the Teenager meets. Thus, the N.H.P.A. would be more or less self-supporting and would, possibly, have more money and MORE MEMBERS in a year or two than ever before. When it adopts a plan similar to this, it will not have to worry so much about a declining membership and the thousands of players who refuse to come under its "jurisdiction."

Speaking of prize lists, this year's A-class list reflects the usual lack of regard for the lower-bracket players. Since 36 men are required to fill out a schedule, it should be obvious that the 8 lower qualifiers are entitled to the same *proportionate* consideration as the 8 top men. Instead, the 29th place winner received no more than the 36th man. With the 8 top men, it was a horse of a different color. It's difficult for many to understand such gross favoritism. It's also difficult for me to understand why certain players and officials will condone and participate in tournaments, supposedly under the juris-

diction of the N.H.P.A., where players are allowed to qualify several times—as long as they have the money to do so. Yet, other minor inflections of the rules are screamed about to high heaven. Rules are rules and should be followed in all games. Why such hypocrisy?

Due to the foregoing and many other similar reasons, I am no longer a member of the N.H.P.A. I have no more time, money or incentive to devote to it. It's the baby of the lip-service boys from now on. Because I believe in a progressive, efficient and democratic organization, I feel that I can accomplish a great deal toward promoting the game among our union locals here. A great deal of interest is being displayed toward setting up inter-union leagues. Several contracting firms have already offered to sponsor teams and outfit them with uniforms. If and when we do get things going in the spring, we will operate under our own charter. At the State Labor Convention, at San Diego, many of the high officials told me that they regarded sports as a fine medium to improve public relations, along with awarding scholarships to several outstanding high school students each year. If I publish my new book at all, it will be done through our unions here. As Chairman of my union's Entertainment Committee, I was voted money to hire the Isais-Packham exhibition team for our local's picnic. Some of the high officials were greatly impressed and want the boys to appear at our State Conference of painters here in the near future.

We enjoyed a nice visit from Jake and his Mrs. and they attended my union picnic while here. We did our best to persuade them to come and live here in So. Calif. Jake seemed willing but Mrs. Jake vetoed it because of their family ties there in New York. And, Mrs. Jake is THE boss although that little squirt of a Jake refuses to admit it. We really enjoyed our visit with them and hope they will come again when they can stay longer.

I want to thank Dean McLaughlin of Canada, Charley Gerrish, Mr. Bacon and others for their nice articles in the June-July issues of the magazine. The Canadian boys deserve a lot of credit for being a progressive-minded group in putting their tournaments over to the public. It is refreshing to know that there is *one* major association who isn't mortally afraid to "establish a precedent" when the need arises. Because they aren't trying to operate in 1951 with the moth-eaten methods of 25 years ago, they are bound to grow and progress. Hats off to the Dominion Association!

For the sake of the many grand guys and gals that are really striving to build a better N.H.P.A., I wish the organization all the luck in the world. If I have time to do any more writing about horse-shoes, I shall confine my articles to playing techniques as so many readers have requested.

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CALIFORNIA

By HARVEY W. CLEAR

CALIFORNIA STATE HORSESHOE PITCHING CHAMPIONSHIP

After successfully defending the California State Championship title for the past nine years, Guy Zimmerman was dethroned by Don Titcomb, of San Jose. Many of you will remember Don at three of the tournaments at Salt Lake, 1947-49-50. This tournament was held in connection with the Santa Clara County Fair, at San Jose, and is sponsored by them, September 15-16. This is the way it sponsored by them, September 15-16.

	W.	L.	%		W.	L.	%
1 Titcomb	10	1	79.3	7 Marceovich	6	5	70.8
2 Isais	10	1	80.1	8 Dean	5	6	69.6
3 Zimmerman	9	2	82.1	9 Harper	3	8	69.2
4 Gray	7	4	75.0	10 Wayman	2	9	66.0
5 Mori	6	5	73.6	11 Callas	2	9	65.2
6 Packham	6	5	71.6	12 Dolan	0	11	54.4

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

Mosswood Park, Oakland, California—Sept. 1-2-3, 1951

	W.	L.	%		W.	L.	%
1 Zimmerman	15	0	81.6	9 Bleuxrude	7	8	61.0
2 Titcomb	14	1	72.7	10 Almeda	7	8	49.5
3 Mori	12	3	72.2	11 Hoxmeier	5	10	51.6
4 Marceovich	11	4	64.2	12 Fraser	5	10	50.9
5 Callas	9	6	64.6	13 Griffin	4	11	45.7
6 Braun	9	6	57.7	14 Waite	3	12	45.6
7 Hill	9	6	56.0	15 Berge	1	14	44.3
8 Zumwalt	8	7	52.2	16 Stegledger	1	14	41.2

