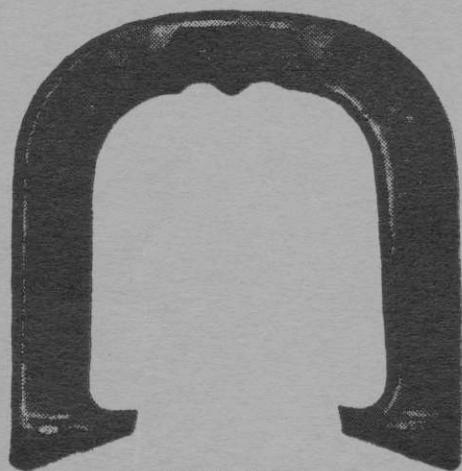


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EDITORIAL

Never have I had so much material to publish in the pages of The Horseshoe Pitcher since the first day of publication! In last month's issue I stated that on account of all the tournament news in that issue there would not be much space for articles but would carry them all in the October issue. I meant well, but am forced to use the same explanation this month. It does show that the interest in horseshoes has certainly received a shot in the arm! There have been more tournaments this year and more entries than any time in the past several years. So will all you good fellows who have sent me in articles please bear with me for a while longer and give me a chance to catch up? Thanks.

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CALIFORNIA

BUTTE COUNTY FAIR, GRIDLEY CALIFORNIA

August 23-24, 1952

	W.	L.	%
1. Zimmerman	11	0	79.4
2. Mori	9	2	66.1
3. Wayman	9	2	61.7
4. Marcevich	8	3	62.7
5. Zumwalt	7	4	55.2
6. Johnson	7	4	54.8
7. Callas	4	7	56.0
8. Bridges	4	7	50.0
9. Fraser	4	7	47.5
10. Pasdera	2	9	41.2
11. Felton	1	10	40.5
12. Hill	Forfeit		

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAMPIONSHIP, OAKLAND

August 31st - September 1st

	W.	L.	%
1. Zimmerman	11	0	84.7
2. Titcomb	10	1	78.2
3. Mori	8	3	68.1
4. Marcevich	7	4	64.2
5. Hoxmeier	7	4	63.3
6. Fraser	6	5	59.3
7. Blexrude	5	6	62.1
8. Zumwalt	4	7	52.5
9. Callas	3	8	55.3
10. Anderson	3	8	48.3
11. Almeida	2	9	52.1
12. Selk	Forfeit		

CALIFORNIA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

San Jose, California, September 13-14, 1952

	W.	L.	%
1. Fernando Isais	11	0	79.6
2. Guy Zimmerman	10	1	82.1
3. Don Titcomb	8	3	74.4
4. Paul Mori	8	3	74.0
5. Lowell Gray	7	4	74.6
6. Jack Wayman	6	5	68.0

7. Czar Marceovich	4	7	63.3
8. William Hill	4	7	61.2
9. E. Fraser	3	8	59.8
10. Ray Arnold	3	8	54.0
11. George Callas	1	10	57.2
12. L. Anderson	1	10	50.7

In the game between Fernando Isais and Guy Zimmerman, at 52 shoes, Zimmerman was leading, 30—13; at 90 shoes, Isais was leading, 44—30; at 102 shoes, Zimmerman was leading, 49—44; on the next pitch Zimmerman missed with both shoes and Isais put on two ringers to finish the game, 50—49.

CALIFORNIA STATE OPEN
Hemet, California, August 30-31, 1952
CLASS "A"

	W.	L.	%
1. Fernando Isais, Los Angeles	6	1	75.5
2. Lowell Gray, San Gabriel	6	1	67.7
3. Dean Brown, South Gate	6	1	65.0
4. Louis Dean, Pomona	4	3	63.0
5. Walter Krowel, Manhattan Beach	3	4	60.7
6. Homer Moeffeld, Long Beach	2	5	58.6
7. Amos Nottingham, Redlands	1	6	57.4
8. Harry Dolan, Fontana	0	7	47.3

A three-way tie for first place was played off. Isais beat both Brown and Gray to win the title.

CLASS "B"

	W.	L.	%
1. Amos Nottingham, Redlands	6	1	58.3
2. Homer Moeffeld, Long Beach	6	1	59.2
3. Roy Hearn, Norwalk	4	3	55.5
4. Walter Krowel, Manhattan Beach	3	4	55.1
5. John Frizzell, Long Beach	3	4	53.9
6. George Hook, Ontario	2	5	53.8
7. George Sechrist, Huntington Park	2	5	52.4
8. Harry Dolan, Fontana	2	5	44.8

Nottingham and Moeffeld had a two out of three play-off for first place. Nottingham winning two straight.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CLASS "B" CHAMPIONSHIP
Ontario, California, Sept. 14, 1952

	W.	L.	%
1. Homer Moeffeld, Long Beach	5	2	64.3
2. George Hook, Ontario	5	2	69.2
3. George Sechrist, Huntington Park	4	3	63.9
4. Roy Hearn, Norwalk	4	3	62.3
5. James Weeks, South Gate	3	4	61.5
6. John Frizzell, Long Beach	3	4	60.7
7. A. Nottingham, Redlands	2	5	57.5
8. Norman Smith, Culver City	2	5	55.9

In the play-off for first place, Moeffeld defeated Hook.

