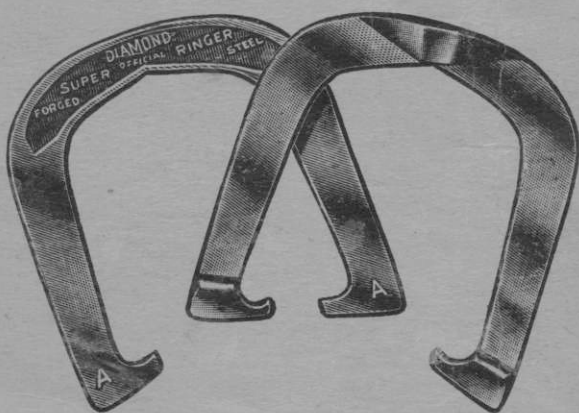


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## EDITORIAL

When our President, Louis M. Dean, sent me the financial statement of the N.H.P.A. to be published in the December issue of The Horseshoe Pitcher, he said "I hope that this statement will be an eye opener and a challenge to you." From the amount of letters I received with comments on and about the statement he cannot possibly be disappointed. Due to the lack of space, it would not be feasible to quote each individuals comment but if you will read the following article by Roy W. Smith, you can accept it as a pretty fair consensus of all the letters I have received on the subject.—Editor.

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### THE CASE OF THE MYSTERIOUS STAMP FUND

By ROY W. SMITH, Author of "Science At The Stake"

The Financial Report of the N.H.P.A. carried in the December issue of this magazine should, indeed, be an eye-opener and a challenge to all N.H.P.A. members. It proves that after 31 years of almost total failure that SOMETHING is seriously wrong with the organizational setup. For years, many members have realized this; but, like the weather (and we have had PLENTY of that here in So. Calif. recently) no one does anything about it.

I presume that the Report is for the fiscal year 1951 only, otherwise it seems rather incomplete. There is no mention of "Cash on Hand" or "Balance Brought Forward" (if any). Also, no mention of the entry fees for the 1951 A and B-class tournaments. Perhaps that is included under the heading of "Membership." At 50 cents per member, the \$745.50 shows the total membership to number 1491. I believe the total was more than 1600 in 1950, but I could be wrong. However, the main point that I want to comment on is the mysterious and ever-elusive Stamp Fund. I have perused both the old and the new Constitutions and By-Laws and have been unable to see where either of them provide for the Stamp Fund to be scattered to the four winds as it has for several years. The old Constitution, as printed in "The Horseshoe Compendium" (1940) states in Article IV of the By-Laws: "The aforementioned tax is to be used for conducting a National Tournament only."

The new By-Laws state that "The stamp revenue shall be used to promote and aid the game of horseshoes in whatever way the Association believes is best." Now, who has interpreted this as meaning a four way kickback to (1) The different states comprising the N.H.P.A.? (2) To the President? (3) To the Secretary? (4) Stamp Fund return to Miscellaneous?

Just who is that gal "Miss Cellaneous" anyway? For several years, everything about the Stamp Fund has been decidedly vague and confused. After checking back through various old issues of this magazine and studying the reports on the Stamp Fund, I have wondered for a long time if there is such a Fund in existence. For example, the January 1949 issue gives the impression that lots of shoes were sold without stamps. And, no doubt, there were. Then, it seemed that not many of

the firms had bought stamps in 1948. But, prior to that report, the May (1949) issue gave a list of the six manufacturers who HAD and WERE buying the stamps. The March (1949) issue mentions cooperation from the various firms but is very vague about the number of stamps sold to the extent of "a cipher or two and a happy medium was struck somewhere." Then, in the February, 1950 issue, a report stated that the firms were cooperating 100% and no pressure was needed.