WESTERN OPEN TOURNAMENT

Held at Long Beach, Sept. 1-2-3, 1951

	W.	L.	%		W.	L.	%
1 Harper	12	1	68.2	8 Hook	6	7	58.5
2 Gray	11	2	70.4	9 Moefield	6	7	54.1
3 Dean	10	3	68.0	10 Geer	4	9	49.9
4 Sechrist	10	3	64.1	11 Smith	3	10	50.3
5 Nottingham	9	4	66.1	12 Bates	2	11	51.0
6 Weeks	9	4	63.8	13 Hagy	1	12	47.7
7 Frizzell	7	6	60.0	14 Easterling	1	12	42.5

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CANADA

By HAROLD E. BLACKMAN

An excellent tournament was conducted at the Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto and the round robin turned out some fine competition by the twelve high qualifiers. All players qualified with a 250 count-all and the results were quite high for the top twelve men. For the success of the event a vote of thanks is due to Mr. H. Mann, W. McLeod and B. Campbell and also for the scorekeepers who are always appreciated for their assistance.

Walter Woodward, after being runner-up for the previous two tournaments, finally managed to win the Dominion Championship for 1951. It is hoped by all that he will be able to visit the World's tournament next year at Murray. The horseshoe pitchers in Canada certainly appreciate their visits with our good friends in the U. S. A. and both Dean McLoughlin, who visited Murray, and Stan Fritz, who visited Clearfield, got a first hand knowledge of the ability and good sportsmanship of our friends in the States. We hope that these visits will help to promote the game and we are looking forward to a good offer from the Canadian National Exhibition so that we can invite a number of State champions to visit us soon.

	W.	L.	%		W.	L.	%
1 Woodward	11	0	68.8	7 Phillips	5	6	52.3
2 McLaughlin	10	1	67.4	8 Edwards	4	7	55.0
3 Fritz	8	3	66.3	9 Ginn	4	7	47.7
4 Gunn	7	4	66.0	10 Parfitt	2	9	47.2
5 Black	7	4	61.4	11 McLennon	2	9	42.7
6 Corbin	6	5	58.4	12 Burrows	0	11	49.7

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COLORADO

By E. TIILIKAINEN

The Colorado State Tournament was held at the City Park courts in Denver, Sept. 1-2-3. A new State Champion was crowned when Gerald L'Abbe won eleven straight games. At the annual meeting Fred Engel was elected President of the Colorado State Horseshoe Pitching Association and Harry Russell was elected as Vice President and Eino Tiilikainen was reelected as Secretary-Treasurer.

	W.	L.	%		W.	L.	%
1 L'Abbe	11	0	70.9	7 Shoemaker	5	6	53.8
2 R. Allen	10	1	63.7	8 Palese	5	6	51.2
3 Tiilikinen	8	3	63.3	9 Russell	4	7	57.5
4 Bowman	8	3	62.4	10 Fuller	2	9	54.6
5 Carr	6	5	55.6	11 Eitlegeorge	2	9	38.0
6 Demarest	5	6	54.6	12 Stroh	0	11	32.4

In Class B—1 Fred Engel; 2 Russel Dilley; 3 Wade Dilley; 4 Ev. McCarthy.

ILLINOIS

By CHAS. HOPKINS

Ellis Griggs of Plainville, Ill., celebrated his fortieth birthday Monday by taking top honors at the twenty-fifth annual midwest horseshoe tournament here.

Griggs, a farmer, also won last year. His only loss in the seven-game round-robin final was to Howard Collier, 62 year old Canton, Ill. player, who won third place in the Class A division.

Iowa's champ, Dale Dixon of Des Moines, placed second in Class B play. The days high qualifier was Truman Standard, Canton, with 83 ringers in 100 throws.

CLASS A—Ellis Griggs; Marion Tate; Howard Collier; Hilmer Magnusson; Truman Standard; Ellis Cobb; Aden Swinehamer; Chet Hefner.

CLASS B—Harold Shaw (What Cheer Ia.); Dale Dixon (Des Moines, Ia.); John Paxton (Ottumwa, Ia.); John Lindmeyer (Broadview, Ill.); Glen Anderson (Moline); George Hilst (Pekin); Harold Darnold (Burlington, Ia.); Frank Polka (Chicago).

