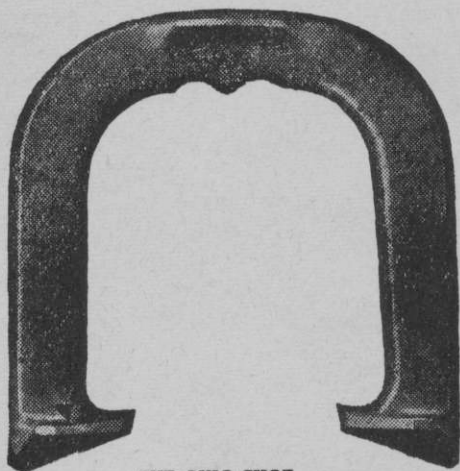


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## EDITORIAL

What a slew of Christmas and New Year greetings the Missus and I received this year from all our horseshoe friends all over the United States and Canada! And from Panama, too! Please accept our thanks. These yearly greetings show me two things—the many friends we have and the amount of horseshoe pitchers who seem to be enough interested in the game to support this little magazine. This always gives me enough encouragement to carry on for another year. Believe me, there are many times when I get so discouraged that I get on the verge of quitting. That's because there are so many active pitchers who do not subscribe or write an article to be published. I feel this way especially when the cold weather arrives. Like the bears, they hibernate. Anyhow, I keep on plugging away. Am I a dope or am I too optimistic?

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## CALIFORNIA

By AL RODGERS

The Memorial Park Horseshoe Club of South San Francisco, had its first Annual Tournament at the Orange Avenue courts on November 8 and 9. A large crowd of spectators gathered to watch the boys pitch and to watch Mr. and Mrs. Guy Zimmerman put on an exhibition. Councilman Adolph Sani was on hand to welcome the out of town pitchers to our city and he also enjoyed the tournament.

After the prizes were awarded, we had a big dinner at the clubhouse for the pitchers, their families and their friends. We also signed up seven new members. I wish to take this opportunity to thank the Zimmerman's for helping us out; also Mr. Harvey Clear of Santa Cruz for his assistance in making the tournament a big success; and the members wives for the dinner they cooked for the boys who enjoyed it so very much. We plan to make this an annual affair. Here are the tournament results:

Memorial Park Club Tournament, South San Francisco, Nov. 8-9, 1952

	W.	L.	%
1 Mori .....	11	0	70.9
2 Zumwalt .....	10	1	58.4
3 Fraser .....	9	2	65.2
4 Callas .....	7	4	58.0
5 Marceovich .....	6	5	56.0
6 Hill .....	6	5	54.9
7 Anderson .....	5	6	52.6
8 Stevenson .....	4	7	48.2
9 Martin .....	3	8	45.6
10 Stegledger .....	3	8	41.2
11 Berge .....	1	10	37.6
12 O'Hara .....	1	10	29.2

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## A METHOD OF WORLD TOURNAMENT PLAY

By ELMER O. BELLER

I am not a pitcher of the caliber to pitch in big tournament play. However, I would like to make some suggestions on conducting a National Tournament. At first glance, many may consider these ideas very radical. I have been to the last four world tournaments at Murray; 1949-50-51 and 1952. I have been on the side lines, or in the score-keepers position, each and every year. I have talked with, and I have listened to talk of all pitchers, who have participated in the tournaments. I have also talked with, and noticed the reactions of spectators. I have also had close contacts with officials and conductors of these tournaments. I have given much serious thought to this matter, and hope readers of this article will do likewise, before they pass it up as just so much bunk.

This method could perhaps not be used next year, even if they wished. However in carefully going over the 1950 revised edition of the constitution, it does allow the officials and tournament committee enough latitude to do so. The constitution says, not less than 32 pitchers must take part. But it does not say it must be a 32-man round-robin.

My method is this. Take the 56 highest qualifiers. (Qualify in the regular manner; 100 or 200 shoe pitch.) Divide them off into 6 separate squads, to play 6 separate round-robins.