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GIVING 'EM HAL

By Hal Fredricks

Another National has come and gone and I think back to the 1948 tournament at Milwaukee, the only meet I was fortunate enough to attend. There I had the opportunity to watch the 1952 champ and the champion of the last few years, in action. Also had the good fortune to visit with him off the courts. Reading back on the championships won by Fernando Isais and wondering how one pitcher finishes higher in the finals than another, I know the difference can't be just mental capacity.

There just isn't the difference in our mental capacities indicated by the difference in performance. I just have to come to the conclusion that those successful champions succeed because they cheerfully pay the price of success. Others, though they claim ambition and desire to succeed as champion are unwilling to pay the price.

That price is the use of all your courage to force yourself to concentrate on the problem on hand, to study it from all angles and have a determination to win, accompanied by steady nerves. No championship was ever won without some obstacle being overcome. You have to refuse to believe there are any circumstances which can whip you or keep you from reaching the objective you have planned and trained for.

Hard? That's it! That is why some do not attempt to achieve a championship; they just get in a rut and stay on the beaten paths that are one way roads to defeat.

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CANADA

DOMINION CHAMPIONSHIP AT CANADIAN NATIONAL EXHIBITION

By H. E. Blackman

	W.	L.	%
1. McLaughlin	11	0	68.3
2. Woodward	9	2	67.1
3. Fritz	8	3	64.0
4. Parfitt	7	4	65.2
5. Black	7	4	63.3
6. Ladouceur	7	4	61.5
7. Wilkinson	6	5	59.0
8. Mawson	3	8	57.3
9. Blackman	3	8	53.2
10. Ginn	3	8	50.0
11. Daniels	2	9	52.4
12. Edwards	Defaulted because of accident		

Thanks to Herb Mann, Bert Campbell, Wally McLeod and all who helped too make this the biggest and best tournament we ever have had.

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COLORADO

COLORADO STATE HORSESHOE PITCHING CHAMPIONSHIP

Dick Allen of Boulder, reigned as Colorado State Horseshoe Pitching champion, Wednesday, after winning a pitch-off with E. Tiilikainen of Denver, 50—47, at City Park.

CLASS "A"

	W.	L.	%
1. Dick Allen, Boulder	9	2	64.4
2. E. Tiilikainen, Denver	9	2	68.4
3. Bill Cessna, Denver	8	3	66.1
4. Gerald L'Abbe, Englewood	8	3	61.9
5. Jimmy Davis, Denver	8	3	61.2
6. Sal Palese, Denver	6	5	58.1
7. Harry Russell, Denver	5	6	60.1
8. Dave Fuller, Greeley	5	6	48.2
9. Walter Demarest, Greeley	4	7	40.2
10. Bus Wahlin, Littleton	3	8	51.4
11. Ralph Carr, Wiggins	1	10	48.2
12. Bud Haas, Denver	0	11	25.0

CLASS "B"

1. Jimmy Tulk, Greeley	3	0	45.3
2. Harry Gardner, Denver	2	1	42.6
3. Bill Stawsky, Denver	1	2	32.3
4. Everett McCarthy, Denver	0	3	32.3

Jimmy Tulk is only 15 years old.

ILLINOIS MIDWEST HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT

Rock Island, Illinois, Sept. 7, 1952

John Lindmeier of Broadview, Ill., is the 1952 champion of the annual Midwest Horseshoe Tournament. He won the WHBF trophy at Long View Park, Rock Island, Ill., winning six games and losing one in the Class "A" finals.

The tournament was held under the auspices of the Rock Island Horseshoe Club and the city's playground and recreation commission.

Earl Bomke of Springfield, Ill., was high qualifier with 262 out of a possible 300.

Lindmeier's one loss was to Milt Tate of Peoria, Ill., who was runner-up in Class "A".