CLASS C—Nelson Vogel (Manito); Homer Lippincott (Grinnell, Ia); Ralph Dykes (Chicago); Paul Danker (Rock Island); John Strode (Canton); Joe Bennett (Pekin); Chester Sult (Gilmore, Ia.); Fred Hart (Jacksonville, Ill.).

CLASS D—Melvin Utley (Chicago); Norman Dixon (Streator); Lawrence Ferrow (Canton); Dale Terry (Moline); Herbert Plantz (Rock Falls); Marvel Bean (Patterson, Ia.); Ernest Danielson (Macomb, Ill.); Albert Terry (Morris, Ill.).

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INDIANA

By CURTIS DAY

In our State Tournament, sixty-three men entered but only thirty-six pitched. The games were held in Dorner Park on Sept. 1-2-3 in Frankfort. This past Summer, we had a Central Indiana National Horseshoe League. Each pitcher held a State and National membership card. Each team had at least ten men. All played under rules of the N.H.P.A. Indianapolis won eight and lost nine; Frankfort won six and lost two; Noblesville won three and lost five; Crawfordsville won three and lost five; Lafayette won none and lost eight. We expect to have more teams in our league next Summer.

FINAL RESULTS OF INDIANA STATE TOURNAMENT

	W.	L.	%		W.	L.	%
1 McFatridge	14	1	73.3	9 Johnson	8	7	64.9
2 Day	13	2	71.5	10 Kemple	7	8	68.3
3 Sharp	11	4	67.4	11 Moore	6	9	64.2
4 England	10	5	67.3	12 Cummings	6	9	62.9
5 Cox	10	5	66.6	13 Greencastle	4	11	63.2
6 Printz	9	6	66.6	14 Brown	3	12	60.5
7 Edmondson	8	7	70.2	15 R. Printz	2	13	58.4
8 H.McFatridge	8	7	65.5	16 Holloway	1	14	55.7

IOWA

By LELAND S. MORTENSON

Within the past few weeks, Iowa has completed its major tournaments for 1951. At the Iowa State Fair there was a tournament for boys not over sixteen, one for men whose occupation is farming and one for men who are not farmers and who had not won horseshoe prizes totaling more than fifty dollars the past year. This latter rule kept out Dale Dixon, Harold Shaw and others who played in class "A" at Murray, Utah. The winner of the men's group played to settle the State Fair Championship. Walter Downs, a City player from Kelley, Iowa, won the grand prize. Since and including 1941 the State Fair Tournaments have not been sanctioned by the State and National Associations, so are unofficial. However, national rules do cover the contests.

The official 1951 State Championship was decided in a tournament at Cedar Rapids Sept. 15 and 16. Harold Shaw regained the title he

GORDON SPIN-ON HORSESHOES

"The Proof of the Pudding is in the Eating." This seems to apply to Horseshoes too. In Murray Utah this year again the tournament was won by Fernando Isais, who pitched his way to the championship with Gordon Spin-On Horseshoes. Isn't that proof enough that Gordon Spin-On Horseshoes are again the Top Notch shoe for 1951? Gordon Spin-On Horseshoes have again been tried, and found capable of the job. Get your pair today. Get the new 1952 shoes, same as the Champion uses.

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lost to Dale Dixon in 1950. Dixon, previous State Champion many times, tied for second place with Francis Rogers of Cedar Falls and Harold Darnold of Burlington. In the play off, the three finished in the above order.

Your editor has requested me to write an article on horseshoe pitching and I could think of nothing better than to interview ten Iowa pitchers who were at the State Tournament and get their opinions on two different questions: What do you think the horseshoe game needs most of all to make it become a greater recognized sport? What kind of subject matter do you like most of all to read in a horseshoe magazine? I asked for brief answers and here is what I received.

Clark Keiser, Vinton, Iowa—We need programs to get youths interested. I like to read ANYTHING about horseshoes.

Harold Shaw, What Cheer—We need scoring devices all over the Country such as they had at Murray, Utah. I read The Horseshoe Pitcher from cover to cover and don't miss anything.

Walter Downs, Kelley—More publicity. Statistics and results of all tournaments.

Byron Stoney, Cedar Rapids—The players should dress better. I read everything in the magazine.