8 man round-robin—top eight qualifiers.

8 man round-robin—next eight qualifiers.

10 man round-robin—next ten qualifiers.

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These can all be played off in one days' play.

These last two 10 man round-robins would have to be played early in the day. Or they could be played at night, the same time on Salt Lake courts. These six preliminary round-robins are to establish percentage records only. The 16 highest percentage ringer pitchers, from all these groups, regardless of games won or lost, enter into a 16 man, two day round-robin for championship of the world.

Some pitchers below the top 16 qualifiers, no doubt will make this first 16 man division on percentages. This will put some of these top qualifiers in B class group. A full days round-robin should really place a contestant in the group where he has the ability to pitch.

The 20 next highest percentage pitchers, will enter a 20 man round-robin. This group known as the "B" class. I think the top class should receive about three-fifths of the purse, and the "B" group the other two fifths. Of the present purse, that would be about \$200.00 per man average for top 16 men, and an average of about \$100.00 per man for the other 20 men. This coincides closely to the way it has been divided formerly.

Contestants standings in these last two, 2 day round-robins to be determined by games won and lost.

The regulars among the top pitchers will always maintain their position in "A" class to compete for championship. No pitcher below the top 16 men can possibly win the championship for that particular year. So no one will be deprived of that chance.

If we had used this method in 1951, Roy Getchell, John Elkins and A. Dahlene would have been in "A" class group that year. If you go through past contests, you will find other instances of good pitchers losing because they happened to have a bad court to qualify on, or a bad streak of weather or just one of those bad breaks at the right time. This should not happen in a full days round-robin.

Qualifying fee should be retained only on 56 highest qualifiers, regardless of how many try to qualify, you would know in advance, there would be just 56 entry fees, no more no less. All who paid a fee would have a chance to play at least one 10 man round-robin. All who did not get in a game would not have to pay a fee. This would be an encouragement to the border line pitcher.

This method of play should definitely please the top rank pitchers. They would have only 22 games to pitch in three days, instead of dragging through a five day marathon. Likewise it should be better for the lower percentage pitcher, as he would not have to play all those games he knows very well he will lose before he starts to play them.

By pitching a full day round-robin, most any pitcher will hit his stride well enough to place him in his proper class. There is not apt to be a tie between the 16th and 17th player. The position is not decided by games won or lost, but by percentage. In a full days round-robin, a percentage tie would rarely occur for these two positions.

The 20 man round-robin could be extended to a three day tournament, if they so desire. Otherwise the entire tournament would be played off in two days, after qualifying round-robins are completed.

The 16 "A" players and 20 "B" players could all play simultaneously on the 18 courts at Murray.

Keep in mind the six round-robins played in the first days play is really a more intensified day of qualifying, rather than actually a part of tournament. The championship and other standings are decided by games won or lost in final two day round-robin.

I do not believe this is in conflict with our constitution as it now stands. If it does necessitate a change, I wish our constitution committee would consider it.

This is only one man's humble opinion. I know I am throwing myself wide open for broadside attacks. Please think it over seriously. Send in your objections. Approvals or amendments. I believe the constitution should be written, so not to bind the tournament play to only one set of definite procedure. Progress can only be made by endeavoring to formulate a new plan. if it will create more interest, or be more equable to all contestants, who enter or desire to enter a tournament. In other words no sport or even a business enterprise ever advances much, without incorporating new features, as times change, and new methods are explored. Don't say we can't do so and so because the constitution does

not permit it. If the constitution does not permit us to advance, let's make a constitution that will.

No doubt there are better methods. But let's try some changes.  
Asst. Editors Note: How about the top sixteen men playing twice around in round-robin play—the scoring to be similar to the bowling championship—1 point for winning a game; 1 point for every 10 points scored in the 30 games—Total points to win the championship.