CLASS "A"

1. John Lindmeier	....	6	1
2. Milt Tate	.....	5	2
3. Ellis Cobb	.....	4	3
4. Norman Dixon	.....	4	3
5. Earl Momke	.....	4	3
6. Harold Shaw, Ia....		2	5
7. George Hilst	.....	2	5
8. C. J. Pfeiffer	.....	1	6

CLASS "C"

1. Helmer Magnuson	..	7	0
2. Chester Hefner	.....	6	1
3. Marion Lange, Ia....		4	3
4. Ernie Danielson, Ia..		3	4
5. Harry Page, Ia.	3	4
6. Frank Polka	3	4
7. Paul Danker	2	5
8. Walter Lindmeier	..	0	7

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CLASS "B"

1. Dale Terry	6	1
2. Leslie Long	5	2
3. Harold Darnold, Ia...		4	3
4. John Paxton, La....		4	3
5. Francis Rogers, Ia...		3	4
6. Glen Anderson	....	3	4
7. Nelson Vogel	.....	2	5
8. A. Swinehamer	.....	1	6

CLASS "D"

1. Vernell Drager	.....	6	1
2. Hugh Rogers, Ia....		6	1
3. Clark Kaiser, Ia....		5	2
4. Joe Hightower	....	4	3
5. Charley Hopkins, Ia.		3	4
6. Herb Plantz	.....	3	4
6. Roy Efflandt	.....	1	6
8. Dean Campbell	.....	0	7

INDIANA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS CLASS "A"

	W.	L.	%
1. Wayne Nelson, Eaton	10	0	76.9
2. Gene Brumfield, Pendleton	9	1	65.8
3. Graydon McFatridge, Rushville	7	3	70.5
4. Harrison Maitlen, Berne	6	4	66.4
5. Lowell Edmondson, Danville	6	4	66.3
6. Marion Morris, Pendleton	6	4	64.0
7. Ray England, Crawfordsville	5	5	66.8
8. Richard Printz, Indianapolis	5	5	65.6
9. Peyton Printz, Indianapolis	5	5	64.4
10. Clint Moore, Crawfordsville	5	5	61.4
10. James Kemple, Rushville	4	6	64.7
12. John Stimac, Terre Haute	4	6	61.7
13. Ed Sharp, Mulberry	3	7	62.5
14. Harold McFatridge, Arlington	3	7	60.1
15. James Cox, State Line	2	8	57.9
16. William Ferguson, Brazil	0	10	52.2

CLASS "B"

	W.	L.	%
1. Curt Day, Frankfort	8	1	72.6
2. G. Johnson, Jr., Indianapolis	7	2	64.9
3. F. Fowler, Greencastle	7	2	62.8
4. Nelson Brown, Mulberry	5	4	61.6
5. C. Cummings, Jolietville	4	5	58.5

6.	M. Crane, Zionsville	4	5	52.6
7.	G. Johnson, Sr., Indianapolis	3	6	60.0
8.	R. Pence, Gary	2	7	55.7
10.	W. Sanders, Lawrenceburg	2	7	49.1

CLASS "C"

		W.	L.	%
1.	Steve Raymond, Lafayette	8	1	56.1
2.	Paul Van Sickle, Indianapolis	7	2	61.7
3.	V. Holloway, Fairmont	7	2	58.8
4.	G. Cummings, Lebanon	5	4	55.3
5.	V. Taylor, Greencastle	5	4	53.5
6.	D. Riley, Indianapolis	5	4	50.0
7.	V. Hucman, Poneto	4	5	49.7
8.	L. Crask, Noblesville	2	7	49.5
9.	F. Emery, Mulberry	2	7	48.4
10.	E. Jamison, Fairmount	0	9	43.3

CLASS "D"

		W.	L.	%
1.	P. Thistlewaite, Sheridan	7	2	53.1
2.	M. Chrisman, Connersville	6	3	50.7
3.	L. Dixon, Indianapolis	6	3	49.5
4.	J. Johnson, Decatur	6	3	48.7
5.	E. Cast, Frankfort	5	4	50.3
6.	E. Billingsly, Lafayette	4	5	51.9
7.	C. Atwell, Flora	4	5	51.2
8.	D. Craven, Moores Hill	4	5	47.5
9.	L. Craven, Moores Hill	2	7	41.7
10.	B. Cummings, Westfield	8	1	42.3

CLASS "E"

		W.	L.	%
1.	R. Behr, Frankfort	9	0	54.8
2.	L. Overholser, South Bend	7	2	50.2
3.	O. Harshman, Frankfort	6	3	51.0
4.	E. Greene, Indianapolis	5	4	51.0
5.	B. Taylor, Greencastle	4	5	45.2
6.	M. Briney, Frankfort	4	5	40.7
7.	M. Brandt, Lawrenceburg	3	6	44.7
8.	D. Salsbury, Sharpsville	3	6	42.6
9.	R. Meredith, Noblesville	2	7	47.5
10.	C. Habner, Crawfordsville	2	7	41.2

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IOWA

By C. HOPKINS

Dale Dixon of Des Moines won the Iowa Horseshoe Tournament which was held at the State Fair with 14 victories in 15 games. He had a ringer percentage of 79.

Second in the round-robin tournament was Harold Shaw of What Cheer, the champion last year, who had a 13—2 record and a ringer percentage of 70.