Now, I am not doubting the honesty and integrity of any N.H.P.A. officer, past or present. But, all such conflicting reports have made me wonder if there is a Stamp Fund or not. It's there, then POUF, it isn't. It reminds me of the following story: Three men attended a convention and, as usual in such a case, found lodgings as scarce as hen's teeth. A hotel clerk finally agreed to let them share a room for \$30—or \$10 apiece. After much bitter argument at having to pay such an outrageous price for their room, the three men had to accept it. After thinking it over, the clerk felt guilty for having charged them so much. So, he sent the bellhop to their room to refund \$5 to them. The bellhop decided to keep \$2 for his tip and gave the three men a dollar refund apiece. Thus, each man paid \$9 for his share of the room and the bellhop kept \$2. This totals only \$29. Where did the other dollar go? And why has the Stamp Fund been used as it has? Where is the missing rule that has been enacted to supersede those in both the old and new laws, duly passed by the delegates to the Conventions?

And what other organization, sports or otherwise, pays out six-sevenths of its membership revenue to pay a Secretary? Most of them put such a salary on a per capita basis. Thus, as their membership fluctuates up or down, the officer's salary does likewise. Many feel that with only 1400 members in the organization that \$25 per month, plus supplies, is sufficient salary for the Secretary. Personally, I shall not comment on this. The N.H.P.A. should appreciate the fact that it has a good Secretary. The President should be allowed enough for his necessary expenditures too.

I still firmly believe that the N.H.P.A. should collect 10% of all cash prizes exceeding \$25. And the yearly dues should be, at least \$3. And \$5 would be a more sensible amount. Put the Secretary's salary on a per capita basis. Several other changes for the better could be made but the above are the main ones. Of course, this would necessitate a re-framing of part of the Constitution. Then, all rules, such as those governing fouling, shoe measurements, etc., should be ENFORCED! There is no use in enacting such rules and then continue to throw them out the window year after year as has been the case. The rules governing fouling are strictly enforced in all other sports, why not horseshoes? Is it any honor to win on a foul?

I rather doubt that a promoter can be attracted for \$400. Most promoters demand 10%. (There's that 10% again). If the figure was \$4,000, a good promoter might consider it. There is plenty of work to do at each and every annual convention. Merely gathering for a tournament and then groaning, grunting and growling over each and every shoe pitched hasn't done much toward building a better organization. With Murray putting up \$5,000 each year for the tournaments isn't it about time the "do nothing conventions" were eliminated and a constructive, workable policy mapped for the future? Yes, it is a challenge and it is directly up to the N.H.P.A. to accept it and prove its right and worth as a "governing body." Thirty-one years should be sufficient time to consider and accept such a challenge. When the

organization is put on a sound economic and workable basis, there will be funds for advertising, promotion, etc. And, unless this is done, the game will not and cannot rise above the level of hop-sotch.

I can't see where it is up to the shoe firms to do most of the supporting of the N.H.P.A. They have a lot to gain from a strong, successful organization, to be sure. But organization and administration is up to the membership! No one else. When the yearly dues are doubled or tripled from one pitiful dollar per year then the shoe firms might be asked to double their contribution. In other words it's up to the N.H.P.A. to begin to cook or set its pot off the stove. Why nick everyone for an increase except those who get the most out of playing the game? Another question comes to my mind. If the N.H.P.A. is now a bankrupt organization with a deficit of \$243.89 who is going to make up this deficit? After putting several hundred dollars and a lot of hard, wasted effort into it, I am willing to kiss it all off to experience. But I don't believe I care to continue to drop shot into a crawfish hole. I shall be quite content to enjoy the game at my club until the N.H.P.A. accepts the challenge facing it and proves itself at the coming convention. It may take an atomic explosion in the Nevada dessert to jar some out of their lethargy but no one can deny that another "do nothing convention" will, in all probability, be the last. I hope not because I still hope to live long enough to see the sport of horseshoe pitching rated on a par with other successful sports.

When the N.H.P.A. and the horseshoe game sheds its cheap, shoddy coat and is placed on a sound basis I don't believe that there will be so many publicity stories killed about it in the newspapers and magazines. And various other outside interests would take more notice too. But such interests are simply not going to go on putting out something for nothing year after year. I know this to be a fact from talking and writing to their representatives. And I cannot blame them for such an attitude. For many years, various players have played exhibitions all over the country. Nearly all have billed themselves as "The World's Champion" in one way or another. Many people have asked: "For heaven's sake HOW many world's champions are there?"