Bert Rogers, Cedar Falls—We need more sponsors. Tournament results from the middle west because I know so many of those pitchers.

Charles Hopkins, Ottumwa—We need more money in the tournaments besides the one at Murray. Like to read results of tournaments all over the U. S.

John Paxton, Fairfield—I don't know but we do need something we do not have. I read about tournament results.

Dale Dixon, Des Moines—Promotion in the National Association should be handled exclusively by a professional promoter instead of by horseshoe pitchers. I put through a motion at the 1951 convention to authorize President Dean to spend not over four hundred dollars toward getting this started this year. I am expecting something good from it. My favorite reading is tournament results and coming scheduled tournaments.

Marvel Bean, Prole—The Murray scoring machines should be used more extensively. I prefer general news about tournaments.

Chester Sult, Gillmann—At all tournaments, all players should be given a carbon copy of the score sheet in every game in which he participates. I like to read about tournament results and schedules of coming events.

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KANSAS

FROM THE KAMPSCHROEDER'S

Dear Jake:

Two weeks ago last Sunday evening, Alvin and Irene Gandy called on us, and presented us with a lovely leather bag and in this lovely gift was a card telling us it was from the National Pitchers. We were certainly surprised and very happy with this present. One cannot express at a time like this, what a lift one receives when people are so thoughtful to do such a wonderful thing for us.

We hope to be back into business by the middle of next week, although we were visited with another flood last week. It did not reach upstairs this time, but our neighbors were hurt with a bad line of Oil on all their buildings. The buildings had all gotten pretty well dried out, but I am afraid now it will take about all winter to get some of the places dried out enough to use. I just now noticed a storm coming up in the west again, I do so hope we are not in for another seige of bad weather again.

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Archie Gregson wrote me about your successful tournament this year. I am so happy everything went so well and that Murray received the bid for next year. I am very glad that our President Louie Dean opened the tournament with the flag ceremony and presented the plaques and Life membership to the Salt Lake City Men.

Ralph and I took off Labor Day week-end and attended the State tournament, at Green, Kansas. M. Tamboer won first, Gandy second. Ralph did a nice job qualifying but lost some games, but I feel he has improved considerably over last year and with such little practice.

Ottawa, Kans. people have also been very nice to us during the past two months. We were recommended for a trailer-house, which was sent into Ottawa for flood victims. We were also recommended for a R.F.C. loan, which has a low rate of interest and a long time to pay.

I wish Jake you'd put a Thank-You note in your magazine from us to all the National Pitchers and May God bless you all in some nice way the next year for your thoughtfulness.

Our address will be the Ottawa Bowl, Ottawa, Kansas as we won't have a box at the trailer-court.

Give my regards to your wife Jake and hope you're both enjoying the best of health.

Write us sometime when you can spare the time, and I do hope things will go well enough with this following year that we can all meet again in Murray, Utah, next August.

Your horseshoe friends in Kansas,

Ralph and Marie Kampschroeder

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MARYLAND

By C. W. ASHLEY

11,425 pounds of steel was tossed through the air on the Carroll Park Courts during the afternoon of Sept. 3, 1951, from 12:30 to 6 P.M. in the Annual AAU Senior Horseshoe Pitching Championships (Singles and Doubles). The contestants in the 38 games played scored a grand total of 2,973 Points, tossed 1910 ringers, 386 double ringers while pitching a total of 4,570 shoes, and walking a total distance of 10.9 miles.

A new singles champion was crowned when Jene Durham, United Democratic Club from Baltimore, Md., scored 361 points in his 7 games, throwing 224 ringers, 44 double ringers while pitching 432 Shoes. Dale Carson, AAU champion for the past two years could not defend his title because he competed and won a professional tournament this year in New Jersey. Jene Durham was presented the Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro Trophy and the AAU Gold Medal by President Albert Whittle in addition to the Harry J. McGuirk Trophy for scoring the highest ringer percentage for all games, 51.1%. His highest single game was 29 ringers, 10 double ringers in 48 shoes pitched for 60.4 per cent.

Albert Rumbold and Clarence Stem, Westminster AA, Westminster, Md., retained their Doubles title for the third straight year by defeating four teams in the round-robin tournament, scoring a total of 206 points in four games, tossing 125 ringers, 32 double ringers in 248 shoes pitched, for an over-all percentage of 54.4 ringers.

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MICHIGAN

By I. CARLBERG

Results of open tournament held at Grand Rapids, Michigan, Labor Day, Sept. 3.