Dixon's only game loss was to John Paxton of Ottumwa, who finished in a tie for sixth with Walt Downs of Kelly. Their records were 10—5.

Hugh Rogers of Cedar Falls, Harold Darnold of Burlington and Francis Rogers of Cedar Falls tied for third with 11—4 marks.

Other place winners were: Wiggs and Taylor tied for 8th and 9th; Elmer Lippincott, Charles Hopkins and Bert Rogers tied for 10th, 11th and 12th; Marion Lang, 13th; Elmer Danielson, 14th; Clyde Stiensland, 15th; Clifford Hanson, 16th.

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FALL HOMECOMING ANNUAL OPEN TOURNAMENT
Blakesburg, Iowa, Sept. 6, 1952
CLASS "A"

	W.	L.	%
1. Harold Darnold, Burlington Ia.	5	0	
2. Dale Dixon, Des Moines, Ia.	4	1	
3. Harold Shaw, What Cheer, Ia.	3	2	
4. Hugh Rogers, Cedar Falls, Ia.	2	3	
5. Bert Rogers, Cedar Falls, Ia.	1	4	
6. Bill Johnston, Stockport, Ia.	0	5	

CLASS "B"

	W.	L.	%
1. John Paxton, Ottumwa, Ia.	5	0	
2. Charley Hopkins, Ottumwa, Ia.	3	2	
3. Ernest Danieldon, West Burlington, Ia.	3	2	
4. Elmer Johnston, Ottumwa, Ia.	2	3	
5. Lloyd Kelley, Blakesburg, Ia.	2	3	
6. Lawrence Hopkins, Unionville, Ia.	0	5	

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Here are the results of the City-County Annual Horseshoe Tournament played Sunday, Sept. 21, at the Riverside Park courts here at Ottumwa, Iowa.

	W.	L.	%
1. Charley Hopkins	5	0	
2. John Paxton	4	1	
3. Bill Waddle	3	2	
4. Arnold Northup	2	3	
5. Bill Johnston	1	4	
6. Elmer Johnston	0	5	

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KANSAS
THE KANSAS STATE TOURNAMENT
By A. DAHLENE

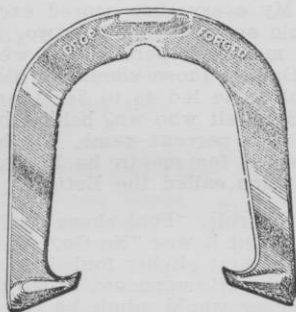
Although they were not as hot as they used to be—the Big 4 of Kansas, Tamboer, Gandy, Kraft and Dahlene, still were able to subdue anything thrust before them in the Annual State meet, held this year at Manhattan, on Sunday August 31st and Labor Day Sept. 1. Sunday morning was qualifying time and approximately 30 men attempted to get in the classy field of 16. There was also a Class B of 12 men. Tamboer and Gandy were the favorites as they had just recently toughened themselves in the National at Murray, Utah, where Tamboer won 4th place and Gandy 9th place. Kraft of Lawrence despite the fact that he was not in top form due to sickness earlier in the season which prevented him from getting any competitive practice—nevertheless came within 7 points of getting the title. Tamboer managed to beat him 50—47 and Gandy turned the trick 50—46. Dahlene lost to Tamboer 50—38 and to Gandy 50—40. In the 10th round Gandy and Tamboer met in the all important game each with a clean slate—and the winner of this was almost certain to be crowned champion. Both men were apparently a little scared of each other as the game started out very slowly with lots of misses. It wasn't until Gandy had attained a lead of 48—30 that Tamboer suddenly realized that he was to lose his title and that he must stop the gap or it was just too bad. He tightened his belt and slammed on 9 consecutive "doubles" to tie the score—but in the next inning he missed one shoe and surely here was a chance for Gandy to reach the promised land. But no—one shoe jumped off and Tamboer went ahead 49 to 48. He went out on a double in the next frame. The game was not spectacular as to percentage as each man was barely

above the 60 per cent mark. But for pure thrills in the end it was a very fine game to watch.

Selbert Gandy won from Lowmaster of Wichita in a play-off game after each man had lost one game. A very fine crowd was on hand both days and seemingly enjoyed the harvest of ringers. All players received a cash prize with Tamboer getting top money of fifty dollars. He also got the coveted Arthur Capper Trophy donated by the Capper Publications of Topeka. Capper was formerly governor of Kansas and for many years a U. S. Senator.