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## KANSAS

By Alvin Dahlene

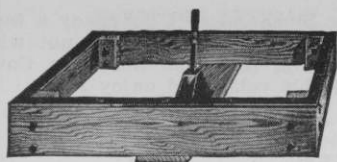
In the fourth paragraph of "Jake's Jottings", December issue just past, I read this, if you want this magazine to contain a lot of NOTHING during the winter months just refrain from sending in articles for publication. To me that is a challenge so here goes Jake Old Boy; here is something for a future winter issue.

The Xmas tree has been relegated to the ash heap and the light bulbs plus the tinsel and other trappings have been packed away neatly in their boxes and carted back to the attic where they will lay for another three hundred and some odd days. The Xmas tree, long a token of the holiday spirit, is gone but here is hoping the good will it stands for will linger for some time in the hearts of our fellowmen. And in speaking of fellowship—naturally the well being of my many horseshoe pitching friends comes to mind. The game of shoes is a Wonderful Sport for both the young and the old—it gets you out in the SUNSHINE and FRESH AIR and therefore is healthful if nothing else. In the game of shoes I have met and played the whole scale—from the 5% tossers to the 90% like Isais and Allen and of course Zimmerman and Jones. Some thirty years ago when I took up the game—I did so because I was fascinated by the real skill of the then really great performer, namely C. C. Davis of Kansas City, Missouri. At that time he was National Champ and a wonderful tosser. I only hoped that someday I could match his skill in some small way. 70 per cent ringer tossers in those days were unknown—my, how times have changed—unless you can pitch above 70% now you have no hope of doing any good in a National Meet.

I have enjoyed the game not because of any financial gain I have made—but because of the may friends I have made throughout the good old U. S. A. Just last summer I made a trip back to Washington, D. C. and while on that trip—I made a side trip to Clearfield, Pa. This was a most enjoyable trip (I did not do any good in the tournament) but boy, I met a lot of old friends and met new ones. It was only a short while after I hit the courts at the Fairground that two of my old pitching pals popped up—Vito Fileccia and Bill Kolb. Vito is the type of pitcher that adds something to a tournament. He is colorful and thus tends to relieve the monotonous routine of a big meet. I like to watch the little chubby man from New York bounce around on the court. When he loses a ringer or makes a wild shot one would think a catastrophe had befell him. This demeanor is typical of people of his ancestry. Needless to say I cannot mention the names of all the pitchers I met back in Pa.—but just the same I enjoyed their fellowship very much and hope to see them again sometime. Yes—horseshoe pitcher, unless you look forward to meeting the old gang and forget the (MONEY) angle for the time being you are losing a lot of good fun at the tournaments. Pitching with me has been and always will be a hobby—If I want to make money I will stay home and work at my trade—the electrical business. No matter what sport you engage in, you have to be a top notcher to realize any



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profit in it. This is true of golf—bowling—tennis or what have you. I like to mingle with the HOT SHOT PITCHERS. I can't beat them but so what—that makes me just average. Who else beats Allen or Isaïs or Jones for that matter. These men are the supermen in our sport. They have that something that sets them apart from the rest of us. Without them we would have no National Meet to speak of. People watch these pitching events in the hope that someone will come along and upset the applecart of the super pitcher. Well since 1933 people have been waiting for that eventful day. Since this is the time for PROPHECY concerning things to come this summer—I will consult my CRYSTAL BALL and see what is in store for us. I can see only this—Isaïs will still be champ. As long as he has the enthusiasm he will be champ—he will have close calls and it is within the realm of possibility that Allen could take him. I will stick with the CHAMP till he falls.

And in the meantime have fun at the tournaments. Put away a few dollars now and then, save enough to go on a trip—you may not win any but you will enjoy taking a shellacking from the best. As Confucious would say, "If a beating is inevitable relax and enjoy it."

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## NEW JERSEY

By PAUL L. HANAS

The intention of this article is to comment a bit on a general predicament with the game of horseshoes.