CLASS A

J. Latzko, Flint.....	6	1
H. Sibert, Dayton, O....	5	2
I. Carlberg, G.R.	5	2
P. Focht, Dayton, O....	4	3
L. Jacobs, Belleville	4	3
C. Lundgren, Detroit....	3	4
J. Kelly, Detroit.....	1	6
L. Peary, Detroit	0	7

CLASS B

J. Otto, Ann Arbor.....	6	1
J. Davis, Battle Creek...	6	1
J. Miller, Detroit	5	2
A. Kerr, Lowell	3	4
H. Hunter, G.R.	3	4
F. Levandowski, P. Hur.	3	4
K. Miller, G.R.	2	5
Al Nickson, G.R.	0	7

RESULTS OF GRAND RAPIDS CITY TOURNAMENT—Sept. 17

Irwin Carlberg, won his third straight City Horseshoe Championship at Franklin Park by defeating runner-up Jack Hoeksema in four straight games.

Carlberg, averaging 66.7% ringers, racked up successive 50—24, 50—19, 50—35, and 50—42 victories over Hoeksema.

Finals in three other classes concluded the 1951 tournament.

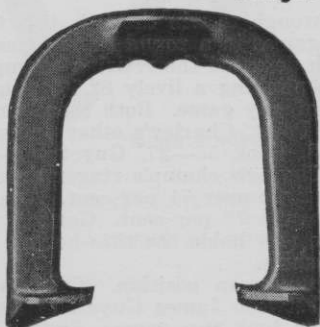
Class A—Harold Hall defeated Harry Hunter, four games to one 49—50, 50—42, 50—22, 50—48, and 50—13.

Class B—Ron Kloote scored four straight victories over runner-up Neal Van Hekken. Scores were 50—23, 50—32, 50—32, and 50—37.

Class C—After losing the first two games 50—40 and 50—18, Jim Postema rallied to win the Class C title over Marenus DeRoad. Postema's victories were 50—43, 50—32, 50—28, and 50—16.

Winners and runnerups were presented with trophies by the G. R. Horseshoe Club and Public Recreation Dept., Co-Sponsors of the 1951 tournament.

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MISSOURI

By EARL WINSTON

Our State tournament was held at Neosho on Sept. 21-22, under good weather conditions. Several close games were played in the A Class. Last year's defending champion, John Elkins, was finally defeated in a play off by Wommack of Springfield.

CLASS A				CLASS B			
	W.	L.	%		W.	L.	%
1 Wommack	6	1	63.3	1 Coffey	7	0	48.8
2 Elkins	6	1	67.6	2 Tatum	5	2	48.0
3 Greenlee	5	2	62.9	3 Minkler	5	2	45.5
4 Winston, E.	3	4	58.2	4 Fredrick	4	3	45.0
5 Garrison	3	4	56.7	5 Winston, W.	3	4	48.2
6 Freeman	3	4	45.7	6 Rohmaller	3	4	42.6
7 Baker	2	5	48.0	7 Gager	1	6	30.1
8 Carver	0	7	40.8	8 Morgan	0	7	27.9

NEW HAMPSHIRE

NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT

Paul Tobey who won the New Hampshire State title of horseshoe pitching champion in 1950 came out in third place at this year's tournament, after contending in a right manful manner to defend his title. Paul played with the handicap of a badly swollen pitching hand and arm. He won all his games except to Cook and Gerrish in spite of his bad arm. It was a valiant effort that stirred the admiration of his competitors.

Charley-the-Champ-Gerrish came through to win the title this time by making a clean sweep of all his six games in a round robin of seven hotly heaving horseshoe hurlers. Gerrish defeated the retiring champion Tobey 55—1, the on-coming new champ pitching a lively 82.5% ringers in this first tussle, the best percentage of any game. Both these ringer rivals live in the same town of Kittery Point. Charley's other opponent scores were as follows: Hanson 54—43, Cook 55—27, Guyett 51—16, D. Charles 54—23, and Ingalls 51—0. The new champ's ringer average for his whole round robin games was a little over 71 per cent. Against Cook he did 79 per cent and against Ingalls 77 per cent. Gerrish won a beautiful horseshoe plaque trophy. He now holds the title honors and trophies of both Maine and New Hampshire.

Sterling Cook of Kittery gained runner-up position. Third place went to Tobey, fourth place was a tie between James Guyett of Dover and Dana Charles of Hill, each of whom took two games. Sixth place went to Charley Ingalls of Somersworth, Herman Hanson finished 7th.