Yes, horseshoes is the only game that I know of that has been unceasingly and unmercifully exploited to death before it ever got started. The N.H.P.A. will be 31 years old in May. Isn't it about time that it be given a chance to ~~get~~ started? It has continued to muff its golden opportunity now for the past three years. WHAT IS IT GOING TO DO IN 1952? I think that many members and non-members would like to see all these questions and many similar ones answered, not only by words but by actions, during the coming season, which I hope is a most successful one for all.

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## MISSOURI

By JOHN ELKINS

I believe Cletus Chappelle's idea of a second 200 shoe pitch would be worth giving a trial. I am sure twenty or more pitchers would pitch the second 200 and am sure our association could use the extra cash; but I would be in favor of having these contestants start their second qualifications within fifteen minutes after completion of their first try and then have choice of either series of pitches.

Am also in favor of a ten cent tax on each pair of shoes sold by the manufacturers. A "B" class tournament in 1952 would be a fine thing. When you figure out how far most of the boys have to travel to get to the World's tournament, he would certainly enjoy pitching, even if it were in the "B" class. Mr. Beller's scoring device is one of the greatest improvements in horseshoe pitching tournaments in many, many years. I attended the National Meet in 1949, the only man from Missouri. In 1950 there were three of us and again in 1951. Now, in 1952, we expect to have four Missourians in Murray, Utah.

So, let us hear from more pitchers on this second 200 shoe pitch for qualifying and congratulations to the people of Salt Lake County and Murray who promote our tournaments there.

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## NEW ENGLAND HORSESHOE PITCHING TOURNAMENT

By COLBY G. BERRY

Official sanction was given by the Secretary of the National Horseshoe Pitching Association on November 20, 1951 for the New England Tournament to be held in *Deering Oaks*, Portland, Maine, August 30th and 31st and September 1, 1952.

The Maine State Horseshoe Pitchers Association will *sponsor* the event and the Portland Horseshoe Club will be *host* for the tournament.

*Classes* will be A, B, C, and Ladies, and there will be two trophies awarded to winners in each of the four classes.

*State Champions* do not have to qualify but *all other* contestants have to pitch 100 shoes to determine their qualification. *All entrants* must hold their 1952 State and National Cards.

*Room accommodations* are in the charge of Mrs. Marion E. Adams, Secretary of the Portland Horseshoe Club, 28 Hanover Street, Portland, Maine.

All additional information can be obtained by writing Colby G. Berry, President of the Maine State Horseshoe Pitching Assn., 260 Congress Street, Portland 3, Maine.

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## INDIANA

By LESTER CRAVEN

It has been customary for the past several years to hold a horseshoe pitching contest in Lawrenceburg, Indiana, on the fourth of July and at the county fair.

Not until the spring of 1950 was the formation of a horseshoe club suggested. We formed a club of 30 members under the able leadership of William Sanders, President.

We, as a club, attended the fourth of July contest which was open to anyone. Some of our better pitchers averaged around fifty percent. We also had the annual contest at the annual Dearborn County Fair, total prizes for this contest was \$35. This contest was played by cancellation method—two best out of three. Each player pitched until he

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Crestline, California

was out. We had some very good percentages of ringers. As this was also an open contest, there were others there besides club members which made the game well contested and hard fought.

In the fall of 1950 we had our club tournament. The fee was \$1, for qualifying with 100 shows. Several of our boys pitched in the neighborhood of 200 points, which was very good considering we had only one year of practice. The tournament was pitched by the ten highest qualifiers in a round robin method. Henry Gompf of Lawrenceburg was the winner of the trophy.

One of our members, David Craven, 17, of Moores Hill, went to the state tourney where he qualified in the first 16, and pitched 15 games to come in 16th across the state. He did very well in representing our club.

We played in four other small town pitching contests and had city tournaments with other cities in Indiana.