Along about New Year's Eve season every year, newspapers throughout the country write up a review of the outstanding events of the year along with the champions of the various sports. What goes with this newspaper business that horseshoes isn't included? Of course horseshoes has to be content with a reputation free of the smell of fixin's and other scandals. Kind of a sad commentary that a sport has to be stunk up to enjoy popularity and notoriety. Well, it's a good thing that the nature of the game is such that it appeals only to us few humans who have and can develop the skill as is demanded. The game isn't worth much of anything to anybody commercially so no one pushes it or offers it up for sale. However, the value is there for those who know how to enjoy it. This matter of a high caliber of skill demanded kind of bars a lot of less genuine type of sport enthusiast. Well, that's a good thing too because with a high caliber of skill certainly goes a high caliber of character. Good ringer percentage doesn't keep steady company with Lady Luck. Good character doesn't look for steady favor from the same corner either. Though bad luck may incubate a few bad characters in all walks of life, horseshoe pitchers take theirs for granted. practice more patiently with their efforts and develop more skill and keep fixin to be at best at that next tough match.

Now then, in spite of being snubbed and evaded by newspapers let us make a resolution to promote horseshoes with emphasis on quality of sportsmanship and skill rather than volume of participation at the sacrifice of publicity and popularity.

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By DOC BERMAN

The next three or four months, being the off season for horseshoes, gives us time to look back. That is just what I have been doing. I looked back over about the last twenty issues of The Horseshoe Pitcher. They



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contain several articles concerning the count all system and Ohio's stand on scoring, etc.

These articles brought to mind the many golf tournaments held throughout the country. Some are run on total strokes, others, four ball, best ball, doubles, mixed doubles and Nassau, by the whole and various other scoring methods that I don't understand. Golf seems to be doing very well and no one seems to care about the scoring system. In most championship tournaments the total strokes method is used.

Why can't we do the same in horseshoes? In league games, I believe the count all is probably the best method. In other tournaments probably a system like the Peterson points in bowling would be best. Why can't we experiment with various methods of scoring in different types of tournaments? We might improve the game and maybe hit on something good. We experiment with the "split the stakes" tournament here in New Jersey which turned out to be very popular. Ask the man who pitched! We need a change to keep up interest.

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## NEW YORK

By VITO FILECCIA

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your help in making the Trick Horseshoe Pitching Exhibition on Gary Moore Show the success it was. I believe that this was the first time that Horseshoe Pitching was on Live Television.

The other day I received a note from the Producer of the show which I am quoting below:

"I just want you to know that we have had many nice comments on your appearance on the Garry Moore Show. Not only your skill, but the whole impression was most favorable.

"Best regards from us all."

Sincerely,

HERB SANFORD,

Producer, Garry Moore Show

George Hart and my wife were in the audience and said the tricks went over well with the people present. I hope some of our Horseshoe Pitcher friends saw it and enjoyed it.

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## OHIO

By E. HENDREN

I keep telling the fellows at the bowling alleys that we should have horseshoe pits somewhere in the building so we need not get out of practice during the cold winter months. Horseshoes is one game us horseshoe pitching fiends never grow tired of. It is rather senseless to go year after year and not develop an indoor horseshoe pitching court. As this persistence of mine was a continual verbal barrage some of the big men of the bowling alleys have started to heed just a little. All of them do not scowl at me now. It is beginning to grow among some of

the other recreational centers too. Why can't we have golf (miniature), archery, table tennis and the like along with horseshoes is the question I keep putting into their ears. What would you say to this, Jake? Couldn't it be worked out? Has it carried well financially or something else the matter in and around the eastern states? I would appreciate some comment on it from you or some other authority.

Us fellows around here like horseshoes so well we were out the other day and tossed a few as the snow came down. Some of the neighbors thought we were a bit addled but what do we care as long as we get the fun out of it.