	W.	L.	%
1. Tamboer, Wichita	15	0	73.5
2. Gandy, Topeka	14	1	72.3
3. Kraft, Lawrence	13	2	72.9
4. Dahlene, Lawrnece	11	4	67.4
5. Ridgeway, Topeka	10	5	60.9
6. Drum, Baldwin	10	5	62.5
7. Nannaga, Clay Center	10	5	59.0
8. Williams, Wichita	8	7	49.0
9. Trautwein, Clay Center	8	7	56.0
10. Hauserman, Topeka	5	10	48.0
11. Reed, Topeka	4	11	48.0
12. Lungstrum, Topeka	4	11	43.0
13. Monasmith, Abeline	3	12	40.0
14. Potts, Leonardville	2	13	43.0
15. Noyes, Green	2	13	38.0
16. Morton, Wichita	1	14	37.0

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In Class "B"—1. S. Gandy, Topeka; 2. Lomaster, Wichita; 3. Rogers, Manhattan; 4. Meyer, Manhattan; 5. Kleiner, Manhattan; 6. Meek, Manhattan; 7. Kulp, Manhattan; 8. Martin, Ellis; 9. G. Potts, Leonardville; 10. Swart, Manhattan; 11. Oberer, Topeka; 12. Holloway, Manhattan.

No pitching records were broken. Tamboers 73.5 per cent for the 15 games fell short of Dahlenes record of 76.9 per cent set in Wichita just 10 years ago. The high run of doubles was 9 by Tamboer and the same by Kraft. High game by Tamboer, 29 ringers out of 34 shoes for 85.3 per cent. Tournament was held in beautiful City Park, just a few blocks from downtown Manhattan. Probable site for the 1953 State Meet is Topeka, Kansas. C. G. Collett of Topeka had charge of score sheets and general run of tournament. He was ably assisted by Mr. Murphy of Manhattan.

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BOTTOM FEELINGS

By CHARLEY GERRISH

There are here and there a number of persons who think that I was never beaten in a game. On the other hand there has been a first time when I landed on the very Bottom. Yes sir, those gentlemen gathered at Clearfield, Pa., showed me how to occupy that spot. The Eastern National there had many great players, and New York champ Steinfeld did a titanic job in pitching through the whole A group of 18 men and winning every game. I understand tossers were so good there that even some of the players in the B group have made the A finals in World Tournaments.

When I chanced to draw out No. 13 before the games, maybe I should have taken it as an omen to excuse myself and start for home. But my 100-shoe qualification was so good—with 78 ringers, 31 double ringers, and 255 points for 6th position among 60 entries—that my confidence was perhaps over abundant. My every shoe scored except one in the 100 solo shoes. Ringer or double every inning but two. Perhaps "my game playing was off." Anyway my game percentages were, so I barely won two of the 17 contests. One of those shouldn't have been mine as my opponent couldn't score after he led 49 to 34. I worried a number of others, possibly including Steinfeld who was behind in points some of the time when I played my best percent game. Maybe it's a consolation to others who got low ranks, for me to be IT this time. Someone had to land in that horrid place called the Bottom.

Incidentally there was a test of the rule, "Foul shoes shall be removed at the request of the opponent." But it was "No Go." With score 49—49 it was an important foul case. The first pitcher fouled by stepping forward out of the box on a ringer pitch. His opponent called the foul, but no one else including the scorekeeper would admit he saw it, and the foul ringer remained by an official's request. The second pitcher would have won by his ringer had the foul shoe been removed. The first pitcher had a closer shoe to win the point and game. The writer can vouch for this as he was the victim. Likely this had no bearing on outcome of standings. But we wonder if those fouls rules can be enforced without some referee watching every pitch.

A word of praise is due the tourney conductors. A swell time was had, from the bottom player to the top. 'Twas a fine meet.

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MISSOURI

Labor Day results of tournament held in Springfield, Mo., Sept. 1

	W.	L.	%
1. Wommack	7	0	68.9
2. Elkins	6	1	68.5
3. Winston	5	2	65.1
4. Long	4	3	56.5
5. Denny	3	4	57.1
6. Greenlee	2	5	48.8
7. Carver	1	6	39.3
8. Hubbs	0	7	41.9

At a tournament held at Noyes Boulevard, St. Joseph, Mo., the boys wound up with Ray Hill, first; Gardner, second; and Caster, third.

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NEW YORK

The Woodlawn Horseshoe Club held their annual open tournament on Sept. 21 with the following results:

CLASS "A"

	W.	L.	%
1. Fileccia	4	1	73.9
2. Carson	4	1	73.2
3. Kolb	4	1	70.6
4. Fulton	2	3	58.7
5. Wagner	1	4	50.7
6. Zach	0	5	45.2

CLASS "B"

	W.	L.	%
1. Hart	3	0	53.7
2. O'Connell	2	1	48.5
3. Saladak	1	2	46.1
4. Seacord	0	3	36.3

After the tournament the boys were all invited to the club rooms of the Woodlawn Horseshoe Club to partake of a fine variety of refreshments.

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LINDSTROM, COUNTY HORSESHOE CHAMP

Walfred Lindstrom won the final third leg and permanent possession of the Sun Trophy by defeating all comers in the Annual Chaut. County Horseshoe Championship, held at the Clymer Conservation Club grounds on Saturday, Aug. 30, 1952.