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NEW ENGLAND HORSESHOE CHAMPIONSHIP

The New England championship was won by Edgar Landry of Fall River, Mass., with a 73.9% mark in the field of more than 30 competitors. Landry dethroned Pete Heroux, Providence, the 1950 champion.

Charlie Gerrish of Kittery Point, one of the top tossers in the area as well as being Maine and New Hampshire champion this year made the largest number of ringers in a row when he tossed 27 in 28 shoes.

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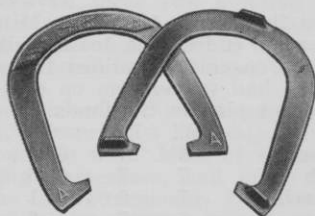


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DULUTH, MINNESOTA

Joe Comeau of Lynn, Mass., was the runnerup to Landry and Roy Pearson, the Rhode Island champion was third. Comeau and Landry reversed their position of the Bay State championship match last week end. Comeau won the Massachusetts title and Landry was the runnerup.

Don Jackson of New Bedford and Heroux were tied for fourth place and Gerrish finished sixth. Sterling Cook of Kittery was seventh, Lloyd Welch was eighth, Dwight Smith ninth and Paul Tobey of Kittery Point tenth. Dana Charles 11th, Ray Pearson 12th.

Roland Boudreault of Lewiston, Me., topped the Class B competitors with a 61.5 percentage in the marksmanship department. Jimmy Guyette of Dover, N. H. a former Portsmouth man, was second; Henry Burgess of Smithfield, R. I., third and Thomas Barker of Portland, Me., fourth.

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NEW JERSEY

NEW JERSEY STATE TOURNAMENT

	W.	L.	%		W.	L.	%
1 Kolb	8	1	68.1	6 McCrink	4	5	58.5
2 Davis	7	2	60.3	7 Takash	4	5	52.3
3 Courtock	6	3	59.7	8 Waltz	3	6	52.5
4 Berman	6	3	58.9	9 Faulkner	1	8	50.2
5 Hanas	5	4	59.2	10 Nugent, Jr.	1	8	42.2

Two scoring machines added much interest to the tournament.

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NEW YORK

On September 15 at the Mineola Fair, Long Island, the ten man round robin ended with Joe Zichella winning the cup. Terry Earley, Jr., a marine casualty, qualified for sixth position. Both his legs being in casts, he had to perform on crutches. Nevertheless he pitched 62.0%. He did not play in the finals.

	W.	L.	%		W.	L.	%
1 Zichella	8	1	68.7	6 Compton	5	4	56.3
2 Kolb	7	2	67.5	7 Kirk	3	6	57.0
3 Fileccia	7	2	66.1	8 Allen	2	7	41.6
4 Poppe	6	3	65.3	9 Seacord	1	8	49.2
5 Ruth Hoelzle	5	4	63.5	10 Glynn	1	8	43.6

WOODLAWN OPEN

GROUP A

	W.	L.	%
1 Zichella	5	0	66.1
2 Carson	4	1	74.6
3 Brumek	3	2	51.9
4 Durham	2	3	46.3
5 Lucente	1	4	47.5
6 Seacord	0	5	35.1

GROUP B

	W.	L.	%
1 Murray	5	0	59.8
2 O'Connell	4	1	52.2
3 Earley	3	2	45.1
4 Saladak	2	3	43.2
5 Rehfeld	1	4	31.5
6 Haseler	0	5	26.5

HILLTOP OPEN

GROUP A

	W.	L.	%
1 Carson	5	0	76.6
2 Zichella	4	1	72.3
3 Brady	3	2	62.1
4 Hardwick	2	3	60.1
5 Seacord	1	4	45.0
6 Farmer	0	5	46.9

GROUP B

	W.	L.	%
1 Earley, Jr.	4	1	56.9
2 Earley, Sr.	3	2	53.8
3 Durham	3	2	51.5
4 Gancos	2	3	43.2
5 O'Connell	2	3	42.3
6 Saladak	1	4	45.9

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OREGON

By CLETUS CHAPELLE

The 1951 National Tournament is history and for some pitchers there are fond memories, and for others, not so fond memories. I am glad I attended and sincerely hope I can go again next year.