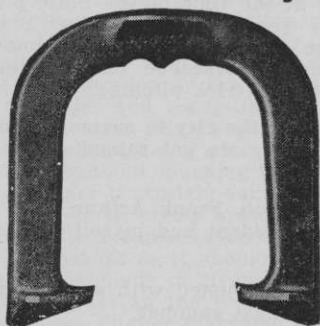
I grant however this is not the only way one can keep in good physical and mental fitness as there is four walled handball and squash rackets of the indoor winter games. I am defending Ohio State handball champ and the other fellows are out after my scalp. The only thing that will help this situation is frequent and keen training periods.

But last and not least I will say horseshoes has all the other games beat as far as I am concerned for genuine recreation and fun.

Here's to you and your wonderful little magazine giving us the story of horseshoe of today.

Assistant Editors Note: I agree with you Mr. E. Hendren, horseshoes should have indoor courts for all times of the year. When I was young

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I spent my 2 months school vacation with my grandmother in Findlay, Ohio. In the Daytime I pitched at the park courts, then at night we pitched at the Firehouse where there were four courts on the second floor. The name of the club was The Findlay Barnyard Golf Club. Does anybody remember the kid from Nu Yawk City. Las appearance there in 1923.

Norman Compton.

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## OREGON

By E. F. PRESCOTT

It might be interesting to you to know that after a lapse of some years Salem, Oregon has another Horseshoe club. The club was organized last February and before the season was over we had 25 members. We expect to add considerable to that membership next season.

Salem has just this past spring started to develop a new park to be known as The Bush Pasture park—a large area with a fine setting. Our first interest was to get the city to build horseshoe courts there. Salem has a city manager and through his interest the city built ten lanes. Everyone says the courts are the best in the Pacific Northwest, outside of Murray, Utah.

The members of the club contributed the most of the work. The pits were dug in heavy gravel—some job for some of us softies. The walls were cemented and an 18 inch standing space built with cement. The courts are surrounded by Oak trees making a very picturesque setting.

The courts were officially dedicated at the time of the State picnic, June 21. A large number of spectators were present. Le Roy Bryant, State Tournament manager, had charge of the dedicatory ceremonies, Mrs. R. L. Byers, World's Lady champion horseshoe pitcher, demonstrated her skill, as did Roy Getsell with his trick pitching.

We are going to use our influence to get the city to cover five courts and light five. Here in the Willamett valley we get rained out in the spring and again in the fall.

Ronald Anderson is president of the club, Frank Arthur, first Vice President; Clarence Calanan, 2nd Vice President and myself Secretary-Treasurer.

Every Sunday during the summer was occupied with a tournament. We are looking forward to a busy season next summer.

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## HORSESHOES HOO'S HOO!

Our President of the N.H.P.A., Arch Stokes, was born on July 24th, 1886, in the home of his parents, a farm in a small farming community in Draper, Utah, about thirteen miles east of the horseshoe courts of Murray, Utah. After attending the public schools he entered the University of Utah. In 1906 he went to Great Britain for two years to fulfill a mission for the church.

In 1910, he married Mary S. Heyward. In the course of their married life, they have raised eight children of the nine born to them. In 1910 they moved to Burley, Idaho where they lived until 1923 on an

eighty-acre farm. In that year he entered the United States Postal Service where he has been employed up to the present time.

His favorite sport was baseball which he participated in until 1936. At the age of fifty, baseball became too strenuous for him and it was then that he became interested in horseshoe pitching. He joined the Salt Lake Club, then went on to organizing the Murray Horseshoe Club. He then helped to organize the Magna H. C. and the Provo club. From these four clubs they organized a State League. In 1946 he became affiliated with the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association. This was when he flew in from Salt Lake City to Des Moines, Iowa to attend the convention of the N.H.P.A. On his person, he carried an offer from Murray to hold our next convention and world tournament in Murray, Utah, where they offered to build the finest courts in the world and put up two thousand dollars in prize money. That was the beginning of Murray becoming known as the Horseshoe Capital.

At Des Moines, he was elected as First Vice President and since then all his time has been spent toward a bigger and better horseshoe organization, the best courts, the most prize money and more and more seniors, ladies and juniors participating in our national tournaments.