	W.	L.	%
1. Walfred Lindstrom, Jamestown	7	0	66.8
2. Hallie Emke, Fredonia	6	1	50.4
3. LaVerne Larson, Jamestown	4	3	45.1
4. Marshall Hale, So. Stockton	4	3	40.6
5. Nels Josephson, Stockton	2	5	42.4
6. Roy H. Gravink, Clymer	2	5	42.4
7. Altn Emmott, Jamestown	2	5	40.6
8. Dr. Otto Lindbeck, Jamestown	0	7	20.7

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CLASS "A"

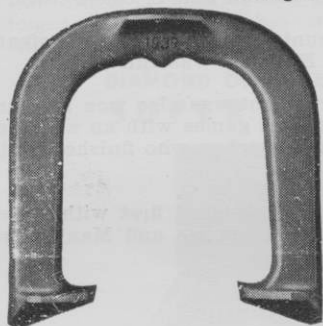
	W.	L.	%
1. Michalek	7	0	64.0
2. Lashier	5	2	48.3
3. Wilbur	4	3	50.0
4. Benjamin	4	3	40.7
5. Howath	3	4	44.0
6. Ness	3	4	39.0
7. Mietus	2	5	46.0
8. Moschak	0	7	35.0

CLASS "B"

	W.	L.	%
1. Spence	6	1	36.8
2. Gillette	5	2	39.7
3. Zlock	4	3	37.6
4. Schmidt	4	3	36.2
5. Herman	3	4	29.3
6. Staron	2	5	36.3
7. Linke	2	5	31.9
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FORT GEORGE CLUB ANNUAL ELECTION

The annual meeting of the Fort George Horseshoe Club of 1672 St. Nicholas Avenue held on Friday evening, September 19th was a spirited session packed full of business.

The high-light of the evening was the enthusiasm that permeated the air during the election of officers with several contests for the coveted positions. The results were as follows: Thomas P. O'Gara, president; William Shaughnessy, first vice president; George Hart, second vice president; Patrick Murray, third vice president; Volmer Colvett, fourth vice president; Edmond Greany, secretary-treasurer; Denis Horan, financial-corresponding secretary; Daniel Barron, sergeant at arms. Trustees: Timothy Snee, Martin Fahy, Charles Doudican and William P. Fanning.

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SLIPPER SLAMMERS SOCIAL SESSIONS

The calendar of coming events to be conducted by the Fort George Horseshoe Club at their clubrooms at 1672 St. Nicholas Avenue was announced at the annual meeting held on Friday evening, September 19 as follows: A membership drive from September 19th to December 21st. October 2nd. A meeting to organize a Ladies Auxiliary. October 18th. A Club Social. November 22nd A Thanksgiving Day Party with awards of turkeys and cheer. December 13th A Club Social. December 21st. Annual Christmas Kiddies Party. December 31st. New Years Eve Party.

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OHIO

Greene County Championship was won by Harold Wolfe on Aug. 10, with five wins and no losses. Bailey was second and L. Glass third.

Harold Reno won the Clinton County tournament by defeating Stanley Manker who placed second and E. Fouse was third.

The Ohio Southwestern District tournament was also won by Harold Reno on August 17. He won ten out of eleven games with an average of 72.9 per cent to beat Paul Focht and Ralph Lackey who finished in that order with 67.8 and 67.4 per cent.

In the Clinton County League Reno also finished first with 34 wins and 8 losses and an average of 70 per cent. Fouse and Manker were second and third.

OHIO STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

For the third consecutive year, Ralph Lackey, of West Middletown, won the State horseshoe championship. However, he was tied with Ellis Hanna and Harold Reno at the end of regular 15 games. A three-way play-off was played, and Lackey defeated his opponents to retain his championship and make him a four-time owner of the crown.

CLASS "A"

	W.	L.	%
1. Ralph Lackey, W. Middletown	12	3	70.3
2. Ellis Hanna, Canton	12	3	66.3
3. Harold Reno, Sabina	12	3	68.3
4. Robert Cash, Cleveland	11	4	69.1
5. Paul Focht, Dayton	10	5	66.3
6. Stanley Manker, Wilmington	10	5	65.4



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9. L. D. Crooks, Zanesville	7	8	62.2
10. Harry Sibert, Union	6	9	61.2
11. Eddie Fouse, Wilmington	5	10	58.3
12. William Glass, Xenia	4	11	56.9
13. Martin Schneider, Springfield	4	11	53.1
14. Kenneth Poff, Centerville	4	11	52.2
15. Leo Fouse, Wilmington	3	12	58.5
16. Fred Raisbeck, Zanesville	2	13	52.5

CLASS "B"