All in all I think we, as a club, created quite a lot of interest in favor of horseshoes in the year 1950.

In the pitching season of 1951 we started out with a few less members, but what we had were better than before and carried more interest. We weren't out to set a record, just to eliminate some of our mistakes and have some more fun. Several of our members constructed official courts, packed in the clay and went to practicing. Soon it was not too difficult for some of our pitchers to average 65 to 70% ringers. Some have done better with individual games of around 80%.

Our first real contest was again the 4th of July contest held at the Greendale Park. David Craven who had won in 1950 was tied with William Sanders, the only player who had beaten him. This necessitated a playoff which Craven won 50-41.

We next played two tournaments with the Connersville club and did very well. Our next contest was the fair contest held on the last Saturday of July. This was again an open class affair with \$35 prizes. The tourney was well handled and pitched as an 8 man round robin. Sanders, a much improved pitcher this year, was not to be denied winning after playing a tie off of 2 out of 3 with Finch of Brookville. David Craven came in third as he lost two close games.

Our next contest was our club trophy which was a cancellation round robin of 10 pitchers with John W. Baker as winner of the \$30 trophy. To say that he was elated is putting it mildly.

The club and myself put on another contest at the Versailles, Ind. pumpkin show, a show that has been staged for 39 years. This contest was sponsored by Wm. Hunter, a merchant of Versailles, and it really aroused much interest, as many spectators had never seen horseshoes out of the barnyard atmosphere.

Many were amazed at the percentage of ringers thrown. John W. Baker was again winner of the 8 man round robin. Sanders was 2nd, L. Craven 3rd, and D. Craven 4th. The first four players were well up toward 60% ringers which was very good considering the makeshift courts.

At the present time we are working on plans for new and bigger courts for our club and I am pushing a teen-age contest at our Pump-



kin Show. We are also trying for a big contest at our Ripley County Fair which is held in August.

We had five members of our club represent us this year in the state tourney. Three of them qualified to pitch.

Two of our members, W. Sanders and D. Craven, attended the Eastern open tournament in August. They qualified 31 and 32 out of 50 men. They did very well at pitching 60% ringers considering the long drive they undertook to get there.

Another member, Mervin Brandt, took in the National meet while vacationing in Murray, Utah. He brought home some interesting facts and figures.

We hope to do much better this year as more pitchers are becoming interested and we have the promise of more financial support.

I would like to finish by saying that only by getting our sons and neighbors sons interested in clean, supervised sports such as Horse-shoes, Baseball, Hunting, etc. can we expect them to grow into the kind of men who make the American citizen we are proud of today.

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## PENNSYLVANIA

By JOHN FULTON

As I told you last month, the horseshoe tournament held by the Pennsylvania Farm Show, was run off in Harrisburg on January 19 before a very large audience. A sixty-one year old farmer won the 1952 championship from a field of seven pitchers including the 1950 champ, Harold Clippinger, who went down to defeat in the opening round. The new champ, Randolph Bourret, of Westmoreland County, near Pittsburgh, won easily over Stanley Thurston, of Clearfield County, in straight games of 50-41 and 50-9. Although the score of the first game was close, Thurston completely blew his game and never had a chance after the half-way mark of the first game and the second game was a complete route.

I did not get the ringer percentages for these games but would say Bourret had about 59% for the two games and Thurston about 40%. In the opening rounds, Bourret defeated P. Groff, R. Irwin defeated H. Clippinger and H. Eyth defeated J. Mayes. In the second round, Bourret defeated Irwin, Thurston beat Eyth and in the finals the new champ beat Thurston both games. Third place went to Eyth, fourth went to Irwin and Clippinger came in fifth.

This makes the fourth time that Bourret has won the title. His previous wins were in 1935, 1939 and 1941. I saw something at this tournament that I never saw before. They nailed a 1" x 5" board in front of each pitching box which rose above the surface of the foul lines. This, in my opinion, would interfere with your step after you pitched your last shoe. If they were trying to keep them from fouling, all they needed to do was call it if any part of your toe went over the foul line. (Rule 8, National Rules says "any shoes pitched while the pitcher's foot extends on or over the RAISED foul line, etc.")—



Editor.) I also saw the winner of the first game in the finals take first pitch in the second game. I know this is against the rules. (Rule 10 says "choice of first pitch shall be determined by the toss of a coin or a flipped up shoe. In successive games between the same players, the loser shall have choice"—Editor).