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## **To Committee on Rules, Constitution and By-Laws**

**By CHARLEY S. GERRISH**

The following is submitted by the author because "you asked for it," the "you" meaning Jake and the committee members. We hope and trust the items of the writer, such as in the January 1950 (pg. 9 etc.), June 1952 (pg. 10) and July 1952 (pg. 14) issues of The Horseshoe Pitcher along with efforts of others of course will have due attention and consideration by the committee which is working on changes needed in the rules and regulations of our game. In the June 1952 number of the Horseshoe Pitcher page 10, etc. is a Brief on Rules, being a way to help shorten and simplify. The last four words in Rule 30 of that article, "without touching the stake," better be omitted, as a shoe should be a Ringer if straight-edge touches across opening of shoe. This line-up of Rules is in pretty systematic order and sequence. In July 1952: pg. 14, etc., is a Rules Criteria. In point 6 pg. 15 the word "never" should be crossed off as it should not be in there. The official rules would be more convenient if given straight numbers, without the many sub-sections, similar to the number method used on pg. 10 of the June 1952 Horseshoe Pitcher magazine.

Taking up with the "Blue Book" on Official Rules, Constitution and By-Laws, would like to suggest:

Section 4 of Article 2 on pg. 12 regarding N.H.P.A. membership, etc., could be written up so to conform better to what is practiced, and to what is capable of being practiced. It is my opinion that the last sentence of Section 2 of Article 3 on pg. 13 is better omitted. There's no need to set a minimum of entries.

Section 4 of Article 3 pg. 13 on competing for titles is a good one, but can be improved. It could have a clause to encourage players to challenge State Champs and other champions for their titles. There seems no need to limit the number of contests of this kind for each year

or one year, as the Council or other organization authority would naturally keep such matters within proper bounds. Let me take a try at rewriting this section. Thus (start of Section 4): "The title of Champion Horseshoe Pitcher of the World is usually to be won in World Tournaments that are authorized by the N.H.P.A. However, the Champion may also be challenged for his title at any reasonable time when so authorized by majority vote of the N.H.P.A. Executive Council. Challenge preference may be given to those finishing among the first six in the last tournament. Such contest for title shall be a series of two out of three matches, held a week or more apart. Each match to consist of best 6 of possible 11 fifty-point games. Convenience and considerations should generally be in favor of the defending champion's desires or willingness so far as fair and sensible. A purse or split purse, may be arranged satisfactory to the champion. The Council may enforce such a match to the extent of title forfeit IF a purse of \$400 or over is at hand and approved by the N.H.P.A. Council. Ten per cent of whatever the amount shall go to the N.H.P.A. A representative selected by the Council, shall be in attendance to conduct and sponsor such contests.

Challenging Champions. As such individual title matches can be a great help to arouse public interest in the horseshoe game, it is suggested that State and other titles be made challengeable to eligible players in a manner similar to that of the World Title. Conditions of play, etc., may be modified or added to suit such local or sectional coverage, by authority of the organized horseshoe association for any particular area." (end of Section 4.).

OK As Section 6 of Article 3, pg. 14 regarding ties in ranks is commonly not followed, it needs a change. It might start off thus: "In any National Tournament . . ." etc. . . Then an addition could be made that, "In any other tournament, Ties for Rank may be settled by any method which is satisfactory to the committee in charge. This should be done so to be agreeable to the players involved so far as possible."

There are many weaknesses in the Official Rules which start pg. 19 in the Blue Book. These will doubtless be considerably re-worded and rearranged. To point out some in present set of Rules:

Rule 2 on 30 feet or 40 feet (optional) for or as the pitching distance for women, should have this added, "and 30 feet for boys under 16 years of age."

Rule 4 on Boxes is quite mixed up and inaccurate. "Planks" should be in place of any "concrete," as concrete is injurious to players and any such hard surface should not be used to stand on or walk on at all.