The statistics of the tournament as compiled and sent out by the National Association were certainly interesting to me. By comparing them with last years results I find that twenty-three men played in both tournaments. Of those twenty-three men, eighteen had better ringer percentages in 1951. One man had a lower percentage by just one tenth of a point, while the other four men lost several points. And incidentally, they were men of well known ability. This proves to me that the percentage of ringers throughout the entire tournament were better than last year. Also it proved to me that pitchers like DeLeary and Jones can have their troubles at times when it comes to making a horseshoe behave. One astounding fact we can't ignore is that while the game percentages were higher the qualifying score was lower this year. Old man nerves certainly made his presence known. While I'm talking about qualifying and since we seem forced to go through it another year, I wonder if the majority of players wouldn't favor giving a man two chances if he desires. We will have two days to qualify next year so there should be ample time. Likewise the association could well use the added five dollars the man would pay for his second try. There are several points in favor of such a plan. A player wouldn't be under the same pressure if he knew he had another chance, although it would cost him another entry fee. He possibly came a few hundred or even two thousand miles and everything depends on those two hundred shoes. It discourages those coming from a longer distance as they have the most to lose in time and trip costs, and I believe they would welcome the opportunity of a second chance. I also believe it would bring more contestants.

As for the much discussed B Tournament, I think it was a grand experiment and should be tried again. It worked a hardship on a few men, I will agree, but it served its purpose well. Most of us went to Murray with the intention of pitching horseshoes, and while the B Tournament was a far cry from the A Tournament, it gave those fellows a chance to satisfy their desire to play against men from other states. I didn't qualify in 1950 and went home with a feeling of frustration. I personally know several fellows who played in Class B this year and while they would much rather have played in Class A, they went home in a good frame of mind because they got to play horseshoes and that is what they went for. The one disconcerting point about the B meet was the reluctance of the A players to serve as scorekeepers. No top flight player should feel he is too good to keep score for men of less ability because he should remember that he wasn't always as adept as he is now. Furthermore, if they require scorekeepers in their games, surely the other fellow is entitled to the same consideration. Proper emphasis on this point should take care of all future tournaments.

The boys tournament should be continued because that is the source of our future players. I regret I didn't get to see it as I was at the B Tournament keeping score. We held such an event the last two years at our state tournament, and each time we had about twelve boys participate. The next few years will show the results of having such tournaments.

We in Oregon are proud of Mrs. Byers who won the Ladies National title. The ladies need encouragement and surely there must be some

way of getting them organized. Horseshoes isn't a glamorous game, but once a lady starts pitching she gets just as much fun out of it as a man. Personally, I find it easier to go to the courts to practice if my wife wants to go also. So the problem is just to find the way to interest the ladies in the first place.

The value of the new scoring machines at Murray certainly couldn't be counted in dollars and cents. They were the one outstanding difference between the 1951 and the 1950 tournaments. If some other innovation or invention could be developed for next year that would help the game as much as the scoring machines did this year, then I would say the game of horseshoes has started to arrive.

Two things of importance at the convention, ably handled by President Louis Dean, were touched upon but not settled. The first was whether a knockout or elimination tournament would bring more spectator interest. Obviously it would, but it would also bring less contestants to the tournament and the sponsor is concerned with the number of players that attend. So the question as I see it is whether the tournament would benefit most in the future from more contestants or more spectator interest. When that question is settled, it automatically settles which type of tournament is best. The other issue involved participation in unsanctioned tournaments. It seems that one player annually takes part in such a tournament in one part of the country, while others asking for the same privilege in another part of the country were denied permission to do so. For a strong organization, we must abide by the By-Laws or amend them so all will have the same privileges.

I haven't the percentages for our recent state tournament, but I do know that Roy Getchell averaged approximately seventy-two or seventy-three percent. Here is the way we finished our round robin.

1 Getchell, 2 Kruk, 3 Chapelle, 4 Hampton, 5 Peterson, 6 O. Johnson, 7 Anderson, 8 Millspaugh, 9 Butler, 10 Edwards, 11 Lowe, 12 Phillips, 13 Brown, 14 Wright, 15 M. Johnson, 16 Riley, 17 Prothe, 18 Zwickl, 19 Cooper, 20 Christensen.

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TEXAS

By E. J. McFARLAND and B. E. SIPPLE

Here are the results of the annual State Tournament held on the courts of the Stinnett Recreation Council, and sponsored by the Association of Horseshoe Pitchers of Texas. This was held over the Labor Day week end. The Stinnett Recreation Council, under the very able direction of the Co-ordinator, James Todd, is to be congratulated on the splendid job which they did in completing the five courts, the installation of the lighting system and the merchants and sports minded citizens of Stinnett who contributed the prize money.