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## NEW JERSEY

By HANAS and WARD

The New Jersey Association has taken upon itself the task of adding that certain something to the game of horseshoes which will increase its popularity and enable it to lift its head in the sport circles where it rightly belongs.

Although the average horseshoe pitcher, himself, knows from the time consumed in practice, who else knows how skill-demanding the game really is? It took a radio questionnaire program to bring this fact to light, when the art of pitching "ringers" in horseshoes, was classified as the most difficult game to master. However, it also demands considerable organization, well designed and well kept courts, plenty of good American sportsmanship on the part of the participants and a fair share of the sports pages in our newspapers. Now then, if we are to promote a game that requires skill and standards of such high caliber, some interesting lines of play shall have to be developed to increase participation.

In consideration of the elements involved in this game of horseshoes, we here in the State of New Jersey are pointing our efforts to give our expanding membership the type of recreational activity in which they will be happy to take part. The expanding membership involved are the hundred plus who have taken up horseshoes in Passaic and Bergen counties during the past two seasons in the handicap leagues.

First of all "The Rosselet Memorial Tournament" is being emphasized as having the most significance in the entire Eastern United States. The Union County Park Commission of New Jersey is being invited to enlarge and improve their facilities at Warinanco Park to the point that many other tournaments will find a "happy home" there. The "Rosselet" draws horseshoe pitchers of various grades of skill from all states in the East. Mr. Cron and the Union County Park Commission deserve a lot of thanks and credit for the excellent manner in which they have presented this event. The few undesirable bits of criticism pertained to unshaded courts and not enough of them. The State Association feels that with a little encouragement the Park Commission will be happy to correct these matters by improving its facilities to the point that the Memorial to Johnny Rosselet might be further enriched. Comes green grass, birds, and June 15th (the date of the "Rosselet") ringer stylists from all parts of the East can head for Warinanco Park feeling that everything possible is being done to make their trip an enjoyable one.

Following the "Rosselet," the New Jersey Association will present their experimental "Split the Stakes" tournament, on June 22nd. This event is calculated to inject into a horseshoe tourney intense and dramatic interest culminating for everyone, regardless of won or lost record, in a terrific opportunity for large cash prizes right down to the final shoe. The rain date for the above mentioned tournaments is June 29th.

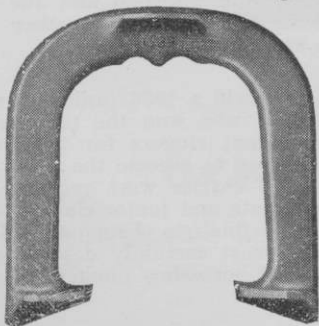
The unpredictable "Doug" Fogal has been given a sanction to hold a tourney of his own design July 13th. While the details will be announced later, Fogal working with Mel Pennewell, Washington, D. C., is rumored to be coming up with something a little short of sensational. We do know that they are talking on a national scope with large cash prizes involved. Fogal, it will be remembered, as former State Secretary, ran an experimental handicap open in 1949, eliminated Qualifying from all tourney play in the same year and in 1950 devised the 100% handicap system that forms the backbone of the fast growing New Jersey leagues. He is also one of those behind the "Split the Stakes" tournament.

"The New Jersey State Open," the oldest tournament in the East, is scheduled for July 27, rain date August 3, State Championship Meet, August 24, rain date September 7. These two tournaments might be held at Warinanco Park if courts there are too inviting to overlook.

Yessir, horseshoe pitchers, New Jersey is leading the way in '52. Come over on our new turnpike and have the horseshoe time of your life.