Foul shoes calling is a problem. We fervently hope the Committee can solve it. They'll earn a ribbon if they do. Rules on Fouls should be worked out to be clear, so a foul may really be called and actually be enforced. The player calling the foul should not be unduly embarrassed. He is the victim of the foul. Foul shoes and unfair pitching should not be mere idle words in the Rules. Stepping beyond the 3-foot foul line should have constant vigilance of all officers and scorekeepers at every meet, and they should caution every pitcher who makes this violation. A player should never have to suffer the distress of having to tell an opponent of this unfair practice.

Rule 17 pg. 23 (Blue Book), regarding ringer definition should have "without moving the stake to do so," in place of the present trouble causing words, "and permit a clearance of the stake." Clearing of the stake is often very debatable. A ringer is sufficiently a good one for about any player that anyone ever meets, if the straight-edge touches across the shoe. It certainly would be all right with everyone, if only the rules would definitely say so.

Good Luck to you, Committee. You better carry a horseshoe good luck emblem in your pocket. We hope you'll do so well that we will want to strew sweet flowers in your pathways.

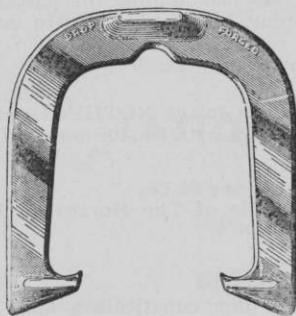
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## SUGGESTIONS

By Byron Jaskulek

Ever tried your hand at getting someone to join an organization in which you are interested? The first thing you are generally asked is "what will I get out of it." Then you try to tell him everything you can and if you are a good salesman you can probably win him over to join up. Take our own N.H.P.A.: many a prospective member has asked me this question—why doesn't the different wire services carry the daily results of our National Tournaments?

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That's a tough question to answer but I think I have a solution. After each days play why can't the National Secretary run off a mimeographed copy of the days pitching and mail it immediately to the secretary of every state branch of the N.H.P.A.? If this were done it would be one of the best selling factors to bring new members to our organization.

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Here is another idea—After each yearly convention meeting the minutes of those meetings should be published immediately in The Horseshoe Pitcher. It was done last year but not officially. Let's make it mandatory. On this same subject, the minutes are never Okayed until the following year, at the next convention. By the time they are okayed many of the members have forgotten many of the facts and others who had a part in them are not present.

To overcome this I propose that a special meeting be called after each regular meeting for the purpose of passing a motion to reject, pass or amend the minutes of the convention. Hope the by-law committee can see a way to incorporate these ideas in our constitution.

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### JAKE'S JOTTINGS

To all those pitchers who have attended the championship games at Murray, Utah, it will come to them as quite a shock to learn of the death of Mr. William H. Adams. This unhappy occurrence happened on December 19. He was the grand old man who had spent so much money for our National trophies and other extra prizes as well as using his influence toward keeping the tournament in Murray, Utah. We sure lost a good friend with his passing.

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Pat Brady, now in the Air Force, has just applied for entrance into Officers Candidate School. Here's hoping he makes it! He sends his regards to all the gang.

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If you want this magazine to contain a lot of NOTHING during the winter months just refrain from sending in articles for publication.

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Know anyone who would like a sample of The Horseshoe Pitcher? Just send me his name and address.

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Send in your ideas for changes in our constitution and by-laws. Either to me or the committee.

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Payment of National dues is now in order for 1953.

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If you have moved, send me your new address because the Post Office Department does not forward this class of mail. Many copies are returned to me each month because of this reason.