1 E. J. McFarland, Houston; 2 Frank Zuchowski, Houston; 3 J. W. Cash, Gainesville; 4. E. L. Alexander, Masterson; 5 R. F. Ziegler; 6 Si Clayton, Amarillo; 7 J. Gordon Burch, Borger; 8 Ralph Linscott, Borger; 9 J. P. Andrews, Sunray; 10 J. E. Early, Stinnett.

Everyone who qualified also received a year's subscription to The Horseshoe Pitcher.

We are already working on plans for next years tournament with a possibility of receiving bids from several cities including Gainesville, Wichita Falls and Amarillo. This years membership from Texas includes 32 horseshoe pitchers with definite prospects for twice that number for next year. So horseshoe pitching is definitely on the up-grade in Texas.

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WASHINGTON STATE

By A. LIEDES

The Washington State Horseshoe Championship Tournament closed our 1951 season at Aberdeen. As secretary of the State Association and Grays Harbor County Association with the help of William McNeley, Aberdeen, president of both associations we were able to build up the membership of the state to 83 members this year. Our Grays Harbor locality has 43 of these members.

Lewis Getchell, Tacoma, retained the Washington State title with 15 wins and no losses on 71 per cent ringers. John Monasmith, Yakima, was runner-up. Oliver (Babe) LaCroix, Aberdeen won the state B championship.

	W.	L.	%		W.	L.	%
1 Getchell	15	0	71.2	9 Smith	7	8	52.4
2 Monasmith	13	2	68.1	10 Rankka	7	8	52.0
3 Knauff	12	4	61.4	11 Cook	6	9	50.6
4 Kaufman	11	5	57.7	12 Bomstad	5	10	50.3
5 Olsen	9	6	58.1	13 Saari	4	11	48.5
6 Dahl	9	6	56.3	14 Juracich	4	11	46.1
7 Fishel	8	7	56.3	15 Warthen	2	13	50.3
8 Robbins	7	8	55.7	16 Ansel	2	13	44.6
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WEST VIRGINIA

By ANNA LINDQUIST

The West Virginia Horseshoe Assn. elected the following officers for the coming year at our meeting held on Sept. 9: George Hilton, Pres.; J. O. Mitchel, Vice President and Anna Lindquist, Secy.-Treas. The State tournament was held in connection with the W. Va. Agricultural and Industrial State Fair and Ralph Maddox was declared the W. Va. State Champion.

1 Maddox	9	0	71.8	6 Mitchel, D.	5	4	57.6
2 Anderson	7	2	65.3	7 Mitchell, J.	5	4	52.8
3 Brothers	6	3	61.0	8 Gaines	2	7	40.6
4 Harris	6	3	56.9	9 Marshall	1	8	41.9
5 Lindquist	5	4	61.9	10 Broyles	0	9	39.1
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WYOMING

By A. L. McNEIL

Here are the results of our State meet. Our pitching season is now over and until around the end of next May we will have to hibernate with the bears.

Merle Palmer came out on top with seven wins and no losses with 65.1 per cent, John Rutz, second with 50.5 per cent and Chas. Palm, third with 47.7 per cent. The "B" class was won by John Arnold with A. L. McNeil the runner-up and Mark Havely, third. In the "C" class the top three men were Art Rugg, Leo Arnold and Geo. Hodgson.

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JAKE'S JOTTINGS

Arch Stokes, our 1st Vice President wants to hear from the teen agers on their reactions to the boys tournament held in Murray last August. Do you want it again next year? And you men who played in the "B" tournament. Are you in favor of it and should it be part of the World's Tournament each year?

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Claude A. Benedict of the Ohio Horseshoe Co., has just been appointed as Postmaster of Johnston, Ohio. Merry Christmas!

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Charlie Gerrish, of Kittery Point, Me., proposes an annual State Tournament of State Champs to meet in a different State each year until every State has held the event. Conduct it on one day by old fashioned elimination method of loser of one game or two out of three being dropped out, say two of three first round, the one game eliminations until final two men, then two out of three again. Probably there would never be over thirty-two States represented so there would only be about seven games to be played by the title winner, a Champion of the States. Starting opponents drawn by lot. If this idea "will take," maybe Maine would be glad to be the first host for such an event.

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