Lee Davis, President of the N.J.H.P.A. sends the following article from the Paterson Evening News to show that the newspapers appreciate recognition. They not only printed the letter they sent in but were very enthusiastic about running future tournaments. Another example

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"The State Horseshoe Pitchers Association's executive committee praised the sports department of The News for its leadership in promoting the sport in this area in a letter to this department.

"The letter follows:

Sports Editor, News:

Dear Sir:

"At the recent meeting of the executive committee of the New Jersey State Horseshoe Pitchers Association, the part played by The Paterson Evening News in developing horseshoe pitching in New Jersey was discussed at length, with special commendation given for the News sponsorship of last year's 1951 Passaic County horseshoe pitching championship. Our association has always looked upon the Paterson News as a pioneer in developing this sport, for it was 21 years ago this past season that The News first started the Jersey ball rolling by backing a 1930 inter-county and Paterson city championship. This was the first horseshoe pitching tourney of significant size ever held in New Jersey and proved to be the cornerstone for organizing the sport in this state. In addition to Bill Lamela, East Paterson, the winner, it brought together men like Art and the late Gene Hillman, East Paterson, Gary De Young, Preakness, Paul and Harold Cosine, Haledon and Joe and Paul Puglise, Paterson. These enthusiasts then banded together and were instrumental in starting the state association in 1933.

"The News, it will be remembered, also held a 1936 junior tourney which brought to light young Artie Scolari who won the tourney by setting a world's junior record of 74 per cent ringers for the entire meet. Artie, under Paul Puglise, later went on to become the New Jersey state senior champion in 1942. Over 60 entries were received for this year's championship in senior, intermediate and junior classes, with medals and ribbons awarded to the top 24 finalists. From all this it can be seen that you and The News are most certainly deserving of all the thanks and appreciation the grateful horseshoe pitchers of this area can bestow.

"This letter is simply to let you know that your fine efforts have not gone unnoticed and, in answer to the demands of local pitchers introduced to the game by your paper, the New Jersey State Horseshoe Pitchers Association will make every effort to back your lead by holding an interstate open championship in this area just as soon as adequate facilities can be acquired. Once again, Paterson Evening News, we thank you for your contribution to America's greatest participant sport—Horseshoe pitching. For the New Jersey State Horseshoe Pitchers Association by: Douglas W. Fogal, Public Relations Director; Lee Davis, President; William Kolb, 1st V.P.; Paul Puglise 2nd V.P.; Sol Berman, M.D., Secretary-Treasurer."

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## TEN PET PEEVES

By Charley Gerrish

Some Pet Peeves of yours truly follow, with P. for the Peeve, and R. for the possible or suggested Remedy of it.

- 1 P.—Players who do not subscribe to The Horseshoe Pitcher.
- 1 R.—Just subscribe, and see what you have been missing. It's a magazine for *your game*—and what a satisfaction to have your own copy each month. Write in your own local stories to the editor, and read the stories from elsewhere.
- 2 P.—Good pitchers who do not enter tournaments, local, state, etc. (And that Jimmy Risk doesn't enter the annual national meets.)
- 2 R.—Keep your ear to the ground and seek entry to every eligible tourney. The benefit is great, both for yourself and for The Game.
- 3 P.—That I haven't yet averaged 75% ringers for a meet.
- 3 R.—Assiduous diligence.
- 4 P.—Personal attacks on National Officers, etc., with open writing in our magazine.
- 4 R.—Generalize the public criticism, rather than specify by name. If important enough see the party or write to him.
- 5 P.—Too little time to write to Horseshoe Pitcher before deadline of 1st of next month.
- 5 R.—Hi Jake, we're just kidding.
- 6 P.—A petulant peeve is tolerating a Secretary, officer, or whom, who neglects to give simple information. One crying example of this we know—five months waiting without getting a score-sheet copy of an especially wanted game after about a dozen written requests for it.
- 6 R.—Have your own scorekeeper.
- 7 P.—Opponent pitchers who step over the 3-foot limit, even winning a title with this or other violation(s).
- 7 R.—Raise the foul plate edge 1 to 6 inches so an offender will fall on his face.
- 8 P.—Tournament authorities who won't raise the foul lines, even when requested to do so, as definitely called for in the Rules, by at least nailing on cleats in front of the step-boards.
- 8 R.—What pray? You tell me. Is there any court of appeals for enforcing simple rules?
- 9 P.—Officials not enforcing Pitching Rules. An offending player cannot be called for fouls by his competitor even if the rules seem to say so, because it would embarrass a pitcher to accuse another of unfairness. By fouls we mean stepping too far, first thrower not properly stepping to rear and other side of box while second tosser pitches, first pitcher starting to walk out toward other stake while second man is in act of throwing, or other unfair infringements of pitching rules.
- 9 R.—Common violations could be pointed out by meet management before play starts and warnings given. Then scorekeepers and/or referees should be empowered to enforce any rule after fair caution to any offender. Largely, perhaps, the offense may be unintentional or not even realized, but someone ought to correct the error.
- 10 P.—A major pet peeve is the 100 (etc.)-shoe "Qualifying," which actually eliminates the lower point getters, who "don't qualify." It is a 100-shoe Elimination instead of a so-called Qualifying.
- 10 R.—Every player is qualified to play *games*, so he should be eliminated from the round robin or finals, or allowed to have part in