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- ARIZONA**—Casa Grande Park, Casa Grande; Rendesvous Park, Mesa; Encanto Park, Phoenix.
- ARKANSAS**—Fair Park, Boyle Park, MacArthur Park, Little Rock.
- CALIFORNIA**—Community Center, Compton; Exposition Park, Los Angeles; Union Pacific Courts, Long Beach; Mosswood Park, Oakland; Horseshoe Grounds, Ontario, Golden Gate Courts, Candlestick Cove, Crocker-Amazon Courts, San Francisco; Memorial Park, South San Francisco; Lincoln Park, Santa Monica; McNear Park, Petaluma; Ives Memorial Park, Sebastopol.
- 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.
- FLORIDA**—South Waterfront Park, St. Petersburg.
- ILLINOIS**—Welles Park, Chicago; Athletic Park, Canton; Riverside Park, Moline; Mineral Springs Park, Pekin; Reservoir Park, Quincy; Long Viaw Park, Rock Island.
- INDIANA**—Brooks Park, Indianapolis; Dorner Park, Frankfort; Columbia Park, Lafayette; Forest Park, Noblesville; 3rd Street Park, Bloomington.
- IOWA**—Birdland Park, Des Moines; Riverside Park, Ottumwa; Crapo Park, Burlington; Island Park, Cedar Falls; Ellis Park, Cedar Rapids; LeClaire Park, Davenport.
- KANSAS**—Forest Park, Ottawa; Gage Park, Topeka; Katy Park, Chanute; Huntress Park, Clay Center; Riverside Park, Iola; Klamm Park, Kansas City; South Park, Lawrence; City Park, Manhattan; Prospect Park, Wichita.
- KENTUCKY**—Shady Shores, Covington.
- MAINE**—Auburn, Riverside Courts, Bangor; Bangor Club, Farmington; City Park, Hebron; Community Courts, Portland; Deering Oaks, Rumford; High School, So. Portland; Wilkinson Park.
- MARYLAND**—Carroll Park, Baltimore; Magruder Park, Hyattsville.
- MASSACHUSETTS**—Municipal Playgrounds, Westfield.
- 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.
- NEBRASKA**—Harmon Park, Kearney; Dewey Park, Omaha.
- NEW HAMPSHIRE**—South Playground, Portsmouth; Ryan H. S. Club, Dover Point; Pop Ryans, 14 Central Ave., Portsmouth.
- NEW JERSEY**—Warinanco Park, Elizabeth; Branch Brook Park, Newark; Wildwood, Beach Park.
- NEW YORK**—Central Park, Fort George, 193 Fort George Ave., Inwood Hill Park, New York City; St. Mary's Park, Williamsbridge Oval Park, Woodlawn, Van Cortlandt Park, all in the Bronx; Parade Grounds, Fort Green Park, Brooklyn; Belmont Lake State Park, Babylon, L. I.; Johnson City, Endicott-Johnson Courts; Kirk Park, Syracuse.
- OHIO**—Jermain Park, Toledo; Cedar Point, Sandusky; Williams Memorial Pk., Wilmington. Community Park, Cedarville.
- OREGON**—Laurelhurst Park, Portland; Bush Pasture Park, Salem; Atkinson Park, Oregon City.
- PENNSYLVANIA**—District Courts, Pittsburgh; Pt. Marion, Frank Murphy's Courts; Joe Mett's Courts, Revere; Oakhurst Courts, Johnstown; Playground Cts., New Freedom.
- RHODE ISLAND**—Columbus Square, W. Warwick.
- TEXAS**—Will Rogers Park, Amarillo; Elwood Park, Amarillo; Mason Park, Houston; Bellvue Park, Wichita Falls.
- UTAH**—County Fair Grounds, Murray; Liberty Park, Salt Lake City.
- VERMONT**—Stolte Field, Brattleboro; Memorial Park, Bennington; Ethan Allen Park, Burlington; Local Athletic Field, Springfield.
- WASHINGTON**—Zelasko Park, Aberdeen; City Park, Bremerton; Woodland Park, Seattle; Wright Park, Tacoma; Fair Grounds, Yakima.
- WEST VIRGINIA**—Bar B-Q Courts, East Nitro.
- WISCONSIN**—Washington Park, Milwaukee.
- WYOMING**—Union Park, Cheyenne.

IF YOU ARE NOT LISTED HERE, GET BUSY!