	W.	L.	%
1. Andy Stolarik, Canton	8	1	63.0
2. Harold Wolfe, Cederville	7	2	57.9
3. William Konz, Toledo	6	3	52.7
4. Charles Meloy, Newark	6	3	51.5
5. A. B. McCoy, Coshocton	5	4	48.6
6. Paul Swartz, Marion	4	5	53.2
7. John Reno, Sabina	4	5	44.7
8. Geo. Bowman, Columbus	3	6	49.8
9. N. L. Fitzgerald, Paulding	2	7	43.9
10. William Meloy, Zanesville	0	9	40.9

CLASS "C"

1. Leonard Glass, Xenia; 2. Harold Fields, Wilmington; 3. Martin Hill, Columbus; 4. Jesse Shaw, Waynsfield; 5. Harry Denlinger, Clayton; 6. Paul Butcher, Dayton; 7. L. E. Plymale, Westerville; 8. Lloyd Kress, Centerville; 9. Charles Palmer, Columbus; 10. Harry Walters, Dayton; 11. E. Hendren, Columbus; 12. William Martin, Norwood; 13. Willard Copp, Brookville; 14. Harold Thoburn, Columbus.

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PENNSYLVANIA

By JOHN FULTON

Harold Clippinger, my nephew, won the Cumb. Co. Farmers tournament and the right to compete in Harrisburg come next January at the State Farm Show. In one of the most hotly contested matches ever played in Cumb. Co. on the night of Sept. 4th this twenty-year old farm boy took on the veteran John Fulton in a best two out of three finals. After both were tied in round robin play, in the deciding game Fulton pulled ahead 48 to 34 and it looked like certain defeat for Clippinger but staying cool, calm, and fighting all the way he pulled the game out of the fire and won 50—49.

At the New Freedom courts on September 7, the All Stars and the Carlisle's played a match which ended in a tie, 8 to 8.

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RHODE ISLAND

RHODE ISLAND HORSESHOE PITCHING CHAMPIONSHIP

Rocky Hill Fair, August 23

CLASS "A"

	W.	L.	%
1. P. Heroux	6	1	65.0
2. A. Bourgeois	6	1	55.1
3. Roy Pearson	5	2	52.0
4. L. Lacroix	4	3	60.3
5. L. Welch	4	3	48.4
6. J. Garty	2	5	41.6
7. L. Gaffney	1	6	42.2
8. E. Gifford	0	7	35.0

In best two out of three play-offs, Heroux defeated Bourgeois 52—29, 50—33 to regain championship he lost to Roy Pearson in 1950. The Governor Roberts Trophy was awarded to the winner.

CLASS "B"

	W.	L.	%
1. C. Walmsley	7	0	46.9
2. A. Hudson	6	1	40.4
3. S. Dunklee	4	3	40.7
4. M. Haggerty	4	3	36.5
5. Ray Pearson	3	4	40.1
6. F. Nesbitt	2	5	32.3
7. C. Bassett	2	5	26.8
8. W. Carroll	0	7	13.8

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VERMONT

SOUTHERN VERMONT TOURNAMENT—Aug. 18

	W.	L.	%
1. Brown	11	0	63.5
2. R. Fisher	10	1	52.1
3. T. Sausville	9	2	51.0
4. Herbert	8	3	46.4
5. Grover	6	5	36.0
6. Cutting	5	6	40.2
7. Carley	5	6	38.3
8. Graziola	5	6	37.8
9. D. Frost	3	8	33.8
10. R. Sausville	2	9	30.4
11. R. Frost	2	9	24.3
12. J. Fisher	0	11	22.3

VERMONT STATE CHAMPIONSHIP—August 25

	W.	L.	%
1. M. Brown, Brattleboro	10	1	54.3
2. F. Butler, Bennington	9	2	52.3
3. A. Herbert, Brattleboro	8	3	47.7
4. R. Fisher, Brattleboro	7	4	49.4
5. B. Parkhurst, Windsor	7	4	49.1
6. S. Pawlak, Burlington	6	5	47.1
7. M. Morin, Burlington	5	6	47.6
8. G. Bell, Brattleboro	5	6	39.9
9. L. Carley, Brattleboro	5	6	37.1
10. C. Church, Burlington	1	10	43.0
11. R. Covey, Brattleboro	1	10	32.9
12. B. Sausville, Bennington	1	10	29.3

CITY (BRATTLEBORY) CHAMPIONSHIP—Sept. 8

	W.	L.	%
1. Brown	11	0	66.4
2. R. Fisher	10	1	49.7
3. Cutting	8	3	48.3
4. Herbert	8	3	40.5
5. Carley	7	4	41.1
6. Simonds	6	5	36.0
7. Covey	5	6	34.1
8. J. Fisher	4	7	35.3
9. L. Georgina	4	7	31.3
10. Prouty	2	9	30.6
11. M. Georgina	1	10	23.8
12. Lioce	0	11	18.5

WASHINGTON STATE

By A. LIEDES

The Annual Washington State Horseshoe Championship Tournament was held at Seattle, Washington over the Labor Day holiday. John Monasmith won the Class "A" title in a play-off over Ed Fishel. W. A. Bentley granddaddy of Washington horseshoes showed the young fry how it should be done by winning the Class "B" title.