that play, by competing in games, not by scoring 100 or more Solo Shoes. We commend Doc Sol Berman for being on the right track in curing this malady of 100-shoe elimination on the middle of page 8, January 1952 issue of The Horseshoe Pitcher. This or other easily conducted Game Methods can and should be put into practice.

11 P.—For good measure an eleventh Peeve might be that the Top Players do not write enough contributions to the Horseshoe Pitcher, on their game opinions and to what they credit their prowess.

11 R.—The Remedy to heal this peeve is for these players or observers of them to give us hungry ringer seekers a continual diet of wholesome bread-and-milk articles on the game. Don't hold back boys,—help us all to be better pitchers.

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### JAKE'S JOTTINGS

If you have your schedule made up for the coming season, send it in NOW and have it listed under "Coming Events."

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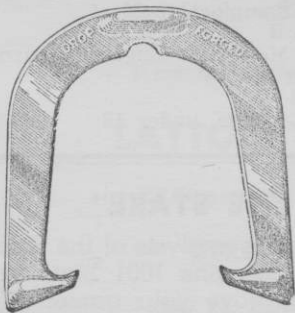
The smart pitcher who needs new shoes will be wise if he orders them right away. With the steel shortages he might be disappointed if he waits too long.

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- June 15, Elizabeth, N. J.—Rosselet Memorial
- June 22, Elizabeth, N. J.—Split the Stakes Tournament
- June 29, Ontario, Cal.—Open, Class A
- July 13, Huntington Park, Cal.—Amateur
- July 27, Elizabeth, N. J.—N. J. State Open
- July 27, Long Beach, Cal.—Class A
- August 5, Murray, Utah—World's Championships
- August 17, Long Beach, Cal.—Class B
- August 24, Elizabeth, N. J.—State Championship Meet
- August 30, Hemet, Cal.—Open, Class B
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- CANADA**—Dieppe Park, East York.
- COLORADO**—City Park and Washington Park, Denver; City Park, Greeley.
- CONNECTICUT**—Beardsley Park, Bridgeport; Pope Park, Hartford.
- DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**—Commerce Courts, Washington.
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- ILLINOISE**—Welles Park, Chicago; Athletic Park, Canton; Riverside Park, Moline; Mineral Springs Park, Pekin; Reservoir Park, Quincy; Long View Park, Rock Island.
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- 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.
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- MICHIGAN**—Grand Rapids, Franklin Park.
- MINNESOTA**—Como & Elfelt, St. Paul; Soldier Memorial Field, Rochester.
- MISSOURI**—Municipal Park, Carthage; Neosho, Fair Grounds, Springfield; Grant Beach Park.
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- NEW JERSEY**—Warinanco Park, Elizabeth; Branch Brook Park, Newark; Wildwood, Beach Park.
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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.
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