Officers elected for the 1953 season: William McNeley, Aberdeen, president; E. W. Shidler, Seattle, vice president and Art Lienes, Aberdeen, secretary-treasurer. The State tournament was awarded to Seattle for 1953.

CLASS "A"

	W.	L.	%
1. John Monasmith, Yakima	14	1	70.7
2. Ed Fishel, Neilton	14	1	68.2
3. Henry Knauff, Spokane	11	4	63.6
4. Frank Olsen, Hoquiam	11	4	64.0
5. Prescott Kaufman, Seattle	11	4	62.9
6. Lewis Dahl, Tacoma	10	5	59.2
7. Bill Branstetter, Pasco	9	6	60.5
8. C. F. Cummings, Spokane	8	7	50.2
9. Kenneth Smith, Seattle	8	7	47.2
10. Frank Novak, Seattle	7	8	46.5
11. Alex Cook, Tacoma	6	9	51.3
12. Ralph Warthen, Hoquiam	4	11	48.2
13. A. Miller, Yakima	3	12	45.0
14. A. McCullum, Bellingham	2	13	41.0
15. A. Alexander, Seattle	2	13	40.2
16. Gordon Price, Seattle	Forfeit		

CLASS "B"

	W.	L.	%
1. A. W. Bentley, Tacoma	14	1	
2. Ruday Allones, Bremerton	12	3	
3. Bill McNeley, Aberdeen	10	5	
4. Edwin Elkin, Aberdeen	9	6	
5. Jean Howard, Kennewick	9	6	
6. Joe Nebenuhr, Seattle	8	7	
7. Robert Erstgaard, Bremerton	8	7	
8. Verne Posey, Pasco	7	8	
9. D. Henson, Kennewick	7	8	
10. K. L. Canady, Seattle	7	8	
11. Laurence Fishel, Seattle	6	9	
12. E. W. Shidler, Seattle	6	9	
13. Fred Finn, Seattle	6	9	
14. Chuck Damm, Aberdeen	4	11	
15. Dick Wasson, Seattle	Forfeit		
16. A. Vandelac, Seattle	Forfeit		

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WEST VIRGINIA

By ANNA LINDQUIST

Our State Tournament was held at Dunbar, W. Va., at the Agricultural and Industrial Fair Grounds. The West Virginia horseshoe pitchers are very grateful to the Fair for sponsoring such a fine tournament.

Our election of officers were G. Hilton, president; W. Brothers, vice president; and Anna Lindquist, secretary-treasurer.

	W.	L.	%
1. R. Maddox	8	1	69.7
2. A. Lindquist	8	1	67.9
3. G. C. Anderson	8	1	71.2
4. W. Brothers	6	3	56.8
5. D. Mitchell	4	5	60.7
6. J. O. Mitchell	4	5	54.5
7. H. Harris	2	7	51.0
8. J. Jones	2	7	47.2
9. V. L. Stone	2	7	49.8
10. W. R. Scarberry	1	8	34.9

JAKE'S JOTTINGS

A trophy in honor of the late Ernest H. Welcome will be donated to the Westfield River Valley Horseshoe Pitching Club by Mrs. Flora of the horseshoe club and during many years on the Playground Commissioner who died August 6. Mr. Welcome was one of the organizers of the horseshoe club and during many years on the Playground Commission devoted much effort to improving the local Municipal Field courts. The trophy will be awarded for the first time next year and will be retired after three consecutive wins.

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Fernando Isais turned in a 100% game against L. Anderson of the So. San Francisco H. C. He pitched thirty consecutive ringers to beat his opponent who made 13 ringers for 43.3%.

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Paul and Emma Focht, of Dayton, Ohio, want to thank everyone who was so nice to them this past Summer, at all the tournaments they attended. Harry and Miriam Sibert say the same. This quartet are looking forward to seeing you all again next Summer.

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Stan DeLeary was visiting in Massachusetts where he attended the Mass. State Tournament. Pat was with him, of course. Says he has not pitched much lately but expects to get in harness again when they hold their State tournament this Fall.

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May I take this opportunity to thank all of the Members of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association for their fine support and co-operation during my three years in office.

Your new President, Arch Stokes deserves your full support for he has given many years of his life to the development and promotion of the game. The national tournaments of today owe their success to the hard work and planning of President Arch Stokes.

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- OREGON**—Laurelhurst Park, Portland; Bush Pasture Park, Salem.
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